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## Property to be demolished



This Charles Street property, owned by Charleston-based NAJ, LLC, caught on fire about two years ago. City Manager Chad Edwards said the city planned to sue NAJ, LLC in February of 2022.

In October of 2022, Trey Simmerman, attorney working on the city's behalf, said the two entities were nearing a settlement.

However, city officials say they don't have a copy, and Sim-

merman has not responded to multiple requests for a copy of the document, which he'd said he'd release once finalized.

City officials say they'll be able to demolish the property with West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection funding.

But according to legal ads, NAJ, LCC continues its efforts to buy up more properties.

- Erin Beck



## Harrison County student wins contest twice in a row



Harrison county's Morgan Sprouse performs at the Poetry Out Loud state competition last year. She won for the second year in a row. She said that she is grateful for the experience Poetry Out Loud has given her.

By Kara Linaburg

"Morgan (Sprouse) is a unique talent," said Jared St. Martin Brown, Bridgeport High School teacher. "She really has this ability to read things and get to the core of their meaning and then present that on the stage. And that is perfect for something like Poetry Out Loud." As her instructor in her theater class, Brown has been able to watch her work firsthand in the performing arts, and Sprouse said she has no plans of stopping anytime soon.

After Sprouse competed in Charleston at the Poetry Out Loud state finals March 10-11, Sprouse was championed the winner the second year in a row. According to a press release from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History, the winner will represent West Virginia in the national competition in Washington, D.C. in May.

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## Council discusses demolition, water system take-over

### Parking lot plans also in the works

By Kara Linaburg

Shinnston City Council is working on plans to demolish dilapidated properties, potentially take over a water system, and make a temporary change to a parking lot closed when it was determined city officials hadn't abided by Division of Highways guidelines.

city managers from the surrounding area, including Lumberport, Clarksburg, Bridgeport, Lost Creek, and Salem. "Mainly everyone was given the chance to tell what was going on with their towns and cities; what issues they had, what projects..." he said.

Among one of the discussion topics was the demolition of dilapidated properties. "We talked about seeing if we could get together with other cities and put out a bid for demolition of buildings. Instead of doing them one, two or three at a time, we can get several of them torn down." Strait went on to say that if this idea comes to fruition, it would be a county-wide project.



In the March 3 City Council meeting, Mayor Rodney Strait discussed the possibility of making the project for the demolition of dilapidated properties a county-wide project that reaches beyond Shinnston. Photo by Kara Linaburg.

During the March 13 City Council meeting, Mayor Rodney Strait reported attending a county commissioners meeting, along with some of the mayors and

City Manager Chad Edwards thinks the city has found a temporary solution to the parking

lot that has been closed in downtown since February. If the DOH approves of their plans, Edwards hopes to see the lot opened as quickly as possible. Photo by Kara Linaburg.

Also on the topic of dilapidated properties, City Manager, Chad Edwards confirmed that with the \$112,000 set aside for the project, the City plans to submit more than one property at a time to demolish. When asked by the Council who would do the demolishing, Edwards said, "We're not just bidding out one house, we're going to bid them all... that way we can get a better deal." There are a total of 11 properties on the list to be demolished this year.

The Council requested from Edwards a list of the addresses of said properties to ensure the money is used where it is needed, and the project will be discussed in an upcoming work session.

Strait also shared updates on the potential take-over of the Hutchinson water system and a meeting he'd had with Hutchinson concerning their system. "In the end we

are going to go for six months, and we are going to collect the money, read their meters, and pay their bills. They are going to maintain the system; they are going to do their own testing... and (for) additional help they are going to call us... and they are going to have to have a whole new board since all their members quit... They are going to make the proper motions for all of this to happen."



According to executive assistant, Tori Drainer, at left, there are a total of 11 properties on the list to be demolished in the city this year. Photo by Kara Linaburg.

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## BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

## Pivotal people

I was recently talking with a friend, and he relayed a story from his youth about how he picked his career. He said that he had graduated from high school, and he was trying to decide what to do with his life, when he met a guy at a bus stop. They were both heading into town and sat together for the 20-minute ride. The fellow was a good bit older than my friend and he asked the young man what he did for a living. "Nothing, right now, I'm trying to decide what I'd like for a job", my friend answered. "Have you thought about sales?" the man asked. "My company is looking for a good, young salesman." As the bus ride ended, the two men walked together to his company and there began a career that lasted over 40 years, with much success along the way. I asked my friend where he thought he would be, if he had not gotten on that bus.

In everyone's life, we meet some pivotal people, who shape our lives and if we had not met them, our lives may have taken an entirely different path. Often, these pivotal people seemingly come out of nowhere and leave as quickly as they appear. It might be a word of advice or a pat on the back, at just the right time that gives you the confidence to succeed.

Many years ago, a man stopped into my business and asked if I would listen to his sales pitch for a set of motivational tapes. I was busy at the time and asked him if he could stop back in about a week. I quickly put it out of my mind and went about my business. The following week, I saw a car pull up outside of my business and recognized the driver as the gentleman that had stopped in the previous week. As he came through the door, I resigned myself to sitting through a sales pitch and

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OPINION

By Erin Beck Editor

It's not all about you.

There's a saying, "everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about." There's also a psychological method called cognitive restructuring. It's about taking an emotional thought that's causing you pain (maybe an anger response covering up fear or sadness), a story you tell yourself, and determining if another story could be true.

Let's think of some examples. Maybe you're an elected official. A constituent calls your office every day. You decide to disregard the complaints because, "These complaints must be personal, not professional. All this person wants to do is cause trouble."

Let's think about that another way. Maybe they have memory loss and don't remember calling you. Maybe the person doesn't know how to navigate our purposely convoluted healthcare system, if you could even call it a system versus a conflicting, tangled spider web of ways to catch a human life and wait for it to wither and die.

So, it's not about you. Another example. Maybe someone said to you, "People who don't want to work are lazy." And you think, "Something must be wrong with me" and that they're criticizing you.

But nothing is wrong with you. Maybe you're working on building new skills because your job doesn't exist anymore. Maybe politicians lied to you about the future of that industry. Maybe the other person is actually criticizing themselves, because they experience a lot of shame from when they stole food from their friends' parents' cabinets as a child because their parents were poor. Maybe you don't dream of labor for the rich, but you enjoy lots of activities that bring value, and that is work.

Ask yourself, "Do I care what this person thinks? Do I think something is wrong with me? And if so, what happened that made me think that?" Then figure that out and return that remark to its sender, because that has nothing to do with you.

Maybe you have a friend that makes you feel good about yourself. You've known them for a long time and consider them to be one of your closest friends. Someone says that your loved one deliberately harms others. You think that must be untrue. That person must be lying, because you see no evidence of that. You become angry.

Is it possible they aren't lying? That maybe people repress or hide certain parts of themselves? Or that maybe you've never seen that side of them? Maybe it's not about you.

Then, ask yourself why you're angry. We all get by relying on stories. In this example, the story might be that you've surrounded yourself with safe, supportive people. Do the comments disrupt that narrative? Is another perspective possible?

Maybe you frequent a popular store regularly. You recommend it to others, so it feels like a representation of you. You suggest that the store put your business cards on the front desk, and you suggest you will do the same for them. The clerk goes in the back to call the owner, and the owner says no.

Maybe you decide the owner never appreciated your business after all. But maybe you were the third person to ask that day.

And where are your emotions coming from? What's your story? Maybe you are worried because your business is struggling. Maybe earlier that day, an offhand remark put you on edge.

There's another saying I like: "These thoughts are not your thoughts. These thoughts are your conditions."

Think about that. We come into this world with countless future forms. We arrive with parents and genes and predispositions. Then the world exerts its might, and we are grains of sand.

We become. We become people with different coping skills, internal struggles, defense mechanisms, hobbies, likes and dislikes, professions, experiences, joys, pains, opinions, perspectives, perceptions, and... thoughts.

Maybe there is one truth, but to find it, you'd have to consciously decide to do the work of peeling back every layer, eliminating all external factors acting upon you and everyone else, all human and ego-based desire for validation, and that kind of labor would take you 24 hours a day.

But while there 24 hours in a day and 12 months in a year, is time something different to a newborn baby and a person in hospice?

And does time change for someone the last time another person ever speaks their name?

And to a child, is the world not a scarier place than it is to an adult?

I'm not sure the soul has thoughts. Whenever I try to capture the essence of soul in my mind, I imagine an endless bright light. I think we find glimpses of it in our own ways. For one person that might be meditation or yoga; for another it might be in nature or a passion; for another in repetitious work or a child's eyes.

I think thoughts are the culmination of things that happen to us and choices we've made, and that we should try (often failing, because we are human) to be compassionate to people when we consider their choices, because we are unaware of every influence, incident and perspective.

I also think we should be compassionate because every time we consider placing value or judgment on a choice, we too are choosing to accept that societal conditions, morals and values and consensus represent universal truth. That tying healthcare to work is not a social construct but inevitable.

Super Crossword

STUDY OF GENESIS

- ACROSS 1 Downhiller's headwear 8 Mexican beach resort 14 Island home of Odysseus 20 University of Wyoming's city 21 Moon-landing program 22 Had to have 23 They appear before a film's first scene 25 Viewed to be 26 Cakes of cornbread 27 Indy units 28 Bichon (white dog) 30 Stitch's cartoon friend 31 Bleating females 32 Speedy plane 33 It turns a computer on 35 Always, to bards 36 Vintage auto 38 Active Sicilian volcano 39 Holders of emergency supplies 43 Women with babies on the way 47 Puccini work 51 Gala after a presidential oath 54 Cutting noise 55 Quadrillionth: Prefix 56 — epic scale 57 Musical insensitivity 59 Sets for viewing 60 Perfume by Dana 61 Lured 63 "You Gotta Be" singer of 1994 65 Graduation address deliverer 71 Keyless, musically 72 Many a Netflix show 73 "— Dinka Doo" (Jimmy Durante tune) 75 Candy in collectible dispensers 76 "Mice" or "lice," but not "rice" 81 Blowout, e.g. 82 Look for prey, as a lion 83 Cyber-addresses 85 Membership ceremony 88 Phony: Prefix 90 Camera item for a long or short view 91 Down Under dweller 92 "Me? Never!" 94 — Cruces 95 Says "yes" to 96 Celebratory event for a rollout 102 Swung tool 103 Green gem 107 Prefix with directional 108 Cosmetician 109 Saintry 111 Birds-and-bees class 112 Stick together 114 Bible's first words (apt for this puzzle's theme) 117 Actress 118 Quarterback great Dan 119 Flow out 120 Smallish sofa 121 Slip away 122 City in Arizona or Mexico 4 Lion features 5 French buds 6 Moral failure 7 Bowler, informally 8 Koi, e.g. 9 Clumsy sorts 10 Signal "yes" 11 Actor Montgomery 12 Radical sort 13 GI's "Uh-uh!" 14 Owing money 15 PGA peg 16 Shoe lifts 17 Grant entry to 18 Singer/rapper Green 19 Attach 24 Purring pet 29 "Remington —" 32 Bach's "—, Joy of Man's Desiring" 33 Mediocre 34 108-card game 35 Frozen waffle brand 36 Move in circles 37 "Lose Yourself" rapper 39 Natural ability 40 Many short plays 41 Hoodwink 42 One of the four seasons 43 Wildly excited 44 Blast stuff 45 Sapporo sash 46 Prohibit 48 Just between us 49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture 50 Church area 52 Horse color pattern 53 Fills with freight 58 Irish actor Stephen 61 Lawyer Melvin called "The King of Torts" 62 — Moines 64 Minis, midis and maxis 66 GPS display 67 Tetley competitor 68 Bridal gown features 69 Grain towers 70 Hammer's striking end 71 Since Hector was — 74 Everybody, in Essen 77 Starts to remove a jacket, say 78 — de Janeiro 79 — -Z (total) 80 Fashion designer Phillip — 82 Name shared by 12 popes 84 Least cloudy 86 Join forces 87 Fall lawn tool 89 Rx writer 93 A flirtatious look 95 Element #8 96 Sale securers 97 Love, in Italy 98 Not stricken 99 — or two (on occasion) 100 Kidney-related 101 "Neon" fish 102 Schooner fill 103 One of the Bush twins 104 Around a line of symmetry 105 AI — (a bit firm) 106 Knife features 109 Birds sitting on clutches 110 Conical-bore woodwind 111 Hosiery flaw 113 GPS display: Abbr. 115 Trendy 116 "It seems to me," online

Crossword grid with numbers 1-122 indicating starting points for clues.

FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!

As if finding truth were like barreling down a highway, with only one destination, instead of an exploration of the unknown and the unseen.

As if truth changed when we discovered gravity pulls us toward the earth or when we discovered the pull of the ocean tide toward the moon.

As if your own truth hadn't been shape-shifted, as if it wasn't camouflaged, wasn't molded into itself based upon everything that's happened to you. And if you gripped it tight enough, you could know every smooth side and every jagged edge, and it would never change and never betray you; as if you never had to depend on faith because you were omnipotent. As if you could know every smooth side, every jagged edge, and every crack.

As if truth was something you could grasp and hold in the palm of your hand and never let it go. As if it could save you.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."

March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

March 26, 1851: Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.

March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training

Newspaper masthead for The News & Journal, including contact information, subscription rates, and a 'How To Let Us Know' section.



## N&J Briefs

### FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

The Shinnston News provides a calendar of events free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to [newsandjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandjournal@yahoo.com)

#### Parkinson's support group

Saturday, March 25

The luncheon will begin at noon. annual luncheon, held at the Brickside Bar & Grill in Bridgeport

For more information about this group, please contact Tracey Robertson at 304-363-1028.

#### Pancake breakfast

Saturday, March 25

8 a.m.-noon

Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church of Shinnston

\$6 for pancakes, sausage, and a drink to benefit the Lincoln Middle School track team

Take-out is available.

304-592-0232

#### Book sale

Bridgeport Public Library

1200 Johnson Avenue, Bridgeport

Monday, March 20 – Saturday, March 25

All books and music CDs 25¢ each or buy one bag for \$3, get second bag free.

All other items are priced as marked.

304-842-8248 for additional information

#### Easter bake sale

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 619 Pike St., Shinnston

Easter breads (no phone pre-orders) available on day of sale, April 1, and as baked March 29, 30, 31 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

### "Hunt" From Pg 1.

then, politely declining the offer.

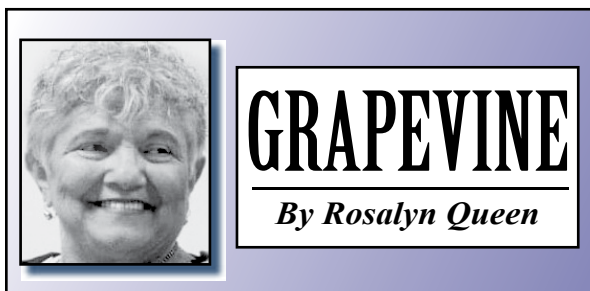
It seemed like he had rehearsed the sales pitch and he would glance down at his notes during some of the presentation. I did listen to motivational tapes and some of the topics interested me, until he got to the price. The total "investment", as he called it, was \$320 and while that is a lot of money, back in 1982, it seemed like a fortune to "invest" in 12 cassette tapes and a workbook. I tried to think of a nice way of saying that I didn't want to buy the tapes, but he was so earnest, and he must have hit me on a good day, since I said yes, and he wrote up the sales receipt and handed me a three-ring binder that had the workbook and 12 cassette tapes.

Many years later, I was at an event and a well-dressed guy walked up to me as I was talking to a

group of people. He put his arm around my shoulder and announced to the group that I was responsible for his successful life. I was so embarrassed, as I was sure he had confused me with someone else, and he would soon realize it. He related that after months of trying to sell his system of motivational tapes, he was just about to give up and vowed that he would make one more call before giving up. I suddenly realized that he was the guy that had come into my shop, more than 30 years before.

When I think about the pivotal people in my life, I realize that many of them may not know the role they played in my success and some may not even remember my name, but nonetheless, my life would be different without their role.

## A little bit of this and that



Last week I found myself busy doing a lot of this and that. I am going to try and share with you just a little that is going on.

I went to a dinner hosted by the folks from the Milton Hershey School in Pennsylvania. I am so impressed by the work they do. They offer the opportunity of a lifetime to a child. I know there are a lot of people who do not know much about this program and probably a lot who have never heard of it. I encourage you to go online to find out more about this program. Believe me; you will give your child a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The Clarksburg Farmers Market Board is busy making plans for the upcoming season. Opening day will be May 13 at the same location in the Tractor Supply parking lot. It will be held every Saturday until October. If you are interested in participating, please contact William Yoke for an application. I hope that all of you will plan on making a stop at the market to get that fresh produce.

Remember Mother's Day on May 14. I am sure you will be able to find a nice gift for those on your list.

I just happened to be at the Progressive Women's Association office this week when the staff received an order of food from the Department of Agriculture. The staff picked up the food dispensed at a local spot convenient for all food pantries. The items on the list for the PWA had been ordered by the director and the cost was in excess of \$450. These funds are received from local organizations such as Antero and Walmart. Other organizations are very instrumental in donating canned goods.

There are many in the area who depend on the food bank. They also offer a pet pantry to help individuals who have pets. They would welcome donations from any group or individual.

The PWA will be making and selling Easter Bread on Monday, April 3. The cost is \$10 and the bread will be seated on a Fiesta plate. They will also be selling homemade Easter eggs also on a Fiesta plate. Since there will be a limited supply, it is suggested that you preorder by calling 304-624-6881.

The Italian Festival will be sponsoring a 5K Spaghetti Run on April 8 in downtown Clarksburg starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 and registration includes a T-shirt. Bill Boyles is chairing the event and is being assisted by Betty Waddy.

I was able to work in a dinner with Judy Ritz and Rosemary Maschio. These were two of my neighbors from Lodgeville and I truly cherish their friendship. We ate at the Clique Club and I so enjoyed their Monday special. I was also able to visit with Allie and George Beezel and Janice Brunetti. Take time for your friends. They are our diamonds in life.

Spring is here. Get ready for your plants and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

### "History" From Pg 2.

Program at West Virginia State College (now University).

**March 27, 1826:** Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

**March 27, 1917:** Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. In 1978, Vance was instrumental in the Camp David peace accord between Egypt and Israel and in negotiating the Panama Canal Treaty.

**March 28, 1870:** State officials, with state records and property, boarded a steamboat called Mountain Boy, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.

**March 28, 1941:** Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program "Hey Haw."

**March 29, 1834:** Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. There were strikes and riots during much of his administration, including the national railroad strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.

**March 29, 1858:** Clay County was created from parts of Nicholas and Braxton counties and named for Henry Clay, the U.S. senator from Kentucky.

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## Mountaineers wrap up their season



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

West Virginia's season ended rather abruptly, in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Halfway through the season, it looked as if this team would be watching the tournament back in Morgantown. However, a late regular season run, and a victory in the opening round of the Big 12 Tournament forced the selection committee to invite the Mountaineers to the Big Dance. West Virginia Head Coach, Bob Huggins is known for his ability to bring his squad together towards the end of a season. Huggins has been utilizing the "us verses everyone else" philosophy for a long time in Morgantown, and it has always added a sense of cohesiveness just when it is needed the most.

Huggins and company won three of its last four regular season lock-ups in impressive fashion. On Feb 20, the Eers clubbed Oklahoma State in Mo-Town. The second win was on the road at Iowa State in Ames. The regular season finale was a clubbing of Kansas State at home on senior day. It wasn't just the fact that WVU garnered wins against three quality opponents. It's the manner in which they garnered the victories that stood out.

The Mountaineers won the three battles by a combined 29 points. All three of them those made it to postseason play with the Cyclones and the Wildcats earning spots in the NCAA Tournament. In order to leave no doubt as to whether or not they would receive an invite, a win in the Philly's 66 Big 12 Tournament was needed. The opening round tilt was a match with

Texas Tech. Each team has won on the other's home court and there was significantly more value put on this third contest. It would become a runaway 16-point West Virginia win, the second and final WVU victory in March.

The very next night Kansas (without legendary head coach Bill Self) ended Big 12 Tournament play, but not before WVU had sealed up an invitation to go dancing.

The opening round game against Maryland was played in Birmingham, Alabama, almost a 10-hour drive from Touchdown City, making it hard for fans to support their team.

West Virginia opened with a 16-4 run that was spurred by a tremendous defensive effort. The Terps didn't rattle and made a move with their own run that brought them all the way back to take a 32-30 advantage into the halftime break.

The Mountaineers didn't waver and capitalized on a 13-0 run early in the second half to grab the 51-43 lead with 11:27 left in regulation.

Down the stretch, Huggins had to battle foul trouble and injury. Leading shot blocker Mohamed Wague was out before the game with a leg injury, and Emmitt Mathews, Jr. sustained a shoulder injury that forced him to miss several second-half minutes. James Okonkwo couldn't play aggressively because of four fouls that also limited his effectiveness.

It was a perfect storm with the cherry on top being a missed call late that should have given possession to West Virginia inside of a minute left. Still with all of those obstacles, the Mountaineers had a shot at the buzzer to win the game but the shot and the outcome came up just short. Nothing to be ashamed of, but the loss will take awhile to get over. It's the what could have been that always hurts most.

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

## Harrison County EMS



## Athletes of the Week

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

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

The winners of this past week's Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal

Athletes Of The Week award are Roberts C. Byrd's Simon Boehke and Notre Dame's Zyla Lanham.

Flying Eagle tennis standout Simon Boehke started out the season with a pair of impressive outings. On Wednesday, in the opener against Liberty, Boehke won his No.1 singles match. He then combined with Jacob Brannon to claim victory in the No.1 doubles match.

On Thursday, Boeheremained undefeated against Buckhannon - Upshur. Boehke once again earned a No. 1 singles win and also teamed with Brannon to garner a No.1 doubles victory.

Fighting Irish tennis star, Zyla Lanham had a nice day this past Saturday. Lanham won her No.1 match against Wood County Christian in Parkersburg. Lanham remained perfect on the day teaming up with Austyn Paugh to grab the No. 1 doubles victory.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's Simon Boehke and Notre Dame's Zyla Lanham for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!



Marcus Constantino / Courtesy Mister Bee Potato Chips. The Fairmont Senior Polar Bears pose for a photograph with the championship trophy after the West Virginia boys AAA championship game at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Saturday, March 18, in Charleston.



Marcus Constantino/Courtesy Mister Bee Potato Chips. Fairmont Senior's Julz Butler (15) goes up for a shot during the West Virginia boys AAA championship game at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Saturday, March 18.

## Ernie "Turtle Man" Brown visits Rec Complex this weekend



### From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer



The "Turtle Man" visits the Harrison County Recreation Complex a previous year. This weekend, he'll be offering a meet-and-greet for fans.

Ernie Brown, famously known as the "Turtle Man," is no stranger to Parks and Recreation. In fact, for the last seven years, he has made the Harrison County Recreation Complex a stop as he tours the states telling his tales. Unknown to most, he has been knowledgeable of dinosaurs and always

plans accordingly to make sure he does not miss out on the Walking with Dinosaurs exhibit. That annual visit will happen this Saturday, March 25 at the complex and the parks department anticipates another huge turnout.

For those who are unsure of the background of Brown, let me familiarize you. Animal Planet once aired Brown's television show, "Call of the Wildman," from 2011 through 2014 and the show had a huge draw. There is an old saying to find something you love to do and make a job out of it. That is exactly what Brown did. Kentucky-born and raised, he would scour through the muddy lakes and ponds to catch turtles. He developed a niche and caught the eye of the producers of the Animal Planet channel, which picked him up for a television show. And the audience grew!

Ray Garton, local paleontologist and owner of Prehistoric Planet, met the "Turtle Man" during a couple exhibit shows along the way and they quickly became friends. As Garton often says, "What you see on television is what you get in real life when it comes to Ernie (Brown)."

Director Mike Book agrees and elaborated more about the first interaction with our visitor.

"He is very much down-to-earth and is very interested in those he meets. He has been to our facility numerous times and has spoken to kids during our field days and everyone really enjoyed him. He has vast knowledge about pretty much all things that lurk in the ponds and rivers and believe me, he is a braver man than I for doing some of the things he does."

This is the second meet-and-greet during our

dino exhibit and the crowds have been big, but not quite the same amount of people that came the first time. Since that first event, which drew over 1,500 people, the department had to find a way to police the crowd to make sure there was good flow. And while the numbers last year were a little off compared to previous visits, the department had a better game plan to make sure that everyone got to enjoy their time meeting the "Turtle Man."

"We will keep things consistent to what we did last year," said Book. "We had Ernie (Brown) in the first room on the second floor where we do our dinosaur digs and people can enter through one entrance and exit with the option to go downstairs to see the exhibit and out the hallway to exit. All in all, the pace was smoother and there was great control of the crowd."

Today, Brown can be found on the web as he continues to film on his YouTube channel, the "Official Turtle Man Channel." You can see over 40 episodes on topics like snapping turtle catching and even a multi-series on searching for Big Foot. Please feel free to check out the videos and be sure to subscribe.

The "Turtle Man" will be on site this Saturday, March 25 from noon-4 p.m. meeting with fans from the area. People can stop by for photos or just to say hello and shake his hand. Also, there was a small amount of merchandise on hand for purchase including "Turtle Man" t-shirts, arrowhead necklaces and other items related to the "Turtle Man" shows. For more info, please contact the parks department.





# Good Health Guide

## “Somersault into the inconceivable”

### Words of Wellness

By Jill Fratto  
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One of the biggest spiritual and personal development teachers in my life has been Dr. Wayne Dyer. I began reading Dr. Dyer's works when I was in my twenties and was fortunate enough to hear him speak in Colorado. It's the only time I sat still and captivated for two hours in my life.

Dr. Dyer passed away in August 2015. I recently listened to one of his talks on manifesting what we want in our lives.

It's easy to dwell on the past when we think about what we want in the future. We feel like we

can't accomplish something because of occurrences that happened in the past or the circumstances we are facing now. For example, if I have never been able to lose weight or I have failed on many diets, I might feel like I will never be able to succeed. Dr. Dyer said something impactful

about this that stuck with me.

He asked, “Can the wake of a boat ever change the direction of the boat in front of it?”

The answer is no. The wake can't steer the boat. Our past doesn't determine our future. We must let go of those notions and focus our energy on the present. By focusing on past failures and

expecting the same thing to happen, those expectations are fulfilled. What we focus on grows;

Therefore, we have to focus on what we want; not what happened in the past.

Dr. Dyer lists four things you cannot do with your mind if you want to move into a state of

intention and manifest your desires:

1. You cannot put your thoughts on what's missing in your life.
2. You cannot put your thoughts on the circumstances of your life.
3. You cannot focus on what you have always been.
4. You cannot focus on what others want for you.

So, if you can't do these things, you must “learn to do a somersault into the inconceivable and

only put your thoughts on what you intend to manifest for yourself. Wisdom is avoiding all

thoughts that weaken you.”

So what do you want to change in your life? I highly recommend any of Dr. Wayne Dyer's

works if you want to learn how to manifest all that you desire and increase the peace in your life.

## WVU expert addresses plant resiliency as seasons change

A West Virginia University expert is addressing the effects lingering winter weather and fluctuating temperatures could have on trees, shrubs and flowers heading into the official start of spring on Monday, March 20.

Mira Danilovich, associate professor with WVU Extension and the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design and consumer horticulture Extension specialist, has insights on how plants weather up-and-down temperatures.

“With hot spells followed by temperatures in the mid-20s and low-30s, some trees and flowers will start to ‘move.’ Swollen buds are a sign that water has started to flow through the trees. When it comes to flowering trees, if the flowers are swollen but not open yet, they can sustain temperatures in high to mid-20s with only minor injury.

“Throughout West Virginia, many people have fruit trees planted on their property. How the weather affects flowers in

fruit trees truly depends on the stage of the flower bud development. Right now, most of the fruit trees still appear tight and swollen, with some early green on the buds. Fruit trees at this stage can sustain temperatures into the high teens.

“Curled up and crinkled leaves or dark patches on the flower petals are signs of cold injury. Unopened flowers might be a bit crinkled too. Some of the cells might have been injured and, on that side, the growth will be slower than on the side where there was no damage. In other words, growth may appear lopsided. Our flowers and plants affected by the freezing temperatures will recuperate, but still show the ‘scars’ of the frost encounter.

“Late fall and early spring are the best times to prune your trees, shrubs and other plants. I encourage people to start sprucing up and cutting back their plants in mid-March just as spring officially arrives.”

## Drinking, drug use and driving increased in West Virginia during COVID-19, WVU study finds

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — One West Virginia trauma center saw an uptick in alcohol and drug use by patients treated for motor vehicle collision injuries during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a West Virginia University study. More specifically, researchers found patients were using a greater number of drugs, including cannabinoids, opioids and stimulants during the pandemic than prior to its onset.

The study was published in Injury Epidemiology, an online peer-reviewed journal focusing on injury prevention and control. Toni Marie Rudisill, assistant professor in the WVU School of Public Health, led the research team that included pre-med student Lucie Steinmetz, of Moon, Pennsylvania, and Dr. James Bardes, assistant professor in the Department of Surgery's Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care.

The patients were treated at Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center in Morgantown, one of two Level 1 trauma centers in West Virginia.

As stress levels increased at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, so did the use of alcohol and drugs among drivers in urban areas, according to several studies. That prompted Rudisill and her team to see if the same held true for rural areas, particularly the Mountain State.

“It was important to determine what was happening here in West Virginia and if we were following the same trend,” Rudisill said. “Our findings may be generalizable to West Virginia. However, we are unsure if our findings would be generalizable to other rural areas.”

With support from the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute, housed at WVU, and funding from the National Institute of General Medical Sci-

ences of the National Institutes of Health, the team set out to analyze and compare records of patients ages 18 and older who were treated for motor vehicle-related injuries during two time frames: pre-COVID-19 period — Sept. 1, 2018, to March 15, 2020, and COVID-19 period — March 16, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021.

Throughout the study period, 1,465 patients received treatment. Patients were given a blood test to determine whether they had been using alcohol, while a urine test was conducted to see if drugs were present in the patients' systems. Drugs included in the testing panel were cannabinoids, opioids, stimulants and depressants.

Any amount of alcohol was considered a positive test. Patients were considered drug positive if one or more non-alcohol drugs were detected. The discovery of one or more non-alcohol drugs and any amount of alcohol was deemed drug and alcohol positive. Drugs received as part of pre-hospital care were excluded from analyses to avoid misclassification of an individual who may have received the medication as part of post-collision care.

“Given our state's rurality, it can take quite a bit of time to transport severely injured patients from the scene of a crash to a trauma center,” Rudisill said. “Patients may receive medication from emergency medical services as part of their care during transport. However, drug and alcohol tests are performed on patients when they

arrive at the trauma center. It is entirely possible that a patient may have consumed an opioid before the crash, but then received one as part of their care during transport to the trauma center. For that reason, those individuals' results would be excluded from the analysis as we would not be able to determine if the opioids in their system were taken before the crash or administered by EMS on the way to the trauma center.”

The study found that the number of drugs patients tested positive for was 31% greater during the COVID-19 period. Stimulant and opioid use significantly increased among treated patients and cannabinoid use increased marginally, while depressant use decreased over the study period.

The majority of the patients, 57%, were male and between the ages of 20 and 45. Overall, 84% were drivers of the vehicles and 72% were wearing seatbelts. Most of the crashes occurred during weekdays.

Researchers concluded that, although further studies could investigate whether drug and alcohol use among drivers in West Virginia changed after September 2021, public health interventions may be needed in the state to curb the activity.

“Getting people to stop using drugs and/or alcohol and then driving is a complex issue,” Rudisill said. “Reducing this behavior in a population often requires a combination of educational, environmental, behavioral and policy approaches to be effective.”



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“Poetry Out Loud” From pg 1



Morgan Sprouse has a love for the performing arts and has taken part in several BHS productions. Her teacher, Jared St. Martin Brown, called her “a unique talent,” and said that Sprouse rarely misses his class.

The Bridgeport student said it felt “very cool” to win the competition two years in a row. She also felt grateful. “All of the people who run Poetry Out Loud are amazing artists, so it’s just nice to be around them, much less get an award of this kind,” she said.

Poetry Out Loud is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, in partnership with the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History. The program is designed to encourage the learning of great works of poetry through both memorizing and performing. The state winner is awarded \$200 as well as a trip to the national competition, while their school is awarded \$500 for use

in purchasing poetry books and additional materials.

Sprouse credits her mom for helping her memorize the poems for the competition, and her teachers at Bridgeport for giving solid feedback during the process. “Before anything, I memorize the monologues, which can be the most tedious part because you have to get every single word correct or you get docked points... And then after that, my mom has been a great help with this, I just run through them and run through them until they are kinda like second nature.”

She also decides where to stress certain words and explores the meaning behind the poems.

“I get nervous right before... not so much

leading up to it,” Sprouse said of the state competitions that she’s had the privilege of being chosen for three years in a row.

Sprouse plans to attend Ohio University in the fall and work towards obtaining a Bachelor of Fine Arts in performance and musical theater. She not only enjoys learning poetry, but has appeared in various BHS productions, and she said she loves being a part of her school’s productions with her theater family.

Sprouse said that the poems she chooses in the competitions are ones that hold a lot of meaning for her. She talked about how poems are more than assignments she reads in school; poetry is an art that runs in her family. She grew up seeing a love of poetry in her mom and grandparents, and she said that her favorite poem of all time is one she performed last year. “It’s called a Psalm of Life, and it’s one my grandfather really loved... It was really wonderful to have the opportunity to be able to perform it at last year’s states.”

The Shinnston News was unable to reach Miyah Riley, who represented Lincoln High School at the competition, but the newspaper plans to recognize her in a future edition.

“City Council” From pg 1

Edwards stated that the work on the app for citizens to keep track of water usage, their water bills, etc, is still in the trial period. “We should be releasing that the beginning of April,” Edwards said.

The audit that was scheduled to take place this month of Shinnston finances has been canceled due to an oversight of the state auditor. The auditor mentioned returning to complete the audit if possible, and Edwards is confident they will get the results on Shinnston’s last two years shortly.

Edwards also reported updates on the closed parking lot along Main Street. “We looked at it... and it looks

like, and I hate to use the word temporary, but what we’re going to do is... We will have to push the parking in a little bit, maybe three feet. And once we do that, we’re out of the right-of-way. The parking lines will end where the sidewalk is supposed to be... and you’ll back out into the road. If the DOH approves of it, we’re doing it,” Edwards said. He said he planned to have the project in progress as quickly as possible.

The city had not yet received the clearance from the DOH. Until then, Edwards said he wishes to get the parking lot opened up for businesses as soon as possible.



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**OBITUARIES****Katheryn M. "Kitty" Lane**

Katheryn M. "Kitty" Lane, 76, of Lumberport, passed away on March 2, 2023, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport.

She was born in Clarksburg, February 18, 1947, a daughter of the late Clovis and Mary Bridgette McPartland Tucker. On June 17, 1967, she married Glen Franklin Lane who preceded her in death on August 6, 2015.

Surviving are two sons: Patrick Lane and his wife Sara, Navarre, FL, Shawn Lane and his wife Casey, Clarksburg; seven grandchildren: Morgan Marie Kennedy, Patrick Glen Lane, II, Alexander Franklin Lane, Mary Bridgette Lane, Syllas Franklin Lane, Harlow Nicole Lane, and Ezra Ashby Lane; two siblings: Tom Tucker and his wife Glenda, Lumberport, Wanda June Knotts, Clarksburg; and several nieces and nephews. Kitty was also preceded in death by one granddaughter in infancy, Lillian Virginia Lane, and one sister, Patricia Ellen Wolfe.

Kitty was employed at Anchor Hocking Glass for more than 20 years. She later was an instructor at the Clarksburg Beauty Academy. She was a member of St. Ann

Catholic Church, in Shinnston. More than anything, she loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 2-8pm, Monday. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church, Shinnston, at 11am, Tuesday, March 7, with Rev. Chris Turner as celebrant. Interment was at the Lion's Club Cemetery in Lumberport.

Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

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

**Vicki Paulette Cross**

Vicki Paulette Cross, 71, of Bridgeport passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2023 with her family by her side. She was born November 5, 1951 in Fairmont, a daughter of the late Oliver Paul and Betty Sole Fluharty.

On January 24, 2022 she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Eugene Cross, whom she married on June 27, 1970.

Vicki is survived by her children, Robin Lynn Layman; Thomas Eugene Cross II; and Mat-

thew Paul Cross, all of Shinnston; three grandchildren, David Brent Layman and his wife Sarica; Hannah McKenzie Layman; and Ethan Trickett; five great-grandchildren, Zachariah Michael Flint; Kilynn Paige Layman; Brennan Von Layman; Caleb Thomas "Porkchop" Layman; and Makenzie Marie Layman; her sisters, Sandra Lou O'Brien and Candi Jo Downey; her brother, Jeffrey Todd Fluharty; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Vicki was preceded in death by her brother, Boyd L. Fluharty.

Vicki and Thomas enjoyed camping and going to WVU Football games with their family. She was also fond of growing flowers and planning dinners and events for the holidays. But her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as caring for her beloved dogs. Vicki retired from MedExpress on Emily Drive following many years in business offices at several area medical centers.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no public services. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

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

**Richard Bolyard**

Richard Bolyard, 65, of Morgantown, passed away on March 7, 2023. He was born on May 25, 1957, in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, to the late Melvin Bolyard and Martha (Bittinger) Bolyard.

He is survived by two sisters, Zelda Morris of Fairmont, and Susan Bolyard of Ohio; two sons, Rick Bolyard Jr. of Uniontown, PA, and Chad Bolyard of Fairmont; four granddaughters, Sarah Bolyard of Indiana, PA, Jasmine Bolyard, Destiny Bolyard, and Lily Bolyard, all of Fairmont; one great-grandson Maverick, of Fairmont, and lifelong friend, Jim Kalbaugh whom he considered a brother.

Along with his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Jack and Sybil Bolyard, and maternal grandparents Alvin Bittinger and Rebecca Uphold Bittinger.

Richard loved deer hunting and fishing.

Per his wishes, Richard will be cremated. The family had a Celebration of Life on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:00PM at Grace Bible Church, 1390 Goshen Road Morgantown, WV 26508.

Online memories and condolences may

be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com.

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**David Lee Martin**

David Lee Martin, 39, of Clarksburg, passed away on March 11, 2023. He was born on December 20, 1983, in Fairmont, to Jim Martin and Sharon (Garrett) Martin. Along with his parents, he is survived by his husband, David Morrison of Clarksburg; son Ian Maditz; grandfather Lee Martin of Hepzibah; brothers Jason Isaac Martin of Morgantown, Matthew John (Amy) Bock, and Daniel Mark Bock; Uncles Jesse Garrett, Fred (Sheila) Martin; niece Eden; and nephews Rhys and Bradley.

He was preceded in death by Russell Steven Garrett II of Fairmont; grandmother Miriam Hess Martin; and Jesse Theodore Garrett and wife Evelyn of Shinnston.

David attended Emmanuel Christian School. He also attended Glenville State College for Forestry. He had an internship for the Federal Forest in Parsons.

He loved the woods and being outside, camping, and off-roading in his Jeep. He enjoyed collecting antique lanterns, gardening, and working on his Jeep. David loved his family and friends above all. He also loved spending time with his dog Max.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 1:00PM. Interment followed at Hepzibah Cemetery.

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

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**Victor M. Cunningham**

Victor M. Cunningham, 89, of Sun Valley, in Clarksburg WV passed away on March 12, 2023. He was born November 17, 1933, in Wilsonburg, WV. He was preceded in death by his parents Orpha and Etta Cunningham and by a sister, Sharon.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, whom he married September 12, 1956. He is also survived by daughter, Donna (Mark) Elbon, of Chesterfield, VA, and two grandchildren, Daniel Elbon (Kimmy Pillow) and Heather (Trent) Johnson all of Champaign, IL.

He graduated from Lumberport High School and West Virginia University. After graduation, he served in the US Army. He was employed as office manager for Public Finance for 10 years and then went to work for the State of WV Employment office in Clarksburg and retired from there after 29 years.

A private service was held for immediate family members only.

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

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**Glenn Owen Rexroad Jr.**

Glenn Owen Rexroad Jr., 84, of Lumberport, passed away at his residence on March 15, 2023. He was born in Harrison County on August 19, 1938 to the late Glenn O. Rexroad Sr. and Edith Watkins.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Karen Sue Rexroad.

He is survived by his children, daugh-

See "Obits" on Pg 8.

**Out of the Past**

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



Main entrance to the Shinnston Cemetery before the front stone wall was built. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.



**“Obits” From Pg 7**

ter Ashley Muzzy (Jeremy) and granddaughter Hayley, three sons, James Rexroad (Sue), and grandchildren Rachael and Josh Rexroad; Kevin Rexroad and grandchildren Gianna Scott and Gary Rexroad; and Jeff Rexroad (Becky) and grandchildren Madison and Jeffrey Jr. Rexroad. Glenn loved his family. He en-

joyed fishing, baseball, and was an avid Mountaineer and Steelers fan.

Per his wishes, he will be cremated.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.harmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com)

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## Company offers spring garden care tips

As the temperatures begin to rise and plants emerge from dormancy, it's an excellent time for homeowners to plan for spring garden care. Whether it be vegetable/herb gardens, flower beds, trees or shrubs, spring gardens need extra care to help them transition from the harsh conditions of winter to the warmer temperatures of spring.

In this guide, we'll walk you through spring garden care tips to help you prepare your spring gardening checklist. Let's get started!

### Inspect and Repair Your Spring Garden

Winter is a great time to dust off your spring tools and arrange for any cleaning or repairs needed. It's also the time to take stock of what might be missing from your shed that you'll need come springtime.

Think about items like your mower, garden spreader, blower, rakes, shovels, etc. There is nothing more frustrating than going to do yard work on a beautiful spring day only to realize that the tools and equipment you need either aren't there or don't work.

### Clean Up Beds

Inspection is the first step to preparing your garden for new growth. Many plants may suffer from the cold, ice and snow, thus experiencing damage. Remove any debris in your garden beds, including annual plants from last year. Watch for signs of pests that may have taken shelter in your garden during the winter months.

Hardscaping items such as retaining walls, trellises and fences may also need repairing. It's best to fix landscape materials before planting your spring garden to avoid damaging the plants.

You can also use this time to redesign your garden beds and construct new hardscaping. Consider spring garden ideas such as steppingstones, water gardens, bird baths and larger herb/vegetable garden beds.

### Prune Trees and Perennials

If you haven't already pruned your plants last fall, spring is the perfect time to complete pruning before new buds appear. Annual pruning helps promote healthy growth and avoid pest infestation. Plants that should be pruned include trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennials.

Be sure to remove any dead or diseased branches, suckers and branches that cross. Trim ornamental grasses and perennials to remove dead leaves and make room for new growth. Find a few other helpful spring tools here.

### Perform a Spring Garden Soil Test

Testing your soil is essential for ensuring proper growth throughout the year. It's recommended to perform a soil test every three to five years to identify your soil's pH and nutrient status. Depending on the test result, you may need to amend the soil by fertilizing or avoiding certain fertilizers. To perform a soil test, visit your state's Extension Service website or use a testing kit from your local gardening center.

### Feed and Mulch Garden Beds

After you've removed weeds and debris in your garden, the next step is applying organic matter. Begin by loosening the soil and applying a thin layer of compost.

If your soil's pH and nutrient levels are off, you may need to add amendments to correct the soil. Once you plant your garden, add a layer of mulch in mid-to-late spring to encourage moisture retention.

The Lawnifi Spring Fertilizer Box is an excellent source of spring nutrition. Each bottle of liquid fertilizer contains nutrients to help your lawn and garden transition from winter to warmer temperatures. Learn more at <https://sodsolutions.com/shop/fertilizer/spring-fertilizer-box/>

### Divide Perennials

If your perennials have outgrown their space, spring is the ideal time to divide and transplant them. Keep in mind that to avoid disrupting their bloom cycle, fall-blooming perennials should be divided in the spring, and spring-blooming perennials should be divided in the fall.

### Apply Weed and Pest Control

Pre-emergent herbicides are best applied in the early spring to avoid unwanted weed growth. Pesticides and insecticides should also be used to prevent damage from pests. Always follow the directions on the product label and wear proper safety gear.

### Enjoy Planting!

Once you've completed these garden tips for spring, the final step is enjoying the planting process. Begin planting once there is no chance of frost or cold weather in the forecast. Transplant existing plants such as perennials, trees and shrubs, or sow new seeds directly into the soil. Enjoy exploring new spring garden ideas to improve and create a pleasant gardening space for this growing season.

Want to learn more about achieving a great lawn? Check out more Sod University tips at <https://sodsolutions.com/sod-university/> and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

This article was written by Sod Solutions Content Strategist, Valerie Smith.

## Fairmont State invites prospective students to Maroon & White Day

Fairmont State University prepares to welcome prospective students to campus for spring Maroon & White Day on Saturday, April 15, according to a news release.

Fairmont State hosts its large-scale, on-campus open house every fall and spring where traditional and non-traditional students and their families are invited to explore the University's offerings.

"Maroon & White Day is such an exciting time here on campus," said Assistant Vice President of Enrollment and Student Life Alicia Kalka. "Taking those next steps in your college journey is a big deal, and Maroon & White Day is designed so we can help those who may have questions and make them feel more confident as they begin this journey."

Check-in for the event begins at 9 a.m. in the Falcon Center. Guests can enjoy breakfast while waiting for the welcome message and introduction of the academic deans at 10 a.m. in Falcon Center Gym 1. Following introductions, Fairmont State University Interim President Dianna Phillips will provide the keynote address. "Falcon Q&A", a parent and student discussion panel, will occur immediately following the keynote at 11 a.m.

Prospective students and their families will also have the opportunity to participate in various activities

throughout the day including an Academic and Student Organization Fair and campus tours. Students who participate in the Academic and Student Organization Fair will receive a punch card. Those who visit at least 5 of the booths and get their card punched will be entered into a giveaway drawing for a Stanley tumbler or a one-time \$500 scholarship.

Additionally, information sessions will be held in the Falcon Center conference rooms throughout the day. These sessions will highlight topics like the nursing program, the honors program, financial aid, housing, student life, and more.

"Being able to meet future Falcons face-to-face during Maroon & White Day is a wonderful experience," said Director of Admissions Summer Boggess. "There is so much to explore and so much opportunity here at Fairmont State, and having the chance to show that to so many people in person is an amazing thing."

To learn more and register, visit [www.fairmontstate.edu/MWvisitation](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/MWvisitation). Pre-registration is encouraged, but accommodations will be made for walk-ins.

For those unable to attend the spring Maroon & White Day, other campus visitation options are available at [www.fairmontstate.edu/visit](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/visit).

## Governor declares Severe Weather Awareness Week

Gov. Jim Justice has signed a proclamation designating March 20 – 24, 2023 as Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week in West Virginia.

"Severe weather impacts every West Virginian in every region of our state, affecting schools, businesses, homes, and our economy," Gov. Justice said. "Knowing what to do in advance of severe weather saves lives, so I commend the WVEMD and all of our law enforcement and community partners for keeping us prepared and aware when severe weather inevitably strikes again."

A statewide tornado drill was scheduled to be conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 22. The National Weather Service, in partnership with the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD), Ready WV, and the West Virginia Broadcasters Association, were planning to issue a test tornado warning message.

Across the state, weather alert radios would activate, and participating television and radio stations would broadcast the alert. Wireless Emergency Alerts (alerts sent to cell phones and other mobile devices) will not be activated as part of this drill. The drill gives all citizens the opportunity to practice tornado safety measures.

During the test alert, all West Virginians, schools, businesses, hospitals, nursing homes, educators, community groups, and government agencies were encouraged to participate in the tornado drill and update their emergency plans as needed.

"Severe weather is our most constant threat. EMD is committed to ensuring our citizens are prepared for all types of hazards," said GE McCabe, director of WVEMD. "Testing your emergency plan during Severe Weather Awareness Week, whether with family, classmates, or co-workers, helps ensure we'll all be ready for the next severe weather event."

You can join us by posting photos or videos of your participation in the tornado drill, readiness activities or emergency preparedness kits using the hashtag #ReadyWVwx. Follow WVEMD, West Virginia's NWS offices, and Ready WV on social media to learn safety information to help keep you and your family safe before, during, and after severe weather.

## LEGAL

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority under that certain deed of trust executed by Andre Develt Feagin, to Daniel T. Baker, Trustee, dated April 15, 2011, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1216, at page 35, by which was conveyed to said Trustee(s) the hereinafter described real estate to secure the payment of a certain promissory note set out and described therein, and default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) having been appointed Substitute Trustee by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated September 23, 2022, and having been requested in writing by the holder of said note, will sell to the highest and best bidder on April 3, 2023 at 2:53 p.m., at the front door of the courthouse of Harrison County, West Virginia, the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and situate in Clark-Clarksburg District, Harrison County, West Virginia, together with easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at the time of the signing of the Deed of Trust it was reported that the address was 212 Concord Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 and being more particularly bounded and described therein as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the appurtenances thereon and thereunto belonging, situate in Goff Plaza, in the City of Clarksburg, Clark District, Harrison County, West Virginia, being known, numbered, and designated as Lot No. 192 of Goff Plaza Addition, as shown on the Plat entitled "Goff Plaza owned by Cecil B. Highland," which plat is of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County in Deed Book No. 246, at page 8.

Being the same real estate conveyed to Grantor by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County.

Grantor further Grant and Convey to Grantees any and all right, title and interest they may have to any rights of way or easements incident to their ownership of the above described real estate.

This conveyance is made subject to all valid exceptions, reservations, restrictions, conditions, easements, rights of way or other servitudes, if any, made retained or created in prior deeds of record in the chain of title to the property herein conveyed.

This sale is made subject to any special assessments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, reservations and restrictions affecting the aforesaid real estate.

The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights of ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

Pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust, the Substitute Trustee(s) may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated for the sale. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund or its designee may purchase the property at any sale.

The Substitute Trustees shall be under no duty to ca use any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of the sale.

**DATED** this 2nd day of March, 2023.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
BY:

Richard A. Pill, Member  
304-263-4971  
[foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com](mailto:foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com)



## LEGAL

(2021-S-0000015 - Harrison County - LAWSON MANGUN)

To: MICHAEL THOMAS ANGOTTI, ROBERT ANTHONY ANGOTTI, ROBERT ANTHONY ANGOTTI, FRANK W. ANGOTTI, MARY ELIZABETH ANGOTTI, JOHN B. ANGOTTI, MARY ANN ANGOTTI SMITH, JOHN DAVID ANGOTTI, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 9999 PARCEL 0662 8036**

You will take notice that LAWSON MANGUN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000015, 17 ACRES COAL M/O RYAN ADD, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of ANGOTTI ROBERT ANTHONY ETAL &, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.	\$ 101.35
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 1,079.02
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 463.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,643.93
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before April 23, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

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Charleston, West Virginia 25305.  
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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000384 - Harrison County - AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC)

To: BETH ANN DAVENPORT, ROGER DAVENPORT, SHARON MOORE, JOHN S. MOORE, BETH ANN DAVENPORT, ROGER DAVENPORT, SHARON MOORE C/O BOWELS RICE LLP - JOHN S. MOORE, ESQUIRE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0666 7528**

You will take notice that AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000384, .0333 INT O&G UNDER 40 AS BINGAMON-CARNEGIE #4147, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of DAVENPORT BETH ANN & ROGER, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.	\$ 99.45
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.	\$ 5.42
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 999.54
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 210.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,415.12
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000396 - Harrison County - AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC)

To: JOAN SMITH, D.J. SMITH, THOMAS MICHAEL SMITH, ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION, JOAN SMITH C/O D J SMITH, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HARRISON COUNTY MAGISTRATE CLERK, JOAN SMITH, JOAN SMITH, ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION C/O CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0668 3528**

You will take notice that AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000396, .0924 INT 20 AS WELL 3584 & LEASE H 49807, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of SMITH JOAN, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.	\$ 96.47
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.	\$ 5.42
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 1,031.33
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 367.85
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,501.07
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000394 - Harrison County - AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC)

To: JUDITH A. BOOKMAN, EDMUND B. BOOKMAN III, DAVID P. BOOKMAN, LILLIAN R. OSTEEN, JUDITH A. BOOKMAN, EDMUND B. BOOKMAN III, DAVID P. BOOKMAN, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0664 6347**

You will take notice that AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000394, .0333 INT 49.45 AC O&G KATYKICK CNX#3533-3542/ AN, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of BOOKMAN JUDITH A, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.	\$ 114.34
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.	\$ 16.27
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 999.54
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 230.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,360.86
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000381 - Harrison County - AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC)

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

**DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0667 7492**

You will take notice that AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000381, .25 INT 12.27 AC O&G WEST FK (EMAX/3583) UNDER MAP, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of OLDAKER WILMA K, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 17, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 16, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 16, 2023.	\$ 99.45
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 16, 2023.	\$ 5.42
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 16, 2023.	\$ 967.74
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 16, 2023.	\$ 43.57
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,116.18
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000385 - Harrison County - AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC)

To: BETH ANN DAVENPORT, ROGER DAVENPORT, SHARON MOORE, JOHN S. MOORE, BETH ANN DAVENPORT, ROGER DAVENPORT, SHARON MOORE C/O BOWELS RICE LLP - JOHN S. MOORE, ESQUIRE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0666 7555**

You will take notice that AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000385, .0167 INT 60 AS O&G BINGAMON CARNEGIE #10152-WELL, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of DAVENPORT BETH ANN & ROGER, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.	\$ 99.45
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.	\$ 5.42
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 999.54
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 310.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,415.12
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000397 - Harrison County - AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC)

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

**DISTRICT TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0688 7318**

You will take notice that AMFLO ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000397, .0357 INT 379 AC O&G JACOB RUN, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of STICKEL BETTY JEAN, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.	\$ 114.93
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.	\$ 19.80
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 967.74
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.	\$ 43.57
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,146.04
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000092 - Harrison County - WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN)

To: CITIZENS BANK OF WESTON, INC., INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, HARRISON COUNTY ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, OCCUPANT, TERRY R. FERRETT, JAN L. FERRETT, TRUIST BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, EMC RENTALS, LLC, CITIZENS BANK OF WESTON, INC., or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 23 PARCEL 0299 0000**

You will take notice that WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000092, 1 LOT 43 FT W PIKE ST, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of FERRETT TERRY R & JAN L, 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 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after May 3, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, May 2, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 2, 2023.	\$ 4,788.79
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 2, 2023.	\$ 4,381.19
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, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023.	\$ 1,400.85
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023.	\$ 264.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 10,835.11
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before May 2, 2023, 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**



## Dance company coming to Clarksburg



The WV Dance Company's performance is an interactive, multicultural event that brings the world to life through the art of movement, music, magical props, and costumes.

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is pleased to welcome the WV Dance Company, according to news release. The dance concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 30 at 4 p.m. at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

"We couldn't be more excited to welcome the state's premier professional dance company to the Robinson Grand stage," said Jason A Young, program manager at The Robinson Grand. "This homegrown troupe has 45 years of experience creating spectacular, crowd-pleasing dance performances."

Founded in 1977, WV Dance Company has been serving public venues, schools, colleges, and universities with entertaining and thought-provoking performances and workshops through the language of dance. Recognized for both artistic achievement and excellence in arts education, the WV Dance Company has toured throughout West Virginia, as well as 14 other states, reaching tens of thousands of people each year.

"This early April dance concert is guaranteed to be a top quality cultural experience at one of the state's best venues for the performing arts," said Young.

The WV Dance Company performance at the Robinson Grand is supported in part through a grant from the West Virginia Division of Arts, Culture, and History.

Tickets for the WV Dance Company start at only \$13. All tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.therobinsongrand.com/> or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

## Morrisey reminds consumers to research tax prep services

It's that time of the year again, so West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, in a news release, is reminding consumers to be cautious and to protect personal information when preparing and filing their federal and state income taxes, particularly since some tax preparers offer remote/online assistance.

The federal and West Virginia tax filing deadline this year is April 18.

If opting for a remote or virtual transaction, make sure you're dealing with a legitimate tax preparation service. Also, make sure the tax preparer uses a secure portal to receive sensitive information involving income, Social Security numbers, finances, birth dates, addresses and other items scammers could steal.

"Tax season is in full swing and so are scammers who are busy trying to steal your personal information," Attorney General Morrisey said. "That's why it's imperative for consumers to be mindful of how they handle tax information and who processes tax-related documents on their behalf. Make sure you work with the right person or business. Research their reputation, qualifications, and be on guard for any phony or dishonest preparer who would jeopardize your personal information."

Consumers can greatly reduce the risk of fraud by filing their return well before the April 18 deadline. This gives thieves less time to file a false return since Internal Revenue Service records would show a filed return in the consumer's name. Consumers also should use a secure internet connection, and never file their return via publicly available WiFi.

Consumers should ask for the Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) and check the IRS list found at <https://irs.treasury.gov/rpo/rpo.jsf>.

Legitimate tax preparers will ask for records and receipts. Additionally, they will never ask a client to sign a blank tax return. If they suggest as much, it should raise an immediate red flag.

Consumers should also ensure their tax preparer signs and includes his or her IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number. Federal law requires paid tax preparers to take both steps.

Other tips to consider if hiring a tax preparer: Research tax preparers online and/or seek a trusted friend's recommendation.

Make sure the tax preparer offers e-file. Anyone who prepares and files more than 10 returns for clients generally must do so electronically.

Make sure the tax preparer will be available after filing the return should any questions arise about the filed tax return.

Taxpayers who file through traditional mail should use caution and consider taking the mail to a local post office—tax identity thieves have been known to steal tax documents from mailboxes.

Consumers who believe they may be the victim of tax-related identity theft should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at 800-368-8808, or file a complaint online at [www.ago.wv.gov](http://www.ago.wv.gov).

## Folklife Center to present lecture on plants and cemeteries

On Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center will present a lecture titled "Gravestones, Cemetery Plants, and the Upper Mon Valley Deathscape" by Dr. Travis Stimeling and Mary Linscheid, according to a news re-

lease.

The West Virginia University professors will present some of their recent research into the botanical life of cemeteries and graveyards in the upper Monongahela Valley. Linscheid and Stimeling have documented hundreds of graves in the watershed and explored the connections between burial plantings and folk medicinal practices of Indigenous peoples in the region, as well as the European settler-colonists buried in these spaces.

Linscheid and Stimeling also consider the broader implications of deathscapes that can overmark the graves of settler-colonists and their descendants while leaving the burials of Indigenous people and other people of color in the region unmarked. This work was supported in part by West Virginia University's Research Apprenticeship program.

The lecture is free for all to attend. For more information on this and other Folklife Center programming, please call the Folklife Center at 304-367-4286 or email [ema@folklife.wvu.edu](mailto:ema@folklife.wvu.edu). The Folklife Center is located on Squibb Wilson Boulevard in Fairmont on the campus of Fairmont State University.

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