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Betty Jean (Allen) McIntire

Betty Jean (Allen) McIntire, 88, of Bingamon, West Virginia, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at her residence.

In addition to her parents Frank and Ocie Walmsley Allen of Bingamon, Betty is preceded in death by her husband Walter McIntire, her son Thomas McIntire (Kimberly Horner) of Wheeling, her sister Louise Allen Tesch, and brothers Albert, Bill, and Newt Allen, as well as her beloved Maltese Kimmie. Betty is survived by Kimberly Horner (Centreville, VA), a sister-in-law, Alma Allen (Worthington), and a very special niece, Carolyn Benyei (Ocala, Florida), and nephews, Stephen Allen (Nashville, Tennessee), and David McIntire (Bingamon), among many others.

Betty worked many years helping her husband run his service station and towing business, Walt's Inc., that served the community in Shinnston for 55 years. Betty enjoyed sewing and crafts, but she mostly loved the outdoors, working in the yard and garden and tending to her flowers, especially tulips. She was a faithful member of the Swisher Hill Union Mission Church. Betty's family would like to thank WVU Medicine Hospice for their wonderful and loving care.

Friends and family will be received at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 10am until noon on Saturday. Immediately following the visitation, a graveside service will be held at 12:15pm at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Reverend Chad Weaver officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome to be made in Betty's memory to: Swisher Hill Union Mission Church, 15 Koons Run Rd, Fairmont, WV 26554). Online condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the McIntire family.



John Howard Kendall

John Howard Kendall, 85, of Shinnston, WV passed away on May 23, 2026 at Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. He was born October 6, 1940 in Shinnston, WV, a son of the late William Kendall and Linnie St. Claire. John is also preceded in death by his wife of 56 years; Freda Ashmore Kendall, brothers; William, George, Jack, Darrell, and Richard Kendall, granddaughter; Jessica Feathers, and one infant son.

John is survived by his daughters; Andrea (Joe) Skelley of Shinnston, WV, Mary Ann (Bill) Cress of Masontown, WV, Diana (Dean) Aires of Aliquippa, PA, grandchildren; Julia (J.R) Way, Ashley Bucsko (John Calissie), Jonathan Feathers, Ryan (Hannah) Aires, Erica Aires (William Scoumis), Megan Cress (Chris Ginter), Chelsea Cress (Shane Gaines), Courtney Cress (Matt Pyles), great-grandchildren; Hannah Brown, Kendalyn Pierce, Aleena Pierce, Jaymz Skelley, Gabryel Bucsko, Zayna Bucsko, Timber Cress, Alexis Snyder, Saxon Gaines, Amelia Aires, and Addison Davis.

John served in the Unites States Army in the 101st Airborne division. After his time in the service, he was employed with and retired from Robinson Run No. 95 Mine as the mine foreman and a member of the mine rescue team. He was a member of the Charles Street Christian Church in Shinnston, WV. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 31 and the Shinnston Moose 929. John also served as co-grand marshal of the Veterans parade. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, bocce, playing horse shoes, golfing, softball, playing music, and building model trains. John especially loved reminding his family to keep their stick on the ice, words of encouragement they will forever cherish.

Friends and family will be received on Wednesday, May, 27, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Harmer Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow at 7:00 PM with Pastor Tom Lasure officiating.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com.

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Thomas Rocco Romeo

Thomas Rocco Romeo, 87, of Shinnston, passed away on May 24, 2026 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born in Kellytown on October 25, 1938 to the late Frank Anthony Romeo and Vera Louise (Holmes) Romeo.

Thomas was a retired trainer for InfoCision. He loved to golf, go fishing, play cards and spend time with his family. He proudly served in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his wife, together 40 years, Ethel Louise (Huey) Romeo of Shinnston; one daughter, Betsy Mia Hayes and husband Greg of Worthington; four sons: Rocco Romeo and wife Andra of Hepzibah, Doug Romeo and wife Glenda of Ohio, Tim Nicholson and wife Jennifer of Worthington and T.J. Nicholson and companion Samantha Mezzanote of Monongah as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Thomas is preceded in death by two sons: Frank Thomas Romeo and Chuckie L. Nicholson.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Monday, June 1, 2026 from 2:00PM until 8:00PM for visitation and on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 from 9:00AM until time of service, 11:00AM with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment to Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the Unites States Navy and Harrison County Honor Guard.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Romeo family.



Terry Lynn Quinn

Terry Lynn Quinn, 69, of Grafton, WV passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2026. He was born February 11, 1957 in Clarksburg, WV, a son of the late Arnold Quinn

and Margaret Hall. He is also preceded in death by the love of his life of almost thirty years, Darlene Moore, eight siblings, one step daughter, and one step great- grandson.

He is survived by four step children, twenty-one nieces and nephews, thirty-nine great nieces and nephews, twenty-seven step grandchildren and ten step great-grandchildren.

Terry was employed at Pete Dye Golf Course and he was Methodist by faith. In his spare time, he loved to fish and play bingo. Terry was tremendously loved by his family and friends and he will be greatly missed.

Per his families wishes, he will be cremated.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

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Elizabeth "Betty" Virginia Coffman

Elizabeth "Betty" Virginia Coffman, 74, of Clarksburg, passed away on May 24, 2026 at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg on April 5, 1952 to the late Howard Sherman Watson and Elizabeth (Snyder) Watson.

Elizabeth worked as a cook at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Stonewood. She loved to play bingo, poker and cards as well as go to flea markets and yard sales and loved spending time with her loved ones.

She is survived by two daughters: Sharon Goldsmith of Buckhannon and Elizabeth Virginia Coffman of Clarksburg; one son, Brian Coffman and wife Jennifer of Ohio; grandchildren: Crissy Coffman and companion Tyler Thomas, Nicholas Coffman, Lisa Day and husband Wesley, Victoria Winkler and husband Micky, Brian Goldsmith, Ramond Johnson II and wife Mariya, Andrew Johnson and wife Jasmine, Hunter Coffman, BreAnna Coffman and Braden Coffman; great grandchildren: Damian Winkler, Gabriel Winkler, Roswell Winkler, Ambrose Winkler, Michael Winkler, Grayson

Johnson, Emma Johnson, River Johnson, Stephen Thomas, Ellyana Day, Stella Day and Benjamin Day; two sisters: Jeanie Swiger of Bridgeport and Mary Lawrence of Pickerington, OH; two brothers: Bobby Watson of Clarksburg and Larry Watson of Reynoldsburg, OH as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Elizabeth is preceded in death by her husband, James Victor Coffman; one sister, Sharon Murphy and four brothers: Howard "Junior" Watson, Harold James Watson, David Watson and Jimmy Watson.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Friday, May 29, 2026 from 11:00AM until time of service 1:00PM with Pastor Charles Madaus officiating. Interment to Greenlawn Cemetery.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Coffman family.



Robert Lee Costelac, Sr.

Robert Lee Costelac, Sr., 88, of Shinnston, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, peacefully at his home with his family with him. He was born in Owings, WV on August 31, 1937, one of four sons, of the late Lawrence A. Costelac and Julia (Basagic) Costelac.

Robert is survived by his wife of 67 years, Patricia J. (Alessio) Costelac; son, Robert Costelac, Jr. and wife Tanya R. Costelac; three grandsons: Thomas W. Frankenberry, Evan M. Frankenberry and Samuel A. Frankenberry; sister-in-law, Arlene Costelac as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Robert is preceded in death by his son, David Wayne Costelac, his brothers: Lawrence G. Costelac, John K. Costelac and infant brother Ronald Costelac.

Robert was a 1955 graduate of Shinnston High School where he excelled in football. He was selected to play in the North-South All Star game, as well as the only East-West All Star game played. He accepted a

football scholarship to Maryland University and played his freshman year at Greenbrier Military Academy. He was also recruited by the universities of Michigan, West Virginia and North Carolina. After an injury his freshman year, Robert returned home to work for his father in the strip-mining business. He worked for 37 years along side his father and brother, Larry, for LL&B Coal Company which was later changed to United Coal Company, until his father sold the business and retired. Robert then worked for the heavy equipment operator's union 132 in Clarksburg until his retirement, to care for his aging parents. Robert was a fan of WVU football and basketball, attending hundreds of games with his family. He also enjoyed watching the Steelers and Pirates, often taking his sons to see the Pirate legends play in their hey-day. Robert went to McDonalds for breakfast every day the weather permitted and would sit in his truck, visiting his deceased son David's grave at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. As he grew older, Robert really enjoyed dining out with family and spending time on special occasions at his parent's house with family, where his son Robert and wife Tanya reside. On their way home, he would always say to his wife Patty, "What a meal!!" He helped his son mow grass there until his physical health prevented this. Like his father before him, he could strike up a conversation with anyone until that person got tired of talking. He had only friends in his community. With his passing, Shinnston has a void that can never be filled and anyone who knew him well would nod in agreement.

In honoring Robert's wishes, cremation services will be honored and no public services held. A private graveside interment with immediate family will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

- St. Ann Church, 43 Mahlon St., Shinnston, WV 26431
- Humane Society of Harrison County, 2450 Saltwell Rd., Shinnston, WV 26431
- Or a food pantry of your choice.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Costelac family.

Robert C. Byrd Advances to State Tournament!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

It wasn't the world series, but it had all of the drama and build up.

Robert C. Byrd and Hampshire battled it out for a week to determine the Class AAA Region II co-final champion. Sure, Lewis County was involved but it looked like it was going to come down to the Flying Eagles and the Trojans.

The two teams locked up for the first time on May 19 and concluded play on the 26th when RCB garnered a narrow five to four win to advance to the state tournament. This past week's win pushed the Flying Eagles out to a 22 and 10 record, capping a roller coaster ride regional.

The opening game between the these schools set the tone for the series. The Trojans took a one to nothing lead in the first inning and extended it to three to nothing in the top of the fifth. RCB would utilize the home field advantage and rally to score three in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game. With two runners on and two outs, Jaxson Maglowski came up with his first hit of the affair, a walk-off single that gave the Flying Eagles a victory that would provide a cushion.

Two days later, these teams would match up again. This time, it would take place in Nutter Fort due to the rainy conditions. Frank Loria Memorial Field has been the home to many key contests over the years and on this occasion, it was good to the visitors.

Even though it was Hampshire playing with its back against the wall in the "lose and go home" game, it was the Flying Eagles that appeared nervous. Four RCB errors helped the Trojans to several runs and a seven to five triumph. Owen

O'Mara had a triple, the lone extra base hit for the Eagles.

It brought the "rubber match" into play with a winner take all contest set for Friday. The Eagles struck quickly with three runs in the first inning and another in the second. They held a four to one lead in the third when weather put a stoppage to play. This past Monday, rain kept play from resuming. Finally on Tuesday, between a break in the weather and a move back to Frank Loria, these two squads were able to do battle.

Once again, the Trojans were able to make a comeback bid, but it was the pitching of Xavier Carvelli that made the difference. Carvelli pitched the majority of the first game between these teams (all but the last two outs) but did not get the win. He allowed three runs and struck out eight batters in game one and he was looking for another chance to toe the rubber with all the marbles on the line.

Carvelli came in and threw the final five innings, giving up three runs while fanning nine Hampshire batters. For the second straight game, O'Mara had the lone extra base hit for the Flying Eagles with a double. Catcher Saveria Destito was the only multi hit performer for RCB, going two for three in the clinching contest.

Lincoln softball lost a heartbreaker in game one of the state tournament to Petersburg 14 to 12. The Cougars held a nine to nothing lead after two innings. Petersburg would score the last eight runs of the tilt to take the win. Kerstyn Liggett was three for four while Kennedy Linville, Reese bennett, and haleigh Gump each had two hits for Lincoln. The Cougars were eliminated in a nine to five loss to Independence.

Sadie Jones paced Lincoln, going three for four while Aspen Dyer was two for four in the loss. The Cougars ended their stellar campaign with a 24 and eight mark.

That will do it for now! Until next week . . . take care and God Bless!!!

Harrison County EMS



Athletes of the Week

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week we review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Lincoln's Kerstyn Leggett and RCB's Xavier Carvelli.

Cougar softball player Kerstyn Leggett was an impressive three for four from the plate in a 14 to 12 loss to Petersburg in the State Softball Tournament.

Flying Eagle pitcher, Xavier Carvelli, came into the regional final against Hampshire. Carvelli pitched five innings, striking out nine batters, and earning the win over the Trojans five to four. The victory propelled the Eagles into the state tournament.

Congratulations to Kerstyn Leggett and Xavier Carvelli for shining bright in the SN and HCY spotlight!



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Young Cougars Fall Short Against Independence

By Stephen Smoot

Although the first day could have made some thing the sun ain't gonna shine anymore, the day featured brilliant sunshine and calm weather. A Lincoln squad wearied by the four and a half hour slog through the prior day's rain took to the field. Both teams had endured a loss and both teams faced elimination.

Lincoln tried to jump start their game in the first as they had the day prior. Sadie Jones came up second in the lineup, but provided the first hit. She sent the first pitch to her back up the middle for a base hit. Adrianna Elder followed and worked a full count. A perfectly placed pitch painted the low outside corner of the strike zone and ended the Lincoln threat.

Independence could not muster offense in the first, but held the Cougars scoreless in the second.

Then the Patriots struck and put two runs on the board.

Jones led off the top of the fourth with a single, followed by a Sampson base hit that only cleared the reaching second baseman's glove by inches. Elder's line drive base hit loaded the bases for Dyer, who hit a flare to left and brought in a run,

but left the bases loaded with Cougars.

Kerstyn Leggett wasted no time taking advantage of the opportunity before her, hitting a line drive and picking up a run batted in as Lincoln knotted up Independence at two. Gracie Hardesty, sent in to pinch hit, sent a ground ball to first, but the Patriot manning that base alertly fired the ball in to get the lead runner out and keep the score tied.

Not for long, however, as Addie Moore hit a ground ball to first almost identical to that of Leggett. This time the throw home sailed over the head of the catcher and Lincoln took a three to two advantage.

Independence stopped the scoring there and posted three runs in their half of the fourth to seize a five to three lead, but only briefly.

The Patriots set down the first two batters in the top of the fifth, but Adrianna Elder earned a walk on four pitches. Independence pitched to Lincoln batters carefully, nibbling at the edges and trying to force swings at pitches outside the strike zone rather than confronting them. Aspen Dyer got down no balls and two strikes in her at bat, but then watched two pitches sail high, the second of those forced her to pull her head back to keep

from getting hit.

Dyer earned a full count, then popped a bloop single into shallow right. This put runners at the corners for Leggett who hit a missile to right field for a single, driving in two runs to tie the game at five.

At that point, however, Independence dug in. They'd score four in the bottom of the sixth and keep Lincoln from scoring the rest of the game.

That, however, is not very likely where this team's story concludes. With the exception of Haleigh Hyre, this squad has no seniors. Alongside the three juniors, Adriana Elder, Addison Moore, and Haleigh Gump, the heart of the team lies in the sophomore class.

For two more years at least, Lincoln's big bad bats will continue to terrify Class AA, and pretty much any team of any size on their schedule.

And next week, Lincoln High School's baseball team will travel to Huntington and compete on Monday June 8. As of press time, however, the WVSSAC has not yet set the seedings. They will serve as the second part of the "Organization of the Month" honor, reflecting the immense difficulty teams face in earning their way to states in both softball and baseball.

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West Virginia CEOS Looks to Make History Following Successful CEOS Week

BRIDGEPORT, WV – Harrison County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Week kicked off Monday, May 18, 2026, following an official proclamation by the Harrison County Commission designating May 17-23 as CEOS Week.

West Virginia CEOS Week is an annual statewide observance held during the third week of May to honor the educational and community service work of local CEOS clubs.

Demonstrating their commitment to leadership and volunteerism, members held their annual county-wide Veteran donation drop-off at the Harrison County Recreation Center (4-H Center) in Clarksburg. The drive was a massive success, collecting over \$12,500 worth of donations for veterans at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Clarksburg.

Harrison County CEOS members continued their support for local veterans by partnering with Boscov’s for a Memorial Day Weekend fundraiser. Members sold \$5 store shopping passes, which grant shoppers a 15% discount. One hundred percent of the pass proceeds will benefit non-profit organizations supporting military personnel and first responders.

As part of this effort, WV CEOS volunteers dedicated additional service hours to sell these discount passes outside of Boscov’s at the Meadowbrook Mall on Saturday, May 23. In addition to fundraising, members officially launched and gathered support for a new statewide initiative.

Mall walkers and shoppers from 15 different counties showed overwhelming support for the initiative, yielding over 100 signatures for the new “Pledge of WV” petition.

While West Virginians take great pride in their allegiance to the state flag, the state currently lacks official guidance, procedure, and etiquette on how to properly honor it. For the first time in nearly half a century, this new initiative aims to ensure that citizens across the Mountain State can uniformly and properly honor West Virginia’s legacy.

West Virginia’s pledge of allegiance to the state flag was originally adopted by former Secretary of State A. James Manchin’s office on February 8, 1977. While those official efforts concluded at the end of his term, WV CEOS members are determined to take this pledge of the people all the way to the state legislature.

“During our club meetings, it is tradition to honor our national and state flags, ending with our CEOS creed,” said Patricia Rummel, Shinns Run CEOS President. “We know the appropriate etiquette for the national pledge, but have no clue what the appropriate etiquette is for our state’s pledge.”

This dilemma led Rummel and other club leaders to begin researching the matter. After nearly a year of phone



HONORING THE LEGACY: Harrison County CEOS members Patricia Rummel (left) and April Lanham welcomed shoppers at Boscov’s on Saturday, May 23. The team spent the day raising funds for heroes and launched their new statewide initiative, “Pledge of WV,” which seeks to get the pledge for the West Virginia state flag officially adopted into legislation. (Photo courtesy of Harrison County CEOS)

calls, networking, and research, the team secured county and state support to pursue the initiative officially.

Rummel gathered leaders from the state’s Continuing Education and Marketing & Membership committees to push the project forward. John Wickline, WVU Extension Service Program Assistant, has also lent his expertise to help research and promote the campaign.

“As the state’s Continuing Education Committee Chairman and the Harrison County President, I presented this campaign during our recent state meeting and got the green light to take this program statewide,” Rummel added. “The WVU Extension Service has asked our team to represent WV CEOS at the upcoming State Fair to build support and gather more signatures on our petition.”

Signature forms and marketing materials have been created to assist the effort. The project was introduced to county members during the May Harrison County Council meeting, where organizers gathered feedback and outlined upcoming events.

April Lanham, of the Harrison County CEOS Marketing

Committee, shared, “Our mission is not only to help us secure a legislator to present this to the state senate, but our biggest mission is to make state HISTORY.”

To learn more about the “Pledge of WV” project, sign the online petition, view upcoming events, or donate to offset campaign costs, visit facebook.com/pledgeofwv or use the hashtag #PledgeofWV.

About West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service (WV CEOS): The WV CEOS is a voluntary, nonprofit organization that cooperates with the West Virginia University Extension and the Harrison County Commission. As one of the largest educational organizations in the nation, its members conduct motivating educational activities that promote lifelong learning, leadership skills, and community involvement. The program is open to all residents across West Virginia’s 55 counties.

For membership information, contact John Wickline at 304-624-8650 or visit the Community Educational Outreach Service page on the WVU Extension website at <https://extension.wvu.edu>.

“Lincoln”

And that stormy weather had an impact that helped the waterlogged players not in the least.

The sun actually teased the teams as play started, shining through a crack in the relentless march of rainstorms across the western and central parts of the state.

Cougar hitters, however, brought the thunder to open play in the first. Kennedy Linville led off and grounded the second pitch to her into centerfield. Jones appeared to be out on a slow roller to first, but that pitch was called as illegal, giving Jones another opportunity. This time, she popped the pitch off of the hurler in the circle and made first safely.

Brogan Sampson stepped in with Linville in scoring position. On her way to working a full count, a passed ball and throwing error advanced to second and third, but Sampson grounded out in the infield for the first out. Petersburg’s shortstop looked off the least runner at third before rifling the ball for the out.

Two batters later, Aspen Dyer stepped in with runners on second and third. As ominous thick gray clouds rolled in, she ripped a two balls and two strikes pitch into left for a base hit that brought two runs batted in.

Petersburg showed their plate prowess some in their half of the first, loading the bases with one out. A ground ball to third base only got the lead runner out, preserving the lead. Pitcher Adrianna Elder bore down on the batter, getting a harmless infield pop out to retire the side.

Capping the first inning was the first of several rain delays that plagued the game and undermined the momentum Lincoln tried to build in the first few innings.

Some lasted a few minutes, but those that came with lightning resulted in mandatory 30 minute pauses, reset with every lightning strike.

Undaunted in the second, Lincoln continued the hit parade. Kerstyn Leggett worked the Viking pitcher for nine pitches before securing a walk. Haleigh Gump sacrificed for the cause by laying down an effective bunt in the face of a suddenly driving rain. That brought Linville up with one out and one on, but she had to wait on the rain to finish that at bat. Even then, she still had to endure hard falling rain as she tried to put the ball in play.

She hit a soft grounder towards third. Petersburg initially seemed to have the lead runner fooled, but this time she sprinted in and slid under the tag, scoring the third Cougar run. Petersburg contested the call, but to no avail. Linville also advanced to second on the throw.

Jones drew a walk, with Sampson also getting a free pass to load the bases. Elder followed with yet another at bat split by a rain delay. When play resumed, down no balls and two strikes, she drove the next pitch deep to center and got two more runs across. Petersburg wanted nothing to do with Dyer, giving her the intentional walk, but then saw Reese Bennett smack a ground ball into left field, driving in two more runs for the Cougars.

Two batters later, bases loaded once again, Leggett clubbed a shot into left field and tabulated another RBI for the team.

A new Viking pitcher came to the mound, only to see Haleigh Gump deliver with a humpback liner to right field. Two more came in and Lincoln stood tall with a nine to nothing lead.

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Petersburg picked up four in the bottom of the third, but the Cougars were not done. In the top of the fourth, Addison Moore took the first pitch and lined it to second with bad intentions, but the Viking fielder made a beautiful play to record the initial out.

Leggett and Gump both hit flares to shallow right field, bringing up Linville. She worked a three and one count before driving a ball to right field for an RBI single. Jones came up to bat with the Viking pitcher on her heels and runners at the corners. During the first pitch to her, she took a covering swing as Lincoln called a double steal, runners advancing to second and also safely to home. The daring call brought Lincoln’s 10th run

Jones then grounded to short, which resulted in another RBI, but also a sacrifice as she was the second out. Sampson sent in the next score with a ground ball up the middle.

Despite the commanding lead, the delays took their toll on Lincoln. They sapped the momentum of their opening salvos against the Vikings, giving the team down nine, then eight, to regroup, gather themselves, and come back disciplined. Petersburg is a proud Potomac Highlands program and none of the schools from there accept defeat easily.

Lincoln eventually fell 14 to 12 to the team that eventually seized the Class AA title, but could not “walk around heavy-hearted and sad.” When “night comes around” they could not be “feeling bad” about “rain pourin’ down, blindin’ every hope that I had.”

Because tomorrow was another day, another chance to play, and win or lose, more memories to make.



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UHC School of Radiologic Technology Graduation

Bridgeport, WV—United Hospital Center School of Radiologic Technology recently held a Commencement and Reception for the 2026 graduates. Diplomas were presented to 13 students by Program Director, Micah Ford; Clinical Coordinator, Jane Bray; and Clinical Preceptors, Lisa Knight and Abby Kovalck at 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 16, at the Bridgeport High School Auditorium.

Lois Auvil, radiographer at United Hospital Center, served as guest speaker for the Radiologic Technology commencement, while Addison Cunningham delivered the class address. Special presentations included Radiography Clinical Excellence Award presented to graduate Hope Auger; Radiography Academic Excellence Award presented to graduates Isabella Mayle & Lauren D’Angelo; and the Laurie D’Anselmi Technologist of the Year award presented to technologist Brooklynn Teeple.

Graduates of the School of Radiologic Technology include Hope Auger, daughter of Tammy Marlin of Cumberland, MD; Jeremy Bonner, son of Carolyn Bonner of Elkins and the late Paul Bonner and husband of Brittany Bonner of Elkins; Addie Cunningham, daughter of Jonathan and Kristin Cunningham of Idamay; Lauren D’Angelo, daughter of Jacob and Allison D’Angelo of Elkins; Aliyah Elder, daughter of Chris and Whitney Elder of Lumberport; Trinity Eldridge, granddaughter of Joe and Scarlett Bishop of Bridgeport and daughter of Tara Eldridge of Jane Lew; Emma Elliott, daughter of Marc and Kristy Elliott of Clarksburg; Macey Franklin, daughter of Chris and Ginger Franklin of Jane Lew; Isabella Mayle, daughter of Israel and Heather Mayle of Philippi; Zachary McGary, son of Brandy McGary of Clarksburg and grandson of Melissa Pierce of Spelter; Kaleigh Ryan, daughter of Patrick and Kristi Ryan of Clarksburg; Olivia Vandevender, daughter of David and Angela Vandevender of Durbin, WV; Alexis Williams, daughter of Scott and Missy Williams of Shinnston.

Elder, Elliott, and Mayle will attend the UHC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program; Cunningham and D’Angelo will attend the WVUH Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program; Eldridge will attend the WVUH Radiation Therapy Program, Franklin will attend the WVUH Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program; Auger, Ryan, Vandevender, and Williams have accepted employment as staff radiographers at United Hospital Center; Bonner has accepted employment as a staff radiographer at St. Joseph’s Hospital and United Hospital Center and plans to further his education to become an interventional Radiology Physician Assistant; McGary has accepted employment as a staff radiographer at St. Joseph’s Hospital and plans to further his education to become a radiation therapist.

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“NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING”

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the ***Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan*** for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program. A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2027 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP’s Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP’s web site.

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West Virginia Humanities Council Seeks Grant Applications

Charleston — The West Virginia Humanities Council announces an upcoming special grant deadline of August 1, 2026, for minigrants. The state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Humanities Council offers grants to nonprofit organizations and institutions that support educational humanities programming. Due to continuing uncertainty regarding Federal funding, this will be the Council’s only grant offering in 2026.

Council minigrants support humanities projects that request \$2,000 or less, including small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits, and planning for larger projects. The humanities include fields of study related to the human experience, culture, and history.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact Humanities Council Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, wvhumanities.org/grants.

West Virginia groups sue Amsted Graphite over alleged Clean Water Act violations

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. — West Virginia Rivers Coalition and the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy filed a federal lawsuit on April 22, 2026, against Amsted Graphite Materials LLC, alleging repeated Clean Water Act violations at the company’s graphite manufacturing facility in Anmoore. The parties will be represented by attorneys for Appalachian Mountain Advocates.

The complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, seeks a court order requiring Amsted to comply with its water pollution permit, stop further violations and pay appropriate civil penalties.

“Clean water laws only work if they’re followed and enforced,” said Jennie Smith, executive director of the West Virginia Rivers Coalition. “Our review of Amsted’s own monitoring reports shows a pattern of violations that put Anmoore Run and downstream communities at risk. That’s why we are taking legal action to ensure this company stays within its permit, reduces pollution, and protects our waterways and West Virginians.”

According to the complaint, Amsted discharges wastewater, stormwater runoff and groundwater into Anmoore Run and an unnamed tributary of Anmoore Run, which flow into Elk Creek, the West Fork River and the Monongahela River. The groups allege Amsted has violated permit limits for pollutants including lead, copper, zinc, chlorine, total suspended solids, toxicity and several polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, known as PAHs.

“West Virginians have a right to clean water, and companies that discharge into our streams have a responsibility to follow the law,” said Olivia Miller, interim executive director of the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy. “This case is about protecting Anmoore Run, Elk Creek, the West Fork River and the communities and people downstream who rely on healthy waterways.”

The lawsuit states Amsted’s permit required the company to complete necessary upgrades and meet final effluent limits for several pollutants. The complaint alleges Amsted has continued to report violations in monthly discharge monitoring reports.

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..... The Survey Said

Well, ladies, I guess this week’s ‘food for thought’ is just for you since this is typically something men don’t participate in – unless you send them to the garage! ‘Tis the dreaded season for Spring Cleaning! This season began on March 20th; that was two months ago! Have you begun yet??? Remember that in less than a month, the summer heat should be arriving, and a thorough cleaning of your home is probably not going to be any easier in scorching weather. It would no doubt be better to tackle on a cool, dreary day when the outdoors doesn’t exactly welcome us, and we’ve had plenty of those days of late. So pick a day and get started!

I read an article recently about a survey (of more than 1,000 people) that assessed the dreaded chore of spring cleaning. Keep in mind that these surveys are not always completely accurate and vary according to the participants’ tolerance of dirt and dust ...but I’ll share with you its results.

‘The Survey Said’ that most women would rather deep clean their kitchen than deep clean their bedroom. While I understand the importance of having a clean kitchen since that’s where food is prepared, the bedroom is also where we sleep every night. I’d say both are equally important.

‘The Survey Said’ too that laundry was the most popular chore, which I can understand since it’s really not all that difficult – after all, the machine actually does the work for us. All we have to do is load and unload the washer and transfer it the dryer, another machine that does the job for us!! Laundry being the favorite might be a little misleading too because unlike Spring cleaning, surely most of us tackle this task more than once a year I hope, so that makes a great deal of difference, wouldn’t you say?

I don’t know if the survey was multiple choice or not, but if you could write in your own answers, I would have ranked clearing clutter as my #1 dread. Most of us are probably prone to putting that off unless it’s really a necessity, and even if you don’t qualify as a hoarder, nearly all of us are guilty of keeping things we no longer use or wear (*just in case*).

But think of how much space could become available if we have the willpower to let go of things. We may not realize just how much clutter we might have stashed in hidden places. The reason purging things is difficult for me is that (1) it would probably take the most time; and (2) I would have a hard time letting go of sentimental things even if they’re packed and stored out of sight.

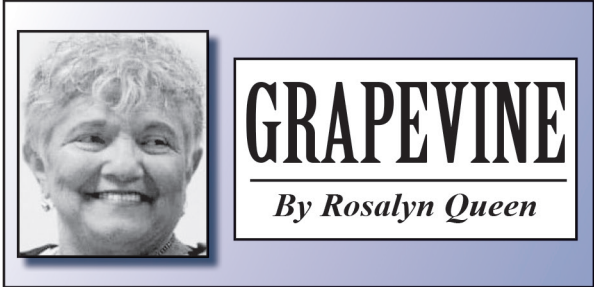
Believe it or not, ‘The Survey Said’ that at least a third of the participants never deep-clean their homes. I may be a little picky, and I do like things in order, but I can’t imagine NEVER doing spring cleaning! While it’s not something I look forward to, my theory is to realize from the get-go that it will take some time. One drawer at a time, one closet at a time, one room at a time. I’ve learned to be proud of myself if I can complete one room per day.

There are 93 days between Spring and Summer to accomplish these dreaded tasks, so think about it; unless you have more than 93 rooms in your house, it should be doable to finish before summer begins. Just imagine the personal satisfaction you’ll feel when it’s done! One thing I’ve learned is that it’s best to tackle the least favorite chore first; don’t procrastinate! Ask yourself which is worse – doing the chore or the anxiety you feel because you didn’t do it and it’s still waiting for you! If you get that most dreaded chore out of the way first; then the others seem more doable.

‘The Survey Said’, and it’s a good reminder, that we look forward to the fresh air and beauty of the outdoors in Spring; so why shouldn’t coming indoors offer us the same freshness and beauty? I found out several days ago that this particular survey was spot on. We finally had some sunshine and it changed my attitude! I felt energized and made the most of the day, undertaking several indoor tasks on my list that had been sitting there so long, the paper had turned yellow! I truly did feel better that my to-do list had dwindled somewhat, and hopefully I’ll remember that the next time I procrastinate.

Quote of the Week: “Procrastination is like a credit card: it’s a lot of fun until you get the bill.” ~ Author Unknown

== Progressive Women’s Association Will Honor == Female Veterans as Part of America 250 This Month



Betty Waddy, president of the Progressive Women’s Association of Harrison County has announced that the PWA will be sponsoring a special program to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States.

For the last ten years the PWA has held a luncheon to recognize women who have volunteered in our community as a part of the Women of Distinction program presented by the PWA. The program has always been sponsored by the Davis Funeral Home.

This year, in conjunction with the 250th Celebration, they will be honoring several women who have served our country in the military. Sometimes we forget the women who have defended our country and who have given so

much to make our country safe for all of us. They have volunteered and have worked alongside their male counterparts rendering service for all of us. It is our hope that this program will remind us of all the women who have served our country.

This special program will be held on Friday, June 26 at noon at the Uptown Event Center located on Washington Avenue. Arrangements have been made to have special military music.. plans are being made to secure a well known keynote speaker. Along with the Antero Award plaque other recognitions will be presented to the honorees.

This program is being planned in conjunction with the City of Clarksburg. Birthday Celebration.

A special lunch menu is being planned and will be served by the members and volunteers. Topping off the menu will be a birthday cake and a rendition of Happy Birthday To The United States will be sung.

This program is open to the public, but due to limited space it is recommended that reservations be made by calling 304 624 6441.

Summer is here, stay safe and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

“Smoot”

Most average Americans living outside of prominent social circles learned from Sunday School that the Jewish and Christian faiths were as brothers and would be reconciled during the Last Judgment. Antisemitism found that soil sterile for growth. The most educated and affluent classes held more tightly to a less murderous and more snobbish “looking down the nose” antisemitism for much longer.

In the first few decades of the 20th century, large numbers of Jewish immigrants came to the United States seeking respite and safety. With the German Empire’s Hohenzollern dynasty until 1918 a defender of Jewish people there, the heart of the ugliest European antisemitism lay in the Russian Empire.

There, the Czar’s secret police invented one of the most malicious and destructive pieces of propaganda ever created, the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion. This false tract was purported to be the Jewish plan for world domination and described vile acts against Christians and others. It described methods of using various levers to undermine Western nations and bring about a Jewish king.

Antisemites linked these with older “blood libel” mythology from medieval Europe, that included accusations of Jewish people drinking the blood of Christian infants.

While the Protocols did not go that far, last month the New York Times did, publishing completely debunked accounts of Israeli forces in that war against Hamas inciting dogs to rape so-called Palestinian prisoners. This rived and may have even outstripped ignorant antisemitic Middle Ages era tracts for both the malicious falsehoods and the potential for those to lead directly to Jewish deaths.

Only 20 years ago, no one would have expected the former paper of record in the United States to be a blood libel source alongside Jew hating publications that saturate the Middle East.

But they went and did it.

Through much of the 21st century so far, unfettered immigration has led to a dramatic and dangerous influx of peoples who have little civil or social restraint and visceral hatreds of Jewish people. They have concentrated in cities, elected their own into prominent positions, and allowed repeated outrages against Jewish individuals and communities without so much a word in protest.

One of the catalysts for these outrages came as Israel successfully defended itself against an invasion of its own country. Crimes of unspeakable horror were perpetuated on that infamous October 7th day against innocent Israeli citizens. Attackers targeted concentrations of civilians instead of government, police, or military targets. Their goal lay in inflicting as much pain, degradation, and suffering on those they captured as is possible.

Israel, quite naturally, responded with full force and obliterated much of the city of Gaza and the surrounding area. Leftists slammed the response to invasion and gave Hamas and their fellow travelers’ reports complete credulity while giving zero credence to Israeli Defence Force and government accounts.

Most of these individuals pointedly ignore what Generals Sherman and Sheridan did to defeat the Confederate States. Or what the Allies had to do to end National Socialism. The Civil War ended in part because the Union adopted a starvation and devastation strategy to kill the will of the South to fight. Thousands of incendiary bombs set fires burning at thousands of degrees in German city centers.

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As terrible as these actions had to be, William Sherman himself explained that one must make war “hell” to end it more quickly, reduce overall suffering, and quell the appetite for war in the hearts of the enemy.

Ever since the Hamas invasion of Israel and the successful counter-offensive, elite college campuses have developed into places in which Jewish people are not safe. Jews have been quietly pushed out of certain fields, such as technology and video gaming. New York City, once the safest haven for Jews worldwide, now allows constant attacks and mass intimidation of Jews with barely a response.

Many will try to explain that they are critiquing the State of Israel and not Jewish people. For all but a handful, that is disingenuous, since mass intimidation rallies take place near synagogues, Jewish schools, and in Jewish neighborhoods, not outside the gates of the Israeli Embassy or consulates. They target Jewish kids and Jewish groups on college campuses only seeking to study and congregate in peace.

Antisemitism is in a large percentage of instances a childish act of hatred by people seeking a target for their personal failures. It is the last resort of the “can’t get rights” of the world whose self-examinations never lead to self-criticisms. Adolf Hitler himself did not turn completely to antisemitism until he was rejected from art school for having an excessively banal painting style. Most of those claiming to separate hatred of the State of Israel from hatred of Jewish people are exercising a juvenile version of pedantry, pushing their behavior to the gray area between the limits of what is acceptable and what is punishable.

Their goal is to push the lines to the point where hatred of Jews is mainstream.

And even those who claim some basis in history for their antisemitism don’t get it right. For example, the Jewish people as a whole did not crucify Jesus Christ. The Roman governor Pontius Pilate reluctantly crucified Christ at the behest of the small cadre of those in Judaea collaborating with their conquerors to gain social position, hardly a group of people who would be widely respected or followed in a Jewish nation chafing under the Empire..

Both the Left and the Right share this problem gurgling up from online fever swamps. Tucker Carlson and Candace Owens leapt through the cracks in the floor of civilized society, Carlson likely enticed by Middle Eastern investors in his media project. Indeed, foreign funds and foreign intelligence services are pulling the levers of American culture to maximize hatred of Jewish people worldwide along with the State of Israel.

It is time for good Americans, good Christians and faithful of other religions, and good civilized people everywhere to voice their objections to the rapid dehumanization of Jewish people in the larger cities and elite college campuses of the United States.

It is time for non citizens and naturalized citizens backing these odious developments to lose their privilege of living in the United States. United States v. Schenk is very clear on the legal limits of speech when it will in all certainty instigate a violent response. That includes those organizing antisemitic events.

It is time to end this ugly chapter in the history of the world once and for all. If Americans do not stop the antisemitism train from leaving the station, we may expect that the consequences will be not only profound, but horrific.

Also, odds are that when “they” are through with the Jews, “they” will come for me and you.

‘Here’s Your (Farm) Sign’ to celebrate Century Farms, 250th U.S. anniversary

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- To celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, the West Virginia Century Farm Program wants to celebrate farmers by collecting photos of our participants’ Century Farm signs across the state.

The “Here’s Your (Farm) Sign” coordinators ask that you email, no later than June 22, a photo of your already posted Century Farm, Sesquicentennial Farm, Bicentennial Farm, or Sestercentennial Farm signs to Ken Brown at retiredtch20023@yahoo.com and/or Davin White at dwhite@wvca.us. Please write in the email subject line: “Century Farm sign photo.”

Submitted photos will be used to make a photo collage of the farm signs around the state, as well as a video celebrating the farms. The video will be shared widely on social media to

celebrate July 4th and the 250th anniversary.

Photos can include family members gathered around the sign, or the sign alone. Brown also welcomes a scenic photo or two of the farm to accompany the primary Century Farm sign photo. Please limit submissions to no more than four photos. Historical photos contrasted with current (before and after) photos of the farm are welcome, too.

“Just as we are celebrating our nation’s 250th birthday, we also want to celebrate the birthdays of our West Virginia family farms across the state,” Brown, a Guyan Conservation District supervisor who oversees the Century Farm Program, said. “Farmers, we want to see pictures of your sign and your farm.”

Brown, of Cabell County, also said that interest in the Century Farm program and in obtaining

farm signs has increased tremendously this year.

The West Virginia Century Farm Program is designed to recognize those families who have been farming the same tract of land for at least 100 years. Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms, Bicentennial Farms and Sestercentennial Farms are recognized annually.

A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm (at least 150 years), a Bicentennial Farm (200 years) and a Sestercentennial Farm (250 years) has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least its minimum number of years.

For more about the Century Farm program, visit: https://www.wvca.us/education/century_farms.cfm.

“Council”

summer vacations often cut down on attendance, and considering the expense involved, he thought it might be best to hold Wind Down Wednesdays only during June and September, the months when there is greatest attendance. Considering the fact that Shinnston will be hosting numerous other events throughout the summer, no one disagreed.

It was noted that local talents are welcome to perform at the City Park’s amphitheater; however,

they should check with the City because they would have to provide their own sound system, etc.

Update of the West Side Park was given, and the deed preparation has been in legal review but should be ready for signatures. Tentative plans are to backfill and put in a basketball court and playground. ESolutions is checking on the lights at the downtown basketball court and will

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be fixing those. The lights at the Trailhead are currently shut off due to upgrades being done.

The final discussion was on upcoming Board appointments and term expirations, and boards are encouraged to have reappointed members confirm their agreement to serve and turn in requests for reappointments for Council’s approval.

With no further business, Council adjourned to hold a brief executive session.

“Hunt”

That future was built, in part, on the remnants of hundreds of red brick buildings that once housed the textile industry. For decades, textiles provided jobs, identity, and community pride. Then, like steel, glass, coal, auto, and other industries across America, much of that economic base disappeared. The weeds grew where thousands of people once worked, and for many people, the idea of a bright future seemed hard to imagine.

Rather than chase the latest fad or wait for one big employer to save the day, Rock Hill took a slow and steady path. The city charted a course built around recreation, sports tourism, adaptive reuse, downtown investment, and a quality of life that could attract both visitors and residents.

My good friend, former Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols, was a key player in that reinvention. I have had the opportunity to watch this community rise from the ashes through coalition-building, patient leadership, citizen engagement, and a willingness to see old spaces in new ways.

Rock Hill understood something that many cities are still learning. Recreation is not just about parks. It can be an economic development strategy.

The city has built world-class facilities that bring people to town from across the country. The Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track hosts local, regional, national, and international races and is owned and operated by the city’s Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. The Rock Hill Velodrome is an outdoor 250-meter

concrete cycling track that meets Olympic standards and offers programs for both experienced riders and newcomers.

These are not ordinary municipal recreation facilities. They are destination facilities.

Then came the continued growth of the city’s indoor sports facilities. The Rock Hill Sports & Event Center includes basketball and volleyball courts, concessions, community space, and an indoor walking track. The newer Bleachery Fieldhouse adds more flexibility with basketball, volleyball, and pickleball courts.

For a city, that means hotel rooms filled, restaurants busy, gas stations active, and families walking through downtown between games. It also means that many visitors who might never have stopped in Rock Hill now leave with a positive impression of the city.

That was our experience. Emery was one of thousands participating in a basketball tournament, and watching the professionally run event was a joy for players and fans alike. There was energy in the building. There was organization. There was pride. You could tell this was not Rock Hill’s first rodeo.

But the Rock Hill story is not just about sports. It is also about what happens when a city connects its old industrial history with a new economy.

Knowledge Park, a 1.5-mile mixed-use district connecting Winthrop University and the city center, is designed to encourage innovation, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and job creation. In many ways, it is the modern answer to the old textile economy. Instead

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of mills filled with looms, the vision is for spaces filled with ideas, small businesses, technology, education, housing, restaurants, and gathering places.

That is the genius of Rock Hill’s approach. The city did not erase its past. It built on it.

The Bleachery name itself is a reminder of Rock Hill’s textile roots. The old industrial buildings that once represented decline now help tell a new story. They remind residents and visitors that reinvention does not mean forgetting who you were. It means using your history as the foundation for what comes next.

Every city in America has something. It may not be a textile mill. It may not be a BMX track or a velodrome. It may be a riverfront, an old school, a vacant factory, a downtown block, a college, a rail line, a historic neighborhood, or a group of citizens who refuse to give up.

The lesson from Rock Hill is not that every city should build basketball courts or cycling tracks. The lesson is that cities need to find their own assets, believe in them, and build patiently around them.

Rock Hill rocks because it did not accept decline as destiny. It found a way to turn old bricks, empty spaces, recreation trends, and civic leadership into a new story.

And on a weekend when my granddaughter was chasing basketball dreams on the court, I was reminded that cities have dreams too. The best ones, like Rock Hill, are willing to do the hard work to make them come true.

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