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Spelter Deputy Fire Chief Shares Lifesaving Advice For Winter Safety

By Stephen Smoot

Each season brings its own particular brand of emergency and winter is no different. The rate of structure fires actually rises during winter. Colder weather often proves more dangerous for many working outside as well.

“It’s the time of the year when people start lighting their furnaces and heating their homes with wood,” explains Matt Shingleton, deputy fire chief for the Spelter Volunteer Fire Department.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, “December, January, and February are the

peak months for heating fires.” Shingleton shared that of 33 structure fires responded to by his department over the past 11 months, six alone occurred in November and 10 occurred during a cold stretch in March after an unseasonably warm winter.

“In the months where the temperature drops, we definitely see an influx,” he noted.

Many heat their homes with alternative methods, such as baseboard heaters, space heaters, kerosene. The NFPA says that these types of heating units cause one-third of fires, as well

as “the vast majority of deaths.” Shingleton says that homeowners should remain “vigilant in terms of where they are at.” Many accidentally put flammable materials too close to the heaters.

Shingleton also says that those using wood stoves or fireplaces should keep a close eye on the buildup of materials inside of chimneys and pipes. These accumulations, called creosote, are composed of smoke, dirt, debris, and water vapor that form a flammable and sticky tar-like substance.

Structure fires also start from unattended

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Christmas Tree Lighting



The City of Shinnston held a true Christmas bash last Saturday with a parade starring Santa, a Christmas market, rail trail stroll, and community concert.

Shinnston American Legion Post 31 Obtains a Piece of Naval History

By Stephen Smoot

Throughout all of the annals of naval history, no ships sparked as much fear as the dreadnought style battleships of the early and mid 20th century. Their sleek design, powerful guns, and sheer size comforted friends and terrified enemies.

The USS West Virginia, designated BB-48, made for herself a noble reputation during World War II

Now an important piece of that fabled ship has a permanent home at the Shinnston American Legion Post 31.

According to Naval History and Heritage Command, the West Virginia, sometimes styled the “WeeVee,” entered service with its commission in December 1923. It was the last battleship built by the United States for 20 years, due to restrictions imposed by the Washington Naval Treaty. Her main mission until World War II lay in projecting power into the Pacific.

The official plaque from that ship, containing its record of commanding officers, now has a permanent home at the Shinnston American Legion Post 31.

According to retired post commander Bruce Grimes, “an elderly gentleman passed away and his siblings found it in his home.” They decided to make an anonymous donation of the plaque to the Legion post.

“The American Legion is the perfect place



An important piece of American naval history will forever be a part of Shinnston American Legion Post 31.

to display it,” said

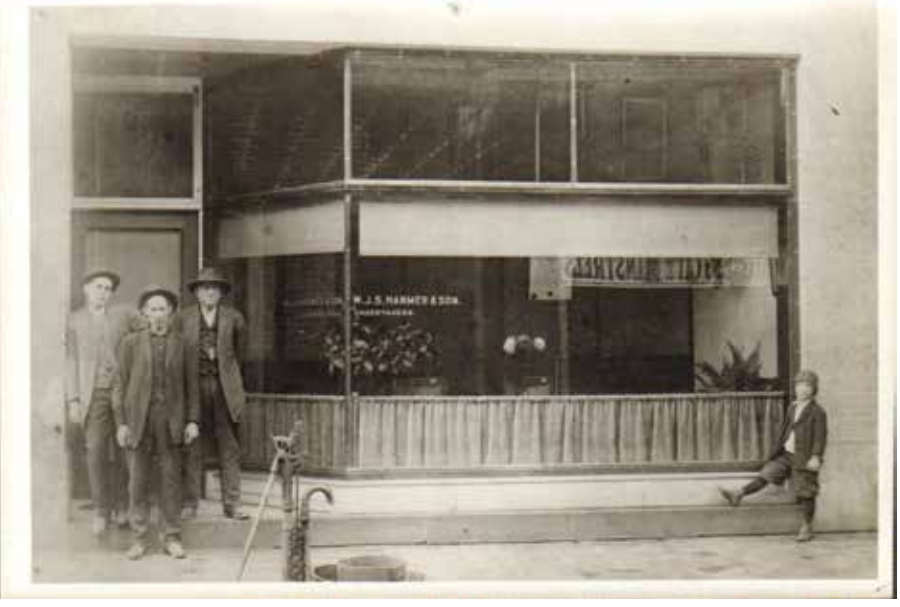
Bennion and Petty Officer Doris Miller received the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

The plaque will serve as a remembrance of the sacrifices made on that fateful day, as well as the heroics performed by the ship and its crew once restored to service.

Grimes explained that “Legionnaires who come to the post from around West Virginia will be able to see it as a remembrance

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Business of the Month



This is the original building where the Harmer family built their business on 300 Pike Street. Note the well pump in the foreground for horses

Harmer Funeral Home is “The Family That Other Families Rely On”

By Stephen Smoot

In 1852, Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, the “peculiar” Virginia Military Institute professor with the “wonderful memory,” was leading classes in natural and experimental philosophy, as well as artillery, unaware of his destiny and fate.

That same year in the month of May Benjamin Tyson Harmer, likely using the Northwestern Turnpike, made his way from Front Royal, Virginia to Shinnston. He brought with him skills with tools and wood-working that he had used to construct wagons.

When Harmer arrived in Harrison County, however, the local market called for coffins more than wagons. Equally adept at both, he built a business that provided both products.



Antebellum sign for Harmer’s business establishment. Six generations later, the business is still a fixture in Shinnston

The coffin making business quickly expanded into funeral service related fields, including digging the grave and even performing the funeral.

According to Jacob Harmer this “began the process of providing a funeral service, all before the days of embalming.”

A Library of Congress article on “Evolution of Funerary Customs and Laws” notes that all over the country, the growth of cities and towns created a funeral

industry. Just as with Harmers, coffin makers sold more products and services. Some also sold “mourning wear,” burial clothes, body preparation services, and more.

The article also noted that the term “undertaker” developed in the 1800s because it was said that the business undertook the arrangements.

Harmer shared that after Benjamin had six sons and two daughters, he hung a sign that read “Harmer Bros. Wagon Shop. Undertaking a

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

Safe and reliable water for all

One of the most important laws ever enacted by the West Virginia Legislature is the Distressed and Failing Utilities Improvement Act.

This 2020 statute gives the Public Service Commission crucial tools for improving water and sewer services.

The law allows the Commission to determine whether a system can properly serve its customers.

Systems fail or fall into disrepair for any number of reasons. A major issue is a declining customer base.

Running a water or sewer system takes expertise. Qualified operators often leave smaller systems that cannot match the salaries or benefits of larger operations.

Some of these systems have enormous pipeline circuits, and the terrain in West Virginia does not make the job easier.

West Virginia has nearly 600 water and sewer utility systems. The Public Service Commission has handled a number of these cases so far, and we expect the trend to continue.

A handful of cases are currently pending, including a few that present some major challenges.

These cases generally always present a host of technical issues. Unfortunately, some of them generate hard feelings when the proprietors of these systems argue that they can provide adequate service.

So we continue to carefully scrutinize the situations we face. The Commission certainly is not in the finger-pointing business.

The Legislature has given us a powerful tool for helping the citizens of the Mountain State to have clean, reliable water and sewer services.

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ACROSS

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113 Rural stretch
114 Rink legend Bobby
115 Stipend or toll
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Crossword grid with numbers 1-110 indicating starting positions for clues.

FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!

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.

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

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

Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term (1961-65), but his accomplishments were overshadowed when he became the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist, and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.

Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptiz-

ing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute in Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

Dec. 11, 1905: "Pare" Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, Lorentz created The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

Dec. 12, 1931: Attorney George Daugherty, better known as the comic singer, storyteller, and songwriter "The Earl of Elkview," was born upstairs over a Mannington silent movie house.

Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist for the Mountain Stage radio program.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

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FULL BOARD MEETING - The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley, WV. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

Bridgeport Public Library Book Sale
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Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting. 6 pm covered dish dinner/gift exchange, meeting at 7 pm. Post 31, Shinnston. Bring covered dish/gift for exchange.

The first Tuesday of every month at The Palette will be Kids Paint. \$10 for an 8x10 canvas.

December 5, 6-7:00pm we will paint a Happy Candy Cane!

Join us upstairs at the Palette. Email thepalettewv@gmail.com to register.

CEOs Hear Presentation About a Trailblazer in Environmental Issues

By Estella Farnsworth

The Stonewood CEOs club met at the Congregational Missionary Church Annex on Nov 13

2023. Members were welcomed by President Deloris Wilson. Roll taken by Secretary; present

were Deloris Wilson, Ladonna Tucker, Jan Johnson, Estella Farnsworth, Lesita Snider, Eva Summers, Darlene Francis, April Stout and Betty Shreves. A candle was lit in memory of our

deceased members and devotions read by April Stout from Our Daily Bread entitled "In God's

Hands". April also led the members in the salutes to the American and WV flags. Minutes of last meeting were read by secretary Estella Farnsworth and accepted as read. Treasurer's

report was given by treasurer Jan Johnson and filed. April Stout had the lesson today entitled "The Life of West Virginia's Wild

and Wonderful Serena Katherine Dandridge". Ms Dandridge

also known by her nickname Violet was born in Shepherdstown WV in 1878. She and her brother Stephen and sister Dorothea were raised on their family Estate called Rose Blake. She moved to Washington DC when she was 18 and was hired by the Smithsonian Institute as a scientific illustrator. After a lifetime spent advocating for social justice and environmental

causes, she died on Nov 7, 1956 at the age of 78. She contributed to the way we understand science and biology today.

April Stout head of Family committee, will check with the local nursing home to see if we can set up some activities for the male residents; presently we visit twice a month to read to the residents and reminisce, these sessions are usually attended by the ladies there. President Deloris Wilson sent

several Book titles to the state chairman of purposeful reading to be considered for the reading list. April also gave a book report on the book "Quiet Dell" about the

infamous Harry Powers that shocked our area in the 1930s. She also went to the screening of

the movie at the Robinson Grand, and tour of the "Murder Farm" in Quiet Dell. She said it was quite interesting. Our club will be participating in the Salvation Angel tree at the mall this

November and December. We hope there will be a great turnout for a great cause. Also we will participate in the Stonewood Christmas parade again this year. Hopefully the weather will be nice and there will be a great turnout; the parade is always a beautiful event for the community.

Ladonna, Lesita, April, and Estella attended Fun and games day at St. Marks Church

on Nov 3, we had a good time and look forward to the next one. Our club furnished breakfast snacks and

beverages for the County Council meeting on Nov 6 with Deloris, Ladonna, Estella, Lesita, April and Barb attending. On Tuesday, 12/5 we will have our Christmas luncheon and card exchange at Minards.

We collected 114 packages of Ramen Noodles today for the Mustard Seed food pantry.

Deloris brought a 35 year old (1988)YWCA cookbook for heritage. She stated that she has made many recipes from it; and she even bought another copy that she happened to run across. Meeting was adjourned. We will be having our Thanksgiving luncheon at FOP immediately following the meeting.

Books read this month totaled 11 and CVH were 554.5 From our club to all...We hope everyone had a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

"Business" From Pg 1.

Specialty." William J. S. Harmer went on to graduate from embalming school, earning licenses in that and also as a funeral director.

Over six generations the business passed from father to son, always, as Harmer describes "with a personal family-centered touch."

Harvard Business Review recently reported that 70 percent of family owned businesses either fail or get sold prior to the second generation taking the reigns. Long term ownership sometimes leads to the pitfalls of not adapting to change quickly enough. Harmer explained that

"business has evolved over the years and we can provide more services than in the past." One change involved adapting to the growing desire for many to be cremated instead of the traditional burial. Harmer has also remodeled the inside to include a lounge and a full kitchen. Now patrons can enjoy the ease of presenting a funeral meal at the home, rather than theirs.

Stepping up to challenges that face the entire community goes with the territory of being "the family that other families relies on." The year 1944 tested both the town and busi-

nesses such as Harmer's. First in March came the fire at Katherine Number Four mine that killed 16. The fire was so hot and intense that flame so fierce that it "charred telephone poles, partially melted steel railroad cars and burned up automobiles 150 feet away." The entire funeral home was transformed into a makeshift morgue to handle the 16 deaths that took place.

Then came that terrible June night in 1944 when what some experts estimate was an F 4 tornado tore through Harrison County and leveled Shinnston. Harmer stated that the business

conducted "78 funerals in two weeks." He added that "thanks to that emergency set up for the mine disaster, it made us more prepared for the disaster of our own with the tornado."

In the aftermath of the tornado, Dave Harmer ran the ambulance for 24 hours straight until he had an accident in Worthington.

Since then, Harmers remains one of the most recognizable business names in Shinnston. Its service in the past and present, as well as remaining a reliable family, will ensure its prosperity far into the future.

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of World War II."

Naval repair workers, some of the most unsung heroes for the United States in the Pacific Theater, made her seaworthy by April of 1943. She then traveled to Puget Sound Navy Yard for a final refitting and modernization. Grimes said he didn't know how they were able to do it, stating "it's quite a long way for a crippled ship to go."

In July 1944, the West Virginia returned to action in the Pacific as US, Chinese, and British forces rolled back Japanese conquests in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Grimes shared that "the Japanese could not believe that BB-48 was back in action," adding that "they called it the White Ghost." Her first battle came in Oct 1944 at the Surigao Strait.

There, she took part in the last battle that saw battleships train their guns on each other.

From there, West Virginia's 16 inch guns provided cover for troops landing on beaches to wrest strategic islands away from the Japanese. Off Okinawa in April 1945, a kamikaze attack damaged, but did not disable, the ship.

The USS West Virginia's remaining service

included her presence at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay and Operation Magic Carpet, which brought home the men and women who had triumphed in the Pacific.

Decommissioned and scrapped in 1959, not many tangible artifacts remain of the proud ship. The American Legion Post 31, however, can be a final home for this piece of United States Naval History.

"Safety" From Pg 1.

candles. The NFPA states that these fire numbers peak in December and January with Christmas Day the top one for devastating events started by candles.

Shingleton last week shared on the department Facebook page helpful tips if a fire does break out in the house. The first priority, he explains, lies in getting oneself to safe-

ty if possible. Also, if it is safe to do so, he says "close the interior door to the room the fire is in on your way out."

He advises to avoid bursting windows if possible. Open doors and windows give the fire additional oxygen, encouraging its spread. Smoke detectors should be installed and the batteries changed twice a year to ensure

they remain in good working order. Homes with children should have a plan and even drills to keep everyone safe.

Last, working in frigid temperatures can cause injury or even death. Take care to

dress for the weather if outside work must be done. Those who are older, have cardiac risk factors, or have had a heart attack should be aware that the danger increases with colder temperatures.



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Salem Grinds Out Exhibition Win Over Clinton

Salem University
Athletics Press Release

SALEM, West Virginia - After their brief holiday hiatus, Head Coach Vince Thibodeau's men's basketball team played host to NCCAA opponent Clinton College in Salem on Saturday afternoon. While the game was only an exhibition for the Tigers,

the competition was tough all afternoon in T. Edward Davis Gymnasium. Despite trailing at the half, Salem was able to grind out a tough win over Clinton by a score of 70-62.

In the first half, Salem found their offensive attack somewhat slow early on as the Golden Bears jumped out to an early lead. Salem was able to shake off the rust thanks to

double digit first half points from Kapone Barley. However, the Golden Bears of Clinton made the Tigers work for every point, and Salem trailed 39-34 at halftime.

After the break, Salem had to kick things into a new gear if they were going to take control of the contest back from Clinton. It was the Salem bench who found that run as key buckets

from Nils Baumeisters and Khemanni Davis gave the Tigers control of the game roughly midway through the 2nd half. Down the stretch, Salem added some distance between themselves and the Golden Bears from solid free throw shooting from Ian Hardy and the aforementioned Barley. With control of the contest, Salem cruised to the well-

earned 70-62 exhibition win over Clinton.

In the scorebook, Salem was led by an impressive 25 points from Kapone Barley. Brandon Francois added 10 points for the Tigers as well. Jack Harrison IV and Khemanni Davis each finished just short of double figures for Salem with 9 points a piece.

The victory this

weekend should give Salem a fresh perspective going forward as they will return to regular season play this week. They are back at home on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30 PM with the Concord Mountain Lions making the trip up to Salem from Athens for a mid-week evening doubleheader.



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 Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are South Harrison's Hope Woods and Bridgeport's Donovan Williams.

Hawk basketball player Hope Wood scored 16 points, grabbed seven rebounds, and dished out three assists in the season opener. South Harrison would lose to Doddridge County 57 to 45 in

Lost Creek.

Indian receiver Donovan Williams recorded one of the best days catching the ball in school history a few weeks ago in the season ensign loss at Princeton. Williams hauled in four balls for 148 yards, including a pair of touchdowns.

Congratulations to South Harrison's Hope Woods and Bridgeport's Donovan Williams for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

The Heat is Off For Neal Brown

By Bill Nestor

The weather outside is frightful this time of year. Going outside and getting into a cold car is no fun, but modern technology has give us a gift - heated seats. Everyone loves them because they come in handy this time of year, but could you imagine if they were on all year long?

What a pain in the backside that would be - literally!

Well that is what West Virginia University's Neal brown has had to endure throughout his entire tenure as the head coach of the football team. As a matter of fact, Brown had the heat turned up to an all-time high leading into this season. If the Mountaineers couldn't produce, he'd be out of a job.

Heading into the regular season finale at Baylor, WVU had a respectable seven and four record. The battle with the Bears was a swing game that had a lot riding on the outcome. A

loss would produce a seven and five record and that would not be enough to protect Brown's position. Baylor outscored West Virginia 14 to nothing in the third quarter to erase a 13 point halftime deficit. The home team would add a field goal to take a four point lead with just seconds left.

The game outcome and Brown's future were very much in doubt, and to make matters worse, the Mountaineers were playing without center Zach Frazier. Frazier, the former Fairmont Senior standout and heart and soul of the offensive line, had been injured and was on the sideline. With just 23 ticks on a fourth quarter clock remaining, Brown needed someone to step up and make a play. Just like when a student sitting in the front row has his hand up trying to reach the sky before the teacher even finished asking the question, quarterback Garrett Greene was ready.

Greene has been

stepping up since the Houston game, and I hate to say that I told you so, but I did say that when he accepted responsibility for that loss, that he would become the leader of that team!

Greene fired a 29 yard touchdown pass to Jahiem White. That scoring strike won the game, moved WVU into fourth place in the Big East standings, made me look like I know what I'm talking about, and, most importantly, saved his coach's job. His play has improved dramatically as the season progressed. He threw for 269 yards, rushed for 103, and accounted for four total touchdowns.

Greene has become a hot commodity around the country and would potentially have several suitors from big time programs. His vote of confidence in his head coach went a long way with the decision makers at the university. This would never have come into play years

ago with the old college football rules. However, with the college game looking more like professional sports every day, Greene's voice carries weight. Sometimes it is silence that speaks louder than words and, in this case, Greene waited to make his announcement, which proved helpful to Brown.

This past Friday, West Virginia University vice president and Director of Athletics Wren Baker told Hoppy Kercheval that Brown will remain the head football coach of the Mountaineers in 2024. The very next day, Greene said that he was staying in Morgantown for his final season. It all worked out in the end and now Mountaineer Nation will have a bowl game and another season to watch Brown, Greene, and company.

Finally, Brown can control the heat himself and, after this season, he deserves to!

Salem Nearly Stuns Pioneers on Road Trip

Salem University
Athletics Press Release

GLENVILLE, WV - This afternoon the Tigers (1-6) hit the road to take on the Pioneers (5-2) of Glenville State University. Salem came into the day's match looking to bounce back after a 67-75 loss on their home court to Concord University earlier in the week.

Salem took the advantage in the opening minutes of the first quar-

ter thanks to a hot start by Cassandra Smith. She had seven of the Tiger's first eleven points as they got an 11-4 lead on the Pioneers in the first five minutes of play. Glenville used a hockey-style substitution to keep fresh legs on the court at all times often subbing four or five at a time instead of the Tiger's more standard rotation. Glenville seemed to flip a switch at the quarter's halfway point. They ended the period on a 16-3 run

to claim the lead at the first break 20-14.

Both teams caught fire from three to start the second quarter with the first twelve points of the period coming from beyond the arc and nine of those going to the Pioneers. Down fourteen, the Tigers made a 5-0 run to trim the deficit back down to single digits and keep it manageable. Elena Pericic led the Tigers in the second quarter, but could not overcome the hot shooting Glenville continued to display. At the half, the Pioneers led 48-34.

Salem was able to gain some momentum of their own to start the second half as they got

out to an 11-2 run early on Glenville to cut the Tiger deficit down to five. Head Coach, Nikayla Edgell's, half-time adjustments were proving to be an effective stalwart against the Glenville State offense. The Pioneers managed just sixteen points in the quarter (their fewest on the day so far). Salem's offense seemed to have found its stride at the right time too. The Tigers put twenty-six points on Glenville in the third to get within four points of Glenville at 64-60 after three-quarters of play.

Carine Pinkney took the reigns in the fourth

quarter for the Salem offense and she did not disappoint. Pinkney poured in nine points during the final quarter of regulation and helped set up her teammates on offense in places to be successful. However, Glenville refused to roll over and let the Tigers walk away with the win. After Salem took a two-point lead in the closing seconds Dejaan Schuler responded with a mid-range jump shot of her own to tie the game and send it into OT.

The Tigers got down early in the fourth after a triple and two free throws by Glenville

State in the first minute of play. From there the Tigers were unable to keep Glenville off the free throw line where they scored the rest of their points in the overtime period. In the end, the Tigers were not able to overcome the first-half deficit they found themselves in and fell to the Pioneers 94-88, dropping the Tigers record to (1-7) on the season.

The Tigers will be back in action on Wednesday, December 6th as they travel to Buckhannon, WV to take on the Bobcats (2-5) of West Virginia Wesleyan University at 5:30 PM.

Lincoln High School Places Several on All-County Soccer List

Girls Squad

Eryn Ashcraft (1st Team)
Lily Toth (1st Team)
Payton Riley (1st Team)
Ashlyn Riley (2nd Team)

Boys Squad

Trevor Williams (1st Team)
Ty Williams (1st Team)
Oliver Gonzalez (2nd Team)
Jaxson Poe (2nd team)

Fairmont State University Receives STaR Opportunity Grant for FACT Camp

Fairmont State University has been awarded \$5,000 through the West Virginia Science, Technology and Research (STaR) Opportunity Grant Program to continue offering its Forensic and Analytical Chemistry Technology (FACT) summer camp.

FACT Camp is a free one-

week summer day camp for West Virginia middle school students, presented by Fairmont State's forensics and chemistry faculty. Campers learn about forensic science and analytical chemistry technology through introductory courses taught by University faculty and participate in hands-on activities

to apply their knowledge to real-world problems. They have the opportunity to use modern forensic and chemistry technology and be mentored by Fairmont State STEM undergraduates.

Dr. Mark Flood, Professor

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Alzheimer's Association Offers Holiday Gift Guide

CHARLESTON, WV – November 28, 2023 – Holiday shopping and gift-giving can often be challenging, but even more so when shopping for a person living with dementia.

There are more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, and to help friends and family members make their shopping lists, the Alzheimer's Association has released its 2023 Holiday Gift Guide, offering gift ideas for individuals living in the early, middle and late-stages of Alzheimer's disease. The guide also includes ideas for the 11 million Americans who serve as unpaid caregivers.

Gifts for people living with Alzheimer's – in

the early stages Post-it notes or an erasable white board to list reminders or the day's activities.

Gift cards for ride-sharing services or a favorite activity (golf, movie, restaurant) to help the person remain active.

GPS trackers (bracelets, watches) or enrollment in a safe return program to keep the person safe.

A "memory" calendar featuring family photos with space to add special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.

Gifts for people living with Alzheimer's – in the middle-to-late stages

Playlists that include the person's favorite artists or songs.

Comfortable, loose-

fitting clothing that is easy to put on, remove and wash, such as sweat suits, slip-on shirts, non-slip socks, slip-on shoes, wrinkle-free nightgowns or a fluffy bathrobe.

Framed photographs or a photo collage. Include names of people in the photos to help with identification.

Soothing gifts that help with anxiety, like a handheld massage ball or a soft blanket.

Adaptive dining equipment such as no-spill cups and plate guards that enable greater independence during meals.

Gifts to keep the person living with Alzheimer's engaged

A memory phone that can store pictures with names and contact

information of family and friends.

Nightlights that activate automatically when it gets dark.

An outing to a movie, play or concert, sporting event, museum or a family shopping trip.

Engage your loved one in making homemade gifts, painting ornaments, decorating stockings or scrapbooking.

5 gifts for dementia caregivers

The most important gift you can give a dementia caregiver is the gift of time. In fact, just a 20-minute break each day can help lower a caregiver's stress and help avoid burnout.

Homemade coupons for cleaning the house, cooking a

meal, mowing the lawn or shoveling the driveway.

Gift cards for restaurants or meal delivery, laundry/dry cleaning services, lawn care and personal pampering such as massages and pedicures.

Books – in addition to tackling the caregiver's "must read" list, there are a number of books on caregiving and maintaining self-health.

For more tips on how families affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias can safely enjoy time with family and friends during the holidays, visit the Alzheimer's Association website. There are

approximately

39,000 West Virginia residents aged 65 and older who are living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association "2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures." That number is expected to increase to 44,000 by 2025. One in three seniors dies with the disease.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association West Virginia Chapter at 304.343.2717 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to local resources. The Alzheimer's Association's Helpline can be reached 24/7 at 800.272.3900

Orthopaedic Campaign Benefits Children in the Region

"Coats for Kids"—is a winter coat drive to provide children in need with a coat this holiday season.

Bridgeport, WV—Temperatures are dropping as winter is on its way. United Orthopaedic and Spine Center is holding its annual "Coats for Kids" drive to provide children in need with a coat this holiday season.

While you are shopping for new coats for your family, think about the children who are less fortunate. A winter coat is a budget "extra" for those struggling to make ends meet.

Information from Child Trends provides that the rate of child poverty in the United States has more than doubled, with 5.2 million more children living in poverty. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in four children in West Virginia live in poverty. These statistics are included in a report by the West Virginia Center on Budget Policy.

"Last year North Central West Virginia helped UHC to exceed our goal. This year, we hope to provide 750 coats to children in need. In fact, our impact went beyond the borders

of Harrison County, as we also provided much needed warmth to children in Doddridge, Lewis, Marion, Taylor, and Upshur counties," said Joseph Fazalare, MD, at UHC Orthopaedics, president of the UHC Medical Staff. "We rely on local support for both coat and monetary donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as it makes a big difference."

Young children who go without a coat are unable to regulate their body temperatures as adults do. They can quickly develop hypothermia without protection. Exposure to cold can predispose children to infections, such as pneumonia. Children can also lack confidence and have a fear of being teased for not having the necessary outdoor gear.

This annual fundraiser provides children and teens with coats for the cold winter months. Donations are being accepted now through December 31. Coat donations need to be new and include tags. Sizes needed range from adult to children, as many of the recipients are teenagers requir-

ing adult sizes.

Pictured left is Joseph Fazalare, MD, of UHC Orthopaedics, president of the UHC Medical Staff, and Christopher Courtney, DO, of UHC Orthopaedics, together they have launched a "Coats for Kids" campaign to collect 750 coats for children in need in North Central West Virginia. Donations can be dropped off at United Orthopaedics and Spine Center at 227 Medical Park Drive, Bridgeport, WV during normal business hours. For questions about the winter coat drive, please call (681) 342-3500 or (681) 342-3508.

—WVU Medicine—

About United Hospital Center United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary's and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move pro-

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of Forensic Science at Fairmont State, has led the camp since 2018. "We have had enthusiastic participation in FACT Camp, and one of our current forensic science students joined because of their FACT experience," said Flood. "We give students an experience that may spark their science passion."

WV STaR, a division of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, is dedicated to leading competitive STEM research opportunities in West Virginia. The STaR Opportunity Grant funds projects that support STEM education, demonstrate the value of STEM in West Virginia, and/or support those in STEM careers.

FACT Camp will be held June 10-14, 2024 on Fairmont State's campus and will host approximately 20 fifth through eighth grade students. Application forms for the camp are available on Fairmont State's website: <https://www.fairmontstate.edu/scitech/outreach/forensic-analytical-chemistry-fact-camp.aspx>.



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Pearl Harbor Day: An Infamous Act Still Remembered

Alex X. Mooney Stands with Senator Tuberville Against Abortion Policy



The battleship USS West Virginia took heavy damage at Pearl Harbor, but "the White Ghost," as the Japanese called her, returned to action and was present in triumph at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay

WASHINGTON - blocks federal funding for abortions, but the Biden Department of Defense is undermining federal and state laws by paying for personnel to travel to get abortions." Mooney added, "Instead of focusing on military readiness, the Biden Administration is using taxpayer funds to promote on-demand abortion. The Senate is given power over confirmations as a check on the Executive Branch. Senator Tuberville has been one of the few people to use his power to fight for the right to life, and I am supportive and grateful for his stand."

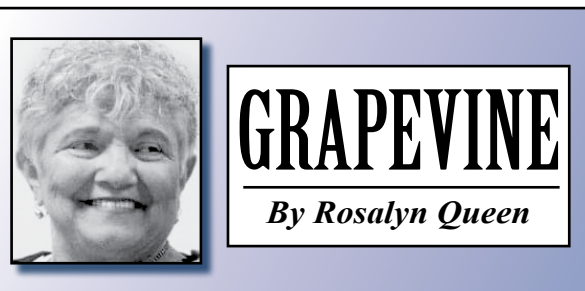
WASHINGTON - Congressman Alex X. Mooney signed onto a letter led by Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Andy Harris (R-MD) to Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) expressing support for his strong stand against the Biden Administration's radical and illegal abortion travel policy within the Department of Defense.

Congressman Alex X. Mooney said, "As a strong pro-life conservative, I am proud to stand with Senator Tuberville against President Joe Biden's fanatical pro-abortion agenda. The Hyde Amendment

An Uncertain World Is Even More Reason to Value the Best of Holiday Traditions

"You Load 16 Ton And What Have You Got?" If you ask this group the answer would be pitas. Last week they gathered at the PWA Kitchen to make these Christmas delicacies. Using over forty pounds of flour, 15 pounds of nuts, 12 pounds of raisins, 10 pounds of Brown sugar, gallons of wine and honey and all the other seasonings that the recipe calls for. The end result was approximately 100 pitas. A partnership with Fiesta provides 100 plates which the pitas are placed on and then wrapped with seasonal bows. Pre orders assure that all of these goodies will be sold.

The recipe that the group uses is a family recipe that Queen has used for over 60 years. Queens godmother, Lena Garrett of Rosemont provided the recipe and taught Queen to make these pitas. The recipe has never been altered. Queen would go to Rosemont for the weekend and the task of making this delicacy would start. Usually it would take two weekends. Queens



GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen

mother, Florence Burnett, never made the pitas, so the process stayed with Queen who has made them every year since. The question asked Queen most frequently is "What makes yours so delicious?" She will answer using a red sweet wine and soaking them in honey as soon as they come out of the oven.

This is one of the major fundraisers for the PWA. All of the ingredients are donated. And the price for each remains \$10.00 and includes the Fiesta plate. The PWA maintains a food pantry for individuals and for pets. Recently

they entered into a partnership with cancer patients, providing food for individual patients while they are being treated or for their families. Donations of food are always welcome from the public. For more information call Director Elinda Carson at 304/624 6881. I encourage you to continue any family customs that you may have, with the world situation now is the time to focus on family. We are all feeling the economy crunch, so do not let this spoil your Christmas spirit and remember to include a church visit and take advantage of some of the holiday music concerts. A sure way to get into the spirit., Plan a cookie party, go to church and make this the best Christmas ever. Do not forget to include a visit to your parents or shut ins. This will brighten their day and also yours. Stay healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Super Crossword

Answers

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OBITUARIES



Marshall R. "Bucky" Booth

Marshall R. "Bucky" Booth, 77, of Worthington, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at his home surrounded by family. He was born August 12, 1946 a son of the late Glenn E. Booth and Jessie A. Hess Booth.

Bucky, as he was called by his family and friends, loved life up to the end. His spiritual belief that he would be healed has come to pass. HE is walking those streets of Glory.

He started his life out as a young adult. He told the story of having his first apartment and first job at age 14. Bucky worked as a short order cook back in the day at several of the fine restaurants in Fairmont such as the Palace Restaurant, SayBoys Restaurant, and the Continental Room of the Parkette Restaurant in Bellview. He later made his way into working as an auto mechanic. A good one people would say. And then went into becoming an A-1 carpenter. This is where he found his true passion, building. He assisted on jobs such as church parsonages, fellowship halls, low income apartments, and other beautiful homes in the area. Bucky was last employed by Hess Remodeling where he was forced to retire on disability following an injury.

Bucky is survived by his wife of 59 years, Sandra Jean Kennedy Booth. He was her beau for two years before their marriage. Also surviving is his son, Daniel L. Booth and his wife Lisa Sabo Booth of Worthington; two grandchildren, Hannah Danielle Bufkin and her husband Zach of Charleston, SC; and Daniel L. Booth of Monongah.

He is also survived by one sister, whom he loved dearly, Charlotte Ann Barta Robinson of Idamay; his brothers-in-law, William Jesse "Ugg" Kennedy, Jr.; and Steve Barta, Sr. of Idamay. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bucky was preceded in death by two baby sons, John Michael and Marshall Ray Booth; his brother, Glen "Junie" Booth; his brother-in-law, Bob Dixon; and his sister-in-law, Bertha Kennedy Wilson.

Friends will be received at Jewel City Church, 511 Jewel City Blvd. Meadowbrook, on Monday from 2-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the church on Tuesday, December 5, at 11:00am with Pastor Robert Shingleton and Evangelist Daniel Booth officiating. Interment will follow at the Viewpoint Cemetery in Rachel, WV. All are welcome to a celebration of his life and dinner at Jewel City Church following the interment. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Booth 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 Local 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: Caitlyn 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.

Shirley Irene Greaver

Shirley Irene Greaver, 81 of Enterprise, WV passed into eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at 3:01AM on Thursday, November 30, 2023. She was



born June 6, 1942, the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland and Pinkie Ashley of Cunningham Run, WV. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas (Tom) Greaver, and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by two daughters: Cynthia and husband Walter Decker of Reynoldsburg, OH and Kim and husband Mike Farris of Lumberport, WV.

She is also survived by two sisters: Margie and husband Norman McDougal of Fairmont, WV and Virginia (Jenny) Hescht of Brunswick, OH along with brother Bernard and wife Brenda of Spencer, OH. Shirley is also survived

by her dearly beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren: Isaiah Farris and wife Summer of Sulphur, OK and their children, Trinity, Patriot, and Honor; Ashley Dytzel and husband Jeff of Shinnston, WV and their children Reese, Thomas, and Lincoln; Abigail Milnes and husband Billy of Enterprise, WV and their children Gabrielle, Adalynn, Connor, Luke, and new baby on the way; grandson Devin Decker, and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are sister-in-laws Karen Crayton, and Janet (Roger) Dotson, and brother-in-law Dave Greaver.

Shirley retired from the Sears & Roebuck catalog department. She enjoyed cooking Sunday dinners for her family and spending

time with her children and great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank WVU Hospice for their kind care and assistance these last few weeks.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by the Harmer Funeral Home of Shinnston, WV. Visitation is Sunday, December 3, from 2:00PM to 7:00PM. The funeral service will be held at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 11:00AM. Pastor Dave Luther of Warren, OH is presiding with entombment to follow at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum.

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



Steven Duane Hardman

Steven Duane Hardman, 54, passed away on November 20, 2023. He was born in Clarksburg, on May 21, 1969, a son to the late Danny Hardman and Shirley Combs.

He is survived by his children, Steven Hardman Jr., Zachary Hardman, Nicole Sears, Cassie Sears, and Jessica Owens. Also surviving are his brothers Danny and Aaron Hardman; special friends Evelyn and Greg O'Dell; and several cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Pine Bluff Cemetery on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 1:00PM.

Online memories

and condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com

A service of Harmer Funeral Home.

Mildred Irene Leasure

Mildred Irene Leasure, 79, of Lumberport, passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Maplewood Healthcare Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Clarksburg on March 18, 1944 to the late Fred Allen and Rachael Irene (Lemasters) Allen.

Mildred was a member of All Faiths Church in Hepzibah. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and her dogs.

She is survived by one daughter, Twyla Miller of Bridgeport; three sons: Bobby Gene Miller, Jr. and wife Norma Jean of Brown, Brian Douglas Miller of Green County, MD and Troy Leon Miller and companion of Wallace; one granddaughter, Stacy Barker of Shinnston; one grandson, Robert Barker and wife Sherri of Dola; one great granddaughter, Makira Knotts; two great grandsons, Quintin Collier and Haydn Barker; first husband, Bobby Gene Miller as well as many more grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mildred is preceded in death by her second husband, Don Lee Leasure; two brothers: Gene Allen and Larry Allen; three sisters: Maryann Arnett, Karen Sue Rinehart and Doris Jean Allen.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Monday, December 4, 2023 from 2:00pm until 8:00pm for visitation. Funeral service will be Tuesday, December 5,

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Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



The USS West Virginia was a Colorado class dreadnought style battleship built in 1920. She was sunk at Pearl Harbor, but raised, refitted, and fought from 1943 on. The ship, known also as BB-48, was present at the Japanese official surrender alongside the USS Missouri and other Allied warships

“Obituaries” From Pg 7.

2023 at 11:00am with Pastor Delores White officiating. Interment will follow to Brown Cemetery.

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

Norma Mae Thompson

Norma Mae Thompson, 96, of Shinnston, passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at River Oaks Healthcare Center. She



was born on October 12, 1927 in Peora to the late Roy Blare and Hattie (Jett) Blare.

She had worked as a seamstress for

Maidenform, State Foods and Owens-Illinois. Norma was a member of Peora United Methodist Church and United Methodist Church in Shinnston and an honorary member of the fire department. Norma enjoyed cooking, sewing and working in her yard.

She is survived by one son: John Thompson and his wife Charlotte of Shinnston; one daughter, Cheryl Davis and husband Edward “Bubby” of Spring Lake,

NC; two grandsons: Trevor Matthews and wife Becky of NC and Trey Matthews of NC; five granddaughters: Hope Onesti and husband Nick of FL, Carrie Ford of Clarksburg, Stephanie Lucas and husband Kris of Bridgeport, Maria Sutor and husband Kit of SC and Mindy Huffman and husband Aaron of MO; eleven great grandchildren; three brothers: Lindsey Blare and wife Viola of Peora, Robert “Bob” Blare and wife Judy of Ravenswood and Clifford Blare and wife

Sara of Vancouver, WA; two sisters: Jean Zirkle of KY and Emma Deem and husband Darrell of AZ as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Norma is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Patrick Thompson; one son, Jim Thompson; two sisters: Mary Blare and Madeline Blare; three brothers: Lewis Junior Blare, Challens Blare and Earl Blare and one grandson, Brandon Ford. The family would like to thank: Kristen Armistead, Nicole Reed,

Natalie Profit, Vanessa Lance, Ariston Wilson, Justin Gribble, Brandy Crites and Debbie Mayle of River Oaks and Amedisys nurses: Alissa Buffy and Elizabeth Meade for the care provided to Norma.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 10:00am until time of service, 2:00pm with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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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.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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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 WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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(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 CEMTER, 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

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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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.

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

To: JUDITH C WATTS, RUTH MARIE LINDERHOLM WOLFE, CORNELIA A REEP, PATSY J SABATELLI, BLACK GOLD GROUP LTD, DONALD N SPRADLIN, JUDITH A STEWART, MARK COLE, DORIS M COFFMAN, DONALD K MARTIN ETAL C/O STEVEN & PAMELA HEASTER, TIMOTHY COFFMAN C/O TIMOTHY COFFMAN JR ETAL*24, GARY EDWARD WILLIAMS, JUDITH C WATTS, RUTH MARIE LINDERHOLM WOLFE, CORNELIA A REEP, PATSY J SABATELLI, BLACK GOLD GROUP LTD, DONALD N SPRADLIN, JUDITH A STEWART, MARK COLE, DORIS M COFFMAN, DONALD K MARTIN ETAL, TIMOTHY COFFMAN, GARY EDWARD WILLIAMS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0691 5918 0000

You will take notice that JOHN T. FRAME, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000713, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 1 LOT 52 BROADDUS ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STUTLER KIMBERLY ANN and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. JOHN T. FRAME requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

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

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

Given under my hand November 13, 2023

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

To: SALVATORE A. CLEMENTE, JAN M. CARLSON CLEMENTE, SALVATORE P. CLEMENTE ESTATE C/O ANTOINETTE KOJSSZA, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, SALVATORE P. CLEMENTE ESTATE, ELIZABETH R. SAMPESA C/O ANTOINETTE KOJSSZA, IMMAEVLATE 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

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

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

DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0683 3901 0000

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

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

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

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

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.

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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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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.

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You will take notice that A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000426**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 10.365 AS BINGAMON, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ASHCRAFT EARL ETAL and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. A&K INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2024 will be as follows:

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

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

Given under my hand November 14, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

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Capito urges Biden Admin to Address Antisemitism in Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) joined 31 Republican colleagues in a letter — led by U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) — urging the Biden administration to address antisemitism toward Jewish children in K-12 schools amid rising rates in the aftermath of Hamas' deadly attacks against Israel.

“We are deeply concerned that the Department of Education is not ensuring American K-12 schools are fostering a safe learning environment for all students following the terrorist organization Hamas' violent attack on civilians, including Americans and Israeli citizens,” the senators said. “Parents should feel confident that their

children's school will be safe and the focus will be on education,” the senators continued. “Instead, parents are beginning to fear that not only is school not safe for their students, but school officials are actively working to undermine the safety of their children.” “Some schools seem unwilling or unable to uphold their legal obligations under

Title VI,” the senators continued. “Therefore, the department should use its full resources to enforce the law.” In addition to Senators Capito, Cassidy, and Ernst, the following senators also signed the letter: U.S. Senators Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Katie Britt

(R-Ala.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), James Lankford

(R-Okla.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.), Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), John Thune (R-S.D.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

Manchin announces \$150K for community training program at WVU

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of

Food and Agriculture (NIFA) for West Virginia University (WVU). The funding will support the creation of a two-phase community training program that encourages West Virginia's local produce growers to adopt the

triple-wash process for their products. “West Virginia's farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our state, providing nutritious, locally-grown food for our communities. I'm pleased the USDA

is supporting this important initiative at West Virginia University to strengthen the safety of our food supply,” said Senator Manchin. “As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating

for resources to ensure every family across the Mountain State has access to clean, fresh produce.” This funding will help ensure that produce being sourced from local growers will be thoroughly cleaned and

safe for consumption. The West Virginia Small Farm Center encourages small local produce growers to apply the triple-wash with antimicrobials to produce surfaces if their produce is eaten raw or grown close to the ground.

The ‘Regula Bullata’

From L'Osservatore Romano

In their essentiality, the Chapters of the Regula Bullata of Saint Francis of Assisi contain an abundant wealth of indications and stimuli for the Christian life which for 800 years has raised, oriented and supported hosts of simple men and women, determined to follow Jesus and the Gospel: the Friars Minor — “The Franciscans”.

We are able to “read” the best commentary on this Holy Rule in the lives of our Franciscan brothers and sisters, who throughout history have distinguished themselves for virtue and holiness.

Allow me to limit myself to underlining some traits that always fascinate me for the wisdom and concreteness wherewith they are imbued, and which have the strength to restore impetus and meaning to my own vocation.

Saint Francis cares that his brothers observe “the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, living in obedience, without anything of their own and in chastity” (cf. chapter I), radically, without discounts, with every fiber of their being and in perfect communion with the Church and in obedience to the Holy Father the Pope, which was absolutely essential to Francis’ vision of

renewing and building up the Kingdom of God.

Even the criterion for verifying the seriousness of intention of the new brothers is profoundly ecclesial: “The ministers must then diligently examine them regarding the Catholic faith and the sacraments of the Church. And if they believe all these things and are willing to faithfully profess them and observe them steadfastly to the end” (cf. chapter II , 2).

There are very clear and essential requests: the path of evangelical perfection is open to all, but only those who choose it with freedom and awareness adhere to it.

Our Seraphic and much beloved Father

Saint Francis has imprinted an exemplary balance in the Holy Rule: everyone is called to develop firm radicalism towards themselves, but, at the same time, to exercise great mercy towards their brothers and sisters.

The radical nature of adhering to the Gospel must be experienced as a stimulus and support for one’s conversion but must never translate into contemptuous and demeaning judgment of other men (and women) (cf. chapter II , 14).

Saint Francis identified for himself and proposed to his brothers a sure way to adhere to the Gospel: poverty!

“The friars do not appropriate anything, neither house, nor place, or anything else. And as pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, let them go for alms with confidence” (cf. chapter VI , 1-2).

In the mind of Saint Francis, poverty has the flavour of a privilege, an honour, a grace, it is certainly not a reason for shame!

The profound reason for this choice, in fact, is not primarily of an ascetic or penitential nature, but is Christological.

“Nor should they be ashamed, because the Lord became poor for us in this world” (cf. chapter VI , 3).

Every thing

contributes to following Jesus, to becoming conformed to Him, to sharing the same life as Him: “This is the sublimity of the highest poverty!” (cf. chapter VI , 4).

The charm of the holiness of Francis of Assisi lies entirely in his surprising resemblance to Jesus, which he developed with an authentically evangelical life. In his rule he has traced a path for us that is safe and not subject to the wear and tear of time, because both he as a figure and his Holy Rule enjoy the freshness of the simple and wholesome truth.

Custody of the Holy Land

By Fr Luke Gregory ofm

Shinn’s Run CEOs: Holiday Heros

The Shinn’s Run CEOs (Community Educational Outreach Service) Club of Shinnston/Bridgeport just completed another successful year of philanthropy and community service.

The year began with the members making plans for the year’s activities and community service projects.

Throughout 2023, the members studied topics such as Pollinators, Crazy Quilts, Home-Grown Appalachian Folklore and Point Pleasant: History Meets Mystery.

Gifts were donated to local community organizations: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Ellison Independent & Assisted Living of Maplewood, Mustard Seed, local libraries, and UHC Hospice.

As for the holidays, members gathered to create gifts for members of the VA Nursing Home, and the local hospice as well as made ornaments for the upcoming Christmas season at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center.

For the past few years, club members have decorated the

foyer of the theater with handmade ornaments and draped the entrance with Christmas cheer. This year, 3 new ornaments will be added to the main tree with photos of Robinson Grand’s staff members and friends. On Wednesday, November 29th, the group met again after Thanksgiving to continue this annual tradition.

In addition to being holiday heroes, the club would like to share its year in review for 2023.

· January: members made plans for 2023 community projects

· February: hosted a flag folding ceremony held by Lincoln High School NJROTC students in Shinnston

- Three members viewed the movie “A Man Called Otto” which was based on a book that is on our Purposeful Reading List

· March: collected photos, history, and memorabilia from various sources in support of the Robinson Grand tribute

· April: Donated clothing and houseware items to the Mustard Seed and recycled printers and toner.

· May: donations and

toiletry items gathered to donate to incoming female veterans at the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg

· June: Participated in the International Tea which honored our international student Maria Azkir

- Participated in the county photo contest.

· July: donated a WV-made wind spinner that was engraved with the CEOs lettering as a memorial garden ornament located at Ellison Independent & Assisted Living of Maplewood, Bridgeport.

- Provided cleaning supplies that were donated to local charities.

· August: donated money to a local teacher to supplement the art program at South Harrison HS

· September: the club welcomed 3 new members: Nancy Weaver, Louann Hawkinberry, and Patty Coffield.

· October: put together 100 brown bags for our Veterans who travel to Pittsburgh, PA for medical visits

· November: created Christmas gift sets of candy and socks to be delivered by our members in December

to the veterans at the WV Veterans Nursing Home.

· UHC Hospice: packed 50 tray favors for our friends at UHC Hospice. The tray favor program is designed to brighten the day of someone struggling through difficult times because of their illness

· December: handing out Christmas gift sets while spreading holiday cheer to our Veterans in Clarksburg

The Shinn’s Run CEOs Club is an affiliate of the Harrison County CEOS and the WVU Extension Office in Morgantown. The Extension Service came into being with the Morrill Act which was signed July 2, 1862, by President Abraham Lincoln. This established a land grant college in each state. West Virginia was founded in 1867 as a land grant college. As of 1999, the Extension Service is now known as The West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service.

Members of the Shinn’s Run CEOs Club include President, Patty Rummel; Vice President, Jean Ruckman; Secretary, Pam Kane; Marketing,

April Lanham; Treasurer, Melanie Thomas; Continuing Education, Carmen Robinson; Family Committee, Sandra Griffin; Donna Light; Betsy Thomas; Helen Turnell; Patty Coffield; Evelyn Harris; Louann Hawkinberry; Pam Kane; Karen Morgan; and special junior member, Charles Hinton-Lanham.

The club meets the second Wednesday of every month, February

– December, 10 am til 12 noon at the Ellison Independent & Assisted Living of Maplewood, Bridgeport.

For membership information, contact John Wickline at 304-624-8650 – or visit The Community Educational Outreach Service website, <https://extension.wvu.edu/community-business-safety/community-educational-outreach-service>.

West Virginia deer muzzleloader season to open Dec. 11



Hunters are reminded to purchase their RM/RRM stamp before the season starts.

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