

Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, 250 Years Later, Are Citizens of the Month

By Stephen Smoot

In the Year of Our Lord 1776, war had gripped parts of British North America for about a year. During that time, the Continental Congress had evolved. What started off as a body seeking moderation of Parliamentary policies towards the 13 colonies had evolved into a government of sorts. As its focus on military and foreign affairs deepened, so did the understanding that they would have to seek their independence.

Yet they had not collectively declared independence as a body, even through localities had started to do so.

Thomas Jefferson, in his early 30s at the time, had earned recognition as a bright young man but not a decision-maker on the level of many others involved. The Continental Congress appointed him to the Declaration writing committee in early June. He joined Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania, John Adams from Massachusetts, Robert Livingston from New York, and Roger Sherman from Connecticut.

The Committee of Five, as it was called, represented the different sections faithfully, although none but Jefferson saw this as of much impact. Declarations sent to London from various localities and individuals simply expressed the intent to sever ties and there it ended.

Adams pressed Jefferson to take the lead in writing up the draft, despite the



America 250 honors legends like Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson. Their ideals helped to shape a nation.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Jefferson, Adams, and Franklin as Citizens of the Month, a recognition sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston - locally owned and operated.

man from Massachusetts being an oft-published writer on politics, law, and government. Jefferson recalled that it was “pressed on myself alone to undertake the draught.”

The second president recalled in an 1822 letter that he explained to Jefferson why he should take on the task. “Reason 1st. You are a Virginian, and a Virginian ought to appear at the head of this business. Reason 2nd. I am obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular . . . Reason 3rd. You can write ten times better than I can.”

Adams brought one of the greatest legal and philosophic minds in history to the work. His impatient and abrasive brilliance failed to charm almost anyone outside of his wife Abigail and King George III when Adams was appointed there as Minister to Great Britain from the United States. Many remembered his greatest triumph as a defense attorney, successfully defending the British soldiers implicated in the Boston Massacre.

Appealing to justice and evidence, Adams convinced a jury of Boston citizens to find the soldiers, who received the white-hot hatred of that city’s residents since the incident, not guilty of almost every charge save the 1770s equivalent of reckless discharge of a gun.

Jefferson came to the task one of the most well-read of those at the Continental Congress and bearing one of the most fertile minds. He read deeply of the philosopher
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United Hospital Center celebrates ribbon cutting for new Mountaineer Medical Rapid Care facility

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va. — United Hospital Center (UHC) today officially celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of its new Mountaineer Medical Rapid Care facility. The rapid care center is designed to provide the area with an accessible, high-quality, and budget-friendly alternative to traditional emergency room visits.

The new state-of-the-art facility features an optimized layout and advanced clinical technology to drastically reduce patient wait times while maintaining top-tier medical attention. The rapid care center includes a streamlined vital signs check-in station, eight fully equipped private exam rooms, and a dedicated durable medical goods supply closet stocked with orthopaedic items such as crutches, braces, and splints to ensure patients leave fully supported.

“Our goal with Mountaineer Medical Rapid Care is to respect our patients’ time and financial well-being,” said David F. Hess, MD, President and CEO of United Hospital Center. “We designed our warm, welcoming waiting area with the ultimate goal of keeping you from spending much time in it. By offering an affordable alternative to the ER with significantly lower out-of-pocket costs, we are ensuring families have immediate access to top-tier care without the financial stress or the long wait.”

The facility is heavily invested in modern

medical technology to enhance safety and speed up diagnostics. It features a secure medication room utilizing OmniCell automated dispensing technology, which acts as a computerized pharmacy vault to ensure precise tracking and instant access to urgent treatments. Additionally, the facility boasts an on-site digital X-ray suite and a rapid Point-of-Care Testing Lab capable of delivering hospital-grade diagnostics for COVID-19, strep, flu, mono, and urinalysis in mere minutes.

“By providing hospital-grade diagnostics and advanced digital imaging, we eliminate the need for patients to visit an ER just for basic testing or X-rays,” said Chris Goode, MD, FACEP, executive vice president and chief clinical integration officer at WVU Health System. “With our eight private exam rooms, on-site testing, and OmniCell safety technology, our providers can accurately diagnose, treat, and prescribe a complete care plan all under one roof in a single, highly efficient visit.”

Mountaineer Medical Rapid Care is open to serve patients of all ages seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. To ensure maximum availability for the community, the facility is open every day of the year with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas, allowing staff to celebrate with their loved ones. No appointments are necessary, and walk-ins are always welcome.

Family Resource Centers Tailor Programs to Meet Local Needs

By Stephen Smoot

Every county in West Virginia has different needs, different issues, even different subcultures that present an insurmountable barrier to planners who seek neat, tidy, “one size fits all” solutions.

Local family support centers craft their slate of programs based upon all of those factors. Operating without a central or regional authority to direct operations, the different centers have prioritized the areas of need in their communities and worked to address them.

In fact, lack of central direction has served as one of the key reasons for their success statewide.

Hardy County’s center has spearheaded activity on multiple fronts. For example, director Ryan Runion in Hardy County organized a partnership with local ministers and others to expand a Wardensville-based teen social night program into their Moorefield facility. Ties between FSCs and local churches and ministerial associations have led to a tremendous impact in most areas.

Other events include Christmas, Easter, and back to school events. Staff have ample opportunities at these social events to observe, then offer helpful hints and advice as they see how families interact with each other and internally.

The center also hosts support groups to promote mental and physical health in adults and children. One point of emphasis has been engaging with local autism groups to help provide forums for parents to share and learn.

Edna Mullenax has directed the Pendleton County Family Support Center since its opening three years ago. In 2025, it served 26 households, including 75 children and 46 adults. Services provided there focus on mobility coaching, job preparation, financial management, and child development skills building.

Partnering with the Pendleton County Commission, the FSC there received support to house a SPOKES center using technology to access opportunities and build skills. This project of the Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative provides opportunities to search for jobs, get a GED, and skills education “so that they don’t have to go to Petersburg or Moorefield” for those. This is housed at the FSC/ Though it is not an official FSC program, those working with the FSC can use it.

The FSC also has partnered with the area Ministerial Association, Living Faith Church, the

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OPINION

Thanks, Freddy!

By Stephen Smoot

Somewhere between Flag Day and the traditional Independence Day festivities, an unlikely event has helped Americans to see national greatness reflected in the surprised eyes and expressions of others.

And that is the “discovery” of the everyday aspects of life in the United States between the major cities of the coastlines by European soccer fans.

World Cup official games are meant to showcase not the host country, but the major cities in which the games are played. This year, the United States, Canada, and Mexico all host. The usual suspects of New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston, Boston, and others received the honor of hosting the official games.

A number of what Americans would call “tune-ups” or “exhibitions” took place in college stadiums, such as at Auburn University. Europeans, who love soccer as fiercely as Southeastern Conference football fans, took to the highways and byways of the South and discovered an entirely different America than what they learned of through the media.

The world watched with astonishment as the American South welcomed European soccer fans like family or old friends. It watched with even more astonishment as Europe fell in love with all things Southern.

It started with “Freddy,” a German social media travel correspondent. He and his friends achieved viral status when they said with wide-eyed awe “this is a freaking gas station!” when first encountering Buc-ees. As widely known in Texas and the Deep South as Sheetz in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, these stations have dozens of pumps, legitimately excellent food, and massive shops for tourists.

Freddy then got a taste of what the South’s most exciting days look like. Auburn gave soccer fans the full SEC football gameday treatment with fireworks, music, tailgating, and even a flyover by the Auburn War Eagle. Europeans marveled over a network of stadiums larger, more modern, and more fan friendly than most on the Continent set in small American cities that treated fans like royalty.

A tsunami of videos swamped the internet. Japanese fans meticulously picking up after themselves wherever they went, Europeans awed by American fast food and diners, midnight Waffle House meals, their enjoyment of the haunting beauty of the Deep South as they drove through state after state, noting that each one was as large or larger than a typical European country.

And everybody, everybody, raved about the miracle Americans call “ranch dressing.”

.Some just filmed themselves walking in small city middle class neighborhoods, impressed by the cleanliness, the size of the yards, large pickup trucks, and almost everything Southerners love about where they hail from.

First this represents a victory for the South,

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1 Sleep out in a tent

7 Nutrition std.

10 Fishing throw

14 Alpaca's kin

19 "Moonlight" actress Harris

20 Suffix of element names

21 Analogy words

22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.

23 Construction vehicles with tilting beds

25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier

27 Before, in verse

28 "The Raven" writer

29 German art songs

30 Qatari capital

31 1920s-'30s American mobster

36 Young lady

38 "Bali —"

39 Slugger Gehrig

40 Plant swelling

42 How food is often fried

44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show

50 Silly sorts

53 French suffix with jardin

54 Neighbor of Venus

56 Fish-tailed males of myth

57 Hi-tech "appt. book"

58 Radical type

60 1040 org.

62 Suffix with ball or bass

63 Roman 901

66 Northern French river

68 Roofing piece

70 Essential (to)

72 Stiff-bristled bath item

74 Dazed from a heavy blow

76 Incentive

77 GI no-shows

79 Small needle cases

80 Suffix with Canton

81 Turkey Day vegetable

82 GI R&R center

83 Racecar fuel

85 Articulate

87 River crafts

89 "Cool beans!"

91 Get weary

92 No-bake pie base

96 Some heirs' cash sources

99 Concerning kidneys

100 Brooklyn art institute

102 Granola bit

103 Big bush bird

104 Apiece

107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts

114 Part of UTEP

116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice

118 — de toilette

119 Hugs, in a love letter

120 "Painful to face the reality!"

122 Speechless from shock

126 Very mad

127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"

128 Mined matter

129 Séance state

130 Stocking fiber

131 Padlock part

132 Oozy gunk

133 Alternatives to Cokes

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1 Stopped

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5 Sch. in Cambridge

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7 Big name in photocopiers

8 Blue Devils' sch.

9 Mornings, in brief

10 Inhabitant

11 Tennis great Arthur

12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.

13 Marisa of film

14 Vinyl albums, in brief

15 Booming

16 Liquor

17 Russia's Gorbachev

18 Tears into

24 Scannable ID in a market

26 "It's cold!"

29 U.K. "Inc."

32 Sleuth's aid

33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr.

34 54-Across orbits it

35 Headed out

37 Compared with

41 Daisy relatives, for short

43 Mother Teresa, e.g.

44 Place for a fanny pack

45 Censors, as part of a text

46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry

47 Ready

48 Ankle bone

49 Eurasian mountains

51 Horse to bust

52 Suffocate

55 Homer, e.g.

58 Not for sale

59 Matt of "Friends"

61 Taken-back auto, for one

63 Village People album with the song "Y.M.C.A."

64 Kind of roof with four sloping sides

65 Sort

67 Addition total

69 "Eureka!" moments

70 As originally placed

71 Minions' leader in "Despicable Me"

72 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.

73 Gossipy tidbit

75 Pertaining to an arm bone

78 Got the gold

82 Gorbachev's fed.

84 How- — (DIY manuals)

86 "Of course!"

87 Nashville awards org.

88 Great elation

90 Rebuke to "Brute"

91 Ballet attire

92 Entered stealthily

93 Wed again

94 Anomalous

95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.

97 Cargo weight

98 Relatives, informally

101 Test out

105 Frau's "Alas!"

106 Pulverize

108 Prefix with biology

109 Tiny role

110 Wheel middle

111 Verbs' counterparts

112 Spherical bacteria

113 Improves superficially, with "up"

115 Filmmaker Preminger

117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills

121 Cackling bird

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

June 25, 1950: The Korean War began when the armies of Communist North Korea pushed across the 38th parallel into South Korea. Army private Kenneth Shadrick of Wyoming County was among the first U.S. servicemen killed in action, on July 5, 1950.

June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County, most notably during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Pulitzer Prize for The Good Earth and was the first American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

June 26, 1936: Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted and field goals made.

June 27, 1791: This is the earliest known issue date for the Potowmac Guardian, and Berkeley Advertiser, the first newspaper in present West Virginia. Published initially in Shepherdstown and then Martinsburg, the last known issue was as the Potomak Guardian in 1800.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era, including co-writing “Sweet Georgia Brown.”

June 27, 1929: WHIS radio first went on the air in Bluefield. Brothers Hugh and Jim Shott named the station after their father, Hugh Ike Shott Sr., congressman and owner of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph. The station became an important outlet for live country music.

June 27, 1961: Honey in the Rock was first performed at Grandview State Park near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.

June 28, 1936: Athlete Chuck Howley was born

in Wheeling. Howley starred at West Virginia University and played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. A six-time All-Pro, he is the only Super Bowl MVP in history to play for a losing team.

June 29, 1845: George W. Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston, ending 26 years of rule by the Democratic Party.

June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D’J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake’s stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as “Rock Camp.”

June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

June 30, 1914: Statewide prohibition of alcohol sales became law years before it was enacted for the whole nation.

June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

July 1, 1861: Francis Pierpont, governor of the pro-Union Reorganized Government of Virginia, called the legislature into session. The general assembly re-established governmental functions, provided for the raising of military units and elected new U.S. senators and representatives.

July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The Pocahontas County park is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.

July 1, 1971: Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

July 1, 1980: Congressman Riley Moore was born in Morgantown. He is the grandson of former Governor Arch Moore and nephew of U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

Francis H. Pierpont of Marion County was named in 1861 the Governor of the Unionist Virginia government in Wheeling, a crucial first step to creating the Mountain State.

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James “Jimmy”
Walter Goff



James “Jimmy” Walter Goff, 80, of Viropa/ Shinnston, passed over on June 13, 2026 in his home. He was born on June 3, 1946 to the late Marshall Harold Goff and Sarah Ellen (Logan) Brooks.

Jimmy was a highly decorated Vietnam Army Veteran. He served two tours in Vietnam as a helicopter gunner with the 281st Assault Operations. He earned numerous Air Medals for heroism; four Navy Vietnam Commendation Ribbons; the Gallantry Cross; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Bronze Star; and many other 281st Wolf Pack Call for Special Forces assignments. His service reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States of America Army.

Jimmy worked as a coal miner for Robinson Run Mine, Rachel Mine and Loveridge. He retired from West Virginia University, where he was Maintenance Supervisor.

Jimmy and his best friend, Deborah, were married 27 years and made their home happily in the Hood Avenue / Viropa / Shinnston area. Jimmy fought a strong five-year battle against cancer.

His is survived by his wife, Deborah; five daughters: Audra Goff-Wardle, Jamie Kraegenbrink, Marci Priest, Andrea Simmons and Tracey Long; one son, Donnie Radabaugh; seven granddaughters: Kalyn Tate, Savanna Walker, Tory Radabaugh, Ivy Radabaugh, Sara Walker, Summer Walker and Jozie Kraegenbrink; eight grandsons: Kristian, River, Donnie Ray, Greyson, Justin and Colton Radabaugh, Brent and Dylan Wardle; two sisters: Marlene DeWitt and JoAnn Warner; one daughter in law, Kristi Radabaugh; his dog and best friend “Jake” as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy is preceded in death by one brother, Nathan Goff; one sister, Barbara Lewis, one grandson, Antonio.

Jimmy will be greatly missed by his loving wife, family and friends. May he rest in peace.

In honoring his wishes, Jimmy will be cremated.

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

Donald Blaine
Handley

With deep love and honor we celebrate the life of Donald Blaine Handley, 91, who peacefully returned home on June 17, 2026, wrapped in the love of his family. Born April



16,1935, in Gypsy, WV, Don lived a full life defined by dedication - serving his country in the US Navy and spending his career not only as a skilled electrician with the IBEW and UMWA, but also a master of many trades.

Above all, his greatest achievement was the beautiful 68-year marriage he shared with his wife and soulmate, Betsy Rose. Together, they built a beautiful family. He leaves behind his daughters, Carla (Todd) McCay and Monica (Brian) Wright; his sons, Don II (Missy) and Doug Handley; and his former daughter-in-law Sheri Handley. He is also survived by his beloved sister and brother-in-law, Sandy and Gary Mullenax, as well as his brother-in-law, John Roscoe.

He joins his beloved daughter, Renee Lynn Podesta, in eternity. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Otis, Jr., Monte, sister, Judy Jacobin, and brothers-in-law, Don and Mike Roscoe.

To his 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, he was their proud “Poppy”, and his spirit lives on through them and the laughter shared on his back porch. Don loved the simple pleasures of life, a long day of cutting his grass followed by one of the many great meals Betsy made for him over their 68 years; and either a baseball game or boxing on TV. He enjoyed his daily morning walks through his neighborhood. The neighbors also came to know and love him as “Poppy”.

Don was one of the hardest working men you could ever meet. He didn’t know a stranger, and his sense of humor would light up any room. If you had the honor of knowing Don or “Poppy”, you were truly blessed.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate his incredible journey at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Saturday, June 27th from 10am until the time of the memorial service at 12pm with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Full military honors will be rendered at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to St Jude’s Children’s Hospital or The Lord’s Pantry at P.O. Box 64, Shinnston, WV 26431. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Handley family.

Francis Wayne Kellar



Francis Wayne Kellar, 85, of Joetown, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at River Oaks Healthcare Center in Clarksburg. He was born November 6, 1940 in Joetown, a son of the late Russell and Mildred Looman Kellar.

On October 14, 1961, Wayne married Jean Ann Hawkins Kellar, who died on October 25, 2006.

He is survived by his two sons, Kevin Kellar and his wife Tina; and Scott Kellar, both of Joetown; his grandchildren, David (Tabby) Hamrick; Scottie (Danielle) Kellar; Amber (Frank) McElwain; James (Amy) Stevens; Jackie (Jimmy) Wheeler; and Tiffany Stevens; his great-grandchildren, Aubree Stevens; Ryleigh Wheeler; Mackenzie McElwain; Corben Stevens; Sadie Wheeler; Noah Stevens; Natalie Stevens; Avery Stevens; Layla Kellar; and Landon Kellar; his son-in-law, Jimmy Stevens; his siblings, Sue Watson of Indiana; and Jimmy Kellar; his sister-in-law, Janet Kellar; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his daughters, Kimberly Stevens; and Melanie Hamrick; his daughter-in-law, Audrey Kellar; his son-in-law, David Hamrick; his brothers, Kenny Kellar; Kennis Kellar and his wife Charlene; as well as his companion, Margaret Stalnaker.

He was a graduate of Mannington High School. Wayne was the owner and operator of Kellar and Son Pallet in Clarksburg. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed camping, spending his winters in Florida, and driving his Volkswagen Thing.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Sunday from 2-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, June 22nd, at 11:00am with Pastor Mike Hamrick officiating. Interment will follow at the Oakdale Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kellar family.

Stanley “Mac”
McIntire Sr.

Some people leave behind cars, books, furniture, and photographs. Stanley “Mac” McIntire Sr. left behind something



even greater; a legacy of faith, service, hard work, and a family that was forever shaped by his love.

Stanley, 85, of Shinnston, West Virginia, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2026, surrounded by the love of those who knew him best.

Born in September 1940, in Enterprise, West Virginia, Stanley was the son of the late Howard and Wanda McIntire. He was also preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife Gloria Jean McIntire, as well as his siblings Betty, Irene, Lloyd Betty, Irene, Lloyd “Sonny,” Mary, and Ruth Ann. As the last surviving member of his immediate family generation, Stanley carried with him a lifetime of memories, stories, and traditions that connected generations of the McIntire family.

To know Stanley was to know a man who believed in serving others. He honorably served his country in the United States Army as a Medic Specialist for more than twenty years, including two tours during the Vietnam War. Even after retiring from military service, his commitment to helping people never ended. He continued serving others through several careers before retiring from the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he worked as both a Health and Pharmacy Technician, caring for fellow veterans with the same quiet dedication that defined his life.

While Stanley was proud of his military service and career, his greatest joys were found in the simple things. He loved being outdoors, tending his garden, working in his shop, and creating things with his hands. Whether building, repairing, planting, or helping someone in need, he found purpose in hard work and satisfaction in a job done right.

His faith though was the foundation upon which he built his life. A devoted member of Shinnston Church of the Nazarene, Stanley faithfully served his church family for decades. One of his greatest points of pride was helping physically build the church itself; a fitting reflection of a man who spent his life building things that mattered. Through his service, generosity, and servant’s heart, he helped build not only a church, but a community of faith that continues to impact lives

today.

Above all else, Stanley loved his family. He was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend whose steady presence brought comfort, wisdom, and strength to those around him. He taught by example, through hard work, integrity, faith, and most importantly, unconditional love. The lessons he passed down and the memories he created will continue to live on through the generations that follow him.

He is survived by his longtime best friend, Josephine Smith; his children, Stan McIntire Jr. and wife Brenda, Wyman McIntire and wife Nieva, and Wanda Taylor and husband Jeff.

He also leaves behind a treasured legacy through his grandchildren: David, Zach, Mikey, Marra Beth, Andrew, Matt, Ashlea, Ariel, Carl, Adrian, Revy, Gloria, Marissa, and Nikki; and his great-grandchildren: Tripp, Garrett, Grant, Callie Brooks, Maeve, Banks, Liam, Joseph, Giana, Bianca, Ariaiah, Waylen, Evelynnn, and Sutton, along with many extended family members, friends, neighbors, and church family who will miss him dearly.

Family and friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2026. Following Stanley’s wishes, he will be cremated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shinnston Church of the Nazarene in honor of Stanley’s lifelong faith, service, and commitment to his church family, or to a charity of your choice.

Though our hearts are heavy, we take comfort in knowing that Stanley’s work here is complete. The gardens he planted will continue to grow, the things he built will continue to stand, and the faith, love, and values he instilled in others will continue to guide those who were blessed to call him husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. His was a life well lived, and a legacy that will endure for generations.

Patricia “Patty” Ann
Sampson

Patricia “Patty” Ann Sampson, 89, of Lumberport, passed away on June 14, 2026 at her daughter’s home. She was born in Pine Bluff on March 20, 1937 to the late Russell Lowell Anderson and Effie Pearle (Sandy) Anderson.

Patty enjoyed many things in life. She loved doing crafts and decorating her church



with her daughter, Janie. She was the past president of Harrison County Association of Historical Society of WV, past president of Colonial Daughters of American Revolution, past president and devotional leader of COES of Pine Bluff and a 55-year member. Patty belonged to Jones Run Church for 48 years where she served in many offices. Also, she was Harrison County COES Belle when she was 72 years old. She was always for the ‘underdog’ and thought there was a little good in everyone. Her childhood dreams were of a large family like the one she was raised in. She almost filled that dream with four sons, one daughter and helping raise Bobby, her hard headed Amie, Lacy – her soul mate, Maddie and of course, Missie Pooh. She was known by most as “Nunny.”

Patty is survived by her husband, Roy Sampson of Lumberport; one daughter, Janie Hardesty and companion Kevin Arbogast of Lumberport; four sons: Roy Lee Sampson of Lumberport; Jamie Sampson and wife Liz of Lumberport, Jeff Sampson and companion Wendy of Lumberport and Tracie Sampson and wife Tracey of Lumberport; fourteen grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Patty is preceded in death by one brother, Jack Sandy Anderson; three half-brothers: Burton Russell Anderson, William Lowell Anderson and Robert Johnson Anderson; one half-sister, Kaye Stevens; one granddaughter, Amie Sampson; two great granddaughters: Madison Bosley and Anniston Greathouse; one great great granddaughter, Maylee Sampson; one great grandson, Raymond Eggleston and one son in law, Harlan “Butch” Hardesty.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 for visitation from 2:00PM until 8:00PM. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 11:00AM with Pastor Tom Bell officiating. Interment to Pine Bluff Cemetery.

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

WVU Baseball - A Diamond in Omaha!





The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The West Virginia University baseball team entered uncharted waters recently, earning its first ever trip to the College World Series in program history. In the process there were several team and individual records that were broken. There has been great debate centered around NIL deals and how it affects legacies which is a topic, and in may case, a story for another day. But for now, there are so many positives to take away from this trip to Omaha.

Mountaineer Head Coach Steve Sabins and his talent-laden roster were not content with making the trip to Cornhusker territory. They went with the purpose of making some noise. Speaking of making noise, the Mountaineer faithful that made the trip took over Charles Schwab Field during the four games their team played with chants of “Let’s Gooooo . . . MOUNTAINEERS!!!!!” so loud at times they would drown out the broadcasters.

The singing of “Country Roads” after wins stole hearts of baseball fans like Armani Guzman stole home in the first inning of the game against Troy. It was the first time since 2000 it had been done in a College World Series game and it set the tone for the Mountaineers.

The Trojans were making their first trip to Omaha as well and they didn’t back down, holding a four to three lead heading into the bottom of the third inning. After a run in the bottom of the frame and another in the next inning, the Mountaineers regained the lead. Troy picked up a run in the seventh to tie it up.

Down to the last six outs, WVU pulled a pair of runs in the eighth inning. Bridgeport native Ben McDougal earned the save by getting the last out of the affair.

Game two was not kind to the Mountaineers as they dropped a five to two decision on the biggest game of the series. Tied two to two in the seventh inning, a pair of errors doomed WVU, forcing them to come out of the loser bracket after the setback to North Carolina.

Credit to Sabins and his group for not folding. They had to face Troy after a day’s rest and they put a Cal-Poly type beatdown on the Trojans with a 12 to nothing blanking. Three multi-run innings, capped by a five-run ninth sent West Virginia into another back-to-back scenario with the Tar Heels.

The result was more of the same as Carolina came out swinging, chasing WVU starting pitcher Chansen Cole early for the second consecutive time. The Tar Heels held a 10 to one lead after six innings, but just as they showed all season, there was no quit in this club. The Mountaineers scored the last six runs of the lock-up to make it respectable, but at the end of the day, North Carolina was just too much in a 12 to seven victory.

In his final game in a WVU uniform, Gavin Kelly connected on his 19th home run of the yar, tying him for the most in a single season. This year’s edition finished with a 47 and 17 mark. It’s the most wins in a season in school history, breaking last year’s record of 44 victories.

Now I’m not good at math, but that is 91 wins in two years for Sabins and I think that is pretty good!

I think maybe athletic director Wren Baker might want to lock the guy up with a long-term deal because it looks like this program might be pretty good for a while!

That will do it for now! Until next time . . . Take care and God Bless!!!

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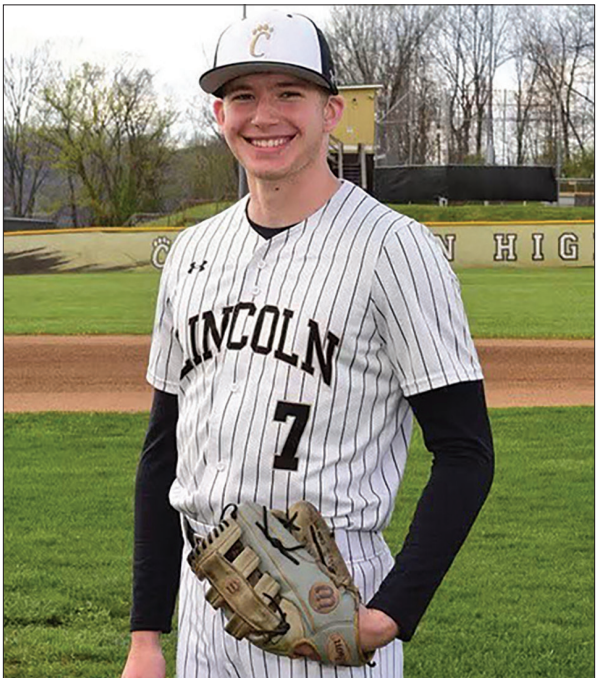


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Athletes of the Week

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.



Alex Greene has been a staple of Lincoln success this year.

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Lincoln’s Alex Greene and Bridgeport’s Cole Arnett.

Cougar Alex Greene finished off a fantastic year, going one for three in a state tournament setback to Frankfort. The hit was a triple and it was the perfect way to end the year.

Indian designated hitter Cole Arnett was one of the two multi-hit performers in the Tribe’s state tournament win over East Fairmont. Arnett was two for two with a double in the win over the Bees,

Congratulations to Lincoln’s Alex Greene and Bridgeport’s Cole Arnett for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!



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Report expected on reliability



Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

One of the major complaints we receive at the Public Service Commission deals with the reliability of service provided by utilities.

This is a particular concern when it comes to the delivery of electric power. Nobody likes to be left in the dark, or without heat in the winter, or air conditioning in the summer.

So, the Commission is looking forward to a report to be filed by the end of this year about the quality of electric service provided by Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company.

The companies and our legal staff jointly filed a petition last year to ask for an examination of their

service. They want an independent, outside auditing firm to perform the work and make its findings known to the Commission.

We agreed and put that effort in motion.

The study involves six areas for review.

The first is staffing levels to determine whether existing personnel are sufficient to get the job done. The auditors will review the usage of contract workers to supplement permanent staffing to improve reliability in areas with excessive numbers of outages.

The study will look at service centers to determine if they provide optimal coverage to customers served from those locations.

Another part will look at how the utilities manage the operations of distributing systems, including how maintenance is prioritized.

The study should identify opportunities for improving the accuracy of the estimated time that customers are told when power can be expected to return.

The study will compare each utility’s distribution to the systems of similar utilities and provide

recommendations on improvement and the cost of those modifications.

The last item asks the study to make recommendations for improvements on a short-term basis of up to three years, and on a longer-term basis.

It’s going to be a big job.

We feel confident this study will produce helpful dividends for the companies and their customers. It will give us a solid road map for future developments to improve this vital service.

In earlier testimony before the Commission, the companies explained some of the problems they face concerning reliability. They inherited, in many cases, aging and extensive coal camp power lines that were not geared toward the enormous loads now carried on them. The state’s rural nature makes coverage difficult and expensive. The state has mountainous and heavily forested terrain. Severe weather conditions also handicap the company’s efforts to maintain service.

The final report submission deadline is December 15.

Family Support Centers Fight For Funding Beyond Sept 30 Deadline

By Stephen Smoot

In recent years, one of the most important weapons in the fight against child abuse and neglect, and also for building family resilience and strength, has been family support centers. Throughout the state on the county level, these centers have each evolved along different pathways to tailor services to families facing strong challenges in communities.

Now those same centers have been left in limbo with their promised funding not in place and no certain answers for the future.

The West Virginia State Legislature fully funded the TANF program, known in the Mountain State as WV WORKS. Through that comes the support for Family Support Centers. The West Virginia Department of Human Services describes them as “warm and welcoming places in the community where any family member with children up to age 18 or pregnant families can go, not only in times of need, but as a regular part of day-to-day life.

It further describes their mission as both “providing concrete support in times of need” and also enhancing “protective factors such as parental knowledge, resilience, social connections, and emotional competence.” Family support centers work to both help with immediate needs while also building the family’s capabilities to the point where they no longer need that kind of support.

Tina Persinger directs the Calhoun Family Support Center based in Grantsville, but serving the entire county. She explained that last spring, the expected announcement of the funding that supports their operation had not yet come. Inquiries made to the proper officials got no reply of yay or nay and the centers were left with no information as to their funding or their very future with the end of the fiscal year coming on June 30.

As time continued to pass, “We reached out to a lot of legislators” because they passed the funding in the budget. “They started asking questions, making calls to the DOHS, the Governor’s Office, and got no communication.”

Last week, the State Legislature met for an interim session. At about the same time, the FSCs received word that, as Persinger stated “you have been granted a fifth quarter.” In essence, it extended the fiscal 2026 appropriation through another three months into fiscal year 2027. Money would be granted to keep the FSCs running through Sept 30 and all of the funding had to be spent by that point.

FSC directors and staff converged on the interim meetings to make their case. They all worked to engage with legislators to tell their story in ways that emphasized the impact both individually for children and collectively for the community.

Persinger noted that many legislators were not clear on the difference between a family support center and a family resource network. Both have similar names and work together closely, but have different purposes.

She explained to them that “both . . . need to be funded. This is not a duplication of service.”

West Virginia Code 49-1-206 defines family resource networks specifically. It states that the organization “has agreed to engage in activities to improve service systems for children and families within the community.” The law defines who may and may not work with an FRN, but clearly and unambiguously states “a family resource network may not provide direct services . . . directly to children and families.”

Persinger described the role of an FRN as focusing on community surveys, planning, establishing “a collaborative hub” for use of data gathered. In military terms, the FRN collects intelligence and works on strategies and planning.

A family support center picks up where an FRN has to legally leave off. It serves as the “tactical” organization, taking the information gathered about that community and tailoring programs to fit specific needs. Each FSC has the latitude to use that information and conduct its own research to create programs that the community needs most.

Another comparison would be the separation of purpose between a “planning grant” and a separate grant intended for implementation of the plan.

Without funding past the “fifth quarter,” likely communities would lose their FSCs. Persinger explained that the consequences for Calhoun would be “devastating. We are one of the only service organizations here that will help families.” She added that “no one in Calhoun” offers the same programs and services as the Calhoun Family Support Center does and that more populated areas have more resources to offer should FSCs disappear.

Persinger shared that data indicates FSCs have a salutary budgetary effect. These organizations represent a point at which severely challenged families can get the kind of help they need before problems rise to the level of a CPS case, removal into foster care, or involvement with the juvenile or adult justice systems.

With each of these entities overloaded, overwhelmed, and also funded below their needs, organizations such as family support centers provide triage, support, and pathways of growth toward good function and resilience.

In a time of constructing budgets, it is still true that sometimes a penny invested today can prevent a dollar lost tomorrow. Family support centers impact thousands of lives across West Virginia every single day, but they also save millions in costs deferred because they help families learn to first survive, then to thrive.

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To: ROBERT ALLEN FABIANO, MICHELE FORD, DIANNE MARIE LOCKHART, JAMES LIVINGSTON, ROBERT ALLEN FABIANO ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGIA ANN SWIGER LIVINGSTON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLAY-OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 910 PARCEL 0024
You will take notice that Charles L Davis & Valerie L Davis, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 177972, located in CLAY-OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT #6 Borys Lots, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of Swiger Georgia A Estate, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/09/2024, Charles L Davis & Valerie L Davis requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 08/17/2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 08/17/2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 08/17/2026	\$ 5451.18
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 08/17/2026	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 08/17/2026	\$ 1624.89
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest to 08/17/2026	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Sheriff of Harrison County.	\$ 7076.07

You may redeem any time before 08/17/2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand 6/10/2026
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of HARRISON County, State of West Virginia
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(2025-C-000421 - HARRISON COUNTY - RELLA B CVETICAN)
To: OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, LINDA HINES, BETTY J COLLINS HEIRS, HAROLD L COLLINS JR HEIRS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 124 PARCEL 0042 0000 0000
You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000421**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 2 LOTS 14A-14 THOMAS TRC(MHOM) MURPHY RUN INCL PAR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LEGGETT MARCUS ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. COLLINS BETTY J requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after December 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 30, 2026, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 20518.	\$ 268.87
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 20724.	\$ 199.18
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 209.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 431.18
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,108.63

You may redeem at any time before November 30, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total mount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
Given under my hand June 9, 2026
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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(2025-C-000410 - HARRISON COUNTY - RELLA B CVETICAN)

To: AARON L GALLO, AARON L GALLO, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, DISCOVER BANK C/O DISCOVER PRODUCTS, INC., WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, COMPLIANCE DIVISION, HEIRS OF EVELYN J GALLO, HEIRS OF JOE BILLY GALLO, HEIRS OF STANLEY DUANE GALLO, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1123 PARCEL 0023 0000 0000

You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000410, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT E 1/2 #81 (75 X 150) REYN-OLDSVILLE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GALLO EVELYN J-JOE B-STANLEY D & A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. RELLA B CVETICAN requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after December 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 30, 2026, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 21517.	\$ 210.37
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 21726.	\$ 138.68
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 121.23
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 480.27
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 950.55

You may redeem at any time before November 30, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total mount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand June 9, 2026

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of HARRISON County, State of West Virginia

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(2025-C-000643 - HARRISON COUNTY - DAWN PHARES)

To: MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK, CURRENT OCCUPANT, CURRENT OCCUPANT, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 2006 PARCEL 0064 0000 0000

You will take notice that DAWN PHARES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000643, located in GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 5 LOTS 52-53-54-46-47 GOOD VIEW (INC PCLS 64 THRU, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FREDERICK MARY JACINTHA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. DAWN PHARES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after December 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 30, 2026, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 40693.	\$ 94.99
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 41368.	\$ 19.54
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.34
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 910.68
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,128.55

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(2025-C-000642 - HARRISON COUNTY - DAWN PHARES)

To: MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, CURRENT OCCUPANT, CURRENT OCCUPANT, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, MARY JACINTHA FREDERICK ESTATE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 2006 PARCEL 0051 0000 0000

You will take notice that DAWN PHARES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000642, located in GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 (LOTS 34 THRU 39 & 41) GOOD VIEW, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FREDERICK MARY JACINTHA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. DAWN PHARES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after December 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 30, 2026, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 40693.	\$ 613.04
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 41368.	\$ 564.09
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 209.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 910.68
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,297.21

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(2025-C-000524 - HARRISON COUNTY - RELLA B CVETICAN)

To: ROMETTA LEGGETT, OCCUPANT, ROMETTA LEGGETT, RONALD E LEGGETT, RONALD E LEGGETT, MARCUS EDWARD LEGGETT HEIRS, RILYNN LEGGETT, PAISLEE LEGGETT, GUN-NAR LEGGETT, SHONDRA LEGGETT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 124 PARCEL 0042 0000 0000

You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000524, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 2.05 AC QUAKER FORK (SUR-FACE), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LEGGETT MARCUS ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. RELLA B CVETICAN requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after December 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 30, 2026, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 32826.	\$ 764.60
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 33218.	\$ 682.21
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 209.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 475.35
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,131.56

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As the nation gets ready to officially celebrate the semiquincentennial anniversary of this country’s founding, it seems appropriate to select an image of something from the revolutionary period. Few things can be found locally that define that period of our nation’s history. Shinnston is fortunate enough to have the original log home still standing on its original site when the Shinn Family settled here. Known to have been standing by 1778, it is that year which has been chosen as the defining permanent settlement by the Shinn Family.

The details of the original settlement by the Shinns are pretty vague and without solid evidence, so I typically steer away from trying to create assumptions. The facts remain that the Shinn brothers claimed tomahawk rights and settled the area currently known as Shinnston during the 1770’s. Claiming tomahawk rights meant deadening a few trees near the head of a spring, mark the bark of them with the initials of the name of the person who made the claim, and plant a row of corn. With the West Fork River being located to the west and a stream now known as Shinns Run located to the east, the home was built a decent distance from an immediate water supply. However, there were several natural ground springs in back of the house.

Why this western part of Virginia was chosen as a location for the Shinns lies largely based on their faith. They were Quakers & Quakers didn’t believe in bloodshed. In general, Quakers migrated once conflict was less prevalent. One advantage of having Quaker ancestors is that their movements can be traced because they were required to obtain a certificate of removal to be presented at their monthly meeting house to show they were members in good standing. After the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, Levi Shinn, having been born and raised in New Jersey, left that colony and settled in the Apple Pie Ridge area of Virginia, about 10 miles north of Winchester. He was moving further away from the conflict developing from the war.

The Shinns were known to arrive here (West Fork Valley—still a part of the Virginia colony) in the mid-1770’s. But why stay within the colony of Virginia when he left the Winchester area? Why not keep going further away from conflict? The most likely answer is because the colony of Virginia gave to every settler, who built a cabin and raised a crop before 1778, a title to 400 acres of land and preemption (1st come, 1st serve) to 1,000 acres. Levi’s still-standing log house is known to have existed by 1778 and he did have a title to 400 acres as well as preemption to 1,000 acres. So my conclusion is that he chose this area of Virginia to be away from conflict in the mountainous region while still being qualified to receive the acreage.

Some people have assumed that the Shinns were very well-to-do, based off of the knowledge that they owned so much land and Levi’s still-standing log house was so much larger than a typical dwelling house. However, it is most likely the exact opposite. The Shinns came here with nothing except skill and built off of that. They stayed in Virginia in order to get the land that the colony promised, yet remained in the western half where the mountains and forests were, hoping for less conflict.

Often times, log homes were built by simply cutting trees and then immediately constructing a



Just three years younger than our country itself, this image shows the Levi Shinn log house, located along Route 19 at South Shinnston. Photographed in 1973, the structure still stands on its original site.

home. When the trees were cut to build the Levi Shinn House, the Shinns took the time to square off the logs. This process allowed the logs to sit more solid upon one another as well as keep the wet weather from sitting on the rounded crevices of a typical log. This process has helped the structure last throughout the ages.

Log cabins required few building resources--just trees and an axe or saw. They didn’t need metal nails or spikes to hold them together and they could be built fairly quickly, too. Most log cabins were simple one room buildings where the entire family would live. The Levi Shinn House is simply four large rooms, being two over two construction. It may seem like large space for its time, but the original Shinn family that lived there consisted of Levi and Elizabeth (Smith) Shinn and their nine children—a decent size family for that house.

Once the logs were cut to the correct length, notches were cut at each end where the logs would fit together at the corners of the structure. They would also strip the bark off of the logs as the bark would rot over time. Hewing is the last step in this whole process, which is done on each log’s sides with a broadaxe.

Once the walls and the roof were finished, the pioneers would seal the cracks between the logs with mud or clay. This was called “daubing” or “chinking” the walls. Early twentieth century photos of the Levi Shinn House show evidence of very little chinking left between the logs. In fact, one former resident told me that he recalled waking up many winter mornings with snow laying on his blanket where it had blown through the open areas between the logs of deteriorated chinking.

Pioneer log homes usually had one or two windows to let in light, but the early settlers seldom had glass. I often tell people (and there’s no one to prove me wrong) that the Levi Shinn House was most likely built without any windows. In our Indian territory at the time, it would not have been safe to build a dwelling with large openings that were easy access to create a dangerous situation. I do feel certain that there would have been small narrow sections cutout to allow for both ventilation and to act as lookout points. Generally speaking, an advantage to a log home was its greater resistance to hostile attacks than other types of wall construction. Log construction was also used in many forts for this reason. In fact, the Shinns had a fort, simply known to time as Shinn’s Fort. Its location has been lost to time, but it is recorded that it was approximately three miles away from the Levi Shinn House. The Shinn Family settlement extended beyond the current boundaries of the city, into Simpson’s Creek and Ten-Mile Creek, so the fort location was probably equidistant to the entire family.

Many early dwelling houses had doors built

facing south, which allowed the sun to shine into the cabin during the day. The door at the Shinn house faces west, which also ensures the same concept.

The chimney of the house is central, meaning that it is located entirely inside the house, which takes up a lot of room, but also maximizes heat retention.

It was always assumed that the house was left to the oldest son, Clement, but there’s no documented proof of that. In fact, Levi died without a will. An appraisement was done of his estate shortly after his 1807 death. Elizabeth was the Administratrix and her son, Solomon, was co-Administrator. Clement wasn’t mentioned. Levi died as a large landholder, but was virtually penniless. Elizabeth Shinn, Levi’s wife, died just 6 years after Levi, also without a will. As the oldest son, Clement most likely claimed possession of the house and then it was sold in 1840 after his death to a man named David Morris. The Morris heirs owned the home for over a century. During the early part of the 1900’s, the house was used as a barn-type structure in which hay was stored within its walls. However, by 1913, it was evidently being lived in again because it was during that year in which a kitchen was built on the rear of the house. Several different families lived in the house during the first half of the twentieth century. In 1959, the house and its surrounding land were sold to Richardson Lumber and Construction Company. The surrounding land was transformed into a housing development known as Villa Terrace, while the Levi Shinn House was being lived in by its last occupant, Elizabeth “Becky” (Richardson) Reger and her three children.

In 1972, a few local residents got together and formed an organization to promote and preserve Shinnston’s history, the Shinnston Historical Association. Six months into its inception, Bob and Shirla (Bice) Richardson, then owners of Richardson Lumber Company, deeded the log house to the historical association. After much work in restoring the home to “as thought” original condition as possible, SHA has used the Levi Shinn House as its headquarters and museum since that time. During the mid to late 1990’s, then SHA President Shirla Richardson, asked local resident Paul Bartlett to construct a portico over the front entrance to the log house. Older images of the home show that it had one at some point. This portico provides a dry spot and weather protection at the front door.

Over time, members have worked to preserve this local gem by both working within its walls to help preserve its history as well as being present to provide tours to interested persons. In recent years, volunteers have dwindled down. In fact, the word ‘volunteer’ is becoming a scarce term to use and/or hear. Regardless, there should not be anyone locally who ever claims that they never had an opportunity to tour the structure. Over the last 45 years, the home has been open for tours--both scheduled and unscheduled---hundreds of times! In addition, local resident Kathleen Panek, owner and operator of Shinnston’s Gillum House Bed and Breakfast, has worked tirelessly to assure out of town visitors are granted access to this 248 year old structure. Over the last twenty-five years during this twenty-first century of time in which we now live, the old log house has been a location for multiple city council meetings, a few church services, and over twenty weddings.

And that is this month’s story behind the photo!

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Spot the early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease

Alzheimer’s disease is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and, eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks.

What are the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s?



Memory problems are often one of the first signs of Alzheimer’s. Symptoms vary from person to person, and may include problems with

- ⊕ Word-finding or having more trouble coming up with words than other people the same age.
- ⊕ Vision and spatial issues, like awareness of the space around them.
- ⊕ Impaired reasoning or judgment, which can impact decisions.



What is Alzheimer’s disease?

Alzheimer’s disease is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and, eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. People with Alzheimer’s also experience changes in behavior and personality.



How is the disease diagnosed and treated?

Doctors may ask questions about health, conduct cognitive tests, and carry out standard medical tests to determine whether to diagnose a person with Alzheimer’s disease. There is currently no cure for Alzheimer’s, though there are several medicines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that can help manage some symptoms of the disease along with coping strategies to manage behavioral symptoms. There are also medications emerging to treat the progression of the disease by targeting its underlying causes.



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“Smoot”

whose culture, history, society, and people have for too long worn the stigma of slavery that ended over 160 years ago and from the short-lived Confederate States of America. The South also bears the perception of the full onus of Jim Crow and Ku Klux Klan terrorism, despite that Rising Sun, Maryland was long known as a center for KKK activity and that Boston fought school integration with violence while semi-Southern West Virginia did not battle integration at all.

Southerners are also wrongly vilified for continuing to honor the men who marched to war under their battle flag to protect not slavery, but their homes, farms, families, and communities. History remembers, if the media forgets, that most rich slaveowners bought their way out of serving their country when the draft called on them to serve.

. The American media has almost seemed to see it as a sense of duty for them to remind all in the United States and the world of Southern misdeeds while glossing over what makes the area truly

wonderful as the culture of cretins and Philistines. Indeed the New York Times predictably sought to pour cold water into the South’s sparkling champagne by pooh-poohing the gushing of love for the region.

In the past several years, the South has been relieved of the sanctions rightfully placed against it during the Civil Rights Era, but that had remained in place far too long as the South’s views on race came into line with the rest of the nation.

The South has earned a place in the sun during the World Cup.

Second, this represents a key opportunity for the West Virginia Department of Tourism.

Almost everything that European tourists raved about in the South, the Mountain State offers and more. Those who enjoyed the sublime beauty of southern Alabama would be overwhelmed by the encompassing ridges of the North Fork Valley in Pendleton and Grant counties and the Trough in Hardy and Hampshire.

Nowhere in Europe can one see truly “dark skies,” but Calhoun County Park, Spruce Knob, Dolly Sods, Watoga State Forest, and many other areas offer great viewing for amateur astronomers, photographers, and enthusiasts.

Those who prefer to explore small cities and towns will find a true variety of offerings. From Shinnston’s Community Band, weekly parties, and regular arts events to Franklin’s Warner Drive In Theater and Arts Center to every single fair and festival held in the state, Europeans will find vibrant and dynamic experiences they could enjoy almost nowhere else.

And from mom and pop diners that every town takes pride in to wonderful finds like the Hutte in Helvetia, the Mountain State is a food lovers’ dream.

West Virginia Tourism has built a foundation that has made the tourist economy grow here when it has stagnated in most other places. Now a whole new potential market has opened to bring even more fun seekers.

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“Citizens”

Epicurus. That classical Greek mind focused on individual happiness as a vital aim of life. One achieves happiness through avoidance of mental disturbance and physical pain, mostly by staying away from stressors in either field. Epicurean philosophy, when properly applied, leads to Stoicism instead of hedonism since excesses in anything can certainly lead to mental stress and physical pain.

Therein lies the source of “pursuit of happiness,” which was drawn from George Mason’s first section of The Virginia Declaration of Rights. Mason wrote that no government can “deprive or divest their posterity . . . the enjoyment of life or liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing happiness and safety.” Jefferson simplified it into pursuit of happiness, philosophically seeing those aims as the same.

Although Jefferson expressed his hatred of Plato and called some of his works libels on Socrates, he also seemed unconsciously drawn to the idea of refashioning the material world to meet the ideas of the mind. One sees this most dramatically in the American landscape created by the Northwest Ordinance, one of Jefferson’s finest and least appreciated achievements.

In the process of writing the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson saw something more than a political “Dear John” letter. He saw a means to convey a philosophy justifying why the colonies should, and could, break from their rightful sovereign, the monarch of Great Britain.

The Declaration of Independence transformed into a clarion call to humanity for governments to respect the rights of free people and peoples. Every Declaration listed grievances against the Crown. Jefferson’s

underscored why those grievances represented violations of natural rights.

Every Founding Father, and most Americans today, understand that the rights of each individual come from God (or Nature, if one prefers.) Government’s role lies in respecting and protecting natural rights, not in violating or even establishing them. This ideal is foreign to most cultures and an occasional barrier to those seeking to understand the United States and her people.\

Jefferson presented his work proudly to the Committee of Five. Since all on the committee save Jefferson had roles on every important one, little time existed to review the document, so the experienced pens of the journalist Franklin and the lawyer Adams started carving up the work, especially that of Adams.

Like some advanced graduate students at the same age proudly presenting a thesis or dissertation, Jefferson was emotionally wounded by the sheer number of edits put to the document.

Franklin sought to cool Jefferson’s temper. The diplomat and most respected colonial figure in Britain in better days came to the realization that independence was necessary before most. While serving as Postmaster for the colonies, he opened personal letters from the Royal Governor of Massachusetts that revealed the chief executive’s intense frustrations in office and his growing hatred of the American people.

He published the letters under a pseudonym, as illegal then as now. His goal lay in showing British and American antagonists that they should fault the colonial governors as hateful and incompetent and work together instead. Authorities in London called Franklin to a public hearing that started as an inquiry

into his conduct and ended with a long stream of insults directed at the figure before them, but also America in general. Friends helped him escape arrest by putting him on a ship bound for Philadelphia where he quietly stewed against Britain. Later in 1783, Adams seized control of negotiations to end the War of Independence because Franklin saw no issue with placing the new United States under French tutelage.

The grand man of the Continental Congress put his skills at diplomacy to work, quietly whispering to the disconsolate Jefferson, making him smile with jokes about Adams shortness and corpulence. Many of the edits adjusted style and details, but did not touch the depth of the philosophical arguments.

Yet Jefferson left the Continental Congress and put himself in the service of the Commonwealth of Virginia, rejecting all calls to return, even pleas from George Washington.

The Declaration itself has served as inspiration to peoples around the globe and has been enshrined into United States Constitutional case law via a number of United States Supreme Court decisions.

Franklin would join Washington

as the two great paternal figures who quietly guided the shaping of the Constitution. Both Jefferson and Adams at this point served abroad as diplomats and had no direct influence on the proceedings. Going forward through the decades, the men had a literal love-hate relationship.

The heated politics of the 1790s pulled the men into hostile interparty feuding. Later in life, however, the two men bonded over their revolutionary past and also in the ways that old men like to complain about “kids these days.” Their letters serve as some of the best statements on law, government, and philosophy ever composed, with neither intending the world to keep reading them centuries later.

Exactly 200 years before the United States celebrates 250 years of independence, John Adams died quietly at his Massachusetts home. With one of his last breaths, he whispered “Thomas Jefferson still survives.”

But he was wrong. The third president passed in Virginia not long before the second, both of them moving on to heaven, already becoming legends in their own lives and examples for centuries to come.

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Stonewood CEOS Detail Work to Help the Community in May Meeting

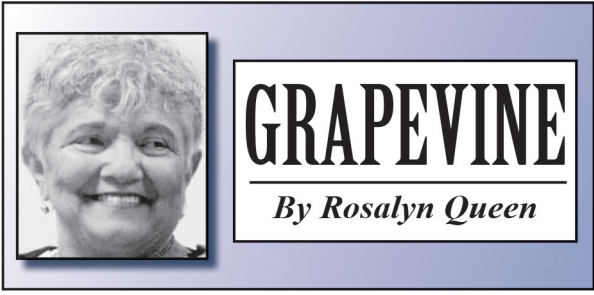
By Estella Farnsworth

May 26 2026 The Stonewood CEOS met at the Congregational Missionary Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting called to order by president Ladonna Tucker; other members present were Estella Farnsworth, Willa Jean Green, April Stout, Terri Jo Boyer, Barbara Graham, Eva Summers, and Lesita Snider.

A candle was lit in memory of our deceased members, Devotions read by Ladonna entitled Love is a 2 letter word by Joanne James. The American and WV flags salutes were recited .Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Treasurers report given by Estella in the absence of treasurer Pam Cowdrey; report filed. We received a thank you card from the Mustard Seed that was shared by the secretary. Ladonna taught the lesson on How to make culinary extracts at home; her niece did a video chat with the club showing a step by step demonstration of how to make Vanilla extract. A big thank you to her for the video.

Committee reports : Eva reminded members to read and give book reports and of the deadlines for submitting short stories, photos and poems, she also encouraged members to participate in Show and Tell. Family committee report; (nurse) April Stout will be checking blood pressures at our meetings for any members that wish to have them done’ also, we will be collecting totes and suit cases for Genesis home so that kids will have something to put their belongings in when they go home. Membership and marketing; We will make and donate a Steeler throw to the Stonewood Fire Department to be raffled off at

A Great Fellowship Opportunity for Italian-Americans



Yesterday after returning from a mini vacation, I decided to review my emails, and I ran across this mail release from the National Italian American Foundation.

“The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) Congressional Fellowship Program places outstanding Italian American college students and recent graduates in offices of members and associates of the Italian American Congressional Delegation (IACD) to educate and support the next generation of Italian American leadership.

“Upon acceptance to the program by NIAF and a successful interview with a Congressional office, NIAF will award fellows with a stipend of \$1,500 during the course of their

fellowship. Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in exclusive NIAF Government Affairs Program events. While interning on Capitol Hill, the sponsoring Congressional offices help our fellows to network and make valuable professional connections both in Congress and in the greater DC public affairs community.”

NIAF is located in Washington D.C. and promotes Italian culture, and history all over the world. When I was Director of the Italian Festival I never missed attending their Gala which was held in October. It gave me the opportunity to make many contacts which was very helpful for me with the festival. I served on the scholarship committee with Mathilda Coumo who was chairman. I also presented a workshop on Raising Money In Rural Communities.

I encourage any individual who qualifies to pursue this opportunity.

Passing The Parenting Test



Are you considering becoming a parent? If so, there are a few things you need to consider. You need to determine whether you are truly prepared for this experience. So read on and see if you can pass these tests that nearly every parent will encounter in the first few years.

The MESS TEST: Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Now rub your hands in the wet flowerbed and rub that on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. And, by all means, also hide a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer. When it begins to produce an odor, just follow the scent and you’ll find it.

The TOY TEST: Obtain a 55-gallon box of Legos. If Legos are not available, you may substitute roofing tacks and broken bottles. Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold and try to walk to the bathroom. DO NOT scream as this could wake the child at night.

The GROCERY STORE TEST: Borrow one or two small animals (goats would be a good choice!) and take them with you when you shop at the grocery store. Always keep them in sight and be prepared to pay for anything they eat or damage.

The DRESSING TEST: Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Try to stuff it into a

small net bag making sure that all arms are inside.

The FEEDING TEST: Find a large plastic milk jug. Fill it halfway with water. Now suspend it from the ceiling with a stout cord. Start the jug swinging, and try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal into the mouth of the jug while pretending to be an airplane.

The NIGHT TEST: Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8 to 12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 8 p.m. begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9 p.m. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10 p.m., when you will get up, pick up your bag again and sing every song you know. Make up about a dozen more songs in case you need them and sing these too until 4 a.m. Reset your alarm for 5 a.m. when you will get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for the next few years ... and remember to look cheerful!

There are also PHYSICAL TESTS to pass, For women, purchase a large beanbag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months when you can remove about about 10% of the beans. For men, go to the nearest drug store and set your wallet on the counter. Ask the clerk to help himself. Now proceed to the nearest food store, go to the head office and arrange for your paycheck to be directly deposited in their account. Purchase a newspaper, go home and read it quietly for the last time!

FINAL ASSIGNMENT: Find a couple who already have a small child. Lecture them on how they should improve their discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training, and child’s table manners. Suggest many ways they can improve and emphasize that they should never allow their children to run riot. Enjoy this

experience because it will be the last time you will have all the answers!

Parenting is not easy and it does require patience, but I doubt that there are any parents out there who would trade the fingerprints, stains, sleepless nights, spills, household disarray, grocery and medical bills for the chance to sing and dance all night with a baby snuggled in their arms. It may not be funny at the time, but time quickly passes and looking back, it gains humor.

Before you know it, your babies become adults; they leave the nest and have a family of their own, and they too will have to pass these tests AND perhaps develop an appreciation for what you went through.

Hey, if you’re a parent, you’ve been through this, but there are perks as they become adults. Here is an example: I don’t know how long my son spends choosing a Mother’s Day card, but I KNOW he doesn’t just grab one; he ponders their words. They always touch me and I’ve saved every one of them. This year’s card, however, I will NEVER forget. It said, “Mom, you taught me to walk and I learned to fly; you taught me to dream and I learned to try; you taught me to share and I learned to give; you taught me love, and that’s how I live. So much of the person I am comes from you – the amazing woman who raised me.” Then in his own handwriting, he wrote “I’m grateful to have had you as my mother; you made me the person I am today. I love you with all of my heart!” I needed that 55-gallon Lego box to catch all the tears I shed! Was living through all those tests worth it? You better believe it!

Quote of the week: “Parenthood is desperately seeking a break, but not wanting to miss a single moment.” ~ Author Unknown

Treasurer Pack Announces 20th Consecutive Year That S&P Reaffirms Highest Rating for West Virginia Money Market Funds

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Larry Pack, who serves as Chairman of the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (WVBTI), today announced that the S&P Global Ratings has given West Virginia’s Money Market and Government Money Market pools their highest possible rating for the 20th consecutive year.

S&P Global Ratings informed the WVBTI it was reaffirming its “AAAm” rating on the West Virginia Money Market and Government Money Market pools. The AAAM rating is given to funds that demonstrate extremely strong capacity to

maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk.

“We say it all the time, but West Virginia is truly in the best financial shape we have ever seen it. Our obligations are funded, record surpluses funnel in every month, and the state’s investments continue to see exceptional returns,” Treasurer Pack said. “We’re proud our state’s Board of Treasury Investments has received this award multiple years in a row, reflecting the commitment to deliver a thorough and understandable financial document to our West Virginia citizens.”

In addition, the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the BTI for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) as of June 30, 2025.

The West Virginia Money Market Pool is the state’s largest money market portfolio created to invest the majority of the state and local government operating funds. It contains roughly \$8.2 billion in assets under management.

The West Virginia Government Money Market Pool is the lesser of the two funds, containing approximately \$572 million. It was created to invest its monies in U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. Government Agency obligations.

Both portfolios are designed with the objective of providing participants with sufficient liquidity for cash operations while providing investment returns that are above inflation.

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“Tailor”

Salvation Army, and a number of other organizations to help enhance their capabilities to provide direct support. That includes, but is not limited to, donations for coats and clothing for the Warm the Children drive, toys for Saint Nick’s Toy Box to make sure children have presents at Christmas, and more.

Tina Persinger director of the Calhoun Family Support Center, explains that “our main focus is preventing child abuse and neglect. “We have per capita a high substance abuse rate and high child abuse and neglect for our population.” In a recent year of data collection, Calhoun County suffered 92 such cases with Gilmer having only 10 in the same period.

She went on to add that they work hard to prevent Child Protective Services cases while also trying to help those who have had cases opened on them. While many children have seen some form of abuse, other cases focus on “neglect beyond poverty,” with homes cluttered to unsafe levels and extremely unhygienic conditions.

Calhoun’s FSC currently works with 175 families, “and they all have a different story” she notes. Persinger also described situations where the FSC helped to move families past the conditions that led to CPS involvement. In most cases of removal, most families working with the FSC were reunited.

Assistance to those in drug recovery has served as a focus for Calhoun’s FSC with recovery a fundamental step toward resiliency. Persinger also shared that many children in Calhoun County are partially or fully raised by grandparents. In some cases, this creates dysfunction if the grandparents themselves did not have positive parenting skills. As Persinger stated “generational trauma is generational abuse” and their team works to break those cycles.

In other cases, grandparents come into raising grandchildren with good intentions, but lack knowledge and skills to engage a 21st century child, especially a teenager.

“Sometimes it is as simple as getting your child to sleep,” she stated, sharing that grandparents may not know recent research-based techniques of getting small children to sleep quickly and restfully. One grandparent was a registered nurse and “very educated” but needed to

learn how to monitor social media and even hold a conversation based on mutual exchange rather than one-way direction.

Food is fundamental. Many of today’s parents did not grow up learning how to cook in traditional ways that maximize nutrition while minimizing cost. Different FSCs approach this in different ways.

In Hardy County, the FSC based in Moorefield runs not only cooking, but also canning classes to help to preserve fresh foods, even meats. Last weekend, the center gave from flats of eggs donated to the center.

Calhoun’s FSC has “Foodie 101” classes. Adam Hamrick teaches families how to make restaurant or fair and festival quality foods that both parents and kids love, but for much less money than at a restaurant or booth and healthier than ultra-processed options from the store. Pendleton County’s West Virginia University Extension Agent Brooke Alt has also taught basic cooking skills at the FSC there.

Like all FSCs socialization for both children and families is a key priority. Parents or guardians and children get to enjoy respite from lives filled with stress over money and other issues. Households that may be normally closed off from social contact get to make connections with models of well-functioning families. Children construct healthy peer-to-peer relationships.

Adults can get training in basics of both parenting and adult life that may not have been passed on to them when they grew up. Financial planning, budgeting, conflict resolution, and basic skills are commonly taught at these centers.

FSCs also have pantries that can provide direct help to immediate needs, such as with diapers, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and other items excluding perishable foods.

For many families, being open and available is the best possible service. FSCs remain open during business hours on business days to receive families or family members at any time. Some come for respite, some come so their children can play with other kids, others come to vent about their frustrations or ask advice. Having a place for good advice and “steam release” can prevent the kinds of frustrations that can lead to serious problems if unaddressed.

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Olive Garden Fried Lasagna

INGREDIENTS

For the Lasagna:

- 10 lasagna noodles
- 1 (15-ounce) tub whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 cup Asiago cheese, shredded
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 1-2 fresh basil, finely chopped
- 2 large eggs

For the Breading:

- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 2 cups panko bread crumbs

For Frying and Serving

- vegetable oil (for frying)
- 1 jar Alfredo sauce
- 1 jar marinara sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

- Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the lasagna noodles according to package directions. Drain and rinse under cold water to stop the cooking process.
- Pat dry with paper towels, then trim the ribboned edges of each noodle for a cleaner fold.
- In a mixing bowl, combine the ricotta, Parmesan, Asiago, black pepper, Italian seasoning, and fresh basil. Add the eggs and stir until the mixture is smooth and well incorporated.
- Lay each lasagna noodle flat. Evenly spread a generous layer of the cheese mixture over the entire surface. Fold the noodles into 2-inch sections, creating small layered bundles.
- Arrange the prepared lasagna bundles



on a baking sheet. Freeze for at least 1 hour or until firm.

- In a shallow bowl, whisk together the egg and milk. In a separate bowl, spread out the panko bread crumbs.
- Dip each frozen lasagna bundle into the egg mixture, ensuring all sides are coated. Then, press the bundle into the bread crumb mixture. Cover it completely for a crispy coating. Repeat with all bundles.
- Add 2-3 inches of vegetable oil to a deep skillet or saucepan. Heat over medium-high heat until it reaches 350 degrees Fahrenheit (175 Celsius).
- Carefully place the breaded lasagna bundles into the hot oil. Fry in batches to avoid over-crowding for 2–3 minutes per side. Or until golden brown and crispy. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels to drain excess oil.
- Use the microwave or stovetop to warm both the Alfredo and marinara sauces. (Heat separately.)
- Spread a layer of Alfredo sauce on the bottom of each serving plate. Arrange the fried lasagna bundles on top.
- Then, drizzle with marinara sauce for a vibrant finish.
- Serve immediately while warm, and enjoy!

to support this recognition of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

The following organizations have endorsed Congressman Riley M. Moore’s resolution: CatholicVote, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

“This resolution comes at a pivotal moment. As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary of independence, the United States Catholic Bishops has consecrated our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we at CatholicVote joined His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke on Friday to do the same—a profound act of faith that reminds us of the spiritual foundations upon which America was built. This House resolution beautifully echoes that consecration, affirming that our liberties and moral order draw strength from higher truths: love, mercy, humility, and justice. The devotion to the Sacred Heart has uplifted millions across centuries, calling believers to personal conversion, compassion for the vulnerable, and reparation for wrongs. By officially recognizing this solemnity, Congress sends a powerful message: that faith, prayer, and moral renewal remain vital to the health of our republic. In a time of division and uncertainty, reclaiming space for reflection on Christ’s boundless love is not only fitting but necessary.

I commend Representative Riley Moore for introducing this resolution, said CatholicVote.”

“On behalf of Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, chairman of USCCB’s Committee for Religious Liberty, we are grateful to Rep. Moore for the Resolution ‘Recognizing June 12, 2026, as the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and honoring the Sacred Heart as the living sign of Christ’s divine love, mercy, humility, and reparation for sin, said the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).”

The resolution specifically:

- Recognizes June 12, 2026, as the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Honors the Sacred Heart as the sign of Christ’s infinite love, mercy, humility, and redemptive sacrifice.
- Commends the U.S. bishops for consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart.
- Affirms the importance of prayer, repentance, reparation, Eucharistic devotion, and the sanctification of priests.
- Encourages families, churches, and communities to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart during the month of June.
- Calls upon all people of good will to seek the mercy of Christ, practice humility, and conform their hearts to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Congressman Riley M. Moore Introduces Resolution Recognizing the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Riley M. Moore today introduced a resolution recognizing June 12, 2026, as the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and honoring the Sacred Heart as the living sign of Christ’s divine love, mercy, humility, and redemptive sacrifice.

The resolution comes as Catholics throughout the United States celebrate the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and follows the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart during America’s 250th year.

The resolution recognizes the centuries-old devotion to the Sacred Heart within the Catholic Church, its historic presence in American religious life, and its enduring call to prayer, repentance, Eucharistic devotion, and humility. It also commends the bishops of the United States for consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart and encourages families, churches, and communities to renew this devotion throughout the month of June.

Congressman Riley M. Moore released the following statement:

“The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God’s infinite

love and mercy for humanity. His words—‘learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart’—are as urgent today as ever. As our nation marks 250 years of independence, I commend the bishops of the United States for consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray that Americans will renew their devotion to Christ, seek His mercy, and conform their hearts to His.”

Joining Congressman Riley M. Moore on this resolution are the following members of Congress: Representatives Mark Messmer (IN-08)

“The Sacred Heart of Jesus serves as a powerful reminder of Christ’s boundless love, mercy, and sacrifice for humanity,” said Rep. Mark Messmer (IN-08). “As the American people prepare to celebrate 250 years of our nation’s history, this resolution recognizes the enduring role faith has played in shaping our history and encourages us to live with greater compassion, courage, and devotion to others. As a Catholic myself, and as the representative of a district that is home to thousands of Catholics in southern Indiana, I am honored

