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88th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival | April 24-May 3

Festival events start to bloom

Organizers say attendance good despite dreary weather

By **STEPHEN NIELSEN**
The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — The city is in bloom with pink and green this week as the 88th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival is officially underway.

Despite the less-than-perfect weather, the festival's first event — the United Bank Bloomin' Wine Fest held downtown Friday and

Saturday — was successful, and organizers are hopeful the success continues.

The festival runs through Sunday.

"I wish it was 20 degrees warmer," John Rosenberger, the festival's executive director, said Monday. "Outside of that, it's all gone along pretty well."

He said ticket sales have been "average," following

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Winchester Public Schools Superintendent Mark Lineburg speaks Monday during the annual memorial ceremony at the tomb of school division benefactor Judge John Handley in Mount Hebron Cemetery.

Winchester Public Schools pays homage to Judge Handley

By **AMY ALONZO**
The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — Judge John Handley, whose financial gift provided the city with its public library and two schools, was honored Monday morning by hundreds of city students, teachers and administrators at Mount Hebron Cemetery.

"This is really something — very meaningful," Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School physical education teacher Shelly Lee said as she observed the annual memorial service. Lee has taught for the city school division for 40 years, but Monday marked the first time she had participated in the pilgrimage. "I am thrilled to death."

Lee stood with about 500 of the city's stu-
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ABOVE: John Kerr Elementary School kindergartners Charlotte Bruening (left) and Alana Dowe carry flowers as they walk to the tomb of Judge John Handley in Mount Hebron Cemetery on Monday for the annual memorial ceremony. The division's fourth-graders, plus kindergartners through eighth-graders representing the division's four elementary schools and middle school and seniors and student government representatives from the high school — named for Handley — gathered to learn more about the judge, who died in 1895.

RIGHT: Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School kindergartner Isis Layton prepares to place flowers at Handley's tomb during the memorial ceremony.



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Women dance Monday evening at the Kimberly's Pumps and Pearls held in the George Washington Hotel.

Ky. firm to get nod on local road extension

By **DEREK GOMES**
The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — The city will award Phillips Construction LLC the contract to construct the 0.6-mile extension of Meadow Branch Avenue, according to a notice posted in Rouss City Hall.

The Henderson, Ky.-based company submitted the low bid of \$3,894,741 to extend the road from Buckner Drive north to Merri-

mans Lane. Frederick County-based Perry Engineering was the only other bidder, with a package totaling \$4,204,943.

Phillips' bid comes in at a slightly lower figure than the city's \$4 million estimate for the extension, which will provide the lone access point for the new John Kerr Elementary School — scheduled to open in fall 2016 — and a planned 170-

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A man throws an object at police in Baltimore on Monday during a protest after the funeral of Freddie Gray, who died about a week after he was taken into custody by police.



JABIN BOTSFORD
The Washington Post

Violence erupts in Baltimore; state of emergency declared

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BALTIMORE — Violence swept through pockets of a low-income section of West Baltimore on Mon-

day afternoon as scores of rioters heaved bottles and rocks at riot gear-clad police; looted a pharmacy, a mall and other businesses; set police cars on fire; and injured at least 15 officers.

Images of the violence were broadcast nationwide just hours after Freddie Gray was eulogized at

his funeral, and Gray's family and clergy members called for calm. Gray died of an injury he suffered while in police custody.

The rioting did not appear to stem from any protests over Gray's death.

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Supreme Court to hear gay marriage arguments today

By **MARK SHERMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tuesday is a potential watershed moment for America's gay and lesbian couples. After rapid changes that have made same-sex marriage legal in all but 14 states, the Supreme Court will hear arguments

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An Indian Air Force member carries a Nepalese child wounded in Saturday's disastrous earthquake to an ambulance in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Saturday after the child and mother were evacuated from a remote area.

ALTAF QADRI
The Associated Press



Nepal earthquake death toll tops 4,000

By **KATY DAIGLE**
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Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal — As the death toll from Nepal's devastating earthquake climbed past 4,000, aid workers and officials in remote, shattered villages

near the epicenter pleaded Monday for food, shelter and medicine.

Help poured in after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake, with countries large and small sending medical and rescue teams, aircraft and basic supplies. The

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