



Students from across Harrison County competed at the Math Field Day last Thursday

Lincoln Students Compete In Harrison County Math Field Day

By Stephen Smoot

Many see the hard work behind those who compete for their schools on the athletic field. The offensive lineman clears the way for the running back to score a touchdown. Volleyball players hone their sets and serves to precision. It takes many swings in the batting cage to excel on the baseball or softball field.

Those who enter academic competitions like Math Field Day, however, put in just as much work and compete with the same Cougar pride.

The competition style has not changed much over the years. Officials look for competitors who demonstrate an elevated understanding and capability in solving mathematical problems and concepts.

Scott Davis, Harrison County Schools Coordinator of Secondary Curriculum, organizes and runs the event for county students. He explained that the contest starts with an "assessment for who the students are who best

qualify." The assessment rates mental math abilities, estimations, and a traditional slate of problems to solve.

"It's a little different than the every day traditional classroom," he remarked.

Mental math requires the students to think in a broader and deeper sense about concepts. As Davis explains, "we really get after how kids understand number sense and what they can do in their head."

"If they can do mental math at that level, they can be quite proficient in other things," Davis explained.

Another benefit comes from the fact that the assessments "take the calculator out of their hands." He went on to say that doing math in ones head without the help of electronic devices has become a more rare skill.

Winners at the county level will face a similar style assessment at the regional. Those who perform well enough at regionals move on to state level competition.

Just as in athletics,

math and other academic competitions often take years of work to master. Kids "have competed in this for years," Davis stated.

Those who start in elementary or middle school in academic competitions often do so, Davis said, because there are a very limited amount of competition opportunities outside of academics. They enjoy representing their school and when they or their teammates do well. Older students have an eye toward school or scholarship applications that rate higher for participating in different activities.

Davis shared that he spoke to some contestants this year about their future plans. One indicated that they wanted to go into engineering. Another said they had an interest in biotech. The third, a percussionist, said they wanted to work in music education. He described how math skills translate well to achievement in music. "You need to have some skill in math to understand different

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Shinnston Downtown Readies For Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday

By Stephen Smoot

Forget Black Friday. Small businesses in small towns want to earn your business for the holidays.

Over a generation ago, big box retailers found that expanding masses of Christmas shopping humanity sought to spend the day after Thanksgiving swarming malls and shopping centers to find deals. The competitive desire of buyers melded with the opportunity to sell and thus was born "Black Friday."

Most small businesses and mom and pop style establishments found themselves left out in the early winter cold, many unable to lure shoppers with massive discounts.

Small town business districts also lost out as customers joined the festivities.

That started to change when American Express started Small Business Saturday in 2010. Officially joined by the US Small Business Administration a year later as a sponsor, the event has grown into its own celebration - not of aggressive free for alls, but of the slower and more relaxing pace of patronizing the businesses of friends and neighbors.

Amanda Sayers, owner of Home Style on Pike Street, explained that small businesses are not just selling goods and services, but giving back as well. They are the ones, she says "sup-

porting sports teams in the schools" and other local organizations.

Home Style has served Shinnston customers for 14 years, three in their current location. They sell a wide variety of gifts and home furnishings. This time of year, many are Christmas themed.

Sayers has also spread the word on social media and elsewhere about a similar small business promotion event happening the day before. "Plaid Friday," Sayers shared, "is a national event . . . weaving the community together as a good alternative to Black Friday."

Plaid Friday originated in Oakland, California, as a way to take shopping back from a hyperactive pace to one that celebrates the diversity of what local small businesses have to offer. "Plaid" refers to the different colored threads all woven together in a pleasing pat-

tern.

Sayers described Shinnston's downtown as ideal, saying "we have tons of shopping . . . we have a really big variety." Additionally, the town provides ample free parking for the convenience of customers.

"People come from all over to shop in Shinnston," she observed, adding that she gets customers who live as far away as Ohio, Pennsylvania, and even Texas.

Marla Ferree, marketing director for the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, emphasized that those looking for the best gifts should "stay local" and "shop local."

She added that the Shinnston business community has a special kind of dynamic, saying "I see that the businesses are there to support each other." Ferree used an example from the movie Miracle

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BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By **JIM HUNT**
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Atlanta, Georgia



Atlanta emerged as one of the primary cities of the "New South" in the 80s and 90s

For the past 35 years, I have attended the National League of Cities Annual Conference in various cities across the United States, including Boston, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Orlando, and Charlotte, to name a few. San Antonio, Texas, notably hosted the largest conference ever and has been the venue for the National League of Cities several times over the years.

This year's NLC City Summit took place in Atlanta, Georgia, drawing over 4,200 attendees, making it one of the largest conferences in recent years.

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Harrison County Commission Reviews Will Issue and New Fund Creation

By Stephen Smoot

The Harrison County Commission held a light meeting on Wednesday last week.

Commissioner Patsy Trecost opened the meeting with an invocation. In it, he said "we give You thanks for everything You've done. There's no Thanksgiving. There's no Christmas without You."

Next, commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the floor for public comment. They heard from Rhett Dusenbury, field representative for Congressman Alex Mooney. He brought Thanksgiving greetings to the commission from the Congressman. He also said "I just want-

ed to say, as always, that the Congressman is ready to serve and will help with anything you need for Harrison County." He finished by thanking the commission for the county employees who serve so capably.

Commissioners then approved the minutes and moved quickly through the details of the early part of the agenda. They then came to the issue of the will of Dr. Aristotle Rabanal. His wife explained that the original document had been lost, but produced copies that had been distributed to family.

The commission quickly approved a motion to accept the copy as an acceptable public

document for official use.

Laura Pysz, Harrison County administrator, reported that a contractors' meeting took place the previous Thursday regarding the General Services building. They identified problems to be rectified.

Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission president, asked "are we moving forward with some of those?"

Pysz answered in the affirmative.

Next, the commission voted on and approved a calendar for commission meetings in 2024.

Commissioners then formally established Fund 042 for West Virginia Department of Health and Human Re-

sources Office of Emergency Medical Services. The account for the fund will accept and hold money related to the EMS enhanced salary fund. Payments will be made to each county agency.

Finally, Trecost thanked all involved with the success of removing 11 dilapidated structures from Harrison County this year. He said that the number "just scratched the surface" but that removing them "helps us with crime" and also economic development and showing the county's best face to visitors.

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

Good Hunting!

Good luck this hunting season! Thousands of men, women, and children look forward to the fall hunting season, which starts the last Saturday in September. Most eagerly await deer season, which kicks off near Thanksgiving.

While you're out there communing with nature, you could also do all your non-hunting buddies, and me, a great favor. I'm appealing for your help this year to perform a friendly civic duty. I want you to troubleshoot for the state and your utilities.

If you see a downed power line, a leaking oil pipe, or smell the distinct odor of escaping natural gas, please don't just ignore the situation. If you see a water line spewing water on the surface, get a location and let us know.

Hunters will fan out there across thousands of rural miles, perhaps some of which have not been trampled by humans for years, and you could act as our warning eyes and ears. It would be a great public service.

Our sister agency, the Department of Environmental Protection, is always trying to locate uncapped oil and gas well drillings across the state and monitor them for spills. If you come in contact with uncapped wells, look for a pipeline marker or a sign, write down a location or GPS coordinates, or snap a picture, and then let somebody know.

If you see a tree about to fall on a power line, how about notifying one of the power companies to let them know of the threat? It could save you or a neighbor from a power outage during a storm.

If you recognize a problem but don't know who to call, then call the PSC at 1-800-642-8544. You can also call the DEP spill line at 1-800-642-3074. We work together to try to resolve those issues.

I wish you all the best in your endeavors in the woods this fall. It is great to connect with nature. And hunters are good stewards of our natural resources. We'd like to deputize you to help us keep everyone a little safer. I know you'll recognize a problem if you spot one, so please take the next step and make that phone call. Help us to help all of you. It's the right thing to do.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

Nov. 23, 1962: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.

Nov. 24, 2008: Former Governor Cecil Underwood died in Charleston. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, had the distinction of being the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.

Nov. 24, 2015: For her accomplishments in the field of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Johnson worked for NASA calculating trajectories for manned space flights.

Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Kentucky. He starred in the Negro Leagues in the days when major league baseball was segregated. Thomas settled in Charleston after his playing days and made a long career in West Virginia state government.

Nov. 26, 1952: A fire on the evening before Thanksgiving at the Huntington State Hospital killed 14 patients, with three more patients later dying from their injuries. Huntington State Hospital is known today as the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

Nov. 26, 1861: The Constitutional Convention of 1861–63 was convened in Wheeling. The convention provided the foundation for state government in preparation for statehood.

Nov. 27, 1848: African-American educator William H. Davis was born. As a teacher for Black children in Malden, his most famous student was Booker T. Washington. In 1888, Davis was nomi-

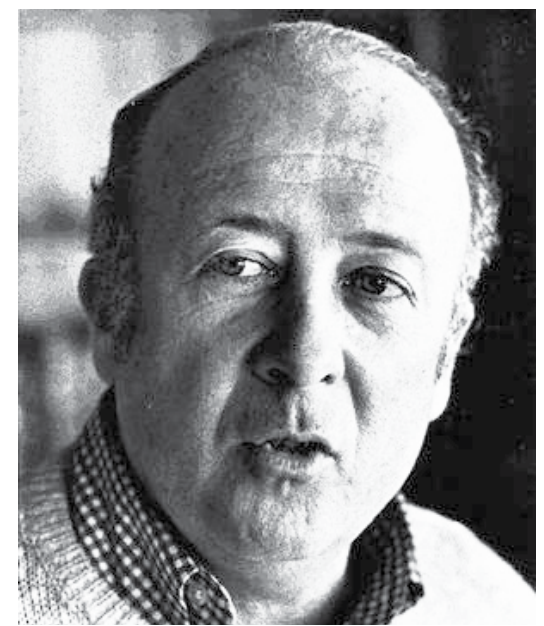
nated as an independent candidate for the gubernatorial election – to date, the only Black person so honored in West Virginia history.

Nov. 27, 1933: Daniel Boardman Purinton, a faculty member and president of West Virginia University, died. He was an early and strong supporter of co-education.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a local skirmish north of Moorefield, Rosser's Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R. E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.

Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Lincoln County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.

Nov. 29, 2001: Writer John Knowles died in Florida. Knowles, born in Fairmont, attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, *A Separate Peace*.



John Knowles, author of *A Separate Peace*, was born in Fairmont



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Atlanta’s popularity as a location stem from having the world’s busiest airport and one of the largest conference centers in the United States. Moreover, the city boasts numerous quality hotels offering comfortable, affordable accommodations. As the National League of Cities has grown, not every city can host the conference, especially when hotel locations are not as conveniently situated near the conference center as they are in Atlanta. Additionally, the host city must provide volunteers and secure sponsors for events, such as the Board of Directors’ dinner and other activities throughout the week. Atlanta, with its many large corporations, including the iconic Coca-Cola Company, featured a sponsor list replete with familiar names.

While I attended the conferences as an elected official from Clarksburg for about 25 years, the past 12 years have seen me participate as either a speaker or a representative for clients of my consulting business. This makes for a hectic week filled with dozens of meetings and sessions. A significant draw is the large exhibit hall, where our clients set up booths to showcase innovative products and services to city and town representatives. These exhibits range from computer security services to electric police cars, often offering solutions that save significant amounts of money or provide cutting-edge safety technology.

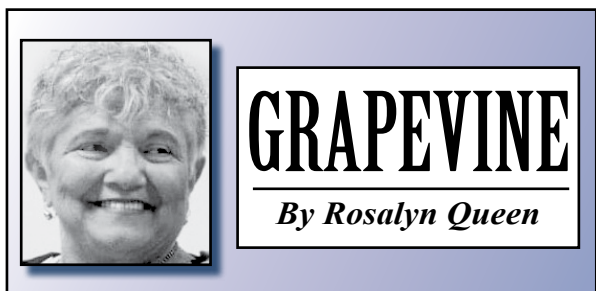
One of our clients, BRINC Drones, drew considerable attention with their public safety drones designed to assist police and fire departments. Attendees watched demonstrations of drones breaking through windows and entering buildings to

apprehend criminals or assess fire situations. Another client, Duke’s Root Control, specializes in underground infrastructure maintenance, offering environmentally friendly solutions for sewer line maintenance and utility mapping. Bearing Advisors featured a new program focused on the health and wellness of local government employees. Additionally, I met with Jason Portt, manager of HdL Companies’ Indirect Cost Recovery program, who assists cities and towns in recovering funds from administering grants.

Although most of my time was spent at the Georgia World Congress Center, I did explore some of Atlanta’s sights and sounds. Our hotel was adjacent to Centennial Park, constructed for the 1996 Olympics and the site of the tragic bombing during the Games. The park is a vast, beautiful space, enhancing the city’s charm. Atlanta is also renowned for its exceptional dining experiences. On my last evening, I joined Huntington, WV Mayor Steve Williams, Gayle Manchin, Federal Co-Chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and her communication director, along with Mayor Steve Patterson of Athens, Ohio, who proposed creating a group for Appalachian community mayors. We dined at The Optimist Restaurant, a must-visit destination in Atlanta.

After a bustling week, I was eager to return to Pittsburgh for some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Atlanta is undoubtedly a vibrant city and deserves a spot on anyone’s list of amazing places. Until next week...

Holiday Memories Are Part of the Fun of Celebrating



GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen

In getting ready for the holidays I had to take a trip to the storage unit to get my packed away decorations and in the process I ran across a box of newspaper clippings. Guess what? In it were many copies of The Grapevine. I pulled up the box, got me a stool and spent the afternoon reading. I want to share with you a little history about the Grapevine. First and foremost the Grapevine turned thirty years old last year. Back in 1991 I started getting serious about putting sponsorship packages together for the festival. I knew I would need a newspaper source as part of the package. The Value Guide agreed to be the exclusive newspaper of the festival. In exchange for exclusivity they would feature a weekly column and publish a complete story prior to the festival. They would feature it in all the publications they published. Hence the birth of the Grapevine. The first monthly columns contained stories about the upcoming festival. When the festival was over I

wrote about Italian culture, recipes, other festivals and any thing else Italian.

As the years went by the column appeared in the News and Journal, the Value Guide and Connect Bridgeport. In 2000, when I retired I requested that I take the column with me, that the name remain the same and I would cover a multitude of subjects. So it continues and I know my reader base continues to grow by the many comments I get.

Several years ago when I was considering writing my cookbook someone suggested, I write The Best Of The Grapevine. I gave it some thought but was told that perhaps it would not sale because it would be regionable. So I wrote the cookbook which sold thousands of copies.

After spending hours reading the newspapers, I might consider writing The Best *of The Grapevine I envision a chapter on the volunteers and the leaders,, the royalty, the seniors, the passing of much loved area Italians, Italian food, local Italian restaurants other fairs and festivals and the list goes on as to what has been written over the last thirty years.

Thank you for allowing me to reminisce. We May never have another book, but I have enjoyed reading. Continue to be thankful and until next week ““Now you Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

Gov. Justice Announces Start of Buck Firearms Season, Return of Big Buck Photo Contest

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice today reminds hunters that West Virginia’s buck firearms season will start Monday, Nov. 20, and that they need to purchase their license and deer stamps before the season starts if they want a chance to take an additional buck during the state’s most popular hunting season.

“West Virginia’s buck firearms season is a cherished tradition that spans generations and unites us in our love for the outdoors,” Gov. Justice said. “I want to encourage every hunter, whether you’re a resident or non-resident to get into the woods and enjoy a hunting adventure and experience all of the goodness and beauty of West Virginia.”

The two-week buck firearms season will run through Dec. 3. Resident hunters and non-resident hunters who want a chance to harvest an additional buck must purchase a Class RG or Class RRG stamp, respectively, by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 19. Licenses and stamps can be purchased online at WV-hunt.com or at an authorized license retailer.

Youth and adult hunters can win prizes such as a lifetime license and state forest cabin stay.

Gov. Justice also announced the launch of West Virginia’s third annual Big Buck Photo Contest and invites hunters to submit a photo with a buck they harvest during a 2023 hunting season along with a short account of their hunt for a chance to win prizes.

The contest, which has received more than 2,000 submissions since its inception in 2021, will open on Nov. 21 and photos must be submitted by Dec. 22 for hunters to be eligible for a prize drawing.

Dr. Robert W. Powelson Announces Retirement

To our valued patients,

I wanted to personally take this time to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your eyecare needs over the many years I have been in practice. It has been a true honor and pleasure.

To this end, I would like to announce my retirement effective November 30, 2023. We would be happy to provide your records to a provider of your choice, or we can suggest an office for referral. The last date to request your records will be December 27, 2023.

Warmest Regards,
Robert W. Powelson OD



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

The West Virginia Jazz Society is inviting all music fans to celebrate “A Cool Yule” at their second annual Holiday Jazz Matinee, Sunday, December 17, in Bridgeport, WV’s Benedum Civic Center. A special program of classic jazz and jazzified holiday songs begins at 3pm and features the Tania Grubbs Quartet performing in an intimate nightclub style. Ticket prices are \$35 for single tickets, and \$120 for 4-top tables, and include an appetizer display. Students will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Group rate for senior groups of eight or more. Information and tickets via text to 304-517-9813 or email to: WVJazzSocietyNOW@gmail.com.

Saint Ann’s Catholic Church 610 Pike St. Shinnston Will be holding our annual bake sale on December 9 from 8 o’clock to 1 o’clock with breakfast from 8 o’clock to 11 o’clock. Orders can be placed only for cookies: Gallettes, peanut butter balls, and wedding cookies by the dozen for \$8. Cookie trays of a wide variety of homemade cookies \$35 for large tray and \$25 for a small tray which can be picked up on December 9. Call 304-841-1487, 304-203-8905, 304-677-0799 or 304-592-2243. Pita piatas, rosettes, and nut rolls will be available on day of sale and on baking days: December 6, 7, and 8 from 8 o’clock to 4 o’clock.

The United Way Gift Wrapping Station will operate on Mall Hours from November 25 - December 24. Spread the joy of the season by bringing your gifts to be wrapped while contributing to the well-being of those in need. Donations made at the station will directly benefit various nonprofits within the community. The United Way Gift Wrapping Station, located in Center Court just next to Santa, is your one-stop destination for adding that extra touch of magic to your presents while making the season one of generosity, warmth, and community spirit.

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The Eilert Era Begins in Morgantown



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

A new era began in Morgantown recently when West Virginia's men's basketball team opened up its season at home against Missouri State. Josh Eilert made his head coaching debut in the Colosseum in front of 9,691 fans. Prior to the tip off of the opener, Eilert had an abundance of hugs from several family members and friends, some of whom received multiple embraces prior to the jump ball.

One of the most unique occurrences that I have ever witnessed prior to the tip took place just before the lock-up. As the players for both teams were in place, including the two set to jump center, a delay was utilized for a quick interview with Eilert. His first game at the helm of the program was even a big deal to ESPN.

The Mountaineers had to win the battle in dramatic fashion as they trailed by six points at the halftime break. A short bench (WVU dressed only nine players) and ice cold shooting (the Eers missed their last 21 field goal attempts) made for an uphill battle, but in the end, Eilert and the Mountaineers were victorious.

Quinn Slazinzski led West Virginia with 18 points and seven rebounds. Jesse Edwards recorded a double double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Seth Wilson went scoreless in the first half, but accounted for 11 second half points.

Eilert showed that he could have a career in comedy if the coaching thing doesn't work out, giving a sharp-witted postgame comment. "That first half, I thought about changing professions,"

Eilert joked, "I was like 'what did I get myself into late in the first half,' but they turned it around. We had a nice heart to heart at halftime and it was a tale of two halves."

Coaching from the heart is the biggest attribute that Eilert possesses. It draws his players closer to him and it reminds some of the bond that former West Virginia head football coach Bill Stewart had with his players. Being a players' coach isn't easy and the tough love that is needed is sometimes hard to find.

Everyone in the state is pulling for Eilert to have a successful season. He is hard not to like because he wears his heart on his sleeve. You get the feeling that he couldn't lie if he wanted to and he never seems like he'd want to lie to begin with, which is a breath of fresh air.

Currently this roster is extremely undermanned, However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. How much light will be determined by the NCAA.

Senior point guard Kerr Krii is smack dab in the middle of a nine game trumped up suspension by the NCAA for not jumping through the proper hoops, or not jumping through the hoops in the proper sequence (like Simon says) and once he comes back, the floor balance will be intact. Hopefully Akok Akok will be cleared soon after sitting out from suffering a medical emergency in the charity exhibition game against George Mason just prior to the start of the season.

The big question mark comes from the eligibility of RaeQuan Battle. The NCAA denied him on Oct 23, but there is hope that an appeal could land him back on the hardwood this season. Battle would undoubtedly be a difference maker for this team, which could be the reason Eilert was promoted into a permanent position. There is a great deal riding on this season for Eilert and hopefully he is able to play this campaign with a full deck!

Tigers Topple Griffins in Home Opener

SALEM, WV - The Tigers looked to bounce back after an 0-3 showing on their road trip to start the year as they hosted the Griffins of Seton Hill for their home opener of the 2023-24 season. Salem suffered two tough losses prior to tonight's matchup and tonight was theirs to right the ship.

The Tiger offense which had looked stagnant at times came out firing in the first quarter of tonight's game. Both teams started the quarter slow offensively but in the closing minutes, Salem turned it on. It was a mix of Tigers scoring, but the show was led by point guard, Teodora Popovic, who was giving the Griffins fits defensively as they just did not seem to have an answer for the transfer from George Mason. Salem posted their best offensive quarter of the season so far and led the Griffins 20-16 at the end of one.

The Tiger offense stayed hot in the second quarter with notable contributions from Anete Bluma, Anna Machytkova, and Casandra Smith. Salem's defensive pressure remained on top of the Griffins as the Tigers forced them to take outside shots with their strong defensive presence in the

paint. The shots just were not falling for Seton Hill and they found themselves in a thirteen-point hole to end the half with the Tigers leading 46-33.

Coming out of the half Salem had an opportunity to put this one out of reach for the Griffins and they took it. Salem yet again scored twenty in the quarter making that three in a row where they scored 20+ points. Defensively, Salem had their best quarter of action yet. They held Seton Hill to just fourteen points on 5/15 shooting, absolutely smothering them for 10 minutes.

With a nineteen-point lead entering the fourth all the Tigers had to do was maintain their lead. Seton Hill made a run at the Tigers in the fourth to give them a scare. They got away from their half-court sets and turned to a run-and-gun transition offense which worked well for them against a tired Salem defense. In the end, it was too little too late for Seton Hill as the Tigers walked away victorious 84-75.

The Tigers will be back on their home court Saturday when they host West Liberty University for their next regular season matchup at 2:00 pm.

Men's Basketball Defeats WVWC 101-79 in Conference Opener

Tommy Williams and David Jolinder both netted 21 points in Fairmont State's win.

FAIRMONT, W.Va. -- Tommy Williams and David Jolinder both finished with 21 points as the Fairmont State (4-0, 1-0 Mountain East Conference) men's basketball team cruised to a 101-79 victory over West Virginia Wesleyan (1-4, 0-1) on Saturday (Nov. 18) evening inside Joe Retton Arena in Fairmont, W.Va.

The Falcons shot 51.5% from the field and 47.2% from downtown in the win. Williams drained a career-high seven three-pointers on a 7-for-11 shooting night from beyond the arc. Jolinder kicked in a trio of three-pointers and was 8-for-14 from the field to go along with nine boards. Tyheil Peterson reached double figures for the third time this season and scored 15 points to go along with five assists. Cameron Whiteside totaled 10 points, six rebounds and five assists. Zyon Dobbs facilitated the offense and distributed 10 assists. Seth Younkin was two points shy of a double-double after recording eight points and a team-high 10 boards.

On the first Fairmont State possession, Williams drained a three-pointer on an assist from Dobbs. Jolinder scored his first points of the evening on a three-pointer that was assisted by Dobbs and the Falcons led 10-5. Jaidyn West jarred loose the basketball from a WVWC guard and skipped a pass to Jolinder for a layup. Peterson forced a turnover that led to a layup by West to give the Falcons a 19-9 lead. Peterson knocked down a pair of free throws that completed a 6-0 run for FSU. WVWC cut the Fairmont State lead to six points with less than eight minutes in the half. The Bobcats continued to threaten the Falcons' lead and pulled within one point with 5:25 remaining in the half. Callum Crossman slammed home a dunk on a pass from Dobbs that turned the momentum back to

Fairmont State. Adam Deininger hit a three-pointer on the next possession that pushed Fairmont State's lead back to six. WVWC continued to hang around and trimmed the Fairmont State advantage to two points twice in the final minutes of the half. Williams hit another three and Peterson chipped in a free throw to keep FSU ahead by six points heading into the locker room.

Fairmont State's lead grew back to double digits early in the second half. Jolinder and Whiteside both made three-pointers and layups each for a 9-0 Fairmont State run and the Falcons led by 12 points inside 15 minutes in the second half. After five consecutive Wesleyan points, the Falcons' offense exploded for a 10-0 scoring run to go ahead by 17 points. Williams began the run with a three-pointer on an assist by West. Williams again sank a triple on the next possession to put FSU ahead 63-50. Whiteside and West both swished shots at the charity stripe to complete the huge scoring run for the Falcons. Crossman hammered home his second dunk of the game and Jolinder followed with a slam of his own. A Peterson three, a Crossman slam and a Dobbs jumper surged the Falcons ahead by 26 points with less than 10 minutes on the clock. The Bobcats managed to trim the lead to 15 points with 3:36 to go. Peterson hit a pair of three-pointers to push the Fairmont State lead back to 21 points. The Falcons secured a 101-79 victory in the conference opener.

Fairmont State men's basketball is back in action on Tuesday (Nov. 21) night at Davis & Elkins. The Falcons and Senators are set to battle at 7:30 p.m. from Elkins.



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 Harrison County Athletes of the Week are Bridgeport's Timothy Jeffress and Josh Love. They both played integral roles in the Indians' 41 to 21 second round playoff win over Cabell Midland.

Jeffress picked up a game high 128 yards on the ground on just eight attempts. He also recorded the game's longest touchdown on a 57 yard run in the first quarter.

Love earned 105 yards on 19 carries. He found the end zone on a one yard plunge in the second quarter.

Congratulations to Timothy Jeffress and Josh Love for shining bright in the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

Krstonosic Earns Player of the Year; 6 Tigers Honored with WWPAA Awards

SALEM, West Virginia - With the Wester Water Polo Association Championship in Illinois rapidly approaching this weekend, the conference took the opportunity to honor some of the best the organization has to offer individually this season. As one can expect from the #1 Seed team from the East Region, the Salem Tigers and head coach Rob Bullions squad were featured heavily in the post season awards. Specifically, 6 Tigers were honored, with the WWPAA Player of the Year award going Nikola Krstonosic, who has dominated for the Tigers in the pool this season on his way to crushing several school records in key offensive categories.

Outside of Krstonosic's player of the year honor, 6 Tigers were named to All-WWPAA teams including the following:

Nikola Krstonosic - All-WWPAA First Team
Marko Zivojinovic - All-WWPAA First Team
Ivan Zivojinovic - All-WWPAA Second Team
Goncalo Silva - All-WWPAA Defensive Team
Antonio Sablic - All-WWPAA Freshman Team
Marko Jovanovic - All-WWPAA Freshman Team

Salem will be back in the water this weekend at the aforementioned WWPAA Championships in Lebanon, Illinois. They will face either Concordia-Irvine or Gannon at Noon on November 18th.

Salem Wraps 2023 Season At WWPAA Tournament

O'FALLON, Illinois - The Salem men's water polo team took their already successful 2023 campaign into the postseason this weekend as both the Eastern and Western divisions met for the WWPAA conference tournament in Illinois. Salem came in as the #1 seed from the East, and earned the corresponding first round bye. After that bye, Salem ended up taking on Concordia-Irvine on Saturday, and then host McKendree on Sunday morning. Both contests played out as follows:

Concordia-Irvine 14, Salem 11

In the Tigers' first game of the weekend, Salem took on the 2 seed from the West, namely the Golden Eagles of Concordia-Irvine. Salem had a close game on their hands immediately, with both teams adding 4 goals in the first quarter. Concordia took control of the game by holding the Tigers scoreless in the second. After halftime, a furious Salem rally came up just short, and the Golden Eagles pulled away with the 14-11 win. Offensively, Salem was led by Nikola Krstonosic who added 8 goals and 2 assists. Defensively, Duarte Costa logged 7 saves in goal.

Salem 16, McKendree 12

After falling out of contention for the WWPAA title, Salem ended up taking on familiar foe and tournament host McKendree in the third place game. The Tigers took care of business and locked in their third win over the Bearcats this season. Ivan Zivojinovic led the way for Salem with 6 goals, and Nikola Krstonosic was just behind him with 5 goals and 2 assists.

While a third place finish at the WWPAA Tournament is not what head coach Rob Bullion's team had in mind for their trip to Illinois, they should be able to take the experience and build on it in the offseason in preparation for the 2024 fall campaign.



Early WVU research shows ingestible “smart pill” may detect signs of overdose

First-in-human study monitors respiration and heart rate via an ingestible pill

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – In a potential breakthrough for those suffering with opioid use disorder (OUD), the West Virginia University Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI) announced a first-in-human study using an innovative smart pill technology to measure and monitor vital signs that can help identify early indications of an overdose. The promising results are featured as the cover story of the November issue of *Device*, a monthly journal publishing the applied research needed to make groundbreaking fundamental research into tomorrow’s cutting-edge technology.

In this study, 10 participants undergoing sleep studies at the WVU Medicine Sleep Evaluation Center swallowed a Celero Systems Vitals Monitoring Pill (VM Pill), a device the size of a vitamin capsule that contains wireless sensors. Once ingested, the pill temporarily resides in the gastrointestinal tract, detecting respiration, heart

rate, temperature, and gastric motility from inside the patient’s body. The study demonstrated that the VM Pill was able to accurately detect when the participants’ breathing slowed or stopped.

“This technology has the potential to transform how we monitor vital signs in patients by having the capability to measure respiration, heart rate, and other key body functions from an ingestible pill in people’s natural environment outside of the clinic or the hospital,” Ali Rezai, M.D., executive chair of the RNI, said. “The results are encouraging and provide us with new capabilities to help those at risk for overdose.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there were more than 100,000 overdose deaths in the U.S. alone in 2022, along with an estimated 800,000 nonfatal overdoses.

“Seeing first-in-human data is always excit-

ing, but even more so when it advances a product that can save lives in the opioid epidemic,” Ben Pless, CEO and founder of Celero Systems, RNI’s partner in the study, said. “We are fortunate to have the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute as our partner for this first in human study. RNI’s clinical and research expertise are world-class.”

In a follow-up study conducted at the WVU RNI, individuals with opioid use disorder ingested the VM Pill while in a residential addiction treatment setting.

“Initial data collected from the VM Pill study for addiction is promising,” James Mahoney, Ph.D., clinical neuropsychologist and director of addictions research at the RNI, said.

The data from that study will be made available in the coming months.

WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, WVU Medicine Children’s ECMO teams receive national awards

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The WVU Heart and Vascular Institute and WVU Medicine Children’s received national recognition for their extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) teams at the annual meeting of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO), the world’s leading ECMO organization with more than 20,000 users and members from more than 50 countries.

The WVU Heart and Vascular Institute has been designated a Gold Level Center of Excellence, and WVU Medicine Children’s has been designated a Silver Level Center on the Path to Excellence in Life Support. The awards recognize those centers that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to evidence-based processes and quality measures, staff training and continuing education, patient satisfaction, and ongoing clinical care.

ECMO supports patients with failing organ systems. It is one of the most advanced forms of life support available to patients experiencing acute failure of the cardio-respiratory system. It allows time for the patient’s lungs or heart to heal by using a heart-lung machine to oxygenate the blood outside the body over a period of time. The adult and pediatric ECMO programs at the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute and WVU Medicine Children’s are the only

ones of their kind in the state.

A designated Center of Excellence has demonstrated extraordinary achievement in the following three categories:

Excellence in promoting the mission, activities, and vision of ELSO;

Excellence in patient care by using the highest quality measures, processes, and structures based upon evidence; and

Excellence in training, education, collaboration, and communication supporting ELSO guidelines that contributes to a healing environment for families, patients, and staff.

This is the third time ELSO has recognized the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute.

“The ECMO Program at the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute has provided thought leadership for the state, most recently throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the Program provided consulting support for more than 70 centers around the country,” J.W. Awori Hayanga, M.D., M.P.H., WVU Heart and Vascular Institute ECMO Program director, said.

“We first received the ELSO Gold Award of Excellence in 2021. Since that time, we have continued to exceed national and international benchmarks for the survival rate of our patients.”

This marks the first time WVU Medicine

Children’s has been recognized by ELSO.

“This recognition is further evidence that the children of West Virginia and the surrounding region can receive the world’s most advanced, life-saving medical treatments here at WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital without having to undergo high-risk transportation out of state when they are most ill,” Frank Casey, M.D., medical director of the WVU Medicine Children’s ECMO Program, said.

ELSO is an international non-profit consortium of healthcare centers and individuals who are dedicated to the development, evaluation, and improvement of ECMO and other innovative therapies for support of failing organ systems in the neonate, child, and adult. It is made up of a broad multidisciplinary collaboration of physicians, nurses, perfusionists, respiratory therapists, technicians, researchers, and industry experts. Global chapters of ELSO provide education and expertise in ECMO delivery around the world.

The ELSO Award of Excellence was developed to recognize ECLS Centers that utilize the ELSO Guidelines for ECMO Centers and Training and Education. Additionally, the ECMO Program is reviewed for indicator in Quality, Value of Care, and Benchmarking categories. It was first available for application in 2006.

WVU Medicine marks National Injury Prevention Day

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The WVU Critical Care and Trauma Institute and the WVU Medicine Children’s Injury Prevention and Safety Program are joining forces to provide valuable safety information to communities as part of National Injury Prevention Day (Nov. 18).

According to providers at the Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center (JMMTC) at WVU Medicine J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, unintentional injuries and violence are the leading causes of death and hospitalization for people

between ages one and 44. Each year, they lead to more than 278,000 deaths and 2.8 million hospitalizations.

Unintentional injuries are also the number one cause of death and disability among children. Each year, one-in-four children will have an injury that requires medical care. These types of injuries are often predictable and preventable.

National Injury Prevention Day is Saturday, but the teams from WVU Medicine are using an entire week to educate the public and System employees.

WVU Medicine Children’s Injury Prevention and Safety Program staff said the System sees a variety of unintentional injuries in children throughout the year. The most common are related to falls, vehicle accidents, and ATVs and dirt bikes.

Parents and caregivers are urged to always follow proper car seat safety guidelines, including keeping children in a rear-facing position as long as possible and choosing the correct car or booster seat based on height and weight.

Fall prevention and motor vehicle safety are also important for adults. The JMMTC reports that motor vehicle collisions remain one of the leading causes of death from injuries in West Virginia. Some of these are preventable by not

driving distracted or impaired.

The providers at the WVU Critical Care and Trauma Institute also encourage proper safety when it comes to firearms, especially since it is hunting season. One way to address firearm safety is to be SMART:

Secure all firearms in your home and vehicles.

Model responsible behavior around firearms. Ask about the presence of unsecured firearms in other homes.

Recognize the role of firearms in suicide.

Tell your peers to be S-M-A-R-T.

More information about injury prevention for children can be found at <https://childrens.wvumedicine.org/patients-visitors/programs/injury-prevention-safety-program>.

To have a car seat checked or get answers to any safety-related questions, contact the WVU Medicine Children’s Injury Prevention and Safety Program at 304-554-8519 or WVUM-ChildrensInjuryPrevention@WVUMedicine.org.

For more safety tips for adults or to learn all the ways that the WVU Critical Care and Trauma Institute supports the community, visit WVUMedicine.org/CriticalCare or e-mail WVUHTraumaInjuryPrevention@WVUMedicine.org.

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on 34th Street, where a shop owner who did not have a requested item suggested another local business that might carry it.

Ferree said that Shinnston businesses had the same ethic and “that’s just good citizenship.”

Small businesses offer “that unique item that’s one of a kind that you can’t get on Amazon or E Bay,” she said.

Emory Oldaker, who has owned businesses in Bridgeport, has operated Pop’s and Gigi’s on Pike Street for 18 months and agrees with Ferree. He said that Shinnston “is a true small town. We never expected what it’s like in a small town where every business owner takes care of each other.”

Pop’s and Gigi’s sells Christian and patriotic themed items, such as T shirts, travel mugs, and more. They also make and sell their own candles and other products.

“The business owners down here, we don’t spend a lot of time with one another, but in a sense, we’re family.”

Their business expresses who they are as individuals, both as grandparents and as Christians. Oldaker explained, “that’s who we are as a family.”

Even in a setting such as Shinnston, however, some small businesses face the same struggles as others. Tiffany Ash has operated Ash Country Boutique on Pike Street, but says that she will have to close her doors within a month.

Ash Country Boutique sells a variety of home created and hand crafted items. “I make the shirts. I make the candles and wax melts,” she said. The boutique’s best selling products are licensed apparel from Lincoln High and Middle schools. “We have a lot of people come in for the local school gear. That’s been one of our biggest sellers.”

Outside of that, however, foot traffic has been too slow to continue having a brick and mortar presence. Ash, however, still has a number of ways to get her wares to customers. “I’ve been doing this since 2017, mainly online.” She also sells at vendor and craft shows, but took a chance on a traditional storefront earlier this year.

Despite struggling, she says that small business promotions “help build up the community.”

“We’re going to stay open online and offer local pick up,” she said, noting that “our online sales are doing better than in the store.” She remains optimistic that when conditions improve that she can reopen the store.

Owners pointed out that Pike Street provides a convenient and easily walkable way to shop, with a number of stores interspersed with eating options, convenience stores, and also a small grocery. They describe how one can “make a day of it” between checking out stores and grabbing a quick lunch.

“Math Field Day” From pg 1

beat sequences,” Davis stated.

Math Field Day competitors can be as young as fourth or fifth grade, with the highest being for 10th through 12th graders.

Davis advises parents that it’s just as important to start young with mathematics as reading. “Maybe sometimes we don’t work as hard with math,” he says.

Just like other competitions, the main goal lies in winning, but also having fun. Davis explained “there’s some camaraderie to it. They celebrate together if they win and console each other if they lose.”

Harrison County Announces County Math Field Day Winners

The fourth grade winners in Harrison County were Ian Stemple from Johnson Elementary in first place, Avery Moore from Victory in second, Chloe McIntyre from West Milford third with Bennett Power from St. Mary’s as an alternate.

In fifth grade, Leon Vorst from Simpson scored first place, Arya Kiefer from Nutter Fork Intermediate second, and Trenton Kinney from West Milford third, with Olivia Morgan from Johnson as an alternate.

At the sixth grade level Anna Song from Bridgeport Middle took first, Bryson Levake from Washington Irving scored second, and Ronald Payton from Lincoln placed third with Maria Plywaczynski from St. Mary’s will serve as an alternate.

In seventh grade, John Tran from Bridgeport scored first place, Tanner Conch from Mountaineer second, Veena Raol from Bridgeport third and Alden Bott from Lincoln will be alternate.

For the eighth grade level, Lance Pitrolo from Bridgeport earned first place, T. J. Ekleberry from South Harrison second, Caitlin Borges-Kriner from Notre Dame third, and Tristan Swiger from Mountaineer will serve as alternate.

At the high school level in ninth grade, Leroy Song from Bridgeport earned first place, second place name was omitted, Nathaniel Linger from South Harrison took third, and Bridgeport’s Micah Brittain is the alternative.

Tenth through twelfth grade compete as a group. The winners here included Jacob Barrick of Bridgeport capturing first place, Quentin Pennington of Liberty taking second, and Victoria Baldin of Bridgeport coming in third. Other competitors included Brain Ngo of Notre Dame, Ashton Fulton from Lincoln, Jennifer McCabe from Robert C. Byrd, and Keith Kinger from South Harrison.

Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellowship

Accepting Applications Through December 15, 2023

Mid Atlantic Arts has announced that the Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellowship is now accepting applications for the 2024 program year.

The Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellowships are intended to honor, celebrate, and support foodways tradition bearers and practitioners in Central Appalachia.

Fellows may include but are not limited to, home cooks and bakers, seed savers, farmers, community elders, keepers of recipes and traditional foodways knowledge, hunters, and foragers, who have made significant and long-term contributions to sustaining and supporting the foodways heritage of their respective communities. Applicants must be from an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) designated county and state and priority will be given to applicants from OH, VA, and WV.

The 2024 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellows will be honored at an awards ceremony and invited to present at a session at the 2024 Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference in Cullowhee, NC. In addition to the monetary award of \$4,000 to support their ongoing community-based work, fellows will receive a unique physical award created by an Appalachian artist.

Potential applicants can learn more about the program and apply here. The deadline is December 15, 2023.

Mid Atlantic Arts’ Central Appalachia Living Traditions program is partnering with Grow Appalachia and the Appalachian Studies Association to host the Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellowship in 2024.

Wisdom from Poor Richard’s Almanack

By Benjamin Franklin

Each Age of Men new Fashions doth invent; Things which are old, young Men do not esteem:

What pleas’d our Fathers, doth not us content;

What flourish’d then, we out of fashion deem:

And that’s the reason, as I understand, Why Prodigus did sell his Father’s Land.

Super Crossword

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Jr., one sister, Norma Jean Coleman and one brother in law, Ferrell Harbert.

Donations in Wanda's honor can be made to: Marion County Humane Society, 2731 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 11:00 am until time of service, 1:00 pm with Pastor Sonny Palmer officiating. Interment will follow Enterprise IOOF Cemetery.

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

Wanda May Harbert
Wanda May Harbert, 82, of Monongah, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Pierpont Center at Fairmont Campus. She was born in Arnettsville, WV on March 29, 1941 to the late Raymond Bragg and Anna Doris (Floyd) Bragg.

Wanda loved to cook and bake, spend time with her grandchildren and have get togethers with family and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Rae Ann Carter and husband Charles of Monongah; two sons: Bradford Allen Harbert and wife Tammy of Monongah and Teddy Wilson Harbert, Jr., of Hutchinson; two granddaughters: Amber Gaines and husband Amos of Morgantown and Ashlyn Stoneking of Monongah; three grandsons: Teddy Brennan Harbert and companion Jennifer McMasters of Fairmont, Ryan Harbert and wife Ashley of Monongah and Evan Harbert of Huntington; three brothers: Don Bragg and wife Linda of SC, Rick Bragg and wife Debbie of Cottontale, AL and Randy Bragg and wife Brenda of Mannington; two sisters: Sherry Puccio and husband Tony of Monongah and Dottie Harbert of Monongah as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Wanda is preceded in death by her husband, Teddy Wilson Harbert, Sr., one brother, Raymond Bragg,

condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



Barbara Jean "Barb" (Vernon) Morris

Barbara Jean "Barb" (Vernon) Morris, 73, of Monongah went home to be with Jesus on Friday, November 10, 2023 at her home after an extended illness. She is survived by her devoted husband of nearly fifty-two years Carl William Morris of Monongah. Also surviving are a son Christopher William (Carly Lauren) Morris of Monongah, a daughter Cheryl Wendy Morris of Fairmont and two grandsons, Caleb Win Morris and Cole William Morris of Monongah and one granddaughter Carly Willow Morris of Grafton and four step grandchildren: Andrew, Kendall, Olivia and Grant Burch of Georgia.

Barb is also survived by six brothers: Randall Vernon of Clarksburg, Richard (Tena) Vernon of North Myrtle Beach, SC, R. Bruce (Janice) of Shinnston, Rodger Vernon of Morgantown, R. Phillip Vernon of Clarksburg, and R. Scott Vernon of Lancaster, PA, and two sisters, Alicia Buchanan of Hutchinson and Heather (Greg) Stalvey of Longs, SC. She is also survived by twenty nieces and nephews.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents Robert F. and Joan C. Vernon, one brother

Ronald C. Vernon and her dear cousins Brenda L. Watkins and Cheryl K. McDonald.

She graduated Cum Laude from Fairmont State College. Barb enjoyed going on beach trips and spending time with her family.

Barb's family extends special thanks to her caregivers, Alissa Justice and Stormy Kellar, and her best friend Goldie Huffman.

Barb was a Christian by faith and will be cremated as per her wishes. Friends and family will be received in her honor at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 4:00-8:00PM. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 11:00AM with Pastor Bill Toothman officiating.



Robert Mitchell Riley

Robert Mitchell Riley, 73, of Shinnston, passed away on Friday, November 17, 2023 at United Hospital Center surrounded by his wife and their children and spouses. He was born February 23, 1950 in Fairmont, a son of the late Robert C. Riley and Kathleen Sestito Barnes.

Bob is survived by his adoring wife of 53 years, Ann Joyce Riley, whom he married on May 23, 1970. Bob and Ann instilled in their children and grandchildren a love and devotion to family that will live on for many years to come.

He is also survived

by his children, Chad Riley and his wife Shelley; Clay Riley and his wife Whitney; Clark Riley and his wife Carey; Abby Kovalck and her husband Patrick, all of Shinnston; Ally Maxwell and her husband Josh of Lumberport; his admiring grandchildren, Chase and his wife Hanna, Alyssa, Ashlyn and Addison Riley; Brenna, Avery, McKinnley and Cade Riley; Payton, Emery and Jackson Riley; Claire and Hadley Kovalck; and Colby and Cecilia Maxwell; his brother, Rodney Riley and his wife Kathy of Lumberport; his brothers-in-law, Joe Joyce of Shinnston; and Patrick Joyce and his wife Lori of Bridgeport; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his infant son, Cody Daniel Riley; his mother and father-in-law, Bernard and Cecile Joyce; and his sister-in-law, Judy Rankin.

Bob graduated from Shinnston High School in 1968 and went on to serve our country in the US Navy. In 1975, he graduated Cum Laude at Fairmont State College with a BA in Health and Physical Education.

He was employed at Joyce Carpet Center in Shinnston; Thomas Field and Company; and Evanto Construction. He then went on to be a substitute teacher, athletic trainer and wrestling coach at Lincoln High School. He retired from United Central Industrial Supply, formerly Erwin Supply, with 28 years of service.

Bob coached Jerry West Basketball for 30 years, was a Charter Member of the Shinnston Jaycees, and was instrumental in the development of Shinnston's Ferguson Memorial Park. He was also a member of the Shinnston Park Board. Bob had a steadfast faithfulness for the City of Shinnston and the State of West Virginia. He consistently chose family over everything else. He will be remembered for many things, but most importantly as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St. Shinnston, on Monday from 2-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, November 21, at 11:00 am with Pastor Kevin Nuzum officiating. Interment will follow next to his son, Cody, at Shinnston

Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to: The Lord's Pantry at P.O. Box 64 Shinnston, WV 26431. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com and



www.harmerfuneralhome.com

The Harmer and Perine Funeral Homes are honored to serve the Riley family.

Glenda Lee Spry

Glenda Lee Spry, 84, of Lumberport, passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2023 surrounded by her family at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg on March 21, 1939 to the late Lankford Cloyd Harbert and Ellen Virginia (Harbert) Harbert.

She worked as a school teacher for 36 years, having taught at both Lumberport High School and Lincoln High School. Glenda was known for her peanut butter fudge and her handwriting. She loved to sew and to send cards to her family and friends on special occasions.

She is survived by one son, Lloyd Spry and wife Laura of Lumberport; two sisters: Letha Stutler and Janet Sargent both of Lumberport, as well as several other family members.

In addition to her parents, Glenda is preceded in death by her husband, Arlie Spry; one daughter, Beth Ellen Ashmore and one great grandson, Joseph Moneyemaker.

In lieu of flowers, Glenda's wishes were that donations be made to: Clarksburg Mission, 312 N. 4th Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

The family would like to give special thanks to Glenda's two special sisters in law, Yvonne McQuaid and Clista Radcliff, for looking in on Glenda and spending time with and helping care for her.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 11:00am at the Lumberport Lions Cemetery with Pastor John Napier officiating.

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

Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



The Horner Run Roustabouts were involved in oil and gas near Shinnston sometime between 1890 and 1920. Photo courtesy of West Virginia University

THANK YOU FOR READING

WVDNR Reminds Hunters About Late Black Bear Gun Seasons

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources today reminded deer hunters that there will be a concurrent bear season in all or parts of 42 counties open to buck firearms hunting.

The concurrent bear season is without dogs and will run from Nov. 20 to Dec. 3. Hunting is legal on both public and private property.

“Concurrent bear hunting during deer season takes advantage of a time of year when the maximum number of hunters are in the woods,” said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR. “This helps manage bear populations by increasing the number of harvests, but also provides a unique

opportunity for hunters who may have never hunted bears to harvest one.”

The best-producing mast crops of 2023 were in the red oak family and hunters should find bear feeding activity in the same places as deer.

“The fact that both bears and deer will be seeking red, black and scarlet oak acorns should give hunters a good chance to harvest either species during the upcoming season,” Carpenter said.

Due to spotty acorn production, hunters are encouraged to scout immediately prior to the season to find the most recent feeding activity.

Bear hunting opportunities continue after the buck-gun season as well. All or parts of 26 counties will be open for

bear hunting with or without dogs from Dec. 4–31. In addition, all or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs from Dec. 4–31.

Successful hunters are required to submit a first premolar tooth from each harvested bear. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save the reproductive tract or all the entrails. Reproductive tracts and entrails should be kept cool or frozen. Hunters should contact their nearest district office or Elkins Operations Center to arrange a drop-off. The WVDNR will offer hunters who submit a complete reproductive tract a \$20 gift card for their effort.

Data obtained from tooth samples and reproductive tracts are used for black bear population monitoring. Information on how to collect and submit a black bear first premolar tooth and reproductive tract can be found on pages 37–38 in the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Hunters are reminded to purchase their hunting license and bear damage stamp at WVhunt.com. For more information about bear hunting, check pages 34–40 in the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

Gov. Justice announces first distribution of \$3 million in funding for fire services in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice today announced the distribution of \$3 million to counties in West Virginia to support their fire services.

The funding comes after the passage and signing of SB 1022 and SB 1023, which supplemented appropriations to the Division of Emergency Management, Growth County Fire Protection Fund, and County Fire Protection Fund. Gov. Justice signed them into law in August 2023.

“These funds directly benefit the people that literally run to the fire, and they will provide support to the 438 fire departments in West Virginia,” Gov. Justice said. “These services are vital to the safety and well-being of our people, and we appreciate all those that sacrifice to protect us each and every day.”

This first round of funding contained in SB 1022 has been released through the

County Fire Protection Fund, delivering resources to all 55 counties in West Virginia. The second round of funding, an additional \$3 million, will be administered through the Growth County Fire Fund as a result of SB 1023 and is being prepared for release in the near future.

The funds can be used for Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) based on the needs of the individual counties that receive them. These funds may also be used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), facilities upkeep, and upgrade or buy new rescue, communications or ambulance equipment.

Additionally, these funds may also be used toward education and training expenses or to offset costs associated with compliance with Insurance Service Office recommendations (ISO), utility bills, and insurance payments.

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(2022-C-000283 - Harrison County - BRYAN N. FISHER)

To: HEIRS OF WILLIAM S. GRIFFITH, HEIRS OF MARY GRIFFITH, 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 267 PARCEL 0149 0000 0000
You will take notice that BRYAN N. FISHER, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000283**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, .548 AC WEST FORK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GRIFFITH WILLIAM S ESTATE and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. BRYAN N. FISHER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 25, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 24, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 24032R.	\$	231.27
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	238.26
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 21264.	\$	157.35
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	817.13
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,655.61

You may redeem at any time before March 24, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand October 26, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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(2022-C-000426 - Harrison County - A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC)

To: CATHY LYNN KOVALCK, DEBRA LYNN ASHCRAFT, DOTTIE JUNE HELDRETH, DEBRA JUNE HELDRETH GIBSON, CARRIE MAE HELDRETH KING, (LAURA) CATHERINE HELDRETH SCHOCH, CARRIE HELDRETH MORGAN, NADINE AVIS HELDRETH WALLACE, RITA HELDRETH, DAVID L. HELDRETH, JOANNE ECKMAN KUSHALL, NANCY J. KUSHALL DOUGLAS, JOANN CAROL BOONE, JAMES R. FETTY, III, VIRGINIA JEAN BOYER ELSAFY, MELISSA MARIE FETTY MOORE, BENJAMIN ROY FETTY, JERRY H. BARKER, JR., JEFFERY W. BARKER, ORVILLE LAWSON SHARP, MONICA ASHCRAFT, JESSICA ASHCRAFT, ANDREW ASHCRAFT, AMANDA ASHCRAFT, DONALD WAYNE ASHCRAFT, ERNEST L. ASHCRAFT, CAROLYN REESE, JOHN REESE, CHARLES REESE, PAULINA REESE MCCALLUM, BRENDA L. KERNS, ANTHONY MILAZZO, JR., DALENA CELERI, MELISSA KUBLER, MARY DESPAIN, ROBERT MILAZZO, HARRISON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, HEIRS OF CHARLES GUY ASHCRAFT, CARRIE M. ASHCRAFT, EARL ASHCRAFT, NADINE HELDRETH, VIRGINIA KUSHALL, DORIS FETTY, GOLDIE SHARP, CHARLES EDGAR ASHCRAFT, BETTY JEAN ASHCRAFT, ET ALS, 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 147 PARCEL 0027 0000 0000
You will take notice that A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000426**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 10.365 AS BINGAMON, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ASHCRAFT EARL ETAL and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 28705.	\$	298.86
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 28833.	\$	217.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,353.96
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,082.69

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 14, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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(2022-C-000479 - Harrison County - H3 LLC)

To: JAMES G. HARBERT, JR., JAMES G. HARBERT, JR., 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 0683 3901 0000
You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000479**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, .0062 INT 60 AC O&G JONES RUN (LINN/API#1919) (DOMT), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HARBERT JAMES G JR and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 30980.	\$	88.51
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 309962.	\$	23.18
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	167.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	944.87
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,223.71

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000427 - Harrison County - A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC)

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DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 147 PARCEL 0028 0000 0000
You will take notice that A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000427**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 3.033 AS BINGAMON, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ASHCRAFT EARL ETAL and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 28706.	\$	137.55
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 28834.	\$	68.52
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,353.96
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,772.18

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000713 - Harrison County - JOHN T. FRAME)

To: JUDITH C WATTS, RUTH MARIE LINDERHOLM WOLFE, CORNELIA A REEP, PATSY J SABATELLI, BLACK GOLD GROUP LTD, DONALD N SPRADLIN, JUDITH A STEWART, MARK COLE, DORIS M COFFMAN, DONALD K MARTIN ETAL C/O STEVEN & PAMELA HEASTER, TIMOTHY COFFMAN C/O TIMOTHY COFFMAN JR ETAL*24, GARY EDWARD WILLIAMS, JUDITH C WATTS, RUTH MARIE LINDERHOLM WOLFE, CORNELIA A REEP, PATSY J SABATELLI, BLACK GOLD GROUP LTD, DONALD N SPRADLIN, JUDITH A STEWART, MARK COLE, DORIS M COFFMAN, DONALD K MARTIN ETAL, TIMOTHY COFFMAN, GARY EDWARD WILLIAMS, 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 0691 5918 0000
You will take notice that JOHN T. FRAME, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000713**, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 1 LOT 52 BROADDUS ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STUTLER KIMBERLY ANN and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. JOHN T. FRAME requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 64324.	\$	163.56
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 64930.	\$	38.76
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	572.33
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	986.80

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000296 - Harrison County - WVTA LLC)

To: ELLA MAY DAVIS, ELIZABETH BELL DAVIS, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, 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 1103 PARCEL 0042 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000296**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 1 LOT #75 LONGMONT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAVIS ELLA MAY (LE) (ELIZABETH BELL and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 2, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 1, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 20270.	\$	99.14
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 20371.	\$	33.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	106.89
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,010.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,249.63

You may redeem at any time before April 1, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 3, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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(2022-C-000176 - Harrison County - WVTA LLC)

To: VICKI SUE HILER, MARY WIN, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, 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 29 PARCEL 0416 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000176**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, District, 1 TRACT (LOTS 627 & PT 626 625 E CLARKSBURG, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILER VICKI SUE and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 2, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 1, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 7108.	\$	553.22
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 10838.	\$	818.44
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	994.23
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,578.04

You may redeem at any time before April 1, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000206 - Harrison County - JOHN T. FRAME)

To: HEIRS OF JACOB A. SWIGER AND CHARLES A. SWIGER, HEIRS OF JACOB A. SWIGER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 189 PARCEL 0009 0000 3003

You will take notice that JOHN T. FRAME, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000206**, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 1 LOT 52 BROADDUS ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STUTLER KIMBERLY ANN and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. JOHN T. FRAME requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 16599.	\$	85.56
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 16690.	\$	20.43
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	949.73
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,267.87

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000258 - Harrison County - H3 LLC)

To: MELISSA LEWIS, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, C/O EDWARD L. HARMAN, JR., RE: JUD. BK. 76 PG. 621, CASE NO. 22-M17C-00277 (FD); MELISSA LEWIS, MELISSA LEWIS, MELISSA LEWIS, MELISSA ANN LEWIS, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, C/O EDWARD L. HARMAN, JR., RE: JUD. BK. 76 PG. 621, CASE NO. 22-M-17C-00277 (FD); MELISSA LEWIS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0689 7860 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000258**, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 2000 INT 9.9 AC O&G SWEEP RUN (COAL IF ANY), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LEWIS MELISSA and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 30980.	\$	88.51
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 309962.	\$	23.18
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	105.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	968.35
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,185.44

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 13, 2023

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(2022-C-000425 - Harrison County - A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC)

To: CATHY LYNN KOVALCK, DEBRA LYNN ASHCRAFT, DOTTIE JUNE HELDRETH, DEBRA JUNE HELDRETH GIBSON, CARRIE MAE HELDRETH KING, (LAURA) CATHERINE HELDRETH SCHOCH, CARRIE HELDRETH MORGAN, NADINE AVIS HELDRETH WALLACE, RITA HELDRETH, DAVID L. HELDRETH, JOANNE ECKMAN KUSHALL, NANCY J. KUSHALL DOUGLAS, JOANN CAROL BOONE, JAMES R. FETTY, III, VIRGINIA JEAN BOYER ELSAFY, MELISSA MARIE FETTY MOORE, BENJAMIN ROY FETTY, JERRY H. BARKER, JR., JEFFERY W. BARKER, ORVILLE LAWSON SHARP, MONICA ASHCRAFT, JESSICA ASHCRAFT, ANDREW ASHCRAFT, AMANDA ASHCRAFT, DONALD WAYNE ASHCRAFT, ERNEST L. ASHCRAFT, CAROLYN REESE, JOHN REESE, CHARLES REESE, PAULINA REESE MCCALLUM, BRENDA L. KERNS, ANTHONY MILAZZO, JR., DALENA CELERI, MELISSA KUBLER, MARY DESPAIN, ROBERT MILAZZO, HARRISON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, HEIRS OF CHARLES GUY ASHCRAFT, CARRIE M. ASHCRAFT, EARL ASHCRAFT, NADINE HELDRETH, VIRGINIA KUSHALL, DORIS FETTY, GOLDIE SHARP, CHARLES EDGAR ASHCRAFT, BETTY JEAN ASHCRAFT, ET ALS, 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 147 PARCEL 0026 0000 0000

You will take notice that A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000425**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 32 AS KATY LICK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ASHCRAFT EARL ETAL and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 28704.	\$	582.44
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 28832.	\$	480.06
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,353.96
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,628.61

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000406 - Harrison County - A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC)

To: ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN STUTLER, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN STUTLER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN STUTLER, 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 CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 17 PARCEL 0207 0000 0000

You will take notice that A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000406**, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP, District, 1 LOT 52 BROADDUS ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STUTLER KIMBERLY ANN and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 27928.	\$	612.20
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	646.50
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 28072.	\$	510.48
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	997.33
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,978.66

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Statement from Michael Caruso, Incoming Secretary - WV Dept. of Health Facilities, Regarding Contract Staff Issues at William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) is dedicated to providing quality services at its health care facilities and will not tolerate patient abuse, neglect, or exploitation. To address recent issues with contract staff violating policies at William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital, DHHR will conduct an internal review and will meet with all vendors to reiterate hospital policies and standards. In addition, William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital will transition from phone interviews to virtual or in-person interviews for all contract nursing staff and will initiate a work environment assessment.

Safeguarding and advancing patient safety is DHHR's top priority. All direct access employees, independent contractors, and volunteers at health care facilities are required to complete a comprehensive fingerprint-based federal and state background check through WV Clearance for Access: Registry & Employment Screening (WV CARES). As a unit of DHHR's Office of Inspector General, WV CARES diligently monitors criminal records and promptly notifies employers in the event of any subsequent changes in employees' criminal record information. William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital's onboarding requirements also include a thorough

initial orientation, a preceptorship, and a demonstration of competencies for all contract staff.

When a contract staff has (or is suspected to have) committed an abusive or neglectful act, William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital immediately notifies the vendor that the individual cannot return to the facility unless the allegations are not substantiated. In addition, William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital alerts the appropriate authorities, participates in the investigative process, conducts internal investigations, and requests an independent investigation by independent advocates.

The Gospel is a smile that touches the soul

From *L'Osservatore Romano*

At the General Audience on Wednesday morning, 15 November, Pope Francis continued his series of catecheses on apostolic zeal, drawing from his Apostolic Exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium". He affirmed that proclaiming the Gospel must be done with joy. The reason for that joy, which was first announced by the angels in Bethlehem, is our personal encounter with Jesus. "A discontent Christian, a sad Christian, a dissatisfied, or worse still, resentful or rancorous Christian, is not credible", he explained. The following is a translation of the Holy Father's words which he shared in Italian with the faithful gathered in Saint Peter's Square.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Good morning!

After encountering several witnesses of the proclamation of the Gospel, I propose summarizing this series of catecheses on apostolic zeal in four points, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, whose 10th anniversary we celebrate this month. The first point, which we will see today — the first of the four — cannot but relate to the attitude on which the substance of the evangelizing gesture depends: joy. The Christian message, as we have heard from the angel's words to the shepherds, is the proclamation of "a great joy" (Lk 2:10). And the reason? Good news, a surprise, a beautiful event? Much more, a Person: Jesus! Jesus is the joy. He is the God made man who came to us. The question, dear brothers and sisters, is therefore not whether to proclaim it, but how to proclaim it, and this "how" is joy. Either we proclaim Jesus with joy, or we do not proclaim him, because another way of proclaiming him is not capable of bringing the true reality of Jesus.

This is why a discontent Christian, a sad Christian, a dissatisfied, or worse still, resentful or rancorous Christian, is not credible. This person will talk about Jesus but no one will believe him! Once someone said to me, talking about these Christians, "But these are po-faced Christians!", that is, they express nothing, they are like that, and joy is essential. It is essential to keep watch over our emotions. Evangelization works in gratuitousness, because it comes from fullness, not from pressure. And when one evangelizes — one would try to do this, but it does not work — on the basis of ideologies, this is not evangelizing, this is not the Gospel. The Gospel is not an ideology. The Gospel is a proclamation, a proclamation of joy. Ideologies are cold, all of them. The Gospel has the warmth of joy. Ideologies do not know how to smile. The Gospel is a smile; it makes you smile because it touches the soul with the Good News.

The birth of Jesus, in history as in life, is the source of joy: think of what happened to the disciples of Emmaus, who could not believe their joy, and the others, then, the disciples all together, who when Jesus went to the Upper Room, could not believe their joy (cf. Lk 24:13-35). The joy of having the risen

Jesus. An encounter with Jesus always brings you joy, and if this does not happen to you, it is not a true encounter with Jesus.

And what Jesus does with the disciples tells us that the first who need to be evangelized are the disciples. We are the first who need to be evangelized, we Christians — it is us. And this is very important. Immersed in today's fast-paced and confused environment, we too in fact, may find ourselves living our faith with a subtle sense of renunciation, persuaded that the Gospel is no longer heard and no longer worth striving to proclaim. We might even be tempted by the idea of letting "others" go their own way. Instead, this is precisely the time to return to the Gospel to discover that Christ "is for ever young and a constant source of newness" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 11).

Thus, like the two at Emmaus, one returns to daily life with the enthusiasm of one who has found a treasure: they were joyful, those two, because they had found Jesus, and he changed their life. And one discovers that humanity abounds with brothers and sisters waiting for a word of hope. The Gospel is awaited even today. People of today are like people of all times: they need it. Even the civilization of programmed unbelief and institutionalized secularism; indeed, especially the society that leaves the spaces of religious meaning deserted, needs Jesus. This is the right moment for the proclamation of Jesus. Therefore, I would like to say again to everyone: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew" (*ibid.*, 1). Let us not forget this. And if any one of us does not perceive this joy, they should ask themselves if they have found Jesus. An inner joy. The Gospel takes the path of joy, always; it is the great proclamation. I invite all Christians, wherever and in whatever situation they may be, to renew their encounter with Jesus Christ today. Each one of us, let us take a little time today and think: "Jesus, you are within me. I want to encounter you every day. You are a Person, you are not an idea; you are a travelling companion, you are not a programme. You are the Love that solves many problems. You are the beginning of evangelization. You, Jesus, are the source of joy!". Amen.

SPECIAL GREETINGS

I welcome all the English-speaking pilgrims taking part in today's Audience, particularly the groups from England, Malaysia, the Philippines, Korea and the United States of America. Upon all of you and upon your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for peace, especially for martyred Ukraine, which is suffering so much, and then in the Holy Land, in Palestine and Israel, and let us not forget Sudan which is suffering so much, and let us think of any place where

war rages. There are so many wars! Let us pray for peace: every day, may someone take some time to pray for peace. We want peace. I give you all my blessing!

Lastly, I greet the elderly, the sick, newlyweds — there are many — and young people, among whom I greet in particular the large group of the "Miraglia" Institute of Lauria. The final weeks of the liturgical year invite us to the meaning of Christian hope. With this in mind, I invite you always to embrace the meaning and value of daily experiences and also of trials, thinking that "in everything God works for good with those who love him" (Rm 8:28)

DHHR Shares Information on FDA Investigation of Applesauce Pouches with Elevated Lead Levels

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health informs residents of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigation of recalled WanaBana, Schnucks, and Weis-brand apple cinnamon pouches due to reports of elevated levels of lead. Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms of lead exposure. Parents and caregivers of toddlers and young children who consumed the recalled products are encouraged to talk to a health care provider about getting a blood lead test.

The products were distributed nationwide through online and retail stores including Dollar Tree and Amazon. Information on recalled lot codes and UPCs can be found in the company's recall announcement.

"Lead exposure may cause behavioral, developmental, and health problems; even at low levels in the blood, there is no safe level of lead in a child's blood. Because children under the age of six are undergoing critical neurological and physical development, they are especially vulnerable to the adverse effects of lead on the body," said Dr. Matthew Christensen, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "All West Virginia children should receive a screening test at one year of age and again at two years of age."

The Bureau for Public Health recommends the following for West Virginians concerned about the recalled WanaBana, Schnucks, and Weis-brand apple cinnamon pouches:

These products have a long shelf life. West Virginians with young children should check their homes and discard recalled products.

Do not eat or feed the recalled products to children. If your child may have consumed recalled products, contact a health care provider about getting a blood test for lead.

To report a child becoming ill after consuming the recalled products, please contact the West Virginia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 304-558-5388 or toll-free at 1-800-642-8522.

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For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Betsy Miles** at bmiles@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Betsy Miles.