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The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Bethany Nuzum as Citizen of the Month, a recognition sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.

Citizen of the Month Is One of the World's Most Renowned Benefactors: Santa Claus



Santa Claus, also known as St. Nicholas and Kris Kringle, visited Shinnston downtown businesses last week to make sure everyone is ready for a great Christmas in 2023. He will return to town on Dec 2 at 6:30 PM as part of the city Christmas parade. Photo courtesy of the City of Shinnston

By Stephen Smoot

Sometimes the most famous of citizens are also the most mysterious.

Six years ago on Christmas Eve, President Donald Trump got on a conference call

with several children eagerly awaiting the arrival of one of the globe's most famous citizens - an important individual that has made Shinnston a mandatory stop for as long as old timers can remember.

One caller shared a very special wish. President Trump responded that "So you want your Grandma to get out of the hospital? That's what your wish is? That's great! That's much better than asking for a toy or something. That's great!"

In 1982, as he celebrated the lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree, President Ronald Reagan assured everyone that "the US Marine Reserves have a toy collection drive to make sure that old Saint Nicholas - Santa Claus - has enough to go around." President Reagan added that "firemen, policemen, churches, religious groups, and service clubs" were all pitching together to help Santa fill all of his orders.

Santa Claus serves as both a symbol of the

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Lincoln Middle Schooler Marches In Macy's Parade



Lincoln Middle School 8th grader Kassie Gutierrez got to be a part of a great American tradition, performing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as a member of the Spirit of America Dance Team with Instep Dance and Fitness of Clarksburg. Photo courtesy of Lincoln Middle School

Turkey Trot Triumph Twice Taken



The Lincoln Cross Country Team of 73 members surged to a second straight victory in the Shinnston Turkey Trot last week. Hundreds turned out to enjoy the annual city party and competition. Photo courtesy of Lincoln High School

Shinnston Community Band to Present Twice the Christmas Cheer

By Stephen Smoot

This Christmas season, expect to see the Shinnston Community Band in two classic venues to share holiday joy through the sounds of music.

More than 70 individuals come together to cre-

ate a musical experience rarely seen anymore in West Virginia outside of high school and college music departments. Anyone can bring their talent and commitment to join the group, from young to old, and from amateur to professional.

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First Energy Strives to "Bee" a Community Partner to Shinnston

By Stephen Smoot

With the scare in recent years concerning the demise of bee hives across the country due to parasitic mites, more attention has gone toward making the honey producers more resilient while boosting populations.

One of the tactics used has been picked up by First Energy as part of their support for local communities that they serve. Throughout a five state area, the company has invested in creating community pollinator gardens.

Their goal, according to a story from their website, lies in "transforming unused areas into new green spaces while creating food and habitat for insects and small animals that pollinate plants." Teams fill the gardens with both nectar and pollen producing plants to spur the spread of needed and desired plant life in the area.

According to Gardening Know How, native plants make the best species to use. Pollinators in the area are more familiar, or perhaps even evolved alongside, native plants.

While most think of bees first, butterflies, bats, beetles, and hummingbirds also form part of the vital pollination chain that helps to produce vividly beautiful flowers, but also most of the fruits consumed by people. Pollination gardens provide a safe and accessible place for all to help strengthen the chain and keep the ecosystem healthy.

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OPINION

A Century and a Decade Ago, A Redefining Year for America

By Stephen Smoot

It was hard to see at the time, but the year 1913 would redefine the American system. Some might argue for the better, others for the worse. The changes wrought, however, have brought both benefits and consequences.

The first major change started the previous November when Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose challenge against his former protege, William Howard Taft, allowed Woodrow Wilson to assume the presidency. Wilson's brand of Progressivism was much more expansive than the "trust busting" of both Theodore Roosevelt and Taft.

Wilson's foreign policy, however, would have much more impact than his domestic initiatives.

At home, the establishment of a financial powerhouse and the passing of two constitutional amendments had far reaching consequences.

First, as the result of the bank panic of 1907, the government established the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States. Bank panics occur when customers of multiple banks act on real or perceived weaknesses in the system. They withdraw money at the same time and bleed out capital reserves.

The FED, as it's called, was originally seen as a lender of last resort to keep banks open during crises and keep customer confidence. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was established in the 1930s era New Deal to reinforce that role. Today, the Federal Reserve's ability to set baseline interest rates and other aspects of monetary policy give it tremendous power over the United States, and by extension the global, economy.

Congress and the states also passed what is commonly called the Income Tax Amendment. This change in the Constitution overturned a Supreme Court decision forbidding the federal government from collecting income taxes. In a far reaching example of "bait and switch," advocates of the measure promised that only the top two percent of incomes would ever pay the tax.

This opened up a much larger stream of taxpayer money to fund an ever expanding slate of expenditures, foreign and domestic, needed and frivolous, some programs good for the people, but many only benefiting the politicians. A federal government accustomed to frugality would expand into an insatiable leviathan demanding added power and resources to pursue its endless slate of agendas.

One of the important restraints on federal power until 1913 came from the states. The original Constitution set up a balance between the power of the federal government, the power of states, and the power of the people. Just as in the British system, balance was seen as important to prevent one aspect of the system from emerging as a tyrant.

British and English history featured a number of examples of tyranny halted by the action of others, from King John to King James II. Americans learned the lessons of history and applied them against King and Parliament in the War of Independence.

Aristotle had proposed that a system in balance could remain resilient against the temptation toward corrupt and oppressive regimes. Britain balanced monarch, aristocracy, and people, the three main parts of their society. The Founding Fathers forged one that put a balance within the federal system, but also against the central government as a whole to check its power.

The original Constitution had US Senators selected by state legislatures. This made them particularly important in determining national policy, since issues such as treaties and appointments come through the Senate. States had a major voice in both foreign and domestic power and policy as a result.

That voice restrained the system. Federal initiatives always had to keep the states in mind. Corruption in legislative selections for senators, however, led to a movement to establish popular election of them.

Popular election failed to remove all the corruption from the process. It did untether the federal government from its requirement to take state needs into account. This eventually led to an ever expanding regulatory state that also forces mandates on state governments without reimbursing states for many of them. Unfunded mandates remain one of the biggest issues that every state faces.

Understanding the issues faced by America today often requires knowing how they originated. The year 1913 was pivotal in bringing about the America seen today, for better, for worse, or both.

Super Crossword

A TO Z REPEATEDLY

- ACROSS 1 Dubya or JFK 5 Horse riders 12 Bandleader Lawrence 16 NBA's Erving, familiarly 19 Totally alter 20 Visibly sulky 21 Pack of yaks 22 Coastal inlet 23 Monumental 24 Of very hilly regions 25 Liveliness 27 Betray by snitching 29 Possible answer to "Who is?" 30 Scottish refusals 32 Lupe of "Mexican Spitfire" 33 With 73- and 117-Across, notable fact about this puzzle's solution 37 Antigen-attacking lymphocyte 39 Abbr. ending a math proof 40 Suffix with form 41 Deer relative 42 Surgical tool 44 Put a levy on 47 Smidge 49 Des Moines native 51 Cry to a lifesaver 53 Move in spasms 56 "American Pie" actor — William Scott 58 Visibly awed 60 Tailless cat 61 Pop's Grande 63 The Beatles' "Eleanor —" 65 Gibson liquor 66 1847 Herman Melville novel 67 Big name in utility knives 68 Atty.'s title 69 18-wheeler 71 Div. of a hoops game 73 See 33-Across 80 Mine, in Italy 81 ROY G. — 82 Albuquerque-to-Denver dir. 83 Chef's hat 85 Travel by foot 89 Cable inits. for old films 91 Reverend Jackson 93 Tweak 94 Ending for buck 95 "EI —" (nickname of a drug lord) 97 Drink heartily 99 Acorn trees 100 "Incredible!" 102 D-Max pickup maker 104 Tips, as a hat 106 Wd. often ending in "ly" 107 Rho-tau link 109 Western treaty inits. 111 U.S. spy gp. 112 Former Pan Am rival 115 Decide you will 117 See 33-Across 121 Part of a ship's hull 123 Cartoon hits 125 Cool, man 126 Some Native Americans 127 Getting a laugh of out 129 Cool guy on "Happy Days" 133 Years, in Italy 134 Traffic snarl 135 Lawn digger 136 Popular place for a piercing 137 Give a test to 138 Log splitter 139 "— Out of My League" 140 Basic nature buck 141 "That's clear" 2 Put new concrete on 3 Revised copy 4 Cholesterol-lowering drug 5 Funny Carrey 6 Artist Yoko 7 "Be quiet!" 8 Univ. about 50 miles west of Topeka 9 Coating with glossy varnish 10 Yang partner 11 Office scribe 12 Interlaced 13 Is 14 Third bk. of the Bible 15 Roguish behavior 16 Group of precision marchers 17 Ceremony 18 "Run This Town" rapper 26 Toon frame 28 Laugh syllable from a Stooge 31 Plant — (claim some territory, maybe) 34 Writer Mario Vargas — 35 Mitigate 36 "King Kong" studio 38 Solidifies 43 "Seminar," for "Marines," e.g.: Abbr. 45 River in Italy 46 "Kisses and hugs" symbol 47 Glide in a rink 48 Glaring 50 "That's the — goes" 52 Med. insurer 53 NFL's Jaguars, on scoreboards 54 The "E" of 39-Across 55 Well-off 57 Muslim face veil 59 Arouse 62 Linguist Chomsky 64 Mark over a short vowel 68 Pliocene, e.g. 70 Big name in infomercial knives 72 Eligible for Soc. Sec. 74 Class for an Eng. major 75 Little jewel 76 Sam of golf 77 Judo halls 78 Blue hue 79 Walrus tooth 84 Aliens, briefly 85 Tot's glassful 86 Yank who wore #13 87 Small amount, as of sales 88 Jazz saxophonist Dave 90 Injure greatly 92 People crushing things 93 Stick on 96 Biblical song 98 Points of convergence 101 Prizes highly 103 Animals: Suffix 105 Kismet 108 Wolf down 110 Suppress 112 Pre-liftoff expression 113 Hot dog 114 Judicial inquest 116 Book divs. 118 Lauder of cosmetics 119 Cereal utensil 120 Basra citizen 121 Mexico's — California 122 Huge-screen film format 124 In-favor votes 128 "Stupid me!" 130 Partakes of 131 "Grimm" ailer 132 Wye follower

Grid for Super Crossword with numbers 1-141 indicating starting points for clues.

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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. 30, 1796: Brooke County was established under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia. The county was formed from part of Ohio County and named in honor of Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia.

Dec. 1, 1797: Journalist and politician John S. Gallaher was born in Martinsburg. He owned or managed several Whig newspapers and was instrumental in establishing the free school system in Virginia. He played a prominent role in having early railroads routed through the Eastern Panhandle.

Dec. 1, 1936: Artist Ellie Schaul was born in Massachusetts. Since moving to West Virginia in 1956, she has been one of Appalachia's most enduring artists.

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

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

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton's boat, though the Fulton design

was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steamboat.

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

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

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

Dec. 4, 1901: Construction of the present Cabell County Courthouse was completed. An extensive remodeling was completed in 1940.

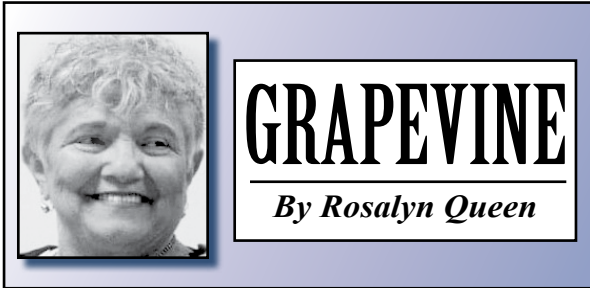
Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.

Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D. T. Farnsworth died at the age of 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler County was formed. The county was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808-11) and father of President John Tyler.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as "The Moonshiner."

Progressive Women's Association Receives "Abundance" of Donations For Holiday Food Baskets



The Progressive Women's Association operates a Food Pantry in the Uptown Event Center year round. In an effort to supply food baskets to individuals in the area they reached out to the community for assistance.

The Harrison County Chamber of Commerce held an all day conference for their Leadership Class at the Uptown Event Center and the meals were supplied by the PWA. An appeal was made to those attending to supply items of food for the Thanksgiving baskets.

An abundance of food was supplied for the baskets. A contact was made by Meredith Williams to Betty Waddy, PWA president, for assistance to several individuals who were receiving treatment at the Cancer Center. The appeal was met and the PWA donated five baskets complete with turkey and all food for the families annual dinner.

The baskets were delivered to UHC by Elinda Carson, Betty Waddy and Rosalyn Queen. Stay healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."



Betty Waddy PWA president; Elinda Carson PWA Director; Jenna Enke, RN, Clinical Navigator; Cherie Gum, RN, Clinical Navigator; Melissa Floyd, RN, Clinical Navigator; Rosalyn Queen; PWA treasurer; y Meredith Williams, MPH, RN, OCN, Director of Cancer Services

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 City of Shinnston Christmas Parade will take place on Dec 2 at 6:30 PM

The City of Buckhannon will hold a Menorah lighting on Dec 7, 7 PM at Jawbone Park. There will be dreidels, gelt, sufganiyot, and music by the BUHS Soundwaves.

The Dazzling Diamonds's Presented Tales of a Nutcracker. Doors open at 3:00 PM Show at 3:30 PM in the West Virginia Building WVU Jackson's Mill, 160 Jackson's Mill Road Weston, WV. Tickets available at the Door.

The Stonewood Firefighter's Festival Committee will be giving away free hot chocolate and a cookie on Dec 2 at 5:30 to help kick off the Stonewood Christmas Parade. They will be at the Town and Country parking lot.

Each year the Shinnston Community Band fills the Robinson Grand stage and performance hall with the spirit of the holiday season. Join them, the Brass Rhythm & Sax Orchestra, and so many of our closest friends and family for a Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 3 PM. Tickets are \$8.00.

The St. Ann's bake sale will begin on Wednesday December the 6th from 8:00AM-4:00PM and run the 7th, and 8th from 8:00-4:00 as well. There will be no pre-orders. Pita Piatas, Rosettes, Long Nut Rolls, and small crescent nut rolls will be there and ready to purchase. On Saturday December the 9th they will be Serving a breakfast (from 8:00-11:00) of sausage and biscuits, scrambled eggs, and hash browns as well as a drink for \$7.00. The bake sale is being held again as well on the 9th. All of the above things, as well as cookie trays (small and large), Peanut Butter Balls, Wedding Cookies, Gallettes, and a variety of other cookies will be available to purchase. To order your cookie trays, you may contact Renee Book (304-841-1487), Linda Knight (304-203-8905), or Susie Merdith (677-0799 or 304-592-2243).

The Shinnston Arts Foundation is having an open meeting. Join us for coffee and community conversation as we reflect, plan, and expand on fostering and promoting the arts and culture in Shinnston. Dec 7, 5pm! See you there!

New Nutter Fort Elementary Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Nutter Fort Elementary

To enhance traffic flow and ensure student safety, we are implementing new procedures for student drop-off and pick-up. Effective immediately, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Staff Parking

Staff parking will now be designated in the lot closest to the school. This lot will have restricted exit access near the library end and crosswalk to minimize congestion.

Student Drop-Off and Visitor/Parent Parking

Student drop-off and visitor/parent parking will be relocated to the lot closest to Buckhannon Pike. This change aims to streamline traffic flow and create a dedicated space for dropping off and picking up students.

Pedestrian Safety

Upon arriving at the drop-off location, all students and parent chaperones are kindly requested to

proceed directly to the sidewalk and utilize the crosswalk to safely cross the street. Parents who park nearest Buckhannon Pike are encouraged to walk their child to the sidewalk.

Designated Drop-Off Area

Students being dropped off should exit cars at the designated drop-off area. For enhanced safety, we recommend passenger-side exiting.

Drop-Off Efficiency

To maintain efficient traffic flow, we kindly request that only four cars line up at the designated drop-off area at a time. If you require more time with your child before drop-off, please consider utilizing a parking space.

We appreciate your cooperation in implementing these revised procedures to ensure a safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up experience for all our students.

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

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WVU Hoops and Bridgeport Football Setbacks



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Last week brought a special holiday, and with it the opportunity to give thanks for all that we have. The blessings are indeed endless and, for me, being able to write this column every week is one that I appreciate and do not take for granted. When we last caught up, the main focus was on West Virginia's basketball team and that is the place to be once again this week as Josh Eilert and his short-handed squad lost a pair of heart breaking decisions that told Mountaineer Nation a little more about the heart of this year's edition.

West Virginia departed the Mountain State to lock up with Southern Methodist University Monday night in the opening game of the Fort Myers Tip-Off at Suncoast Credit Union Arena. Eilert was only going six players deep in his rotation due to injuries and suspensions. The Mountaineers were as hot as the Florida weather to start out the affair and held an 11 point halftime lead.. WVU went to a two-three zone to slow the pace of play and to help the players to steal a break on occasion during play.

The Mustangs went to a speed similar to their nickname in the second half and, coupled with some helpful whistles, started to gain momentum.

Eilert was scheduling timeouts instead of using them when they were needed. When your legs are tired, your shots don't fall. This explains the 37 percent shooting from the field and 31.3 percent from three point range. The first ever meeting between the teams didn't end the way Eilert wanted, and his team was left to play Virginia on Wednesday morning.

Last Tuesday, between games, Eilert and Wren Baker, vice president and director of athletics,

prepared a joint statement in regards to RaeQuan Battle's request to the NCAA for a waiver and now in his eventual appeal. They have both been denied and it has been an emotional roller coaster for Battle, the players, Eilert, Baker, the University, and the fans, all of whom have been adversely affected by the denials.

It says a great deal about Eilert and the players on the roster to come out the night before Thanksgiving and give the #24 team in the country everything that they could handle. There are no moral victories in major college hoops, but looking back at the 56 to 54 setback, WVU outscored the Cavaliers 31 to 30 in the final 20 minutes of basketball.

Maybe a visit from an old friend will help to ease the frustration surrounding the Battle situation. This Friday, Rick Pitino brings his St. John's squad to the Colosseum to open up December play. Just five days later, the renewal of the Backyard Brawl takes place in Morgantown. Hopefully, these early Christmas presents will help ease the pain of a frustrating start to the hoops campaign.

The Bridgeport Indians came up just short of a trip to Wheeling. The Tribe has several state championships, but they were denied the opportunity to play for the Class AAA crown, losing a thriller to Princeton 73 to 70.

Bridgeport trailed 27 to 7 at the half and 49 to 29 after three periods of play. The Indians would go on an impressive run, scoring three consecutive touchdowns. The Tigers would recover an onside kick to end the Tribe's comeback attempt.

Bridgeport was led by Tim Jeffress, Donovan Williams, Jack Spatafore, Josh Love, and Zach Rohrig. Jeffress had 260 rushing yards on 16 attempts and four touchdowns. Williams caught four passes for 148 yards and two scores. Spatafore was six of 14 passing for 140 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Love gained 125 yards on 21 attempts with two scores. Rohrig earned 108 yards on 14 carries and a pair of rushing touchdowns.

Bridgeport ended the year with an 11 and two record.



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 Tim Jeffress and Jack Spatafore.

The Indians fell 73 to 70 to Princeton in class AAA playoff action. The Tribe almost pulled off an incredible come from behind win thanks to the efforts of these players. Jeffress ran for a game-high 260 yards on just 16 carries. Jeffress also had four rushing touchdowns on runs of 40, 1, 82, and 39 yards respectively.

Spatafore was six of 14 passing for 170 yards. He also tossed a pair of touchdowns to Donovan Williams that covered 27 and 59 yards.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Tim Jeffress and Jack Spatafore for shining bright in the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

Fighting Falcons Suffer First Defeat on the Road

Elkins, W.Va. -- Men's Basketball traveled to Davis Elkins and suffered their first defeat of the season 77-70. They were down at half 29-27 but Davis & Elkins came out hot in the second half to make it a 39-30 game.

Fairmont State responded with a run of their own to make it 39-39 but Davis and Elkins responded with a run to go back up by 15. Our comeback efforts fell just short losing 77-70. Leading the way for the Fighting Falcons was David Jolinder with 23 points, one assist and one rebound. Cameron Whiteside posted a double double going for 10 points and 12 rebounds and Jaidyn West added 14 points. The Men's Basketball team is off until after Thanksgiving break where they will take on West Virginia State. Tip off is slated for 7:30 PM in Joe Retton Arena.

Fairmont State Women's Basketball improves to 5-0

Elkins, W.Va. -- Women's Basketball traveled to Davis & Elkins and secured a 86-71 victory to improve to 5-0 on the year and 2-0 in the MEC. Leading the way was Sophomore Guard Leslie Huffman dropping 20 points, 2 assists and securing 9 rebounds.

It was a very balanced offensive attack as the Falcons had 6 players in double figures. Alyssa DeAngelo went for 14 points as the second leading scorer and rounding out the top 3 was Jalen Gibbs with 12 points and 5 rebounds.

The defense was also very impressive forcing 24 turnovers and scoring 28 points off them. They're now off until after Thanksgiving break, they will be back in action at home November 29th against West Virginia State. Tip off is slated for 5:30 PM.

Salem Foiled By Late Second Half Surge at Wheeling

WHEELING, West Virginia - Before a brief holiday hiatus, the Salem men's basketball team hit the road this evening to take on the Wheeling University Cardinals. Salem played a tight ball game with the Cardinals the whole way, but fell victim to a late Wheeling surge and fell by a score of 75 to 62.

For the first half, Salem opened the game slowly as Wheeling jumped out to an early lead. However, the Tigers battled right back behind Ashraf Tchadouwa controlling the paint for the Tigers, and some hot shooting from Khemanni Davis. From there, the game settled into a tightly contested back and forth game with neither team truly taking control of the game. By the end of the half, Salem maintained a tight 35-34 lead thanks to a late three pointer from Nils Baumeisters.

In the second half, the game opened in much

the same way as the first half. Each team traded blows, and the Tigers got some good offensive output from Ian Hardy and Brandon Francois. However, Wheeling took control of the game midway through the half, and foul trouble plagued the Tigers down the stretch. Ultimately, the Cardinals were able to pull away with the 75-62 win.

On the stats sheet, Salem was led by Khemanni Davis with 16 points. Ian Hardy added a double double behind him with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Ashraf Tchadouwa was the final Tiger in double figures with 10 points.

While tonight's result was certainly not ideal for Salem, they will be back in action after the holiday break this week. They play host to Clinton College in a home exhibition on Saturday, November 25th at Noon in T. Edward Davis Gymnasium.

Tigers Unable to Handle Cardinals on the Road

WHEELING, WV - The Lady Tigers were back in action today as they traveled to Wheeling to take on the Cardinals of Wheeling University. Salem entered the match at 1-4 coming off a tough overtime loss to West Liberty on the Tigers home court.

Elena Pericic, who had a great game against West Lib, opened up the scoring for the Tigers with an early layup off a dime from guard, Teodora Popovic. The connection between those two has been prevalent all season for Salem. Through the majority of the first quarter, neither team seemed to be willing to budge, trading blows like heavyweights in a title fight. In the last thirty seconds of play Wheeling nailed a jumper from deep and followed that up with a steal which led to a fastbreak layup giving the Cardinals a five-point advantage after one 18-13.

Salem opened the second quarter with a 4-0 run after allowing a layup to the Cardinals in the first two minutes to cut the deficit to three. Wheeling responded with a 14-0 run of their own to double up the Tigers at 34-17 with under three and a half minutes to play in the half. The Tiger offense just could not find their footing in the second, scoring only eleven points to go

into the half down 44-24.

As the second half got underway Salem knew they had to make something happen soon before it got out of hand for them. The defense stepped up, holding the Cardinals to just fifteen points, but the offense continued to struggle. The Cardinal's hot shooting remained a big factor for them as they knocked down two triples in the third which helped them extend their lead to twenty-one after three-quarters of play at 59-38.

The Tigers opened the fourth quarter with a 5-0 run within the first minute of play to put a scare in the Cardinals. Wheeling answered back with another triple, this time courtesy of Bryana Fairman, to stop the Tiger run. The Tiger defense could not come up with an answer for Wheeling. After a rough first half, Salem was never able to cut the deficit to single digits. The Cardinals took home the victory on their home court going into the holiday with a final score of 85-56.

The Tigers will be back on their home court after getting the week off on November 29th when they'll play host to the Mountain Lions of Concord University who are 3-2 on the year. The game will tip off at 5:30 PM.

Cougars Cap Solid Week In Practice With Thanksgiving Meal



Lincoln High School boys basketball bonds over turkey, stuffing, and holiday cheer to prepare for the season



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United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties Celebrates the Blessings of Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund in Supporting Local Students and Teachers

Harrison/Doddridge County, 011/27/2023 - The United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties is delighted to announce the outstanding achievements of the Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund in positively impacting the lives of over 22 students and six teachers within our local private Christian schools. This fund, made possible through the generous contributions of Larry and Amy Swann in the amount of \$50,000, has provided crucial support to ALICE (Asset Limited. Income Constrained. Employed.) families in our community, offering a lifeline during challenging times. It is with immense gratitude that we announce that Larry and Amy plan to continue to support the fund with an additional \$50,000 donation. Please join us at Clarksburg Baptist Church on November 30th at 3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

The Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to serving working families facing adversity, including those grappling with cancer diagnoses, children coping with the loss of a parent, children with disabilities, and single mothers striving to provide quality education for their children. By addressing the unique needs and struggles faced by these families attending local private Christian schools, the fund has become an invaluable resource and a beacon of hope for those in need. Also, it is our hope that more qualifying families from Doddridge County will utilize the fund to

support their children.

One of the key aspects of this fund's success lies in its dedication to supporting both students and teachers. In addition to assisting families, the Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund has also facilitated valuable training opportunities for Christian school educators. Through this funding, these teachers have gained access to professional development programs, enhancing their skills and abilities to effectively educate and inspire the students they serve. By investing in their professional growth, the fund ensures that students receive the highest quality education possible.

The impact of the Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund cannot be overstated. It has been a true blessing for numerous individuals and families within our community, providing them with the support and resources needed to overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential. As an organization, the United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties encourages other nonprofits to think innovatively and compassionately when devising strategies to serve our children and families. A child should not have to worry about their education and life being further disrupted because of unforeseen hardships. The success of the Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund serves as a powerful testament to the transformative power of caring and effective initiatives.

United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties

extends its deepest gratitude to Larry and Amy Swann for their unwavering commitment to our community. Their generosity and dedication have made a profound difference in the lives of those facing adversity, and we are honored to work alongside them in creating a brighter future for Harrison and Doddridge County families. We encourage others to follow in their footsteps by generously supporting this cause and United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties' additional 22 funded programs.

For more information about the Lewis Marshall Swann Education Fund and United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, please contact your school's administration.

The Art of Christmas

Alongside the vendors who will be filling up the green space near City Hall in downtown Shinnston, The Palette at 225 Pike Street will be opening their doors.

The Palette is an art gallery, a creative forum, and a place of learning about art, ourselves, and each other. It also is home to locally produced art for sale.

Those enjoying all of the Christmas fun downtown are invited to refresh and relax, to enjoy looking at, or talking about, art. The gallery is all decked out in holiday cheer, as well!

Throughout the month, the Palette also offers classes in creating art, as well as expressing oneself through creation.

An Old Fashioned Frontier Christmas Experience

Imagine Christmas in the frontier days of old. Families gather together, bringing the best from their farms and kitchens. Fireplaces and stoves crackle with burning wood. Family and friends sing and experience joy together while remembering the birth of Christ and preparing to feast.

For almost a half a century, Fort New Salem has brought a taste of those days into modern times.

This December 2nd and 3rd, enjoy an educational and entertaining experience learning about Christmas from centuries gone by.

Learn about fun old traditions, such as the

Belsnickle, whose story came with German immigrants to the region. Hear about how those who lived here relied on the sturdy walls of the blockhouse to both insulate from the wind and cold, but also protect settlers from unpredictable attacks. Crafts creators will demonstrate how to make wares from candles to maple cotton candy.

Live music in the traditional style will also warm hearts on a cold day.

Make sure to give the gift of joy and learning. Make Fort New Salem's Spirit of Christmas part of the family tradition this year.

By Stephen Smoot

Enjoy a Full Christmas Lineup This Saturday

Those making Harrison County a Christmas destination this weekend will have much to enjoy doing as the Christmas season settles in.

First, the City of Shinnston will have its traditional seasonal lineup in the late afternoon and evening of Dec 2. It all starts with the Shinnston Christmas Market where a number of vendors and crafts creators will gather to offer a variety of holiday themed wares. Come down to find decorations, food, or even a special something to give to family or friends.

The market opens at 5 PM and closes at 9.

Santa and Mrs. Claus highlight the evening's parade through downtown Shinnston. Bands and local organizations will put their best Christmas foot forward to show their holiday cheer to the delights of children young and old lining the streets.

After the parade comes two options for enjoyment. The Shinnston Community Band will perform Christmas favorites at the Lighthouse on Rebecca Street at 7:30. Those preferring more serene surroundings can take in the lighted stroll on the rail trail under the bridge between 7 and 9 PM.

Manchin Announces \$568K for Three Research Projects at West Virginia University

Washington, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$568,173 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for three research projects at West Virginia University (WVU). The funding will support research on photonic quantum computation, chemical production processing with modern technology, and public opinion surveys on the impacts of theoretical Constitutional changes on minority citizens.

"The National Science Foundation continues to be an important partner for the Mountain State through their investments in groundbreaking research opportunities. I'm pleased these three initiatives are receiving awards to help advance our understanding of physics, chemistry and public opinion on today's politics," said Senator Manchin. "As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources that bolster academic research and support our universities across West Virginia."



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“Santa Claus” From pg 1

Christmas season and also the smiling, laughing face of childhood giving and sharing loving memories with family and friends. The work of Santa and his helpers around the world is inspired by the example of the love of Jesus Christ, whose birthday is celebrated on December 25 every year.

Cultures as widespread as Puerto Rico and remote areas of West Virginia also celebrate a holiday on January 6, when the three wisemen came to Jesus to present Frankincense, gold, and myrrh. Spanish cultures refer to it as “Three Kings Day,” while in Appalachia and elsewhere, the holiday goes by the name “Old Christmas.”

The story of the “right jolly old elf” starts in the city of Myra. This city sits on the southern coast of Turkey. In the 300s A. D., the Greek city under Roman rule served as the home of the famed bishop Saint Nicholas.

He grew up in the nearby city of Patara, the son of wealthy Christians. One early story of his generosity shares that he learned of three women whose extreme poverty might force them to a life of crime. St. Nicholas donated three bags of gold to ensure that their lives remained on a godly path.

Stories of his life also tell of him secretly leaving gifts at various people’s homes. St. Nicholas wore his night clothes out on these expeditions, which included clothes much like the iconic image seen riding the sleigh on Christmas Eve.

Another story illustrated his ability to perform miracles, such as healing a woman’s withered hand, calming a stormy sea to help a ship cross safely, saving wrongly condemned men from execution, and rescuing lost children. Christians in both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions see him as a patron saint of children, sailors, and the falsely accused.

In the Russian Orthodox tradition, St. Nicholas remains the most beloved figure after the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ Himself. Eastern Orthodox faiths generally regard three dimensional representations as a sacrilege. Only “Saint Nicholas the Miracle Worker” carries the honor of being allowed his own statue in that faith.

Russian ship captains, long haul truck drivers, and even crews sent to the International Space Station alike keep St Nicholas icons for protection, in the same fashion as Roman Catholics rely on a medal of St. Christopher.

Europeans and, later, Americans, learned to revere the story of the man many of them knew better as Santa Claus, but under different names. In the 1500s, the Christian reformer Martin Luther sought to bring changes to the worship of Christ.

One of those included de-emphasizing the stories and contributions of martyrs and saints and keeping Christian minds on Jesus Himself. Luther and his followers, however, understood the importance of the example set, and told children that “Christkind,” or the Christ Child, brought presents on Christmas Eve. Germans later changed this to “Kris Kringle” with much of the substance of the story of St. Nicholas intact.

The Dutch, whose main faith by the 1500s came from the teachings of John Calvin, also held a cherished place in their heart for “Sinter Klaas,” their name for Saint Nicholas. During the 17th century, Dutch colonists settled the Hudson River valley between what they called New Amsterdam and Fort Orange and brought their culture with them.

By the 1680s, Britain had taken these lands from the Dutch and added them to their empire under the provincial name of New York. From here, Santa Claus evolved in the American ideal. In 1822, a minister named Clement Clarke Moore wrote a children’s poem about Santa Claus’ Christmas Eve trek now known as “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” New York cartoonist Thomas Nast several decades later drew the man in the red suit and billowing beard that children recognize and love to this very day.

Santa Claus in the 21st century has a busier

schedule than ever. Children in Shinnston and other towns eagerly await the chance to see him in person during parades, parties, church functions, and shopping trips. He somehow finds a way to make kids smile during parades and other Christmas fun all over the world while preparing for his yearly job.

Yet Santa, like many older gentlemen, prefer the “old school” way of doing things. He will take emails from children, but still loves letters written on paper. Santa is especially proud of letters written in neat cursive. He also has turned down modern modes of travel, preferring the companionship of his faithful reindeer and the chilly winds of Christmas Eve night to comfy climate control.

And, of course, Santa always has time for cookies and milk left for him by children who want to thank him for the good he has done in all his years of generosity.

Attorney General Morrisey’s Mobile Office Sets December Stops for North Central West Virginia

CHARLESTON — Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in December to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

“These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure.”

Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

Dec. 4: 11 a.m. to noon - County Commission Meeting Room, 106 West Main St., Kingwood

Dec. 5: 11 a.m. to noon – Senior Center, 52 Trap Road, Grafton

Dec. 6: 11 a.m. to noon – Senior Center, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons

Dec. 7: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Seneca Center, 709 Beachurst Ave., Morgantown

Dec. 11: 11 a.m. to noon - County Commission Meeting Room, 68 Armstrong St., Keyser

Dec. 12: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Senior Center, 171 West Second St., Weston

Dec. 13: 11 a.m. to noon – Senior Center, 28 North Kanawha St., Buckhannon

Dec. 14: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Senior Center, 500 West Main St., Clarksburg

Dec. 18: 11 a.m. to noon - Senior Center, 105 Maple Drive, Fairmont

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Pam Krushansky at 304-741-5834. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

“Bee” From pg 1

The Shinnston garden was constructed in front of the basketball courts at the Activities Park in Shinnston. Volunteers who put in the garden also plan to add berry bushes in the spring. First Energy green teams, as they are called, also installed similar gardens in Clarksburg and Fairmont.

The company is thinking bigger than small scale gardens, too. According to First Energy, “electric utility industry is positioned to create habitats along transmission corridors that benefit a new generation of pollinators. Pollinators thrive in the open areas along transmission rights-of-way because they can find food, nectar and cover that is unavailable in the deep woods.”

In an effort to expand natural productive habitats as much as possible, First Energy “integrated vegetation management practices along approximately 24,500 miles of transmission lines to promote and protect pollinators. By replacing incompatible vegetation that could contact power lines with low-growing shrubs and wildflowers, the company is establishing habitats where pollinators can flourish.”

Wisdom from Poor Richard’s Almanack

By Benjamin Franklin

Light purse, heavy heart.

He’s a Fool that makes his Doctor his Heir.

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cal 175 in Charleston. He was a kind hearted man that loved hunting and fishing, camping and cookouts, spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda Dawn (Harris) Gogan; three daughters: Caitilyn Gogan of Salem, Samantha Gogan and Amanda Gogan; one son, Tyler Gogan; four brothers: Jack, Bob, Tim and Tom Gogan and their families; thirteen grandchildren as well as several stepchildren, nieces and nephews.

In keeping with his wishes, Keith will be cremated with no services.

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

Keith Charles Gogan
Keith Charles Gogan, 57, of Salem, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born in Jersey City, NJ on January 25, 1966 to the late Robert Gogan and Mary (MacBurnie) Gogan. Keith worked for the pipeline as a laborer. He was a member of Teamsters Union Hall Lo-

Capito Statement on IRS Decision to Again Delay Reporting Threshold Requirement

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) released the below statement on the Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS) decision to once again delay the implementation of the tax scheme in the Democrats’ American Rescue Plan that lowers the threshold for Americans to receive a 1099-K form for one year. Last year, Senator Capito introduced an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 omnibus package that would delay the reporting requirement for one year.

“This very provision was included in the American Rescue Plan that was passed with only Democrat support. Republican efforts to repeal these new requirements have been ignored by my Democrat colleagues until they realized the massive complications that would ensue during tax filing season. However, this is now the second time they have delayed implementation, which only leads to uncertainty for taxpayers. While I was glad to push for a Congressionally mandated one-year delay, I remain concerned about what authority the IRS has to enforce their delay and will continue working to find a lasting solution. My Democrat colleagues need to take responsibility for their mistake and take real action to fix it.” Senator Capito said.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to the American Rescue Plan, 1099-K forms were issued by the IRS to taxpayers who exceeded 200 transactions totaling \$20,000 in a tax year. The American Rescue Plan drastically changed the reporting requirements, and now any electronic payments and transactions from online platforms, apps, or payment card processors equal to \$600 will qualify for the 1099-K requirement.

Last year, Senator Capito and Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-W.Va.-03) introduced the Emergency Taxpayer Paperwork and Audit Relief Act, legislation that would delay the implementation of the Democrat budget gimmick in the Democrats’ American Rescue Plan that lowers the threshold for Americans to receive a 1099-K form from the IRS. The legislation would have provided the IRS the Congressional authority to delay implementation of this poorly thought out change. Also last year, Senator Capito introduced an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 omnibus package that would accomplish the same goal as the legislation.

Senator Capito is a cosponsor of the Stop the Nosy Obsession with Online Payments, or SNOOP Act, legislation to strike the tax code provision inserted by in the American Rescue Plan that requires third-party payment platforms to report businesses’ gross transaction volumes totaling

more than \$600 to the IRS. Additionally, a reversal of the threshold changes similar to the SNOOP Act was included as a provision in the Small Business Jobs Act (H.R. 3937), which was passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee in June of this year.

Senator Capito also cosponsored a bill (S. 4817) in the 117th Congress, which would prevent the IRS from using any of the \$80 billion included in the Inflation Reduction Act funding to conduct audits of taxpayers making less than \$400,000. Recently, Senator Capito supported an amendment, which would have repealed the reporting threshold.

Congressman Alex X. Mooney Nominates 13 West Virginia Students for U.S. Service Academies

MORGANTOWN – Congressman Alex X. Mooney announced he will nominate 13 West Virginia students from eight counties in West Virginia’s Second Congressional District to the U.S Service Academies, which include the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point. The students are from the following counties: Berkeley, Harrison, Jefferson, Marion, Monongalia, Ohio, Randolph and Taylor.

“Our incredible military academy nominees have been selected based on their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation,” said Congressman Alex X. Mooney. “Our country is always in need of dedicated, patriotic young men and women to defend our most sacred freedoms. It always makes me very proud to see so many incredible students from West Virginia’s Second Congressional District apply for this life-changing opportunity.”

Congressman Mooney is recommending the following students to the service academies. Final admission is determined by the respective academy.

- U.S Military Academy at West Point
- Troy Andis – Morgantown High School
- Violet Colon – Homeschooled (Jefferson County)
- Taylor Flowers – West Virginia University
- Benjamin Li – Morgantown High School
- William Swann – Spring Mills High School

- United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
- Troy Andis – Morgantown High School
- Violet Colon – Homeschooled (Jefferson County)
- Benjamin Li – Morgantown High School
- William Swann – Spring Mills High School
- Ryan Hall – WVU – Bridgeport High School
- Kendall Itobi – Naval Academy Prep School – Jefferson High School

- Ashton White – Elkins High School
- Samuel Struthers – Jefferson High School
- Chase Davis – Washington High School
- Luke Minor – Central Catholic High School
- Jonathan Brown – Homeschooled (Taylor County)

- Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)
- Chase Davis – Washington High School
- Troy Andis – Morgantown High School

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Fairmont State to honor graduates at the 154th Fall Commencement

Fairmont State University will celebrate its 154th Fall Commencement at the Feaster Center on Saturday, December 9. Commencement will be split into two ceremonies beginning with the College of Education, Health & Human Performance, the College of Nursing and the College of Science & Technology at 10 a.m. After the 10 a.m. ceremony, graduates from the College of Business & Aviation, the College of Liberal Arts and Regents Bachelor of Arts graduates will be recognized at 2 p.m.

The ceremonies are public and open to all guests. Tickets will not be used and seating is limited. The event will be live streamed for those unable to attend in person.

“I am excited to honor our newest graduates during the Fall 2023 Commencement ceremonies. Obtaining a college degree is no easy feat, and these students deserve to have their accomplishments celebrated,” said President Mike Davis. “This will be my first Commencement as Fairmont State’s President, and I look forward to attending many more and seeing generations of Falcons walk across the stage.”

Fairmont State alumni and entrepreneur Danjiel Velicki will present the keynote address for each Commencement ceremony.

Financial educator and founder of Sqwire, LLC, Danjiel Velicki, is fiercely committed to equipping and empowering every single person he encounters with the information and resources to confidently thrive across all facets of life.

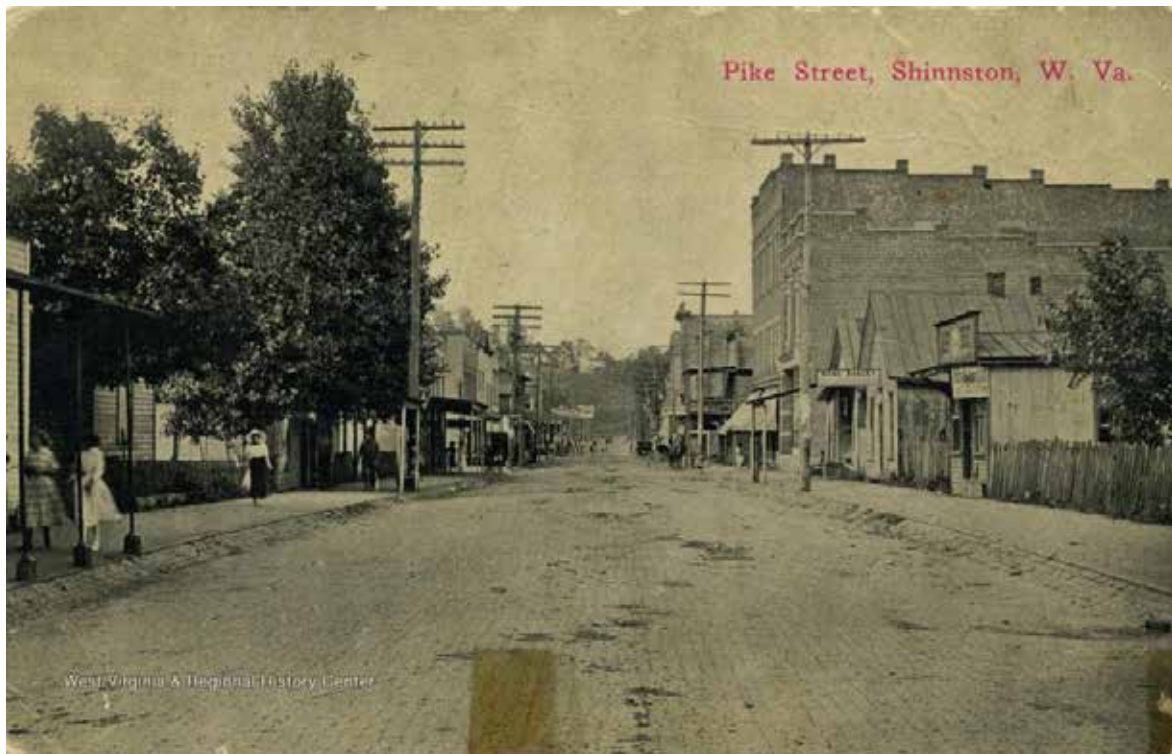
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(2022-C-000376 - Harrison County - PATRICK ESCHERT)

To: SALVATORE A. CLEMENTE, JAN M. CARLSON CLEMENTE, SALVATOR P. CLEMENTE ESTATE C/O ANTOINETTE KOJSSZA, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, SALVATORE P. CLEMENTE ESTATE, ELIZABETH R. SAMPSON C/O ANTOINETTE KOJSSZA, IMMAEVULATE CONCEPTION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ANNETTE M. CLEMENTE, MARK A. CLEMENTE, ANTOINETTE M. CLEMENTE, 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 9 PARCEL 0121 0000

You will take notice that PATRICK ESCHERT, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000376**, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP, District, 2 LOTS 4 & 1/2 3 SEC 33 N VIEW (RENTAL) INC PAR 75, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CLEMENTE SALVATORE P 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. PATRICK ESCHERT 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 - 25175.	\$ 1,214.41
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 - 25310.	\$ 761.16
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.	\$ 904.13
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,091.85

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

Given under my hand November 15, 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

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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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“Band” From pg 1

The band will first perform on December 2 after the end of the Christmas parade at 7:30 PM. Having the community band perform after the parade is a Shinnston city tradition.

Performers from across the region participate in the band in ages ranging from 18 to 83. Some entire families join and play together, many taking advantage of an opportunity to build their skills, others just having fun playing music.

On December 10 at 3 PM, with a ticket price of only \$8.00, the Shinnston Community Band will play its annual show at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center in Clarksburg. The Brass Rhythm and Sax Orchestra will also be on hand to play holiday favorites.

The Shinnston Community Band is proudly supported by the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County.

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(2021-S-00000106 - Harrison County - APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE)

To: DALE W. STEAGER, COMMISSIONER WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, OCCUPANT, ESTATE OF CHARLES H AKERS C/O CHARLES D AKERS, CHARLES D AKERS, CHARLES D AKERS, ESTATE OF CHARLES H AKERS, BRIAN S AKERS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 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 1 PARCEL 0116 0000

You will take notice that APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000106, 1 LOT 178 HARTLAND, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of AKERS CHARLES H ESTATE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after January 17, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, January 16, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to January 16, 2024.	\$ 2,244.39
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to January 16, 2024.	\$ 1,998.65
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to January 16, 2024.	\$ 1,408.96
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to January 16, 2024.	\$ 653.06
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 6,305.06
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before January 16, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

**Return this letter and both certified funds to the
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(2022-C-000427 - 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 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.

Given under my hand November 14, 2023

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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 STUTTLER 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.

Given under my hand November 13, 2023

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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

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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.

Given under my hand November 14, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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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.

Given under my hand November 13, 2023

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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.

Given under my hand November 3, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

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Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

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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-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

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

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A Journey Through Time: The Story of Fiesta in #YesWV

In the world of dinnerware, one name stands out above the rest. From pitchers to platters and everything in between, Fiesta's vibrant, colorful products have earned it a seat at dinner tables across the country for more than 80 years.

To understand how Fiesta became an iconic American brand located in West Virginia is to understand its rich history. Picture this: It's the 1930s, and the United States is in the midst of the Great Depression. Spirits are low, the world seems dark, and people are in need of hope. Then, Joseph M. Wells Sr., the president of The Homer Laughlin China Company, had a visionary idea: help people brighten up their tables and their lives.

Color, he believed, was the answer to the woes of the Depression and, in 1936, Fiesta was born.

It burst onto the scene with solid, bold colors, an Art Deco influence, and a revolutionary mix-and-match philosophy. This new style of dinnerware was a breath of fresh air in an era dominated by traditional floral designs. Fiesta quickly represented a new era of kitchen style,

and became a symbol of hope and optimism.

Homes across America were flooded with saturated shades of Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, and Ivory. Joseph M. Wells Sr.'s vision proved correct – people did need more color in their lives – especially during such bleak, difficult times.

In the early 1900s, Fiesta took a significant turn when The Homer Laughlin China Company expanded, and the company moved across the Ohio River to Newell, West Virginia.

Newell was developed to accommodate the expansion, and infrastructure, water and sewer systems, a suspension bridge, and a trolley line were put in place. Fiesta Plant #4, completed in 1906, was the largest pottery plant in the world at the time.

As years passed, Fiesta continued to grow and introduced new products and innovations. The 1950s saw a shift towards producing commercialware for the hotel and restaurant trade. In the mid 1980s, after a brief hiatus, Fiesta was reintroduced to the marketplace as a lead-free product, denoting the company's commitment to

the health of its customers.

The leadership of the company has passed down through the generations, with each generation contributing to its growth and success. In 2020, the company returned to its roots, focusing exclusively on manufacturing dinnerware for the home. It was renamed The Fiesta Tableware Company, marking a new era for the iconic brand.

Fiesta continues to brighten American tables and has become a symbol of resilience and hope. It has weathered economic storms, witnessed changes in fashion and style, and emerged as a timeless classic. It is a testament to the enduring power of color and the legacy of a brand that brought joy and brightness to America during its darkest days.

Today, The Fiesta Tableware Company continues to produce its signature colorful dinnerware, introducing a new color each year. With more than half a billion pieces produced and a dedicated following of collectors, Fiesta remains a beloved brand in the world of casual tabletop.



The holidays are here once again, as are my memories of childhood Christmases. One of my favorite memories is of my grandmother in her kitchen baking yummy desserts to follow the meals our family would share.

Each Christmas she would bake a delicious applesauce cake, that would fill the house with the delightful scents of cinnamon and clove.

I have carried on this tradition with my children and grandchildren, and they look forward to it as much as I did growing up. I hope you enjoy and make fond memories with your families. Best wishes for a joyful holiday season.

Stop by your local Price Cutter for all your baking and cooking needs. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with our readers, please email it to us at newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Old Fashioned Applesauce Cake

Submitted By Debra Smith

1 stick butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups applesauce
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 tsps baking soda
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 tsp. allspice
1 cup raisins
1 cup nuts (optional) (I use walnuts)

Cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla, eggs, applesauce and buttermilk. Blend well with mixer. Whisk together dry ingredients. Mix dry ingredients with wet ingredients then add raisins and nuts. Spray a tube or bundt pan or 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for about one hour.

I serve this applesauce raisin cake without icing. You can use a powdered sugar glaze made by mixing powdered sugar and enough milk to make the glaze thin enough to pour from a small pitcher. Caramel frosting is great on this applesauce raisin cake, as well. Hope you enjoy!

Harrison County Chamber of Commerce Holds Ribbon Cutting for Company Offering Innovative Storage Solutions



Matt and Marissa Ashburn were joined to the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce earlier this month to celebrate the launch of their new business

A ribbon cutting was held by the Harrison County Chamber on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Owners Matt and Marissa Ashburn are providing a new and innovative way to assist with storage needs in our community.

Matt said, "we always thought PODS was an intriguing concept and a convenient option for moving/storage that people here didn't have access to. Trying to fill that void in the market is what inspired us to start Ready Box. We pride ourselves on convenience and flexibility. Customers can use our containers for on-site storage and/or moving.

There are no time commitments or contracts. Call 1.833.786.7398 when you need a container and keep till you are finished with that storage

need. Customers can store the containers at their site, or we can keep it at our facility until they're ready for it. We find that most of our customers are either moving, building, or going through some type of home renovation where they need a little extra space. The support from the community has been great - people are excited to finally have a portable storage option in North Central WV."

Marrissa was a 2006 graduate of RCB and 2012 graduate of Fairmont State University. Matt grew up in Fairmont and was a 2001 graduate of Fairmont Senior and 2005 graduate of WVU. They currently live in Bridgeport with our daughter Tenley and son Brady.

West Virginia Disability History Essay Submission Date Announced

2024 WV Disability History Essay Contest, Institute, WV – The WV Disability History Essay Contest committee is proud to announce the return of the Disability History Essay Contest in West Virginia. The Disability History Essay Contest coincides with WV Disability History Week, the 3rd week in October, and is open to all WV high school seniors. This annual contest is designed to reinforce Disability History Week in WV and provide WV high school seniors with an opportunity to share their knowledge of the Disability Rights Movement and what they have learned about disability issues in their community, showcase their writing skills, and perhaps to earn some money!

All WV High Schools have been sent entry forms for the essay contest, which can also be found on our website at www.wvsilc.org. Please share with your Seniors and encourage them to enter. There are six districts with a possible 1st and 2nd place in each district, plus a State winner. In addition to an award certificate, the authors of the winning essays will receive an engraved personalized key chain and a check for the amount of their award as follows:

State Winner - \$3,250

District 1st Place Winners - \$1,750

District 2nd Place Winners - \$1000

The Disability History Essay Contest is a collaborative effort between the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS), West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (WVSILC), and State Rehabilitation Council (SRC), with cooperation from the West Virginia Department of Education.

Thank you to the high school principals, teachers and counselors for encouraging their students to participate. Thank you to all of the students who entered in past contests.

For more information on Disability History Week in WV passed by the WV Legislature in 2006, please visit <https://wvsilc.org/legislation>

The winners and their essays will be featured in the Special Edition issue of the IL Edge, WVSILC's quarterly newsletter. Please visit <https://wvsilc.org/essay-contest> for more information on the WV Disability History Essay Contest.

For more questions, please contact: Jerry Boyko, WVSILC Executive Director - Office: (304) 766-4624

Deadline to Submit is December 15, 2024.

"Commencement" From Pg 7

also providing the best for his family, Velicki is living proof that the "American Dream" is well within reach for those who remain steadfastly committed to implementing the fundamental resolves and professional habits that mark seasoned leaders from all walks of life.

The rapid growth of his professional ventures continue to reflect his proficiency and passion for his craft, awarding him the ability to pivot and evolve as an agile, innovative leader in business and beyond.

After over 17 years in the financial and insurance services arena, Velicki grew frustrated with the lack of trustworthy financial education available to everyday Americans. He committed his resources and expertise towards developing a financial education platform that delivers online lessons and personalized support to help individuals and their families develop healthy spending habits and informed financial decisions that fuel their long-term sustainability and success.

Grounded in life skills, one-on-one guidance, and a thorough understanding of the complex issues that individuals, companies, military personnel, and families are facing across today's financial climate, Sqwire is staged to completely eradicate financial illiteracy nationwide.

In addition to Saturday's customs, the College of Nursing will hold its traditional pinning ceremony the evening before on Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Feaster Center. The Police Academy will also be holding

a graduation ceremony, which will take place on Friday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Feaster Center. Governor Jim Justice is set to give the keynote speech to the second graduating class of police cadets.

Commencement Traffic Pattern

The Department of Public Safety and Physical Plant will re-route traffic on the day of Commencement and will only be allowing vehicles to enter campus only from the Squibb Wilson Boulevard entrance to ensure smooth traffic patterns. Officers and other attendants will be on hand to direct traffic and answer parking questions. Shuttle services will be available on campus to take guests to the Feaster Center. Shuttle pick-ups will begin one hour before each ceremony.

All graduates, university guests and community members should expect traffic patterns and parking changes on campus and surrounding areas. Those attending Commencement exercises are asked to remain patient when arriving on campus, as multiple ceremonies will be occurring on Saturday. Guests and graduates should consider carpooling when possible.

Celebration Flowers

Celebration flowers will be available for purchase before each ceremony next to the Feaster Center's guest entrance. Items can also be pre-ordered before Commencement. Proceeds from flower purchases will benefit the Staff Council Scholarship Fund.



Paid internships and college scholarships of up to \$4,000 available for 2024

Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2024 Summer Internships and 2024 Scholarships

If awarded, the WVPAF provides paid and unpaid internships at West Virginia newspapers and college scholarships up to \$4,000.

Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023.

Applications available on wvpress.org

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.