

Manchin and Capito: Infrastructure Bill Was Much-Needed in West Virginia

By: U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.)

Across the Mountain State, we are in desperate need of infrastructure investments. More than 3,200 miles of highway and 1,545 bridges are in poor condition. At least 258,000 West Virginians have no broadband access. Thirty-two percent of trains and transit vehicles are beyond their useful lives. We rely on these poor roads and bridges to take us to and from home, work and school. The lack of reliable and affordable broadband access makes it difficult for our students to complete their homework, our fellow West Virginians to start new businesses and our seniors to attend telehealth appointments. For nearly a year, we fought tooth and nail to secure funding to alleviate these infrastructure needs. And after months of robust, bipartisan negotiations, we are proud to announce that West Virginia is set to receive nearly \$6 billion to repair our roads and bridges, build out broadband and so much more, with additional funds possible through federal competitive grant programs. At a time when political division seems to be the norm, we put partisanship aside to deliver a bipartisan bill that meets the needs of West Virginia.

This bill, which passed both the Senate and House of Representatives with bipartisan votes, is the largest investment in America’s infrastructure in three decades. This nearly \$6 billion guaranteed investment in West Virginia will create long-term, good-paying jobs now and over the next decade. Every West Virginian will benefit from this bipartisan bill.

This historic investment brings roughly \$3 billion to repair and expand our network of roads and highways, which will drive economic growth in the state while improving access and safety for every West Virginian. Our bill includes an additional \$500 million for bridges, nearly \$200 million for Corridor H alone and around \$40 million for our airports that provide access to and from the Mountain State. North Central West Virginia Airport will benefit directly from these funds. The highway funds will also help to complete major roadways, including the Coalfields Expressway and King Coal Highway in Southern West Virginia. The bill invests over \$300 million to ensure better, safer, more efficient public buses and trains to make the entire state more accessible via public transportation. Morgantown will receive around \$21 million through the bipartisan bill. We also worked to include a provision that brings us one step closer to restoring daily service on the Amtrak Cardinal train that connects much of West Virginia, including our State Capital, Marshall University, and the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, to the rest of the United States.

The importance of broadband connectivity for West Virginians was never clearer than during the COVID-19 pandemic. If we want to continue to attract new jobs and new visitors, affordable, reliable broadband is essential. That’s why the bipartisan infrastructure bill includes around \$600 million to expand broadband access to every holler and town across West Virginia. In addition, the Affordability Connectivity Benefit will provide financial support for 543,000 low-income West Virginians so they’re not left behind.

More than 400 public drinking water systems serving 1.5 million West Virginians require nearly \$2 billion in repairs. Two hundred and ninety-three public wastewater systems that serve more

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This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed “Stonewall,” was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 2, 1933: The Charles Town Race Track opened shortly after West Virginia legalized racing and parimutuel betting. The Jefferson County complex contained 22 buildings and included 12 stables.

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton’s boat, though the Fulton design was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steamboat.

Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.

Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University)

Super Crossword

BEGINNING AT THE TOP

ACROSS

1 Skipper's site

5 Las Vegas attractions

12 Part of WMD

16 Dol. fractions

19 Safe, at sea

20 Venezuela's main river

21 Brand of skin cream

22 "— Abner"

23 Limit for riding a roller coaster, often

26 Oath reply

27 In — by itself (unique)

28 '60s muscle car

29 Port-au-Prince locale

30 Profound

31 Spherical bacterium, for short

32 Payoff of athletic training

35 "Othello" foe

37 Grammy category

38 Rocker Patty of Scandal

39 Animal that hunts, but isn't hunted

45 Is remorseful

48 Life's work

49 Frazier foe

50 Mauna —

51 Peel, as fruit

52 Preeten

53 It has a "3D White" product line

58 Reproachful clicks

59 Fish in a garden pond

60 Writer Levin

61 Be fixated

62 Company that owns Log Cabin, Vlasic and Mrs. Paul's

67 Decides to participate

71 Sallie —

72 Gp. backing arms

73 Auntie played by Lucille Ball

77 The Isle of Man, to Britain

82 Sealed up, as a package

83 Singer Basil

84 About half of all adults

85 Prevaricate

86 Lubing

87 Begins

90 NCAA conference of the Midwest

93 Barkin of film

94 Sinking ship's call

95 Hippie's "Got it"

96 Source of wacky products in Road Runner cartoons

102 Jab gently

106 Dress shirt ornament

107 Company shuffle, for short

108 PC undo key

109 Fetus' place

110 Grafton's "— for Alibi"

111 Onetime competitor of Magnavox

114 — polloi

115 Kitchen scraps

116 Discard from the memory

117 "Puppy Love" singer Paul

118 Kin of Ltd.

119 "To be," to Brutus

120 "My friends," in France

121 Vodka brand

5 Foldup beds

6 ETA part: Abbr.

7 Long attack

8 Photo-sharing app, for short

9 Totally unacceptable

10 Bar code-scanning gizmo: Abbr.

11 "That's how it was told to me"

12 Artistic theme

13 Supreme Court's Samuel

14 2015 and 2017 Best Actress nominee Ronan

15 Similar-meaning wd.

16 Set of regular customers

17 Tables with data on daily ebbs and flows

18 Steepness

24 Like the Greek letter eta

25 Type of fish that a

59-Across is

30 Places to get body wraps

32 "The Raven" writer

33 Positive aspect

34 Roman 2,050

36 Cur's threat

39 Bank stmt. ID

40 Oom- — (tuba sounds)

41 TV's Estrada

42 Singer Bobby

43 Bar order

44 "— a pity"

45 Egg — yung

46 Scarf down

47 Poor grades

50 Bread buy

53 33-Down's opposite

54 Like mosaics

55 Uno + due

56 "Today" co-host Kotb

57 "Nova" airer

59 Variety

62 ATM code

63 "That's right!"

64 Spam holder

65 "— had a secret love ..."

66 Suffix with contradict

67 They precede Novs.

68 Shelter

69 Key-centered compositions

70 Eddied

73 Spanish dances like fandangos

74 Happy as — in mud

75 List of dishes

76 Verge

78 Aussie bird

79 Verve

80 Stately tree

81 Takeaway game of strategy

82 Link with

86 Ancient

88 Sleuth, slangily

89 Noisy nappers

90 Tropical cereal grass

91 D.C.'s home

92 Spam holder

94 Variety

96 Tokyo beer

97 Subtlets, e.g.

98 Social grace

99 Narrates

100 "— bad moon rising"

101 Philosopher with a "razor"

103 Bar order

104 Slimy

105 Think piece

109 Footed vases

111 Actress Saldana

112 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.

113 Hexa- halved

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The Lowe Public Library has resumed its regular hours to the general public: Monday 11:30 am – 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday- Friday 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. - CLOSED on Saturdays. Curbside service will still be available to those who request it by calling 304-592-1700. The library is disinfected routinely throughout the day (also, immediately after children visit).

FIRST BAPTIST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

First Baptist Church in Shinnston will have a Christmas Bazaar at the Lighthouse on Rebecca St., Dec. 4, 8:00a.m. 2:00 p.m. Rummage sale with household items, toys, decorations, gift ideas, etc. Also available - homemade baked goods, hot dogs and pork barbeque sandwiches. Benefits Baptist Youth Fellowship. 304-592-0232 Also, there will be a Christmas Giveaway at the Lighthouse on Saturday, Dec. 11, 8:00 a.m. - noon – free clothes, coats, hats, gloves, boots, shoes, etc. Treats for children 12 and under.

DEADLINE FOR CITYWIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

The deadline for the Shinnston Citywide Christmas Light Contest is Dec. 10. Contest is open to all Shinnston residents and businesses (residents & businesses to be judged separately). Winners to be announced Dec. 22. To enter, private message, call or go to the city building!

ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

St Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike St., Shinnston will be having its Christmas bake sale Dec. 11 and is now taking orders thru Dec. 3. Pita Piata, nut rolls, peanut butter balls & Holiday cookie trays (different sizes available). To place an order call 304-584-4376, 304-677-0799, or 304-204-8905 (also 304-841-1487 for cookie trays).

HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN LITURGY SCHEDULE

Liturgy schedule for Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission, 408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont is as follows: Dec. 11th - 10 a.m. and Dec. 25th - 10 a.m. Rev. Sasha Nedich (724) 966-7428 www.holytrinityserborthwv.org

REGION VI WORKFORCE MEETING

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley, WV. For more info about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530.

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than 440,000 residents require at least \$12 billion in upgrades and extensions. The bipartisan bill includes over \$475 million to upgrade, repair and replace the old pipes, sewer systems and drinking water systems to ensure every West Virginian, including those in rural water districts, has the safe, clean drinking water they need and deserve.

As the only state fully included in the Appalachian Region, we will also greatly benefit from the \$1 billion to support the important work being done by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

In recent years, many West Virginians have lost power due to severe weather events, leaving too many families stranded without heat in the dead of winter or without AC in the middle of summer. Our bipartisan bill makes West Virginia utility companies eligible for \$5 billion to shore up the electric grid and provide peace of mind for West Virginians despite extreme snow storms and flash flooding.

In West Virginia, one in three people live within a mile of an abandoned, dangerous mine land site. Our bipartisan legislation reauthorizes the abandoned mine land reclamation fee for another 13 years and invests at least \$700 million in West Virginia to reclaim some of the 140,355 acres of abandoned mine lands. The bill also directs \$100-200 million to West Virginia to plug orphan oil and gas wells so the sites can become assets for our

communities instead of hazards.

West Virginia is home to world-class universities, colleges, and the National Energy Technology Laboratory, all of which lead the way in advancing energy technologies, including the ongoing work at West Virginia University to shore up the domestic rare earth elements supply chain. Our bipartisan infrastructure bill supports these efforts and heavily invests in technologies across the board, including providing over \$12 billion for carbon capture, utilization and sequestration and direct air capture technologies to allow us to use our abundant energy resources in the cleanest way possible. It will also jumpstart the hydrogen economy through regional hubs across America, which we're fighting to bring to West Virginia.

It took months to make this legislation a reality. It was developed with a process of give and take, putting the needs of the American people first. By sitting down, hammering out our differences and taking the time to listen to one another, we created a bipartisan, bicameral infrastructure bill that delivers for all West Virginians. The legislation is now on President Biden's desk, ready for his signature, and our communities across West Virginia are ready to put these vital funds to use to create jobs and better the lives of every single West Virginian.

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network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS *West Virginia* suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain, and 103 crew members died.

Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his

term, but his accomplishments were overshadowed by the fact that he was the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

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"Oak Ridge Boys"

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have ever been.

"When I go on stage, I get the same feeling I had the first time I sang with The Oak Ridge Boys," says lead singer Duane Allen. "This is the only job I've ever wanted to have."

"Like everyone else in the group," adds bass singer extraordinaire, Richard Sterban, "I was a fan of the Oaks before I became a member. I'm still a fan of the group today. Being in The Oak Ridge Boys is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

The two, along with tenor Joe Bonsall and baritone William Lee Golden, comprise one of Country's truly legendary acts. Their string of hits includes the Country-Pop chart-topper *Elvira*, as well as *Bobbie Sue*, *Dream On*, *Thank God For Kids*, *American Made*, *I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes*, *Fancy Free*, *Gonna Take A Lot Of River*, and many others.

The group has scored 12 gold, three platinum, and one double platinum album—plus one double platinum single—and had more than a dozen national Number One singles and over 30 Top Ten hits.

Don't miss a chance to experience The Oak Ridge Boys LIVE at the Robinson Grand! Tickets went on sale on November 29 and are priced in three tiers and range from \$48.50, \$63.50, and \$78.50 in respect to proximity to the stage. There are two ways to get tickets in advance. Go online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or purchase tickets over the phone by calling (855)-773-6283 on Monday through Friday, 10am – 11pm. Popcorn,

candy, soft drinks, beer, and wine will be available in the concession/bar areas.

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‘Check Out’ Bridgeport Library’s New Hobby Kits

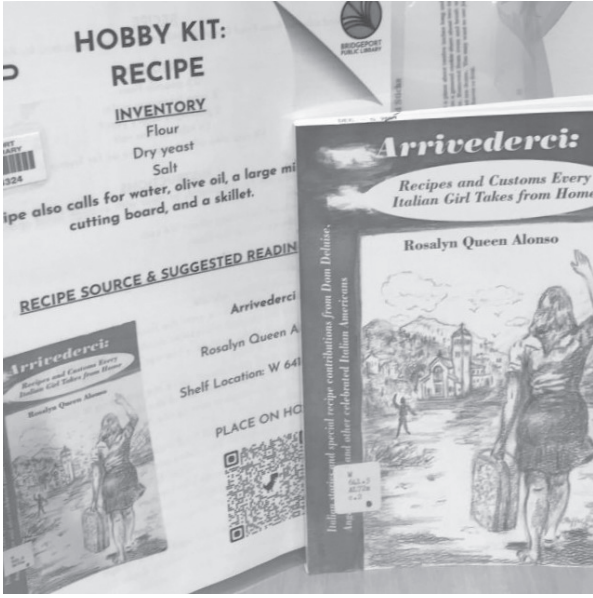


GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

With Thanksgiving over, we are moving right along with the Holiday season. If you look at the calendar, I’m sure there are many scheduled events that will be keeping you busy. Most of our organizations will have holiday dinners, and there will be several parades and outdoor lighting events as well as arts and craft shows where you may be able to pick up a unique gift for someone special. Most of our churches will have special holiday observances/services along with special musical presentations. So, then you might ask me, “why print a column on things to do”. Well, we must remember that in three or four weeks the hustle and bustle will be over, it will be cold outside and there might even be snow that will keep us inside. This is why I want to inform you about a new program that was recently announced at the Bridgeport Public Library.

Librarian Angela Spatafore several weeks ago and we discussed the creation of Hobby Kits. Hobby Kits is a program to introduce new skills, activities or projects to individuals who frequent the library. A prepared kit will contain necessary tools and information to get you started. Individual kits geared toward specific projects such as wood carving, exercise, or cooking have been prepared; some will include suggested reading for further information. The exercise kit might offer ways that seniors can keep fit while sitting at home using weights and stretch bands. The cooking kit will offer a simple recipe and ingredients on preparing a delicious dinner for any night of the week. This new program will give us the opportunity to try a new skill, activity or project after all the holiday activities conclude. The checkout period for the kits is two weeks



Pictured is an example of one of the Recipe hobby kits the library is offering with a copy of my cookbook, Arrivederci.

with no renewals, and only one kit can be checked out per family at a time. For more information, contact the Bridgeport Library. Do not forget that the library still has a wealth of reading for our enjoyment. Lately, I have been reading at least six books a week. Most of my reading has been about how people dealt with the Jewish situation during the war. It has certainly opened my eyes to an ugly time and the suffering that a generation of people endured. Just a reminder that the PWA will be selling Pita Piata next week for ten dollars. Each Pita sold will be on a Fiesta dessert plate ready for gift giving. There is also a raffle for a Christmas wreath containing approximately \$500

worth of gift cards that will be raffled at our Holiday dinner - chances are \$1. If interested, call the center at 304-624-6881 for additional information. The PWA Holiday dinner and 100th Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, December 12 at the Uptown Event Center (We will also install our new officers). The dinner is free and the event is being sponsored by Davis Funeral Home and the families of Diane Urcheck and Laura Goff Davis. Pandemic guidelines will be observed and reservations must be made by calling the center. Stay healthy (avoid COVID) and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.

The Mower is ‘Off Duty’ Until Spring



Pine Bluff News

One day last week, I blew all the leaves from around the house. The maple tree in front finally lost its leaves, but most leaves on the chestnut tree in back are more reluctant to let go. I mulched up what I could with the riding mower and then put it away for the year. Then, I drained the mower’s fuel tank and let it run until its carburetor was empty. I don’t want a gummed-up carburetor to start out with next Spring. Later that day, I talked to my neighbor Ray; he was changing the oil in his Jeep. He has two Jeeps and both have over 200,000 miles. I’ve never put that many miles on a vehicle, but I’m working on it with the Ford Ranger. Last week, I had the oil changed at 170,000 miles. When a vehicle gets so old, it becomes an obsession to keep it running...it’s a guy

thing. Last Friday, I did some running around on Bridgeport Hill and on the way back, I stopped at Price Cutters in town to pick up some essential - Cokes, Hostess cupcakes, cookies, donuts, etc... you get the idea. However, I did pick up a couple of bananas and some grapes to help balance out my diet. It was nice running into Sandy and Jim Lane; our kids went through school together. Monday, Lee took me to the Clarksburg VA for another eye appointment. They have been scheduling the appointments every six weeks. I have Lee take me because they always dilate my eyes and then use aircraft landing lights to look around inside...I hate that! The sight in the right eye has been all right since the last shot, but they put another one in for good measure.... I hate that

also! It was nice being dropped off and picked up at the main entrance instead of making that trek from and to the parking lot. In the past month, I have received a couple of items from brothers that served in the 118th Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam. One Pilot, Pat McLarney of Santa Ana, California, sent me a painting (28”x 20”) depicting a flight of UH-1 Hueys with the company insignias on the nose and Ed Knighten of Broken Arrow, Okla, sent me a beautiful walking stick with different insignias and names burned into the wood immortalizing my Huey. They are great Americans and true brothers. Several years ago, Pat McLarney dropped by and spent the night with Susie and me. He flew in to attend a VHPA (Pilots) reunion in Washington, DC and then rented a vehicle and came to stay. He’s a very nice gentleman. Ed and I served together during our tour. He was an operation specialist

(Dispatcher) and flew as a door gunner on our Bandit gun-ships on his days off. Back in the day, we tossed down quite a few together in the Gunslingers Inn (EM Club) in the compound. Ed was my bunk mate on the return trip to Vietnam in 2015. Thanksgiving Day, I met sister-in-law Bernie at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort for dinner. Sister-in-law Debbie was going to join us, but she was feeling under the weather... hope she gets better. It was nice being seated next to two very lovely ladies that were raised on Bingamon Creek. Mary Rose Carpenter and Betty (Zirkle) Carpenter are sisters-in-law, and both grew up in Peora; I always enjoy chatting with both. Counting those two, I’m now up to 46 people who have told me they enjoy reading the column...not bad for 11 years work.

Until next time, have a great week and remember our Veterans. Ace

Adaland Offers Mini Photography Sessions



Adaland Mansion at Philippi is pleased to partner with Turning Key Photography to offer the stately mansion in her Christmas finery, pictured above, as the back drop for photo packages that capture the spirit of the season. Turning Key will shoot the 20-minute sessions with eight photos inside and outside Adaland. “We anticipate our guests gaining a favorite set of photos because Adaland at Christmas is beautiful inside and out,” according to an Adaland spokesperson. To schedule a 20-minute photo session on Saturday, December 11 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, interested parties are asked to comment or DM on Turning Key Photography’s Facebook page. Turning Key encourages people to schedule soon as only a few slots are left for this special event.

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AARP Warns Consumers About Holiday Scams

CHARLESTON – Nearly 8,000 people call AARP’s Fraud Watch Network helpline every month to report suspected scams, and a [newly released AARP Fraud Watch Network Survey](#) shows that calls related to holiday scams may be on the upswing soon. “The holiday season is a time for togetherness, celebration, and giving,”

said AARP West Virginia State Director Gaylene Miller. “Unfortunately, the gift-giving process, from purchasing the perfect gift to making sure it gets to the recipient, also brings a plethora of opportunities for scammers to enrich themselves.” experienced at least one form of fraud in the

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Business of the Month: Shinnston Welcomes New Barber Shop, Love and Joy

The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central West Virginia Airport, has named Love and Joy barber shop December Business of the Month.



Love and Joy barber shop, located on Pike Street, is the business of the month. It primarily offers men’s haircuts. Photo by Sheila McLaughlin.



Love and Joy barber shop opened last month in Shinnston. Pictured, left to right: Baby Jacoby, Jay Elliot-owner, Tina Pride- owner, Kenisha Jones- braids specialist, Corey Hurley-cosmetologist. Photo by Sheila McLaughlin.

By Sheila McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Love and Joy barber shop, primarily featuring men’s haircuts, has joined the many small businesses sprouting up in town. Hosting their opening day Nov. 16, Tina Pride and fellow owner Jay Elliot were prepped and ready to greet guests looking

for a fresh look. The new business, located on Pike Street, is a sister location to the existing Love and Joy beauty bar in Clarksburg. The Clarksburg location features microblading and brow tinting, among other services. As Shinnston continues to grow, the city has welcomed entrepreneurs. The newest addition,

Love and Joy will offer men’s cuts for about \$20 a visit. The shop will also offer services for biracial hair care and women’s cuts and styling. Kayla Preston will be managing the shop with barber Kristy Blackshire and Anthony Edwards, alongside cosmetologists Tiffany Lamp and Corey Hurley.

Kenisha Jones, braiding specialist, will also offer services. “We hope to grow,” Elliott said. “We’re something different. I don’t think anyone expected a barber shop like this here.” Staying true to their name, Pride and Elliot hope to spread love and joy in the community. Hoping to give

back to the place she spent growing up, Pride resided in the Shinnston and Frances Mine area as a child. The shop accepts walk-in and scheduled appointments during

their operating hours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Love and Joy is also looking for more licensed cosmetologists.

Gift giving doesn’t have to be expensive

Submitted by West Virginia University For some, the holiday season can lead to overspending or other financial struggles. This year, supply chain issues also are posing a threat to typical gift-giving practices. However, there are alternatives to traditional gifts. Jennifer Friend, West Virginia University Extension Service Agriculture and Natural Resources agent, offers creative solutions to finding gifts at a low cost.

“One of the easiest alternatives to gift-giving for the whole family is taking in all of the fun that the holiday season brings. A simple drive through town at night can give you a great view of the lights at an extremely low cost, even if you decide to stop at the local coffee shop for hot chocolate. Going to the tree farm and selecting a Christmas tree can also be a fun activity for the whole family—plus, you’ll be supporting the local economy. Don’t forget about community activities like parades and tree lightings, too,” Friend said.

“Do-it-yourself, or DIY, gifts are an easy low-cost option with a personal touch. Baked goods, hot chocolate mixes or layered cookie mixes are just a few ideas to consider. If you’re extra crafty, you can use cuttings from your fresh Christmas tree to make centerpieces, wreaths or garlands for decorating your home or as festive gifts. Not to mention, a homemade gift often holds extra meaning to the person receiving it,” Friend added, “Some low-cost gifts also can go toward an experience in the future. A handmade coupon book can be the gift that keeps on giving throughout the year. Whether it’s a coupon for a day drive to look at fall colors, a car wash in the summer or home-cooked dinner, the options are endless.” “Even with the current supply chain issues, gift-giving doesn’t have to be extra expensive or difficult this season. You can make a gift yourself, enjoy events in your community or support local businesses to find low-cost gifts for friends and family.”

Clarksburg solicits comments on strategic plan.

The City of Clarksburg is beginning the process of updating its “comprehensive plan.” The comprehensive plan details the strategies and goals for the next ten years, and encompasses issues such as land use, parks and recreation,

housing, infrastructure, transportation, and civic services, according to a notice from the city. The city is working with Environmental Planning and Design (EPD), an architecture firm based in Pittsburgh, on the project. Starting at

Winterfest in Clarksburg on Dec. 3, and throughout 2022, representatives from EPD will be holding community meetings and conversations to gauge concerns and obtain public participation. Comments are also being solicited digitally.

For more information as this process continues, please see this website which will provide additional details as this process continues: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/7c8901d2a9f64bb8a55c60b7ba2a3060/>

WV Secretary of State: Businesses should be aware of Third-Party Providers soliciting Annual Report filing services

Submitted by the West Virginia Secretary of State

The Secretary of State’s Office has received information that registered West Virginia business owners are receiving solicitations from third-party entities offering to file a state-required annual report on behalf of the businesses. According to Secretary Mac Warner, the solicitations may strike an appearance of an official piece of mail from the State of West Virginia if the fine print is not read. “I can assure everyone that these solicitations are not from my office and not from the state of

West Virginia,” said Warner, who added that businesses can file their annual report online. “You do not have to hire an outside vendor to file your annual report.” Registered West Virginia businesses can file their annual report online through the Secretary of State’s WV One Stop Business Portal at [Business4WV.gov](https://business4wv.gov). Registered businesses may also contact the WV Secretary of State’s Business & Licensing Division at (304) 558-8000 for assistance. The total cost to file an annual report online with the WV Secretary of State’s Office is \$25. Some third-party vendors are charging as

much as \$125 to file the exact same information. The 2022 annual report filing period begins on Jan. 1, 2022 and ends July 1, 2022. Secretary Warner encourages all business owners to be wary of any suspicious solicitations by U.S. Mail or online requesting sensitive financial or personal information. He also advised to confirm that the company is properly registered to conduct business in the State of West Virginia prior to contracting for services from a third-party solicitor. If any business receives a suspicious solicitation from a non-government entity, please take

care to research the third party and confirm it is a legitimate business. Citizens are encouraged to report illegal or improper solicitations to the WV Secretary of State’s Office by calling toll-free 877-FRAUD-WV.

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So Much to Be Thankful for This Year!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

This past week we had the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving, the holiday that allows us to pause our busy schedules just long enough to gather our thoughts before the Christmas rush begins. The number of blessings that we receive on a daily basis is truly amazing and the only thing that is more amazing is that we tend to take those blessings for granted. One blessing that comes to mind is that we have actually had a close to normal high school football season. It seems like forever with all of the pauses and interruptions that kept players, coaches, and fans from normalcy.

A pair of area teams played this past weekend with a trip to Wheeling Island Stadium on the line. Bridgeport and Fairmont Senior are no strangers to state championships and a trip to the Island seems like a homecoming to both of them. When the dust settled, one squad made reservations while the other ended its season.

The Indians made the lengthy trip to the panhandle to do battle with perennial Class AAA power, Martinsburg. The Tribe fell short in what was a clash of titans, 21-0 in a game of what could have been. Every game has a story and many times readers, and sports fans, head to the final chapter (or score) and don't get the full story.

The opening drive of most lock-ups will dictate the flow of the affair. The Tribe had the first crack at the scoreboard after stringing together first downs that brought them to the red zone. However, a questionable spot on a fourth down carry, would end the possession prematurely. Bridgeport is one of the best frontrunners in state history. Once they nab a lead, it's extremely difficult to wrestle it away from them. It just wasn't in the cards for the Tribe as they ended their campaign with a 12-1

record. Bridgeport was led by Landyn Reppert's 129 yards on 26 attempts.

The Polar Bears went to Poca and made history with their 41-7 drubbing of the Dots. They became the first ever 16 seed to advance to Wheeling to play for a Class AA title. Fairmont Senior provided balance and consistency en route to the victory. They rushed for five touchdowns and threw for two more and they found pay dirt in all four quarters.

Fairmont Senior advances to play Independence for all of the chips. The Patriots possess one of the top running backs in the state in Atticus Goodson. Goodson propelled Independence past Bluefield garnering 257 yards and three scores. Goodson and the entire offensive unit better pack a lunch because it will be a long day trying to gain ground on Eric Smith, Koby Toothman, and the rest of the Polar Bear defense.

West Virginia University's hoops squad is gearing up for an early Christmas celebration. Veteran mentor, Bob Huggins has just one major obstacle (Connecticut) for the entire month. Radford, Kent State, UAB, and Youngstown State provide the Midas Touch. We aren't talking gold; we are speaking of tune-ups. They offer Huggins a chance to get his team ready for Big 12 Conference play. The added bonus is that all but the UAB tilt will be played at the Coliseum which affords "Mountaineer Nation" the opportunity to catch this year's edition in action before the start of the new year. Plus, there will be some nostalgia present when the Huskies come to town. It will be reminiscent of Big East days gone by from years ago.

I will leave you with one last thought. If you want to appreciate all that you have been blessed with in your life, consider making every day Thanksgiving. Give thanks each and every day for what you have and remember that blessings come in every size. If you look, I promise you will find them.

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

Buck Firearm Season Began Last Week



Most counties in the state are open to concurrent antlerless deer hunting during buck gun season.

Buck Firearm Season popular hunting season, Began Last Week buck firearms, began last week. Thousands West Virginia's most of hunters took to the

woods looking for the perfect prize-winning set of antlers. It was estimated that 250,000 to 300,000 local and out-of-state hunters would participate this year. The season traditionally begins the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Hunters can harvest two deer on the same day; however, only one can be an antlered buck. Additional stamps can be bought from the state for licensing to get that extra buck. State officials expect the deer kill will probably be comparable to the 2020 season.

Most counties in the state are open to concurrent antlerless

deer hunting during buck gun season, which ends on December 5.

According to the Division of Natural Resources, the state's deer seasons bring in millions of dollars to our state's economy.

The DNR is encouraging hunters to donate to the Hunters Helping the Hungry program. Last year, generous hunters donated 500 deer, approximately over 6,000 lbs. of meat, to the needy.

This year hunters have something else to look forward to – the Big Buck Photo Contest, which runs

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Wildcat Cheerleaders County Champions



Pictured are the Lincoln Middle School cheerleaders and their coaches after winning the county championship at Robert C. Byrd High School on November 22

Harrison County EMS

Athletes of the Week

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student athletes. Each week a panel will take a look at the information collected to make the best choices possible. They will review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week Award is an avenue that is used to promote the youth of our county, while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

This past week's winners are Bridgeport's Landyn Reppert and Aiden Sparks.

The Indians fell just short of the Class AAA title game when they suffered a 21-0 loss to Martinsburg. Reppert and Sparks were leaders on both sides of the ball for the Tribe in last Friday's setback.

Reppert gained 129 yards on 26 rushes while Sparks led the sack attack for the defensive unit.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Landyn Reppert and Aiden Sparks for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

How to Plan for that Perfect Golf Trip



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Golf trips can be a great time or it can be a royal pain. Many factors determine the outcome of a four-day golf trip with the fellas and I am hoping that with my experience in planning golf trips you will use these tips in making it a memorable one.

Golf trips vary in size: Whether there are four people or as many as 36, the outcome is different based on the size of the group and for me, the philosophy is not always 'the more the merrier'. Different personalities and their preferences can lead to disaster when it comes to picking the course, the level of difficulty of that course and what to do after golf is done for the day.

Golfers are an interesting breed of people: Some will only play when they have the earliest tee time possible while others prefer the relaxed times mid-morning to lunch. Depending on where you travel to will decide on what is the best tee times. Right now, Pinehurst, Myrtle or Charleston, South Carolina can have iffy weather but Florida usually has consistent weather that is applicable for all tee times. You just have to be aware of the weather when booking your trip.

In my opinion, I feel that eight is the best number for the trip as most of the group probably plays together at some juncture during the summer months. If you hit that number, you can expect no issues when it comes to tee times, dinner choices or social activities. If you go over that number, you may have some problems mid-way through.

Now you have to pick a budget that fits everyone. Here are some questions you need to ask – Do we need to fly or drive? Where are we traveling to? What courses are we going to play and where are we going to stay? The answer is to find a number that is comfortable with everyone and then go from there.

Let us just say we are heading to Myrtle Beach for the getaway. Right now, things are starting to slow down and prices will drop after Thanksgiving in hopes of attracting a few more golfers between now and Christmas. The first thing I would do is check the weather for the week to get an estimation of what to expect.

Once the weather is playable, then I contact eight courses for a four round trip. I ask what condition they are in and if any maintenance has been done on the course that could have an impact on the course like aerification or temporary greens. Once I have all the info, I will call the top four courses based on price, style of play, tee time availability and popularity. We want to play tracks that are fun for all level of players.

Next, I would contact rental agencies looking for a house to rent. Probably a three-night stay and if a house is unavailable I would look for connecting condos that sleeps four. VRBO is a great online tool to find a place to stay and splitting the cost eight ways can keep things under budget. There are plenty of property-management companies that can help you out when looking. But, to be frank, it is all about the golf and the place does not have to be the Ritz-Carlton.

Finally, all the amenities that goes with the trip are finalized. Stopping at the local Piggly-Wiggly for snacks and beverages to tie us over before and after golf. Personally, for me, it is all about the dinner after golf. I have played almost all the clubs on the strand but I do miss the restaurants down there. Greg Normans or Umbertos are necessary stops when golfing at the Grand Strand but there are so many choices you will have no problem getting your fill on steak or seafood.

So, if you are planning a trip this winter, think about these ideas before you book it. East coast golf is a great experience but for those who are looking for a different setting, then Texas, Arizona and California are great options too. Just be prepared to double you budget because flying is now added and note that the courses there are at a peak price.

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**MARILYN RAE
(BOCK) SLUSSER**

Marilyn Rae Slusser, 74, of Shinnston, WV, passed away on November 11, 2021 at Bridgeport Healthcare Center, Bridgeport, WV. She was born July 6, 1947 in Clarksburg, WV to the late Raymond and Mary Elizabeth Hudkins Bock.

Marilyn graduated from Shinnston High School, where she was a drum major for the band. She then graduated from Fairmont State College with a degree in accounting. She spent her life's work in banking for Wesbanco.

Marilyn is survived by one son, Raymond Todd Riley of Shinnston; one stepdaughter, Kristi Riley Parrish of Shinnston; two step grandchildren, Gabbie and Eli Parrish; one brother-in-law, Jim Riley and wife Brenda of Nutter Fort; as well as many cousins who grew up with her as siblings. She also had several beloved pets over the span of her life.

In addition to her parents, Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, David Riley.

There was no viewing or visitation.

Entombment will be at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

**RYAN MARSHALL
MACKEY**

Ryan Marshall Mackey, 24, of Gypsy, passed away unexpectedly on November 20, 2021. Ryan was born in Fairmont on April 11, 1997 to John Jett III and Lisa Mackey.

He is survived by his two children whom he adored, son Brentlee and daughter Rosaleen. Also, he is survived by his parents, Lisa Mackey of Gypsy and John Jett and fiancé Ruthann Sampson of Worthington; brother Brandon Hinerman; grandmother Neva Cottrell; grandparents John and Kathy Jett, and grandparents Bruce and Sue Lanham; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother Timmy Mackey; grandpa Thomas Mackey; step-grandpa Charles Cottrell; and great-grandparents John Jett Sr. and Violet

Jett.

Ryan was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt, fish, ride his motorcycle, and be outside with his father. Ryan's most important role was being a father to his two children.

A funeral service was held on November 29 at Harmer Funeral Home. Interment was at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

**MICHELLE LYNN
WILSON**

Michelle Lynn Wilson, age 65, of Clarksburg, WV passed away November 21, 2021 at United Hospital Center surrounded by family. She was born March 29, 1956 in Clarksburg, WV. She was the daughter of the late Oliver Vance Wilson and Altha Eunice Tobrey Wilson.

She is survived by her daughter Shannon (Heldreth) and Steven Reesman of Shinnston, and one son Jeremiah Heldreth and Hiliary Duckworth of Fairmont; grandchildren Shea (Godfrey) and Dustin Ishenhat, Toriah Godfrey and Zachary Bowen, Marriisa Cochran, Logan Godfrey, Devin Reesman, Noah Reesman, Myah Heldreth, Tyler Reesman, and Michael Heldreth; great-grandchildren Hendrix and Marley Bowen, Lukkas Cottrell; nieces and nephews she thought of as her own, niece Heather Thacker, nephews Scott and Anzie Thacker, Greg, and Jeremy.

She was preceded in death by her sister Glenna Thacker.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home November 24 with Evangelist Edward Partain as officiate. Interment will be at the Wilson Family Farm.

Memorial contributions can be made out to Harmer Funeral Home PO Box 1852 Shinnston, WV 26431. There will also be a GoFundMe page set up under Michelle Lynn Wilson. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com.

**PATRICIA ANN
LATSTETTER**

Patricia Ann Latstetter, 89, of Bridgeport, WV, passed away peacefully on November 22, 2021 in the loving presence of her daughter and caregiver, who were so blessed to be able to be with her during her last days to witness her deep faith, strength, and courage. Patricia made the world a better

place. Her artistic nature showed through in everything she did, whether it was singing in the Presbyterian church choir, and becoming an Interior Designer with Ethan Allen in Pittsburgh, PA, retiring to Pawleys Island, SC to become a well-known artist, and finally spending her last years at Maplewood Senior Living where she was a member of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church, and an avid reader, gardener, and bridge player. She inspired all who knew her with her kindness and empathy.

But what was most important to Patricia, was her family. Born on June 11, 1932, Patricia was the daughter of the late Aubrey and Faye Nuzum of Shinnston, WV. She graduated from Fairmont High School and met and married Thomas E. Latstetter of Pittsburgh, PA, in 1948. After 65 years of marriage, Thomas preceded her in death in 2013. They had three children, one of whom, Christine Latstetter Butler, passed away in 2019.

Patricia is survived by her two other children, Deborah Klett and her husband David of Vienna, VA, and Jeffrey Latstetter and his wife Judith of Pittsburgh PA; three grandchildren, Gary Klett and his wife Nancy of McLean, VA, Jeffrey Butler and his partner Greg Hamilton of Reston, VA, and Colin Butler and his wife, Amanda of Manassas, VA. Patricia also had three great-grandchildren, Evangeline (12), Alexander (10), and Daniel Klett (8), of McLean VA.

Other survivors include her sister, Priscilla Haning of Shinnston, WV, two nephews, Steve Haning (Leslie) of Shinnston, WV, Scott Haning (Lisa) of Yorktown, VA, and niece Susan Haning of Alexandria, VA.

A memorial service to honor Patricia's life will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 1:00pm at the Harmer Funeral Home in Shinnston, WV. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

**JOHN EVERETT
BATES**

John Everett Bates, 79, of Fairmont, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. He was born in Shinnston on December 4, 1941 to the late Larry and Opal (Wilmouth) Whetsell.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Bates, whom he married September

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Shinnston's United Brethren Church, now Otterbein UMC Christmas Play... late 1930's. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

18, 1992; and his sister Phyllis Bates.

He is survived by his children Johnny Leon Bates and spouse Cheri of Swisher Hill, Lawrence James "Reese Cup" Bates and spouse Kris of Mannington, and Cristal Marie Beverly and spouse Scott of Shinnston; grandchildren Andrew Bates-Beverly and companion, Foster Bates and wife Jessica, Jodie Livingston and husband Patrick, Danny Summers, Carson Bates, Cherell Bates, Tony, and Buster; and great-grandson Leland Bates-Beverly. John was married to the mother of his children India Bates-Waddy.

He was a member of the Operating Engineers, United Mine Workers, Moose Club #9 in Fairmont, St. John #24 AF & AM and the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department. John retired from the Marion Co. Board of Ed where he enjoyed driving school bus. He was an avid hunter and fisherman for years. He also enjoyed camping for many years. John was a cancer survivor. The last two years his health began to decline, at which time his oldest grandson, Drew, moved in with him to be his caregiver.

A funeral service was held on November 27 at Harmer Funeral Home with Pastor Aaron Cayton as officiate. Interment was at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

JULIA PHILLIPS

Julia Phillips, 79, of Lumberport, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 23, 2021. She was born in Clarksburg on July 2, 1942 to the late Harry Hardesty and Amanda (Wiseman) Hardesty.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert Glenn Phillips; her six siblings, Edgar, Richard "Dick", Phyllis George, Joanne Dotson, David "Happy" and Garry; one grandson, and one great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her two sons, Robert Phillips and wife Tammy of Nestorville, WV, Steven Phillips and wife Betsy of Shinnston, WV; daughter Glennnda Signorelli and late husband David of Shinnston, WV; step-daughter Cheryl Thomas of Northview; stepson Michael Phillips of Lost Creek; step daughter Pamela Lambert and late husband Brooks of Shinnston; and sister-in-law Linda Hardesty. Julia also has ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Full Gospel Worship Center and enjoyed Womens Group and crossword puzzles. Julia was the last surviving sibling. She leaves behind a strong legacy of faith.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on November 27 with Pastor Tim Maxwell as officiate. Interment followed at Elizabeth Mason Cemetery at Joetown. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

**LEWIS JOHN
STOPER**

Lewis John Stoper, 81, of Lumberport, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021 at his home. He was born December 30, 1939 in Brownton, WV, a son of the late Lewis and Pauline (Tusher) Stoper.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Devanna

Dobbins Stoper; his children, Kimberly Wray and her husband David of Lumberport, Lewis John Stoper and his fiancé Angela Nassek of Lumberport; his step-children, Lori Reed of Clarksburg, Larry Cavallo and his wife Cathy of Bridgeport, Kimberly Straface and her husband Jeff of Clarksburg and Frank E. Cavallo and his wife Christy of Mars, PA; his grandchildren, David Wray and his wife Lindsay, Mathew Wray and his wife Leah, Haley Stoper, Louie Stoper and his wife Bellany and Hannah Stoper; fourteen step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren; as well as his brother, Alan Gray and his wife Elaine of Moatsville.

Lewis was preceded in death by his first wife, Janice Sinsel Stoper; and his siblings, Deloris Forquer, Richard Stoper, and Patricia Tucker.

Lewis was a member of the United Mine Workers Local 1501 in Shinnston. He retired from Robinson Run Mine #32 with 40 years of service. He was Catholic by faith. He was a caring and loving father, husband, Pap, brother, son, and friend. He enjoyed spending time with his family and helping others. He attended all the sporting events and school activities of his grandchildren. He was their "Biggest Fan"! He was a very humble man and was dearly loved by his family, especially his wife Devanna of 20 years.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on November 23. Interment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.perinefunerals.com

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69 percent of Americans will use their debit cards this holiday season (credit cards and digital wallets are safer online)

66 percent plan to purchase gift cards as a holiday gift, and 60 percent rely on purchasing them off the rack (a known target for scammers)

45 percent intend to use peer-to-peer (P2) apps like Venmo, Zelle or Cash App to send money, and 69 percent of P2P users have sent money to someone they didn’t know well (not recommended)

38 percent of adults reported receiving a request for a monetary donation to a charity that felt fake or fraudulent


34 percent have received a fake notification about a shipping issue (which is separate from the equally important issue of packages still

being stolen from porches)

In addition, the research showed that online shopping, which became the shopping method of choice for many American consumers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, remains extremely popular, underscoring the need to know how to do so safely. Unfortunately, survey findings also show that many don’t know how to do that, with most respondents failing related questions on a short quiz.

“Ultimately, the point here isn’t to take the joy out of this time of year or take the fun out of gift-giving, but to help consumers be aware so they can protect themselves and their loved ones,” said Miller. “This holiday season, serve your holiday cheer with a side of skepticism to help stay safe from increasingly sophisticated scammers.”

The AARP Fraud Watch Network launched in 2013 as a free resource for people of all ages. Consumers may sign up for “Watchdog Alert” by email or text that deliver information about scams or call a free helpline at 877-908-3360 to report scams or get help from trained volunteers in the event someone falls victim to scammers’ tactics. The Fraud Watch Network website provides information about fraud and scams, prevention tips from experts, an interactive scam-tracking map and access to AARP’s hit podcast series, The Perfect Scam.



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By Lisa Haney
Social Security Manager, Clarksburg

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from November 22 – December 27. The contest is open to West Virginia residents as well as nonresidents and includes two divisions: a Youth Division (hunters 17 and younger) and an Adult Division (18 and older). Five hunters from each division will win prizes.

To enter the contest, take a photo of yourself with the buck you

harvested during a 2021 hunting season, write a short account of your hunt and upload the photo to the Big Buck Photo Contest entry form online at wvdnr.gov/photocontest. Those entering must have a valid 2021 West Virginia Hunting License and will need to enter the 13-digit DNR-issued game check number

for their bucks. Also, official rules and prize info can be found at the site.

Twenty finalist entries will be chosen on December 27 from each division. The judging committee will evaluate each entry based on photo composition, size of antlers, number of antler points, and the quality of the

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(2019-S-00000474 - Harrison County - NAJ, LLC)

To: MONA RUDOLPH, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, MONA RUDOLPH, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that NAJ, LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000474, 1 LOT PT LOT 31 X 74 FT M P REYNOLDS PLAT, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of RUDOLPH MONA, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 7th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after January 4, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, January 3, 2022, will be as follows:

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| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to January 3, 2022. | \$ 610.63 |
| Amount of subsequent year’s taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to January 3, 2022. | \$ 476.03 |
| Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff’s sale to January 3, 2022. | \$ 1,075.59 |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff’s sale to January 3, 2022. | \$ 129.39 |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County. | \$ 2,291.64 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. | \$ 35.00 |

You may redeem any time before January 3, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor’s Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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