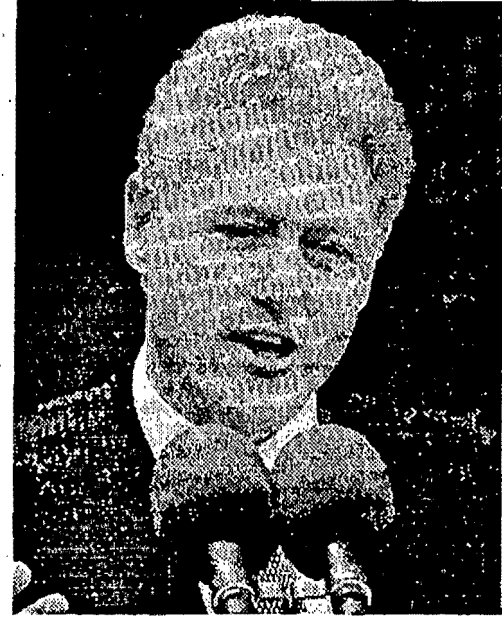


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Clinton to state priority

Area high-technology efforts attract visit

BY EVELYN RYAN

The Dominion Post

CLARKSBURG — In the midst of prepping for the prom, finessing finals and gearing for graduation, students at Robert C. Byrd High School have to deal with another major event — a visit from the president of the United States.

President Clinton will be at Robert C. Byrd High on Thursday for a town hall-style discussion of his ambitious plan to toughen education standards, modernize school buildings and wire every classroom to the Internet.

A select audience of at least 100 parents, students, teachers and education leaders will question the president about his plan during the early afternoon meeting.

A stage will be set up at Benedum Airport so the president can speak to the public before flying back to Washington.

Clinton has made the 10-point Call to Action for Education his highest priority. White House spokeswoman Julie Green said.

"He is going to Robert C. Byrd High School because it is so progressive, with state-of-the-art facilities," she said. "He wants to highlight it as a model of what can be done."

Robert C. Byrd High School, at 1 Eagle Way (named for the school mascot), is a \$24 million high-tech facility for about 1,000 students from Clarksburg-Nutter Fort.

What makes Robert C. Byrd High School different? "I think it's our technology," Assistant Principal Geary Rollins said.

Each classroom has at least one computer, while seven computer labs hold another 125 computers. The school has a virtual reality lab and an automated phone system, and everyone has voice mail. All of this advanced technology sets up another plus for the visit — it will be "broadcast" via the

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World Wide Web

Harrison County School Superintendent Robert Kittle said Bell Atlantic technicians are installing the wiring to make this connection possible.

West Virginia Public Broadcasting will air the forum live, and provide feeds for news broadcasts.

Welcome to high school

Sitting on about 20 acres in a bowl on the edge of Clarksburg, the Robert C. Byrd campus includes a major sports complex, a gym seating 2,500 and designed for multiple uses, and a state-of-the-art theater seating 675.

A community environmental learning center is going in, Rollins said, complete with a pond with wetlands and mini-amphitheater.

"When we built the school, we envisioned it as a place the community could use," Rollins said. "It's like a civic center — something's always going on."

Since it opened in January 1996, Robert C. Byrd High has averaged an outside group or activities in the build-

ing almost every other day, he said. Graduation is set for Friday, May 30.

As for visitors, "we have had the governor, we've have had the senator; where else can you go after Senator Byrd?" Rollins joked. "It has to be the president. The last time Senator Byrd was here, we told him next time he came back to bring the president."

Rollins, who attended both of Clinton's inaugurations, hopes to meet the president during his visit.

Kittle isn't sure how West Virginia and Robert C. Byrd High came to be chosen for the honor of hosting the educational town meeting. He just knows that a normally busy time has become filled with even more meetings, tours and consultations.

"We've had people in every day, it's increased every day," he said. "They're very thorough. Every I's dotted, every T's crossed, every L's looped."

Kittle said they're working on getting the other 11 counties in RESA 7 to send students to the forum.

Airport speech, too

If you're not invited to the school forum, you still have a chance to see the president. Tickets are being print-

ed for a speech he will make at Benedum Airport before flying back to Washington on Air Force One. These will be available later this week.

All of those stages the Clarksburg's Public Works Department has assembled for Italian Heritage Festivals made it the top nominee to handle the airport speech.

Clarksburg City Manager Percy Ashcraft described that as the city's biggest undertaking "because we have just a few days to plan it." He's confident it will be done in time.

"We obviously want to have our city well-groomed for the visit," Ashcraft said. "It's been difficult, as you can imagine, with the cold, wet weather. We're hoping the first of the week will be kind to us."

State tops in education

State School Superintendent Henry Marockie said the president's visit, combined with the state's rating in Education Week's "Quality Counts" report on education, is a "testimony to the quality of what's going on in public education in the state."

The president's proposed national tests — reading for fourth-graders,

math for eighth-graders — fit the state's plan, he said.

"The fact those new tests are being developed will tie to the West Virginia instructional goals and objectives in various areas," he said. "In this case, reading and math. So the whole idea fits beautifully into the reform movement under way here to increase core requirements and the academic rigor of the program."

U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., speaks strongly of how education affected his life. He's delighted the school bearing his name will play host to a White House event intended to draw attention to education issues.

"I hope, as well, that through this town hall meeting, West Virginia will gain some well-deserved positive recognition nationally for the impressive strides made in recent years to improve our state's economy and its educational system," Byrd said.

Kittle sees another reason behind the president's visit — the economy.

"Think of how that recovery is happening," he said. "It's changing all of our lines of work. At one time we had to depend on natural resources; now we depend upon knowledge."

NASA experts lend hand in putting town hall on-line

by Bill Byrd
STAFF WRITER

Computer experts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are working this weekend to put President Clinton's town hall meeting Thursday in Clarksburg on the World Wide Web.

Internet users around the world will be able to see and hear the president and a carefully-selected audience of state residents discuss American schools in real time.

The new Robert C. Byrd High School web page being designed at NASA's 'Classroom of the Future' at Wheeling Jesuit College will also permit computer users to submit questions for the president.

The school, like nearly all schools in the state, has a web page. But it lacks the necessary computer power to generate a live video of the event.

Meanwhile, Harrison School Superintendent Robert E. Kittle said yesterday a number of decisions will be made Monday following hours of nearly non-stop planning by his staff and a White House advance team.

RCB's 975 students will have classes Thursday, he said. And they and their 65 teachers, as well as anyone else in the school that day including the audience for the education forum, will also have to pass through metal detectors.

But there will be some school schedule changes to accommodate county students and teachers because of the presidential visit, the superintendent said. Those changes will be announced Monday.

But the schedule for the high school forum - which will also be telecast live in-state by public television - and a presi-

dential stump speech at Benedum Airport before Clinton returns to the capital won't be known until late Tuesday or Wednesday, he said yesterday.

About 10 more guests have been added for the town hall event in the high school's 2,500-seat gym.

That increases the size of the audience invited by Kittle, U.S. Sens. Robert C. Byrd and Jay Rockefeller, Gov. Cecil Underwood and the state Democratic Party to 160.

THE CLINTON VISIT

"We're going to start notifying people Sunday night," Kittle said.

Planners have also identified one of the two sites for the distribution of free tickets to the public for the airport departure speech and ceremony.

The new Heritage Bank of Harrison County at 140 West Main Street in Clarksburg will be one ticket outlet. Residents will have to show a photo ID when picking up their tickets and go through a portable metal detector at the airport before being allowed into a secure area to see Clinton's farewell remarks.

The time and date of the airport event ticket distribution will be announced by Tuesday, planners say. The other ticket outlet, planned for a location in Bridgeport, is still undecided.

To solve the parking shortage for a huge crowd at the airport, county school buses will run a free park-and-ride service from Meadowbrook Mall to the airport.

About 10,000 tickets for the airport event will be printed early this week by Clarksburg

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NASA

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Publishing Co., the parent firm of the *Clarksburg Telegram and Exponent*.

Bell-Atlantic West Virginia crews began installing additional telephone lines and a beefed-up communication system for the computer video link as early as last Friday, a top telephone company official said yesterday.

"There's a consortium of talent from around the state working together to make this event come off," said Don Molter, Bell-Atlantic's area manager.

"We're just happy to be able to do our part. Our guys have been working 24 hours straight to run the extra fiber-optic lines for the additional phones," which will be used by the presidential party and the press.

The phone company is also installing a Litespan 2000 communication switching system for the event.

The Litespan system will be removed after the event but the additional telephone lines will remain, Molter said.

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COUNTY MEETING PARTICIPANT LIST

PARENTS	STUDENTS <i>not p. 6</i>	EDUCATORS/ADMINISTRATORS	OBSERVERS
1. State PTA President	1. Kriss Cecil-Crihfield (Hundred) <i>HS</i>	1. Dr. Henry Marockie	1. Mayor Tom Flynn <i>pol</i>
2. Harrison County PTA President	2. Eric Clausell (Morgantown High) <i>HS</i>	2. David Hardesty	2. Garrett Snyder <i>pol</i>
3. Monongalia Co. PTA President	3. Deizune Mosby (Morgantown High)	3. Maarjorie Wolfe (Ohio Co.)	3. Wilson Currey <i>pol</i>
4. Upshur County PTA President	4. Keisha Riley (Mount View) <i>HS</i>	4. Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbaugh	4. Bud Pritchard <i>pol</i>
5. Marion County PTA President	5. Derek Courtney (Fairmont Sr.) <i>HS</i>	5. Dr. Ron Ohi	5. Doug Gray <i>pol</i>
6. Lewis County PTA President	6. Anne Lee (Geo. Wash. High) <i>HS</i>	6. Nat PE Teacher of Year <i>?</i>	6. Lloyd Jackson <i>pol</i>
7. Doddridge County PTA President	7. Ray Neston (Grafton High) <i>HS</i>	7. Cleo Matthews	7. Mesetesta <i>pol</i>
8. Taylor County PTA President	8. Jubin Ryu (Morgantown High) <i>HS</i>	8. Bruce Carter	8. Bob Kiss <i>pol</i>
9. Connie Bowers	9. Amanda Walker (Brooke) <i>HS</i>	9 Prado (State Teacher)	9.. Earl Ray Tomblin <i>pol</i>
10. Tina Canon	10. Katie Cook (Linsly School) <i>HS</i>	10. Kevin Boggs	10. Bob Ashley <i>pol</i>
11. Rev. Scott Holcombe	11. Jared Navotney (LC) 745-4886 <i>HS</i>	11. Hale (Teacher Group)	11. Jack Buckalew <i>pol</i>
12. Tom Mellotte	12. Christopher Kitzmiller (Norwood) <i>HS EL</i>	12. Brown (Teacher Group)	12. Lou McManus <i>pol</i>
13. Gary White (St. Board)	13. Hannah Galey (Nutter Fort) <i>4-EL</i>	13. Sheila Hamilton (St. Board)	13. Richard Browning <i>pol</i>
14. Ben Hardesty	14. Fernandez (Cecil Highland) <i>4-EL</i>	14. National Nurse of Year <i>?</i>	14. Larry Milov <i>HiTECH Consort</i>
15. Ralph Bean	15. Governor's Honors Academy <i>HS</i>	15. State Science Teacher of Year	15. Dennis Bone <i>CEO</i>
16. Martin Shaffer	16. Governor's Honors Academy <i>HS</i>	16. Technology Teacher of Year	16. Chuck Archer <i>FB</i>
17. Alyson Deem	17. RCB Scholarship Winner <i>HS</i>	17. John Myers (St. Supt. Of Year)	17. Irene Keelley <i>FED JUDGE ?</i>
18. Guil Manchin	18. Katie Folio <i>MS</i>	18. WVEA	18.
19. John Perdue	19. Jessica Keegan (John) <i>MS 6</i>	19. WVEA	19. Steve Lorenze <i>Business</i>
20. Pete Conley	20. Rebecca Snider (John) <i>MS 8</i>	20. WVEA	20. Charles Manning <i>HIGHER ED</i>
21. Ron Frugale	21. Lost Creek Student <i>EL 4</i>	21. WVEA	21. Clifford Trump <i>HIGHER ED</i>
22. Barbara Warner	22. Jeremy Thompson <i>HS 12</i>	22. Renee Wyatt	22. George Carenbauer (Lurry) <i>pol</i>
23. Sam Cann	23. Gov. Honor Academy <i>HS 12</i>	23. Jeannie Zickafoose	23. Jane Armstrong (Larry) <i>SGA</i>
24. Rebecca White	24. Rocky Ciannfrocca <i>HS 11</i>	24. Karen Morgan	24. Rosalyn Queen <i>IT. HER FEST</i>
25. Larry Linch	25. Nick Renzelli <i>EL 4</i>	25. Lexanna Pilewski	25. Linda Aman (Larry) <i>CWA</i>
26. Delores Gribble	26.	26. Georgette Griffith	26. Bob Caplan <i>Chamber</i>
27. Mary Sue Frazier	27.	27. Jim Eschenmann	27. Ron Adams <i>PROS CAG</i>
28. Kathy Faltis	28.	28. Phil Brown	28. Jim Archer <i>Portrup-German</i>
29. Bob Upton	29.	29. Frank Devono	29. James Compton <i>Business</i>
30. Carole Kniceley	30.	30. Doug Robbins	30. Pat Maroney (Larry) <i>Dem</i>
31. Russ Banosso	31.	31. Anita Byrd	31. Steve White (Larry) <i>Dem</i>
32. Lou Ortenzio	32.	32. Alice Rowe	32. David Tyson (John) <i>GOP</i>
33. Kelly Nelson	33.	33. Jerry Toth	33. Joe Powell (Larry) <i>AFLCIO</i>
34. Matthew Kittle	34.	34. Joseph Post	34. David Icc <i>Ed & Arts</i>
35.	35.	35. Sharon Diaz	35. Bernard Gottlieb <i>Bus</i>
36. Sunn Pickens	36.	36. Disabled Teacher	36. James LaRosa, Jr. <i>Bus</i>
37.	37.	37. Marianne Kittle	37. Judge Marks <i>Judge ?</i>
38.	38.	38. Fred Radabaugh	38. Judge Bedell <i>Judge ?</i>
39. Angelo Basile	39.	39. Esther Lauderman (John)	39. Bill Sharp <i>Leg</i>
40. Dr. Joseph Momen	40.	40. Susan Stafford	40 Robert Steptoe

**ROBERT C. BYRD HIGH SCHOOL
CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**

The Harrison County Board of Education envisioned Robert C. Byrd High School as the high school for the twenty-first century in North Central West Virginia.

- A "classroom of the future" is home to a virtual reality laboratory. The school includes a teleconferencing site in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Administration. RCB has a downlink satellite, provided with grant funding, and offers distance learning.
- RCB is the county's center for magnet programs. These include Advanced Placement courses in English Literature, Calculus, Spanish, U.S. History, Studio Art, Art History, and Computer Programming; college credit courses for high school seniors in English, chemistry, history, and political science; and other one-of-a-kind courses such as microbiology with an accompanying externship at the local hospital.
- The Junior Reserved Officers Training Corps "Eagle Battalion" numbers 114 cadets who receive daily instruction in military subjects. The group has received the U.S. Army's Honor Unit with Distinction certificate for achievement in academics, leadership, and community service. Two full-time military instructors conduct the program.
- The Theatre Department is proud of its commitment to the performing arts. An estimated 110 students will participate in theatre classes during the 1997-1998 school year and in the varied experiences of acting, costuming, set design and construction, light and sound design, publicity, and management. The school's entry in the West Virginia Thespian competition was designated an outstanding show and invited to the International Thespian Conference. Several students won top honors. The 675-seat theater boasts a huge stage with an orchestra pit, appropriate sound and lighting, and storage space. Complementing this area are the dressing rooms and scene shop with loading dock. Not only is the theater a tremendous boost to the already successful theater program, but it also offers the entire community an excellent resource.
- The instrumental music program consists of five major ensembles with more than 200 participants: Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Orchestra. Directors foster the kind of music appreciation and understanding that will be effective in the life of a student and encourage sensitive musicianship with breadth, depth, and permanence. Accomplishments range from superior ratings at festivals to performances

School - trust
WV High School Consortium

for local and state civic groups.

- Students in the school's Art Department are consistent winners in shows and competitions, local, state, and national. Many of these students have developed successful careers in different facets of the fine arts.
- Robert C. Byrd High School is very active in the Harrison County School Improvement Council in planning and carrying out activities in conjunction with Senate Bill 300: Jobs Through Education.
 - Job Shadowing: The City of Clarksburg held a shadowing day in all facets of city government. Students participated by shadowing the mayor to working on street maintenance.
 - Work-based Learning: In this pilot effort, students select one career cluster and participate in two work-based experiences in two different majors, along with one block of community service.
 - School-based Enterprise: An in-school retail store will open soon where marketing education students may experience the various components of business.
 - Apprenticeships: RCB currently has two apprenticeships with Bell Atlantic and will offer apprenticeships with Grumman Corporation, Pratt-Whitney Aircraft, and WDTV-TV.
 - Freshman Academy: Interested parents of the incoming freshmen will attend a two-day orientation and then volunteer ten hours of service.
- RCB's Teen Parenting Class responds to the call to keep teen-age parents in school. The class emphasizes balancing the responsibilities of parenthood and school work with various means of support such as weekly counseling sessions, a Speakers Bureau of community business volunteers, and transportation of students and babies to school and day care. The parents and their children attend a special recognition breakfast. The drop-out rate for teen parents in this school in 1992-1993, prior to the parenting program, was 41 percent; by 1996-1997, that has seen an impressive reduction to 10 percent.
- Robert C. Byrd High School is developing a Community Environmental Learning Center at to enhance learning with an outdoor laboratory for creative projects and activities which reinforce the concepts of environmental education. As a magnet program, the Community Environmental Learning Center will be available to all students and teachers in Harrison County. In addition, non-profit groups for youth, senior citizens, the handicapped, and various environmental purposes will have access to this outdoor lab. The

artist-in-residence

school-to-work

Attached on fishing
Handicapped fishing

course will present a curriculum in which students conduct self-directed investigations of environmental issues to make them aware of their responsibilities to the environment and to prepare them for possible study/career opportunities in environmental technology. Specific objectives are to use the environment for in-depth investigation of environmental concerns; to collaborate with environmental and government agencies to enhance resources; and to inform the community about environmental issues.

- Tri-County High School and the Transitional School are alternative education programs in partnership with Robert C. Byrd High School. Both programs work with students at-risk of dropping out of or being expelled from school. These programs assist students in remaining in school, improving achievement levels in classes, decreasing absences, improving self-concept, gaining control of behavior, and transition back to the home school.
- The Clarksburg Police Department has established an office at RCB as part of the city's partnership with the school. This pro-active initiative is developing friendship and mutual respect between officers, students, staff, and community. Staffed by the Juvenile Diversion Officer of the department, this is the first such office in a West Virginia school established for a pro-active rather than a reactive purpose.
- Harrison County Schools utilizes administrative networking with the WVEIS Information System, providing a link with Regional Education Service Agency VII and with the West Virginia Department of Education.
- Clarksburg is a center for Bell Atlantic fiber optics capabilities. Bell Atlantic is a supportive Partner in Education with Robert C. Byrd High School.
- RCB's location in Clarksburg in the center of Harrison County School make it especially attractive as the academic center for Harrison County.

World School
Project

Harrison County Schools is striving to make this facility and its curriculum exemplary examples of what is possible in secondary education today. Many years of hopes and plans culminated in this building made possible by the citizens of Harrison County passing a bond which added to their tax burden but demonstrated their commitment to their children's future.

Robert C. Byrd High School is a consolidation of two high schools in Clarksburg with a current student population of more than 1000, which is expected to increase by 25 to 30 percent within the next ten years. Such growth is anticipated in the size of the building — 189,019 square feet — and in its supporting amenities such as a well-equipped media center.

- RCB has five computer labs for general use in addition to two computer labs for the business department. In addition to school-wide Internet access, all classrooms are computer-equipped.
- RCB also has a television production studio, not yet equipped, which may be developed into a Harrison County Schools channel offering 12 to 24 hours of daily programming through the cable system. Programming could include plays, concerts, and sporting events originating in the county schools.
- Technology Education offers the most up-to-date curricula for construction, transportation, communication, and manufacturing, in addition to architectural and mechanical drawing and computer aided drafting.
- Two greenhouse areas provide the botany class with a laboratory.
- With seats for eighty, the large-group instruction room provides the ideal space for faculty meetings, community meetings, and West Virginia University classes. RCB is the university's off-campus extension center.
- The 1996 football season inaugurated the on-site stadium which seats 7500 and the activities building. The gymnasium seats 2000.

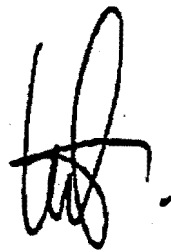
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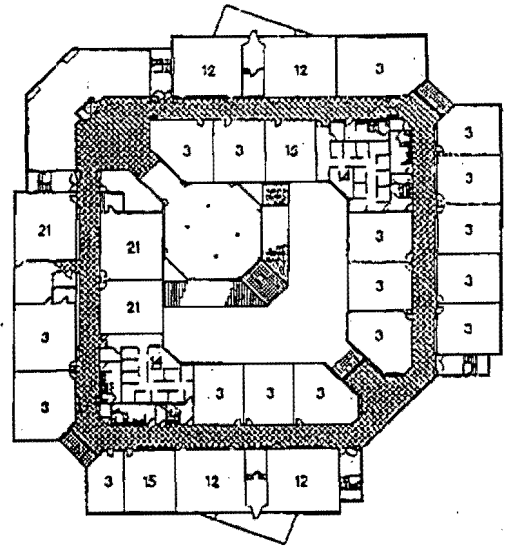
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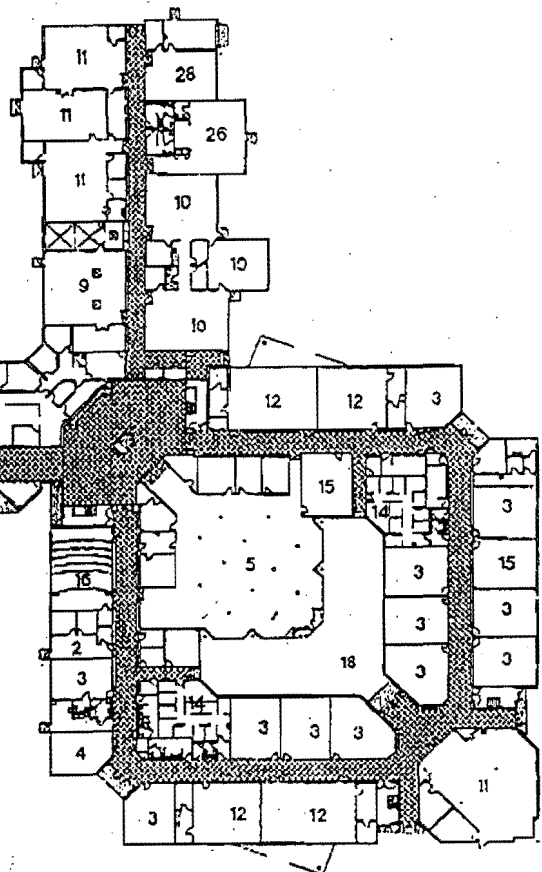
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This architectural floor plan depicts a complex building layout. At the top, a large rectangular structure contains several rooms, including two labeled '20' on the left and a central area with a large '6'. To the right of this structure is a smaller building labeled '13'. Further right is a cluster of rooms, some labeled '25'. Below these, a large, irregularly shaped area is shaded with a dense cross-hatch pattern, representing a central courtyard or a large common area. To the left of this shaded area are several rooms, some labeled '8'. Below the shaded area, a large, irregularly shaped area is labeled '23'. To the right of '23' are rooms labeled '22' and '22/3'. At the bottom, a large room is labeled '27', and to its left is a room labeled '24'. The plan also shows various smaller rooms, corridors, and structural elements like walls and doors.



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ROBERT C. BYRD HIGH SCHOOL

SEE ATTACHED A
Outstanding example of adaptive re-use of abandoned 100-acre strip mine, master planned to support a 21st century state-of-the-art educational and community learning center.

Joint effort through support of local community bond funds, WV Department of Transportation access road funded under the direction of Governor Caperton, local business partners and a future positive-thinking Board of Education led by Superintendent Robert E. Kittle combined strong support lent by Senator Robert C. Byrd allowing this educational learning center to be named in his honor created pride, respect and desire by community and businesses to be a part to see the educational learning center to completion.

Adapted use of normal mine water runoff, captured with a retention lake re-defined this natural area to become environmental wetlands, maintained to support science, biology and agriculture curricula.

Planning for lifetime learning was accomplished through intensive planning process involving students, teachers, parents, administrators, business partners, state agencies, Board of Education and superintendent working with Gaudes and Partners, Architects in creating educational specifications and school design.

Educational specifications stressed the site and school needs for maintaining community history and accommodating a wide variety of activities and programs significant to the area and especially "a place for the community to meet or continue educational opportunities" while providing integrated instructional design curriculum center about technology and global learning experiences.

Since the City of Clarksburg was without civic event and arts facility centers, Robert C. Byrd High School was to include spaces capable and flexible for events and performing arts centered to deliver these services were

- Performing arts auditorium seating 625 with orchestra pit; full stage with fly area, back stage for staging use, drama classroom, dressing rooms and adjacent band and music areas.
- Performing TV studio with control booth, instructional electronic classroom. Studio tied to technology system for filming or performing arts activities, TV broadcast throughout building or other county schools.
- Dining/commons area used for crowd gathering in support of performing arts and gym events.
- Multi-use gym with over _____ sq. ft. capable of hosting any number of events in addition to educational, physical education and school varsity college size basketball court. Bleacher seating is capable of moving to create center stage or arena activities. Special design attention was necessary to control environment and sound for the wide variety of uses.
- School corridor widths were increased, designed with offsets and angular to increase interest allowing adequate space for student movement between classes. This same space now can double to accommodate arts and craft shows, art display, etc.
- Library was centrally located as the heart of the school and technology system for community use. Library is near main entry.

Integrated educational curriculum centered on student learning through team structure organized on a department basis would require improved planning and communications integrating science, math, language arts, social studies, the arts, principals of technology. To accomplish this curriculum, a well designed technology plan capable of flexibility to change to the latest available was necessary.

- Technology infrastructure integrated throughout the school.
- Fiber optic computer backbone T connection to the multi-zone network.
- A plan for the integration of technology in all areas of the curriculum.
- A plan for the delivery of voice, data and video throughout the school.
- A plan for acquisition and replacement of hardware and software.
- A plan which addresses the ongoing training of staff and students.
- A support plan which provides for both technical support and ongoing maintenance.
- The initial design concept included integrating computer technology throughout the school, providing four computers in each classroom, but easily expandable to eight in the future.
- Five centralized computer labs, one each located in the math/science, language arts/social studies, business areas, a centralized lab adjacent to the media center, and a mini-lab within the media center.
- Centralized video distribution system controlled at the media center, and tied into a satellite downlink system and the building's television production studio.
- A built-in control center is located in the front classrooms housing television monitors, voice communication devices, computer and electrical outlets and also providing classroom storage.
- School-wide electronic security system.
- The building's HVAC system, although controlled from individual classrooms, is electronically monitored by a centralized computer accessible from both the on-site maintenance staff as well as the county office.

Joint effort through support of local community bond funds, access road funded by WV Department of Transportation under the direction of Governor Caperton, local business partners and a positive-thinking Board of Education led by Superintendent Robert E. Kittle, combined with the strong support lent by Senator Robert C. Byrd allowing this education learning center to be named in his honor, created pride, respect and desire by the community and businesses to be a part of the project and to see the educational learning center to completion.

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HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

An Overview

- I. MISSION STATEMENT:** The Harrison County School System is committed to providing learning opportunities in an appropriate environment which allow all individuals to grow to their greatest potential.

II. GOALS:

- A. To provide appropriate and effective programs and experiences for Harrison County students.
- B. To encourage continuing and expanding community involvement and support for all educational programs.
- C. To improve and expand the exchange of open and effective communication within the school system and with its public.
- D. To provide, motivate, train, and retain competent and caring staff to achieve the mission.
- E. To provide and utilize school facilities, equipment, and services to best accomplish the mission.
- F. To provide a continuous evaluation of programs, policies, and administrative procedures to assess effectively the Harrison County Annual Improvement Plan for Excellence.
- G. To secure and utilize effectively the available financial resources necessary to accomplish the mission.
- H. To provide positive leadership which inspires maximum effort by staff, students, and community.

III. PROGRAMS

A. Technology

1. In October 1996, the U.S. Department of Education awarded the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation and nineteen partners an Education Technology Challenge Grant. "Your Future in West Virginia . . . Growing Together" is the project title for the \$4.1 million grant, which will be funded over a five year period. Harrison County Schools is one of the partners who is benefiting from this grant which focuses on increasing computer skills of students, teachers, and community members, impacting 55,400 students and 100,000 community members in the nine participating counties. The grant will also fund the creation of Technology Opportunity Centers in each participating county. Bridgeport High School houses the first Harrison County Center. During the school day, teachers and students will use the lab for learning basic computer skills and to develop career decision skills. In the evenings, this lab will provide computer training with a career focus to students, parents, and community members.
2. A \$1 million lease/purchase agreement in 1992 allowed Harrison County Schools

to buy computers for schools. A second lease/purchase in 1994 allotted another \$1 million for computers. By 1999, \$4.8 million will have been spent for technology in our schools.

3. In addition, the school system has received several technology grants. A successful proposal for more than \$25,000 provided a virtual reality laboratory for Robert C. Byrd High School's "Classroom of the Future," where staff development workshops will train teachers to use virtual reality concepts to expand their teaching skills.
4. Another grant totaling \$350,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce will provide alternative educational programming consisting of 2-way interactive instruction to the 12 county school systems in KESA VII. The sites will provide instructional and support services to students requiring placement in an alternative learning environment.
5. Harrison County is one of three sites nationwide working in partnership with Josten's Learning Corporation to develop interactive media and computers to help students improve math, reading, and thinking skills. This program is the first in the nation to include K-12. Robert C. Byrd High School, Washington Irving Middle School, and Nutter Fort Elementary are national demonstration sites in addition to the Governor's Basics Skills programs throughout the county elementary schools.
6. Robert C. Byrd High School has been selected as a video conferencing site by the West Virginia Department of Administration, one of eight such sites in the state equipped for conferences through interactive video using high speed telephone lines.

B. Exemplary Programs

1. A program which looks to the future is one in collaboration with Fairmont State College which offers college-level courses to high school seniors. Some county students are earning 20 hours of college credits, which saves parents between \$4000 and \$6000—the equivalent of a substantial scholarship.
2. Advanced Placement courses are another means by which students may earn college credit while in high school. They may take challenging courses in English Literature, calculus, American history, Spanish, and studio art.
3. The newest initiative in West Virginia schools has been mandated by the Jobs Through Education Act. Harrison County Schools received funding for \$135,000 from the West Virginia Department of Education for the initial effort to implement requirements and an additional \$80,000 to continue the initiative. Jobs Through Education gives primary emphasis to math, reading, writing, and computer skills through eighth grade along with career awareness and career exploration. In grade 8 students will select a career cluster. While they continue strong academic programs, they will also acquire work-based experiences related to their career majors.

4. Tri-County High School and the Transitional School are alternative education programs in partnership with Robert C. Byrd High School. Both programs work with students at-risk of dropping out of or being expelled from school. These programs assist students in remaining in school, improving achievement levels in classes, decreasing absences, improving self-concept, gaining control of behavior, and transition back to the home school.
5. Grade reconfiguration to K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 has promoted the concept of the middle school—that school that acknowledges the special needs and characteristics of preadolescents in grades 6-8. The middle school provides a more nurturing environment to help children make a successful transition from elementary to secondary school. Middle schools emphasize hands-on, applied learning experiences that include communication, critical and creative thinking, and study skills. Students are beginning high school with improved organizational skills and self-discipline.
6. United Technical Center is offering Aviation Maintenance, certified by the FAA. That program now has 41 students enrolled.
7. High Schools That Work
8. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
9. Artist in Residence

C. Supplementary Programs

1. Academic Achievement Program
2. Healthy Schools
3. Harrison County has implemented Reading Recovery, a Chapter I program. Reading Recovery is an early intervention based on research that the longer a child fails, the harder remediation becomes. Using early intervention before failure is established reduces problems later in school. With this special instruction, children learn to untangle their confusions and learn to read and write better. Reading Recovery will eliminate the need for remediation for many students now and in the future.
4. Even Start provides integrated educational services to families of disadvantaged preschoolers. Focusing on the family as a unit, this program assists children in reaching their full potential as learners, helps parents become full partners in the education of their children, and provides literacy training for parents.

D. Comprehensive Drug Prevention Curriculum

1. Hooked on Fishing—Not on Drugs
2. Project DARE
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E. School—Business—Community Partnerships

1. Each Harrison County school has one or more partnerships with a business, industry, or governmental agency that encourages support of education and offers additional opportunities to students.
2. Partnerships often showcase student achievement and strengthen the school system by providing insights on preparing students.

IV. INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

- A. Schools in Harrison County received a number of commendations as a result of last May's accreditation on-site review conducted by the West Virginia Department of Education.
- B. The system has a very high college entrance rate of 76 percent.
- C. Three schools—Norwood Elementary, Lost Creek Elementary, and United Technical Center—are the county's most recent to receive the designation of West Virginia Schools of Excellence. Norwood is also a Blue Ribbon School, selected for its exemplary attainment of local, state, and national goals.
 1. *Very Important Kids in Norwood Grade School (VIKINGS)* meets academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of all students. Teachers, counselor, school health nurse, and the principal meet weekly to discuss student/family concerns and plan programs or interventions within the classroom and community. Support groups are in place to deal with issues of divorce, self-acceptance, and grief. "Circles of Friends" provide peer interaction to improve social skills. Other components involve connecting parents to community resources, Title I projects, and a model inclusion program.
 2. Lost Creek Elementary School has received the designation Outstanding Title I School in the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program. An overview of Lost Creek's Title I program reveals that it touches every student's educational life whether during class time, family activities, or community projects. The two teachers individualize instruction while both day time and evening activities bring parents to the school. Family Connections is an important Title I component. Preschool children

participate in activities which promote social relations, music, language, logic, and math skills while their parents learn about parenting needs, job skills, computers, volunteering, and GED study, if applicable. The Title I Planning Team has developed enrichment opportunities for teachers as well as for students. Regular classroom teachers meet with Title I teachers each month to design strategies to meet students' needs. Evaluation of the program has proved rewarding as test scores have improved along with writing and reading skills.

Lost Creek School Title I Distinguished School Award 1997 and 1996 School of Excellence Award

At Lost Creek School, Title I touches every student's educational life. As a school-wide entity, four Title I teachers network with fellow teachers, staff, community, county and state to nurture and ready all children for educational avenues leading to the twenty-first century. Lost Creek School holds to the belief that small school/community size in no way relegates or limits the power of possibility and student achievement.

Lost Creek Title I's objective is simply *to educate the child from cradle to college*. Its vast success is due to a three-word philosophy: *total parent involvement*. Lost Creek Title I has shifted the mindset of the school as the primary source of learning to one in which *parent and school* form a bond that begins with parents as the child's first and foremost teacher. Through this clear connection, Title I has been parent-empowered, and its unique program offerings led to being named one of 100 national Title I Distinguished Schools last week in Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to two school-wide instructors working with grades kindergarten through six to enhance reading, math, and writing skills, special Title I programs customize learning in diverse ways. Reading Recovery identifies and assists students on a one-to-one basis. Title I funding provided four additional computers this year for the school-wide technology lab. Math manipulatives, an "Action Math" Mobile Computer, book publishing, and daily parent involvement create success initiatives for every student.

Writing is stressed for pupil self-expression and emotional therapy. The "Adopt-a-Pet" component gives children multiple opportunities to learn about humane treatment of animals, animal career possibilities, and essay competitions. Lost Creek fifth-grader Johnna Hudkins, who won the "Kind Kids for Animals Writing Competition," met with Governor Cecil Underwood for Harrison County's "Be Kind to Animals" proclamation signing on May 8.

The Title I Family Connections Program enrolls area parents and their preschoolers, who attend school together. In its eighth year, Family Connections was the first family literacy program of its kind in West Virginia. Parent involvement occurs five days a week and parents have ownership in the program's goals and direction for their children.

While parents glean job skills training, GED instruction, and parenting enhancement, their preschool children learn from the High Scope curriculum model. Each day parents spend an hour working with their children in a component called PACT (*Parent and Child Together* time.) Creative thinking helps children discover new methods of problem solving at an early age. Computers are the integral part of each school day for both parents and children.

All four Title I teachers work to promote the parent as the child's first and foremost teacher. An adjunct program entitled "You're a Part of Us" promotes the school community by mailing T-shirt/tote bag packets and program information to area parents of newborns. This educational "welcome wagon" reminds families of the early, close bond that can exist between home and school. Title I focuses on *early intervention* for children; as well as *early invitations* to parents.

Lost Creek's mayor and the Clarksburg community network with Title I, providing both guest speakers, grant possibilities, and civic involvement opportunities. At Christmas,

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Lost Creek School children filled 82 shoeboxes for the Franklin Graham ministries that were received in impoverished nations like Bosnia, Mexico, Panama, and Croatia. Thank you's from as far away as Panama have arrived at our school and been shared with the student body. Likewise, Family Connections parents filled approximately 20 holiday stockings for the Salvation Army at Christmas. Future charity work planned for 97-98 will include CASA and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. We strongly feel that children care about learning when we all learn to care.

Lost Creek's honors also encompass being named a 1996 state "School of Excellence." A close-knit community brimming with pride, our town was named one of the top five finalists in the "Best Small Town in America" contest. Within a diminutive, nearly century-aged red brick building beats the educational pulse of tomorrow. We educate the whole child and involve everyone in the process.

Student achievement is our proudest accomplishment. Our CTBS test scores are at the top of Harrison County in the state-tested third and sixth grades. Both levels are above the 80 percentile in Total Basic Skills, which is second best among Harrison County Schools. Our computer lab hosts reading, math, writing skills, Compton's Encyclopedia, CTBS enrichment, and language arts, with full Internet access.

Many students are second and third generation students of Lost Creek. Some teachers were former students here as well. Teachers evidence their commitment to the community in Church and civic groups, Sunday School instruction, historical society, city government and the Art Center and Humane Society. Lost Creek's 200 students embody the true essence of active learners. Learning extends well beyond the school day through conservation projects, community involvement, student charity work and community read-alouds, in collaboration with other area schools. Parents plan the read-alouds, and participate as story tellers, play cast members, and editors/publishers of take-home booklets. School-wide variety shows and plays are presented annually to the community, giving children a cultural extension and an aesthetic outlet for their emerging talents.

Our school's business partnerships include Kroger's and Wendy's Corporation. These companies work with the school, providing incentives and educational resources for our children. Our PTA has a strong link to our school, providing allotments per grade for student enrichment materials. Teachers meet monthly to assist any at-risk child, whatever the need may be. Also, teachers present programs to other schools regarding AIMS, computer technology, school-wide Title I implementation, and adult and family education.

Each fall many parents attend a writing/literature workshop, hosted by Title I, in which parent and child learn the steps involved in the writing process. A math and reading inservice provides hands-on manipulatives and resources for parents and guardians to utilize with their child. Homebound summer reading and activity programs have been successful in keeping strong the link between home and school learning possibilities.

Our students have sold annual showings in awards and contests, including finalists in "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs"; "Be Kind to Animals Essay" - (county winner the past two years); American Woodsmen Civic Oration, and Math Field Day; Science and Social Studies Fairs.

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Over the next five years, the staff at Lost Creek foresees certain challenges represented by demographic expansion and resulting increased enrollment which will include multicultural diversity studies. Societal skills are and will be emphasized so that children can model respect, kindness, and tolerance for all. Working together, our children will be all that we empower them to be, with the needed skills to make appropriate choices, build solid careers, and reflect the highest achievement of the American dream.

Doug Robbins, Principal

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Like other state employees, Underwood must have five years of

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Clinton plans W.Va. forum on education

CLARKSBURG (AP) — President Clinton plans to visit the city next week for a town hall-style meeting to promote his education agenda, the White House confirmed Wednesday.

The May 22 forum will focus on national education standards that Clinton has promoted around the country, along with other education issues, said White House spokesman Barry Toiv.

West Virginia joined North Carolina, California, Michigan and Maryland in approving Clinton's standardized test proposal at the March state Board of Education meeting, said Cleo Mathews, board president.

"It's good that the president is recognizing West Virginia as one of the pioneers in this effort," Mathews said.

Clinton will take questions from the audience during the session at Robert C. Byrd High School, said



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Julie Green, another White House spokeswoman. A time and participants were undetermined.

Clinton's staff will work with U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., Republican Gov. Cecil Underwood and others on the event, officials said.

It will be Clinton's first visit to West Virginia since his re-election. He last visited the state last August, when he kicked off a whistlestop campaign tour in Huntington en route to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Clinton has been using public events nationwide to urge participation in national education standards.

In his State of the Union address, he proposed national tests in fourth grade for reading and for eighth grade in math.

"We need some benchmarks out there. These tests will give us some guidance to see if our students are

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Awaiting an apology



Harry Sheppard (second from right), and other survivors of the Tuskegee syphilis study discuss their new book "Red Tails, Black Wings" at a news conference Wednesday in Arlington, Va. President Clinton will give a formal apology to the men at the White House on Friday. Story, 2A

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By David Espo

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rick Santorum plunged into Wednesday on Re- tion to ban certain firms, and a lead pressed confident secure to defeat backed alternative

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Camp helps kids prepare for s Black Male Coalition seeks funds for end-of-summer

By Susan Williams
STAFF WRITER

The Black Male Coalition of Charleston formed to help guide young people on the path to adulthood. The coalition, a nonprofit group of volunteering adults, has held several youth-focused events in the last few years, but now the group wants to sponsor a full-fledged camp to help young people prepare to return to school.

The coalition is trying to raise money to send 90 to 125 boys and girls ages 12 to 16 to Camp Washington Carver from Aug. 11-15.

During that week, besides many recreational activities, the young people will concentrate on the seven principles celebrated during the African-American holiday Kwanza. Bill Jones, a coalition leader, said the

seven principles are unity with one's community, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

"We also tell them these numbers: seven, seven, 365, 87. That means practice the seven principles seven days a week, 365 days in 1997," he said.

The young people who get to go to the camp will enjoy celebrating the end of summer with many competitions in basketball, swimming, tennis and archery, among others.

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"I'm interested in seeing what other information may have been available to Buckalew at that time."

Buckalew last week said he did not see the letter until a lawyer showed it to him last month. Curry said he wants to read the report before he considers putting Buckalew back into the suit.

"I'm not saying that Buckalew misrepresented anything. I would just like to see that letter and see who it's copied to," Curry said.

"I certainly want to see what Lees has come up with before I make a decision. This stuff may change my mind."

Curry also questions why state insurance officials have refused to enter settlement talks over Harris' suit, given the settlement with Woodall.

"If what I have seen in the news is true, here's their own attorney telling them to settle a claim," Curry said.

"I think the insurer is acting in bad faith, period."

Lawyer George Castelle, the Kanawha County Public Defender, represents James Richardson, who faces an August retrial before Ranson on rape, murder and arson charges.

Richardson's 1989 convictions on those offenses were thrown out by a judge last year, because of Zain's trial testimony.

Another judge later picked Lees as a special prosecutor to investigate whether prosecutors committed any wrongdoing in the 1989 trial.

"We're in the midst of trial preparation. It may be relevant to the defense of the case," Castelle said.

"The contents of the report have a bearing on the prosecution of the case, since the report is of an investigation of the prosecution of the case."

Ranson last month allowed Lees to go beyond investigating Kanawha County prosecutors, after he allegedly found possible wrongdoing by people outside that office, including Zain and "current and former members of the State Police."

deaths investigated

timer, 50, were discovered in their home by deputies on Sunday, said Walt Welford, prosecuting attorney.

It was unclear who fired the shot that killed Mortimer; Mrs. Mortimer died from a self-inflicted wound, Welford said.

Daschle's amendment." McCurry had signaled on Tuesday that Clinton would support the measure, saying it appeared to satisfy his condition that legislation on the subject take a woman's health into account.

McCurry made his comments as Santorum, on the Senate floor, made the case for the legislation in highly charged terms. Referring to oversized illustrations that showed a fetus in various stages of delivery, he said a physician performing a "partial-birth" abortion "suctions the brains out of the baby. That causes the head to collapse and then the baby is delivered," he said. "This is what we're trying to ban here, nothing else. Nothing else."

The procedure, more complicated than first-trimester abortions, in-

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measuring up. If they aren't, we can go back and make improvements," Mathews said.

Other key issues likely to be addressed at the president's meeting are proposed tax incentives for young people who attend college and funding increases for Head Start, Triv said.

Rockefeller said the visit will provide an opportunity to showcase technology in the state's schools.

The Federal Communications Commission last week agreed to fund legislation sponsored by Rockefeller and Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, to make the Internet available to all schools and public libraries.

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Jones is looking for adults who would like to volunteer to help with the camp. Parents of the campers are encouraged to volunteer, he said.

Young people interested in going to camp and adults interested in volunteering are asked to call Anthony Kitzer at 346-6339. Coalition members need to know by July 15 how many young people are registered so that they can plan for the camp.

The debate produced sparks at the outset, when Santorum sought permission for a 5½-year-old girl to obtain admission to the visitors' gallery that overlooks the Senate floor. Senate rules limit admission to children who are at least 6 years old. "She is very interested in this subject, and I will discuss her case and she would like to hear the debate," Santorum said of the girl.

Man charged with variety of crimes

A Charleston man was arrested Wednesday by Belle and Charleston police, allegedly driving a stolen truck.

Leonard Corfee, 39, was charged with two counts of grand larceny, two counts of driving with a revoked license, possession of a stolen vehicle, fleeing from police, reckless driving, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and petit larceny, according to a criminal complaint filed in Kanawha County Magistrate

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The mother, Lori Watts, said she does have the abortion and he now has a life "very akin to children her age."

Corfee allegedly tried to flee in a 1994 pickup truck belonging to Kevin Medford, the complaint stated. He allegedly stole several tools from Medford.

He was arrested by Belman D.S. Wilkerson and C. Patrolman B.M. Chapman.

Corfee was being held Central Regional Jail under bond.

Construction worker dies at Boone n

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

WHITESVILLE — A construction worker died at a Boone County mine when the boom of a crane that he was operating hit an electrical cable, officials said.

Clarence Ray Cameron, 54, of Ansted, an employee of GLW Construction of Hico, was pouring concrete Tuesday when he was electrocuted, said Gerald Walker, president of GLW.

It marked the fifth mine fatality in West Virginia this year, the state Office of Miners Health, Safety and

Training said.

The mine is owned by Coal Co., a subsidiary of R.Va.-based A.T. Massey Co. Cameron attended Mo Church of God, Hiltop.

Surviving: fiancée, Easter Fayetteville; mother Josephine of Ansted; sisters, Joan Hal Bohn, Diane Champion; Cameron, all of Ansted; brother and Russell, both of Salem; ward of Victor, Danny of Ansted. Service will be 2 p.m. Friday at Wallace Funeral Home with the Rev. David Mintum.

Burial will be in Restlaw Gardens, Victor. Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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DAILY DIGEST

'What's Clinton - the person - really like?'

by Gail Marsh
STAFF WRITER

There's an excitement in the air when you enter the halls of Robert C. Byrd High School - and it's not just about graduation. The school is preparing for President Bill Clinton's visit next Thursday.

"We've been having some meetings but right now we are looking for direction from the White House staff and agencies charged with security details," said Leon Pilewski, principal of the state-of-the-art high school.

Plans remain sketchy at this point, but the town hall-type meeting is to be held in the afternoon and will include 150 to 200 students, parents, educators and other officials.

"An advance team toured the school Tuesday and we weren't even aware at that time that the president was coming. I didn't really find out until yesterday," Pilewski said Thursday.

Several members of the student body were having a hard time believing that President Clinton was really coming to Clarksburg.

"I was so excited when I heard it that I called the principal at home last night to make sure," said junior Emily Hill. "I'm determined to meet him," she said.

Senior Nicole Washington hopes that the voices of the students will be heard.

"This is a wonderful facility, but it's the students that count. I hope he takes some time to hear from us," she said.

When asked what question they would ask the president if given the chance, the subject matters varied.



Brown

Trina Brown, who was preparing to play the witch in the play "Hansel and Gretel," brought up the subject of education. "I want to know his plans for education in West Virginia and the country, and how he's planning to improve the system," the senior said. Brown was dressed in a costume she had made that took second place at the West Virginia State Thespian Festival in April.



Wyatt

Another costumed character, Alissa Wyatt, who is playing the dream witch, would question the president about the arts.

"I would like to know if he has any plans to do anything about building up the arts in his education plan," the junior said. "It needs to be added to instead of taken away from," Wyatt said.

None of the students were afraid to bring up some tough subjects, including welfare. Senior Andrew D. Fulton wanted to know the



Fulton

president's future ideas on the system.

"So many are taking advantage of the welfare system. But what is he going to do about those who really need it? Will they be taken care of?" he asked.

Nichole Washington also touched on this continually troublesome subject.

"I would like to know if he is planning any practical steps to stop welfare abuse and to find some solutions," she said.



Washington

Emily Hill was not willing to dismiss another tough issue.

"I would like to ask him why he vetoed the partial birth abortion bill," she said.



Hill

Hill. "Was there a lot of pressure from the parties or is this his personal opinion?" she asked.

Most of the students said they would just like to talk to him "as a real person."

For once I would like to meet with him as a person," one student said.

Details of the Clinton visit will continue to unfold during the coming week.

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- Attendance at the 60-minute to 90-minute town hall meeting will be by invitation only. The approximately 150 persons who will get to quiz the president about his education plan will be selected by county school officials, the White House, Sens. Byrd and Rockefeller and Gov. Cecil Underwood.

The free tickets to the airport event will be distributed locally next week at selected county schools and at other still-to-be-chosen outlets in the county.

They also will be available from the offices of Byrd, Rockefeller and Gov. Underwood, the White House itself and state Democratic Party offices.

Information on the ticket distribution will be published in the *Clarksburg Exponent* and *Telegram* early next week. Those attending the town hall meeting and the airport event will have to pass through portable metal detection screens.

An unknown number of RCB students may be able to attend the town meeting, but they will not be able to take part in the forum.

The decision rests on where the town meeting will be staged - in either the school's 2,500-seat gymnasium or its 650-seat auditorium.

All RCB students will have

an opportunity however to see the president, even if only momentarily, Kittle said.

"We're going to give them that opportunity," he said.

The town hall audience will include students, parents, teachers, school administrators, business owners, college students and presidents, state education officials, lawmakers and others, Kittle said.

Residents from across the state will be invited, he said, adding the drafting of the invitation list "will be tough."

Shortly after the news of the president's visit broke Wednesday, his office has been swamped with telephone calls from those seeking invitations, he said.

"Every one wants to know how to get invited. We're expecting a big crowd at the airport event."

HIGH TECH

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cially Robert C. Byrd, the site of President Clinton's education town hall meeting on Thursday.

White House spokesperson Julie Green said Wednesday that Clinton wanted to use RCB as a model for the schools of the future.

The governor added before last night's dinner that RCB is one of the most "state-of-the-art high schools" in the country.

Underwood said he was

asked by Sen. Rockefeller's office to suggest a possible location for the town hall meeting, and he immediately thought of RCB.

"We're glad to have the president come and we're especially pleased he's placing such a strong emphasis on education," he said.

The positive development in this area, highlighted by the president's visit, is something the governor said he wants to see duplicated along the other highways in the state.

SECRET

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of the president's planned appearance before Wednesday's official announcement.

Although the preliminary seeds were planted last week, Kittle became aware of what was going on Tuesday.

"Our office contacted Mr. Kittle and we told him that we had someone from the White House we'd like to bring by," said Bailey. "That's all we said."

"When they arrived and toured the schools, he became aware of what was taking place," Bailey continued. "Mr. Kittle then kept quiet about it. It may not sound like much, but to know that this is coming in a week and he was wondering what to do about so many different things is a credit to Bob Kittle that he was quiet."

Kittle didn't spread the word. In fact, Pete Conley, school board president, was unaware of the situation when contacted by this newspaper on Wednesday.

For Kittle, keeping mum was one of the hardest things he's ever had to do.

"This started on Tuesday and, believe me, it came right out of the blue," said Kittle. "When I found out what the advance staff was here for, it floored me."

"There were a lot of emotions because this is big. Let me assure you, it was very difficult to keep this under my hat," he joked. "I've never been so overwhelmed in all my years as a superintendent with that type of

information. The emotions were so high that I was just floating and wanted to tell somebody."

Obviously, he didn't.

Along with staffers at the Board of Education, Clarksburg and Harrison County officials were also unaware as to what was about to be announced. One person, however, was informed for obvious reasons.

Robert C. Byrd High School Principal Leon Pilewski was allowed into the circle on Tuesday. He, too, was told to keep it mum.

"I knew Tuesday, but I was sworn to secrecy," said Pilewski, who was out of his office Wednesday afternoon when contacted to confirm the visit. "In fact, I didn't even tell my wife that this was going to happen."

Following Tuesday's visit from White House personnel, Kittle was not given any guarantees of the visit. He received official word around 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

But, he said he was "99.9 percent sure after Tuesday they were coming."

Bailey said it's paramount that the visits are kept quiet until the White House determines it's official. Often-times the trips don't take place, he said.

"It's difficult to keep quiet, but there's a reason the White House wants it that way," said Bailey. "The truth is that, often, the planned trips are explored by the White House and for one reason or another, the city is dropped from getting a visit. When that happens and people know about it, it's a letdown."

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Clinton to speak at airport

by Bill Byrd

STAFF WRITER

President Clinton's town hall meeting on education Thursday at Robert C. Byrd High School will be televised live by the state's public television stations. It also will be carried around the world via a special Bell Atlantic-West Virginia connection with the Internet, Harrison School Superintendent Robert E. Kittle said late yesterday.

There also will be a television feed throughout the nation for commercial stations that want to pick it up," Kittle said.

"This also will be on the World Wide Web. Every classroom in every school and library around the world with an Internet connection will be able to see this," he said.

Full details on the presidential visit won't be known until early next week, he said.

Marathon planning sessions between county school officials and staffers for the White House and U.S. Sens. Jay Rockefeller and Robert C. Byrd began at 1:30 p.m. yesterday at the School Board's central offices on Water Street.

Several more days of the closed-door sessions will be needed to iron out all the questions connected with Clinton's visit, he said.

Even the time of the town hall meeting has not yet been decided, he noted.

THE CLINTON VISIT

But Kittle did release these details:

The public event to allow residents a close-up glimpse of the president is set for Clinton's departure from Benedum Airport after the forum is over. The

event is free, but admission to the secure area to see and hear a brief presidential speech will require a ticket, also free.

RCB's 975 students and 65 teachers will have classes next Thursday. Students will be able to watch the meeting in their classrooms via the school's closed-circuit television network.

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Keeping a secret was not easy

by Jeff Toquinto

STAFF WRITER

When word of a possible visit by President Clinton to Clarksburg reached the newsroom of the *Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram* it seemed like an easy enough tip to follow.

A phone call here, a phone call there and the problem seemed easy to solve. But it began a near hour-long search that finally proved successful.

Just before 2 p.m., more than one official confirmed, anonymously, that President Clinton was, in fact, coming to Clarksburg for a visit to Robert C. Byrd High School. Many of the officials were the same ones, who minutes before, were completely unaware of his visit.

Oddly enough, it appears that hardly anyone knew what was transpiring. According to Lane Bailey, chief of staff for Senator Jay Rockefeller, only an exclusive group of people was privileged in sharing the information.

There were talks with various groups last week on policies regarding West Virginia's education," said Bailey. "But the specifics as to where the President would be going were limited to just a few groups."

Along with Rockefeller's office, Bailey said Gov. Cecil Underwood's office, White House staff, Harrison County School Superintendent Robert Kittle and Robert C. Byrd High Principal Leon Pilewski knew

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President's visit has area abuzz

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For 84-year-old Sam Ellis, the news nearly knocked him off his feet.

The lifelong resident of Clarksburg, like nearly everyone else, was elated over word of President Clinton's May 22 visit to Harrison County and Robert C. Byrd High School.

"It's almost unbelievable," said Ellis. "Disregarding whether you support him or not, he's an elected president. The fact that the President of the United States is coming here is a big, big honor."

Resident Tom Kupec was also caught off guard when told of the planned visit. But, he was more than happy about the announcement.

"I think it's great he would even consider coming to Clarksburg, West Virginia," said the 47-year-old Kupec, who has lived here for 20 years. "This is a fantastic opportunity for Clarksburg to show itself off and for the president to see what life is like in West Virginia."

Word of the president's visit stunned Clarksburg City Man-

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ager Percy Ashcraft. For Ashcraft, the visit will put a positive light on the city.

"I think this is an opportunity to show the country that the City of Clarksburg is on the move," Ashcraft said. "If the President of the United States can take the time to visit our city with his busy schedule, I think it says a lot about what's going on here."

What's been going on in north central West Virginia is economic recovery. With an influx of federal jobs, including thousands at the FBI facility, Clinton will be treading on optimistic ground.

He'll also be visiting one of the most modern high schools in the country in the Robert C. Byrd facility. The school will host Clinton's talk on education during his visit.

Ashcraft said Robert C. Byrd High School is the perfect setting for the president to talk about his education agenda.

"The idea when constructing

the facility was to have one that would have national significance in high-tech terms and in terms of quality of education," said Ashcraft. "That's obviously being recognized by peers in the education system who pointed out the high school to the right people. This is a tribute to the county school system."

Ellis said it's also a chance to let everyone know of educational needs in the state and in the country.

"Education is very important," said Ellis. "If there's any failure we're having in this country it's education. We used to be first and today we're 14th in the world."

For Clarksburg Mayor Tom Flynn, the news of Clinton's educational town meeting was special.

"This is just great," Flynn stated. "This is something that will be memorable for everyone involved. It's not every day that the President of the United States comes to your home town."

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Saying he's delighted with Clinton's visit, State School Superintendent Henry R. Marockie said it "recognizes the major educational improvements made in the state in recent years."

He, the state School Board and Gov. Underwood support the administration's voluntary national education goals '100 percent,' he said.

Harrison School Board President Peter J. Conley said he too is excited that Clinton selected the county.

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Clinton will arrive at Benedum Airport and then go to Robert C. Byrd High School to hold the meeting. Approximately 100 to 150 people, a selected cross-section of the community, will be in attendance.

The meeting is scheduled to last between 60 and 90 minutes. It will focus on Goals 2000, national standards on education and technology in the classroom. The gathering will be fed via satellite to other schools throughout West Virginia.

White House advance personnel were in town Tuesday to look at the school and other facilities. Additional White House personnel are scheduled to be in town on Thursday.

Further details of the planned visit will appear in Thursday morning's *Exponent* and Thursday evening's *Telegram*.

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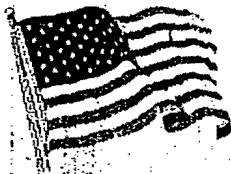
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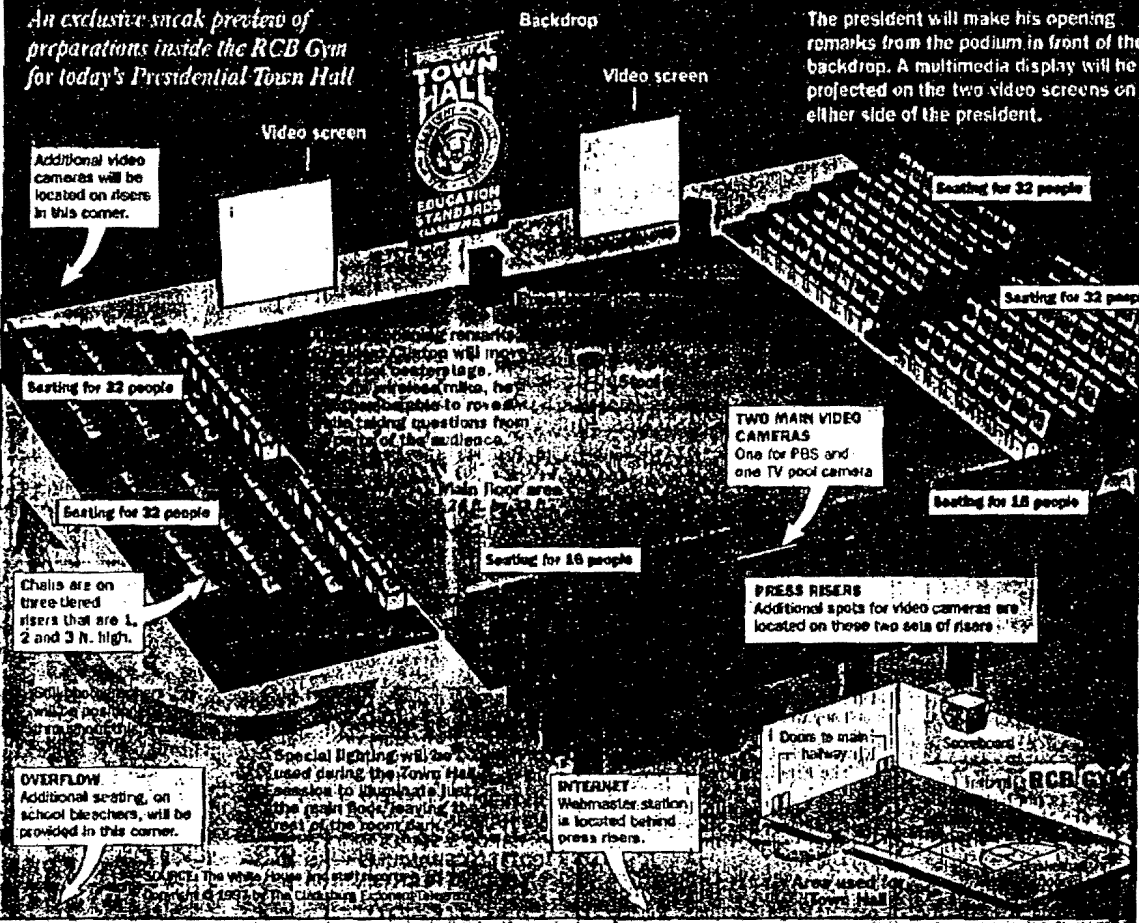
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Backdrop

Video screen

The president will make his opening remarks from the podium in front of the backdrop. A multimedia display will be projected on the two video screens on either side of the president.

Video screen

Additional video cameras will be located on risers in this corner.

Seating for 32 people

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After his opening remarks, President Clinton will move to a stool centerstage. Using a wireless mike, he will then be able to rove while taking questions from all parts of the audience.

President's podium

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TWO MAIN VIDEO CAMERAS
One for PBS and one TV pool camera

Seating for 16 people

Seating for 32 people

Main floor area
24 ft. by 32 ft.

Seating for 16 people

Chairs are on three-tiered risers that are 1, 2 and 3 ft. high.

PRESS RISERS
Additional spots for video cameras are located on these two sets of risers.

Still photographers will be positioned throughout this area.

OVERFLOW
Additional seating, on school bleachers, will be provided in this corner.

Special lighting will be used during the Town Hall session to illuminate just the main floor, leaving the rest of the room dark.

INTERNET
Webmaster station is located behind press risers.

Staff graph
by Bill Pitt

Doors to main
hallway

Scoreboard

RCB GYM

Area used for
Town Hall

Basketball
floor

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be changed, except for tweaking it a little bit and getting back to basics in education," he said.

STUDENTS ON-LINE

More than 85 percent of the state's schools will be hooked up to the Internet by next month thanks to Bell Atlantic, said state School Superintendent Hank Marochie. The rest of the schools should be on line by year's end. Robert C. Byrd High School was designed with technology in mind. Every classroom has at least one computer linked to the Internet so students can surf the World Wide Web.

PACKING HIS BAGS

The president will travel to Europe next Tuesday for a three-day trip. He will go to France, the Netherlands and Britain. The president will sign a landmark NATO agreement with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Also on the president's agenda: a meeting with new British Prime Minister Tony Blair and a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

Clinton will visit ultra-modern school

by Bill Byrd
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd himself made a basic point about education 18 months ago at the dedication of the modern high school named for himself: "The answer to addressing our education needs...lies in a concerted national effort to per-

education much more seriously, and in the realization that simply providing more money for education has not been, is not now, and will never be the solution."

But building and equipping a high school that will serve Clarksburg children well into the next century costs money.

And keeping existing schools safe and up-to-date also costs.

Buoyed by Byrd's success in landing the \$200 million FBI fingerprint identification center in 1990, county voters approved a September 1991 school construc-

tion bond of \$37.925 million.

About \$22.4 million was spent on RCB High. But using interest earned on the bond - \$4,373,285.52 as of last week - and \$14.5 million in state school building grants, the county School Board has improved every county school.

The Board squeezed \$5.2 million from its own budget for the 200,000 square foot, the largest in recent memory in all of central West Virginia.

At RCB High, President Clinton will see a facility capable of educating 1,200 students.

Current enrollment is 975 with a staff of 65 teachers and administrators.

Designed by Charleston architects Ted A. Shriver and Gregory A. Williamson of Gaudet & Partners Inc., the school has more than 200,000 square feet under roof.

Construction took slightly more than three years, beginning with a large compaction

project to form a solid base.

The school sprawls across a massive bench, part of its original history as a strip mine.



The campus covers 200 wooded and hilly acres, and includes nature trails and a still-developing pond.

Inside are 36 classrooms, a 675-seat auditorium, a 2,500-seat collegiate-size gymnasium, eight science and chemistry labs, five computer labs and a

large auxiliary gym.

Athletic facilities include a 7,500-seat football stadium with an eight-lane running track, a large field house, and baseball and soccer fields. The band has its own practice field and there also are a half-dozen tennis courts.

The school's arts department has a band rehearsal room, a piano room and rehearsal space for vocals, ensembles and individuals.

Plans call for a television studio and a day-care center.

The school's high-tech capability is likely to be remarked on today.

Every classroom is on a computer network and each classroom also has its own television monitors and voice and video links.

'We're not up in a hollow, we're anywhere we want to go'

by David Sharp
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students at Robert C. Byrd High School have arranged a cyberspace tour of their building.

The computerized excursion was created at the only "virtual reality" lab in the state.

The high school, built on a former strip mine in a hollow, will be used as an example for others to follow when President Clinton hosts a town hall-style forum here today.

"We're not up in the hollow in the strip mine. We're anywhere in the world we want to

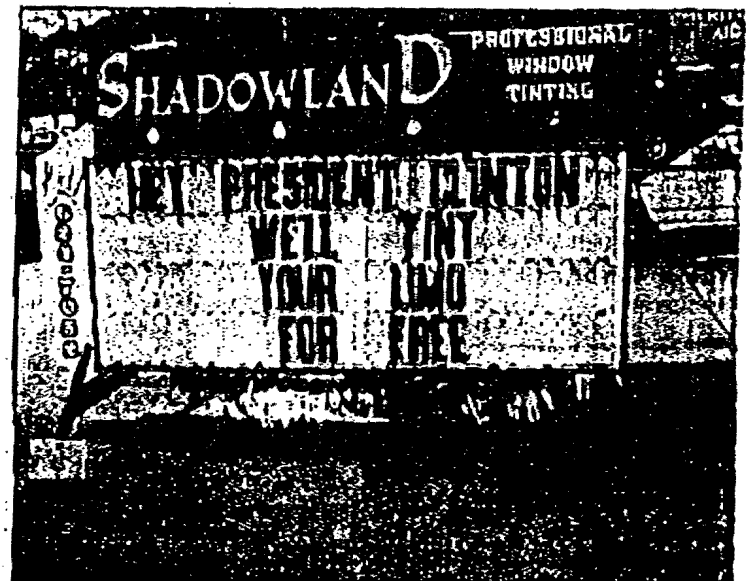
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Clinton's visit to promote his education agenda follows West Virginia's decision to join North Carolina, Michigan and Maryland in adopting his proposals for national standards.

The president proposed in his State of the Union address tests in fourth grade for reading and in the eighth grade for math.

West Virginia already requires testing at each grade level, so the state will simply substitute the national tests during the fourth and eighth grades.

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The owners of Shadowland Professional Window Tinting in Nutter Fort made this special offer to President Clinton this week.

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SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ISSUE ★★ **THE CLINTON TO****Pres WIRE***Presidential Info & Updates***SCHEDULE***The president's schedule
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Office of Media Affairs.***ARRIVAL**
11:50 a.m.

The president arrives at
Henderson Airport in
Clarksburg aboard Air
Force One.

TOWN HALL MEETING
12:45 p.m.

The president holds a
town hall meeting on
education at Robert C.
Hyrd High School.

ADDRESS
2:55 p.m.

The president addresses
local residents on the
tarmac at Henderson
Airport. Tickets are
required to attend. No
public parking will be
available at the airport.
Shuttle buses will run
from Meadowbrook Mall
beginning at 11:15 a.m.

DEPARTURE
4:35 p.m.

The president departs
Henderson Airport en route
to Washington, D.C.

IF YOU GO**WHAT TO TAKE**

Dress comfortably.
Cameras are permitted,
but coolers and backpacks
will not be allowed into the
secure areas.

ENTERTAINMENT

The RCB Band and the
Lincoln H.B. Show Choir
will perform at arrival
and departure ceremonies
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Dress comfortably. Cameras are permitted, but coolers and backpacks will not be allowed into the secure areas.

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The KCB Band and the Lincoln H.S. Show Choir will perform at arrival and departure ceremonies for the presidential party.

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Online: Get live video and audio on the web at: <http://www.cwt.edu/townhall>. You can also link at <http://cpubco.com>. On TV: West Virginia Public Television and WBOY-TV will broadcast the Town Hall Meeting live at 11:45 p.m. WBOY will also provide live coverage of the arrival and departure ceremonies. WDTV is also planning live coverage, but plans are incomplete.

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When Truman made the first of his two whistle-stop appearances at the train station in Glen Elk, White was on board. In fact, White rode on the train from Grafton to Salem during a 1948 visit.

"My uncle (the late Arthur Cox) was a photographer and helped me get aboard," said White. "Truman never got off the train, but I'd get off at each stop to hear him speak. I had to because I was some distance from the president on the train."



White said Truman made several speeches on his journey through North Central West Virginia. He clearly remembers the stop in Glen Elk.

"There was such a big crowd at the station there," White, who has lived in Clarksburg since 1948, recalled. "He had bad eyes and couldn't read speeches that well so he struggled to talk at times. But, when he talked off the cuff he was dynamic."

Years later, White had

another encounter with Truman. This time, it was up close and personal.

In fact, it's an experience he'll never forget.

"He came back to Clarksburg two more times after he was president," said White. "I had the good luck to be with him after that."

White said his good fortune rubbed him to take a walk with a president known for his strolls.



"I was master of ceremony at an event and that's happened up happening," White. "We walked from Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Mirards and back as fast as could go."

During the walk, White there was just one secret policeman accompanying him said Truman, much to his surprise, was well-versed in history of Clarksburg.

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"I certainly remember my father (Ora E. Segrest) and I going over," he said. "You had to stand as close to the car as you could in order to hear him."

To be honest, he wasn't a great speaker," he continued. "But, he went over big with the crowd."

The 77-year-old said there were hundreds of people crowded in to see the president. Local history buff and retired Harrison County Courthouse Engineer Fred G. Layman recalls the visit of Truman in 1953 and one in the 1960s.

"I was about 19-years-old when he came to Glen Elk," said Layman. "I went with Fred Goff, he was Democratic County Chairman. Oh, Lord it was crowded. It was just like when the servicemen left for war in Glen Elk."

Layman said the next time he saw Truman was in the 60s, 20s time after he was out of office.

"He stayed at the Stonewall Jackson one time," said Layman. "I watched from the Courthouse as he was taking a morning walk at 7:30."

Truman's last visit to Clarksburg in capacity as President came at 3:10 p.m. on Sept. 2, 1962. The visit, the final for a sitting president here until today, came just before the 1962 election in which Adlai Stevenson was representing the Democratic party.

When he spoke that day from the rear platform of the train, he recalled his previous visit.

"When I was here in 1960, I was trying to get you to elect a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress," Truman said during his speech that day

back here on the same errand now, but I have another candidate for President this time. I hope you will vote for him."

Following his speech, Truman was back on the tracks. And at 4 p.m., he was speaking in Grafton.

Current Secretary of State Ken Heckler was on the train with Truman. In fact, he was the speech writer to the Truman train.

Truman isn't the only President to visit the area. Many recall appearances of other statesmen, several who were seeking to field the office of leader of the free world.

An 11-year-old Samuel V. Veltri was in Glen Elk in 1940 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited on the re-election trail. Like Truman, FDR made a whistle-stop appearance.

"I remember getting out from school and heading up Ohio Avenue," said Veltri. "We got good seats because we went across the train yard from Ohio Avenue and were right there."

Veltri was with his friend, the late Eugene DeFrancis, at the time.

"It was packed like sardines," he exclaimed. "I'll never forget it."

While many individuals have had the opportunity to meet one or two people who have served as the leader of the free world, Wolf Summit's Milton Furber has met more than one president on more than one occasion.

As an employee of WBOY, Furber has talked to, photographed or encountered presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Harry Truman and Hubert Humphrey and a whole host of those running for the office. Although Furber remembers each encounter, he said he never got too excited.



Clockwise from upper left, Hubert Humphrey talks with a customer at a Buchanan beauty salon while running for president. President Lyndon Johnson shakes hands with well-wishers during a dedication ceremony at the Morgantown airport. U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd speaks at the Morgantown airport dedication before turning the microphone over to President Johnson (seated at Byrd's left); Lady Bird Johnson is seated at Byrd's right. President Gerald Ford stands at the podium during the 1973 Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins. From left are Congressman John Slack, U.S. Sen. Jennings Randolph, Congressman Ken Heckler and Ford. (Humphrey, Johnson and Byrd photos taken by JEFF Furber; Ford photo submitted by Libby Stoud)

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We have a sneak preview of the preparations inside Robert C. Byrd High School's gymnasium where President Clinton will hold a town hall forum on education today.

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WHO WE ARE
So why is President Clinton coming to Clarksburg? Our editorial today says there is a good reason he has chosen our community. Page A4

PROZAC TREATMENT
A new medical study says the antidepressant Prozac can be an effective means of preventing an anorexia patient from having a relapse. The author of the study says it's "very promising and very exciting." PAGE B4

STEEL DRUMMER
He's known as the father of the modern steel drum and he's found a home at West Virginia University. "I love it here," says Willie.

Welcome Mr. Pres.



A PIECE OF CAKE - Patrick Hawkins and his mother, Linda, of Bonnie Belle's Pastries in Nutter Fort, hold one of three computer-generated cakes, which will be served during the president's visit today.



Photos by Susan Brown, Staff

'Icing on the cake:' bakery has designs on Clinton

by Pam Marra
STAFF WRITER

Patrick Hawkins laughs as he shares a little inside joke: "We've been saying around here that doing this for the president is just the icing on the cake. It's a little 'corry, but it fits the occasion, don't you think?"

Hawkins and his mother, Linda, have put in longer hours than usual this week at their family business, Bonnie Belle's Pastries in Nutter Fort. The result? A confectionery Clinton collage.

Using enhanced computer

imagery and photo clippings, Hawkins family members have combined their baking talents to create cakes depicting scenes from the president's life, including taking the Oath of Office, visiting with school children, and hugging daughter Chelsea. Not to mention Vice President Al Gore and the presidential seal. Another cake features a profile of the president with a "welcome" greeting.

Bonnie Belle's, celebrating its 30th anniversary this month, has provided cakes for state dignitaries such as Sen. Robert C. Byrd and Jay Rockefeller.

"Anytime there's a celebrity in town, we've got a cake for them. I've never done one for a president," says Patrick Hawkins.

The idea for the cakes began with Linda's other son, Steven, at Robert C. Byrd High, site of the president's town hall meeting.

"Steven came home last week and said, 'He who's coming to our school, we're in shock,'" says Patrick.

"We just automatically decided to make it happen," Patrick adds,

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rest of it is kind of snowballed. Accordingly, the Hawkins prepared two full sheet cakes - white almond with buttercream icing - for display in the RCHS auditorium during Clinton's visit.

A third cake is set to go on to Washington with Clinton. "We're making another of that says, 'Hillary and Chelsea West Virginia really likes you,'" Patrick explains, adding that the cake is set to be delivered to a staffer at Ronald Reagan Airport prior to the president's departure.

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Finalists lauded at 'Citizen of Year' banquet

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