

First Day of School



Lincoln High School holds its first day assembly for the 2024 school year.

Dave the Valet



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to stay in some great, old, historic hotels and each time, it has been a treat. I've been lucky to spend a couple of nights in the penthouse at the Plaza Hotel in New York City and the Mayfair Hotel in St. Louis.

one's and you give him a fiver for a thirty-foot journey.

After getting your key, they ring a bell and tell you they will send your luggage to the room and to go ahead and get on the elevator. A knock on the door and the bellhop comes in with your luggage, opens the curtain, and tells you how the thermostat works. He politely asks if everything is to my satisfaction and pauses for a moment. A ten-dollar bill seems to be in order, and I am down about twenty dollars and finally sitting on the bed.

It's always a little intimidating when driving up to the front door and seeing the uniformed doormen and parking valets. A guy rushes up and grabs your suitcase and you stick a few bucks in his hand as he quickly gives your bags to another guy who puts in on a luggage cart when you stick a few bucks in his hand, only to realize that another guy is going to take you to the registration desk and you have run out of

My wife and I recently attended the Bruce Springsteen Concert in Pittsburgh and stayed at the historic William Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. I've stayed at the William Penn several times over my life and always had a great time. I would often arrange business meetings in the hotel and arrive early, just to sit in the lobby and enjoy the beautiful architecture, while drinking a cup of coffee and croissant.

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Opera House rebuilt!



The Story Behind the Photo
 By Bobby Bice



Wagon loads of furnishings roll by horse and buggy to the Opera House.

For regular readers who may remember the story behind the photo from February, which showed the 1906 Short's Opera House fire on Station Street, this month's image follows that story.

Lynch's was a transfer and storage company with their stable and warehouse located along Davis Court. It was owned and operated by John B. and Russell C. Lynch, father and son, respectively. As evident in the image, hauling was done by use of horse and wagon. There were many horse and wagon transfer companies in Shinnston during the early 1900's. W.H. Hartley and Son as well as Nay Bros. Transfer were two businesses that Lynch's purchased to enlarge their own company.

The accompanying photo was taken in January 1911 and shows the Lynch Transfer Company leaving the train in Shinnston where they have just transferred from train to two wagons and are hauling equipment that was going to be used for the play production entitled "The Red Mill". The Red Mill, a musical comedy, would be the first stage production held at the new opera house building, which was located on lower Walnut Street.

Sadly, Shinnston's history cannot be written without mention of many fire tragedies. Lynch's is no exception as their stable caught fire in 1937. The Lynch

home stood on the [now gravel] lot in back of the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department, across Walnut Street from Kathleen Panek's Gillum House Bed and Breakfast.

The Lynch home suffered some damage, but their stables and warehouse were a complete loss. The North Shinnston Land Company, formed by three Hornor's from Lumberport, two Hood brothers of Big Elm, and Lafayette Rowand, Hugh Martin, and Samuel Benton Davis

all of Shinnston, had purchased land in the fall of 1906--several months after Short's Opera House burned--with the intention of quickly rebuilding a new structure.

However, funding in the early 1900's took a few years and construction on the new building didn't start until 1909. During that three year span, The Shinnston Opera House Company was organized and chartered with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars. The first annual

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Time Capsule Opening Reveals 90s Era Artifacts From Big Elm Elementary

By Stephen Smoot

At a school named for an important artifact of Shinnston city history, it was right and appropriate last week to hold a time capsule opening ceremony at Big Elm Elementary.

good turnout," Powell remarked. He added that "it was nice to get it on our open house. It allowed us to have more people." Schools throughout Harrison County held back to school open houses to welcome back students and their families.

The capsule dated back to 1993, created and buried in the opening year of the school, which consolidated multiple smaller schools at the time. With 2024-25 representing the school's officially 30th year of existence, it came time to see what it contained.

One of the connecting themes in the event and open house was described by Powell, who said "we definitely have the support of the community. They go above and beyond for the school."

Donnie Powell, principal of Big Elm, stated that "they didn't set a specific time," but that some former staff had asked about opening it.

Opening the time capsule proved to be a special event for past and present students alike. Many current students have parents that attended Big Elm during and around the time of the capsule, which brought even

"We had a pretty

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Harrison County Commission Reverses Course on Quiet Dell Historical Building

By Stephen Smoot

For almost a quarter of a century, the former Quiet Dell schoolhouse has maintained its status as a building for education. Schoolchildren no longer attend classes there, but the site has emerged as a center of both history and the handing down of Appalachian handicraft traditions.



The historic Quiet Dell Schoolhouse now houses a crafts co-op and a museum remembering the Civilian Conservation Corps New Deal project.

Commission and Harrison County Schools. For many years, the West Virginia Civilian Conservation Corps and Heritage Crafts Co-op have shared the building. Visitors from across

the state and around the nation have enjoyed this slice of the Mountain State experience ever since.

Recently, however, developers started to eye the land on which the school sat. Their plans

impressed officials to the point where the

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OPINION

Appalachian Gothic

By Stephen Smoot

Within the broad and deep category of country and western music comes a subgenre with no definite name. Some call it, along with related books, motion pictures, and television programs "Appalachian Gothic."

Appalachian Gothic differs from the 19th century "local color" genre. Local color writers' audiences lay in the northeastern cities and enjoyed tales of the exotic and unfamiliar. Some authors based their fictional works on places they saw on vacation.

Others, like Kentucky's John Fox and Hampshire County's Rebecca Harding Davis, portrayed the strange and different of their own home areas to regale readers who thus formed their impressions of a geographical concept never referred to prior to the Civil War - Appalachia.

Appalachian Gothic and local color artists hit on similar subjects, similar themes, and similar types of people. The difference lies in the audience. Local color artists want to shock and awe outsiders. Appalachian Gothic artists craft stories for other Appalachians.

The overriding theme connecting all Appalachian Gothic artistry lies in resilience. That resilience can come in the face of externally imposed disaster, poverty, fate, or misfortune. It can take the form of straight drama, such as the films Sergeant York or Matewan. It loves to wrap serious tales of real problems in comedy, such as the Appalachian inspired regional favorite The Dukes of Hazzard. The world of Appalachian Gothic actively, and more so than almost any other style of American music, connects civitas terrena and civitas deo along with other concepts, such as fate.

Because what happens in life is the will of God, in Appalachian Gothic it is man's job to make the best of it all.

David Hackett Fischer's Albion's Seed: Four English Folkways in America identifies Appalachian culture as stemming from the North English border country between York and lowland Scotland. Most later called "Scots-Irish" really hail from this region. Fischer used descriptions of life to illustrate the culture, such as "cabin architecture" there, which was noted for "roughness and impermanence" as well as being a "product of a world of scarcity."

That world of scarcity extended to the American frontier, which to these immigrants looked mighty familiar, being the same mountain range (just separated by the geological processes of hundreds of millions of years) in which they lived before coming across the ocean.

Loretta Lynn, one of the first ladies of Appalachian Gothic, evoked a Kentucky version of what life in an impoverished cabin could look like.

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CALLING FOR SILENCE

Super Crossword

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV – Services (2014-17) 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. Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have prohibited Black citizens from holding public office. Aug. 23, 1965: Sylvia Mathews Burwell was born in Hinton. She was U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2014-17) under President Obama before serving as American University's first woman president (2017-24). Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people. Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace. Aug. 24, 1947: Joe Manchin III was born in Fairmont. He served in both houses of the legislature and

as secretary of state before becoming the 34th governor in 2005. In 2010, he ran successfully for the late Robert C. Byrd's U.S. Senate seat and stepped down as governor. In 2023, he announced he would retire from the Senate at the end of his term in 2025. August 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera. Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers and others. Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope. Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives. Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.

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“Bice” From Pg 1.

stockholder’s meeting was held at Hugh Martin’s office, an early Shinnston attorney. The new building was located on the southeast corner of Walnut Street and Davis Court, a location now utilized as a parking lot for Casey’s Restaurant. When built, the large red brick building had a balcony, orchestra pit, box seats to each side, full footlights, curtain lights, a curtain loft, and dressing rooms. There were also offices within the building. Dr. Donald Fleming, one of Shinnston’s

early dentists, was the initial manager of The Shinnston Opera House Company. He contacted Will Deshon, manager of the Grand Opera House in Clarksburg, and asked him to take charge of opening the new opera house in Shinnston. Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert’s comic opera, The Red Mill, was being performed at the Grand in January, so he arranged to have the same play performed as the inaugural play at Shinnston’s new opera house. Mr. Deshon brought his

stage workers down via streetcar for the opening to have plenty of help on hand for the expected crowd, which didn’t disappoint. During its earliest years, many musical plays, minstrel shows, and operas were performed there with several local citizens using their own talents on stage for both voice and character. Each year, a lease was signed for men to operate the business. W.H. Hess, W.B. Grimm, and George Wilkinson were some of the early lessees of

the opera house, each at different times. Around 1915, new management took over and the building simply became known as “The Rex Theatre”. As motion pictures were becoming more popular, the Rex started operating both motion and live performances, with the latter being offered three nights a week. Eventually, it was almost exclusively used as a motion picture movie house. Tofake Simon and Isaac Peters, both local businessmen and operators of the [now former] Princess

Theatre along Pike Street, merged the Princess with the Rex Theatre in 1917 and formed “The Princess-Rex Theatre Company, Inc.” They sold the company to Linnie Monroe in the early 1920’s. Miss Monroe successfully operated the theatres in Shinnston for many years. In 1940, the Rex Theatre had a severe fire inside of it, leaving only the four walls as a shell. The building later opened as a skating rink, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbert. In January 1957, Anderson

Garage Company, which was located next to the building, purchased the old Rex Theatre/skating rink building. It was sold by Mrs. Ruth DePace as it had been owned by Frank DePace. Many people may remember the building being utilized as an exhibition hall with different displays during many Frontier Days events. The building was torn down in the late 1990s. And that’s this month’s story behind the photo.

“Gothic” From Pg 2.

Complete with local speech patterns, “Coal Miner’s Daughter” provides a glimpse of the childhood of millions of early to mid-20th century children. Lynn sang about life “in a cabin, on a hill in Butcher Holler.” Lynn’s song lionizes the unsung heroes of that way of life. She sings of her “daddy” who “worked all night in the Van Lear coal mines” and “all day long in the field a hoin’ corn,” combining the modern industrial way of work with centuries of learned traditions of self-reliance. She also remembers how her mother scrubbed laundry until she “seen her fingers bleed,” but “to complain there was no need.”

Resilience meant keeping ones problems to oneself because, as in Hank Williams Sr’s “Thy Burdens Are Greater Than Mine,” one can always find someone much less fortunate. But “the memories of a coal miner’s daughter” were good, however, because “we were poor, but we had love.” One of the other reigning ladies of the genre, Dolly Parton, sang of how those traditions of strength and even love could face misunderstanding and ridicule from the conventional world. She sang of her mother making the most of what little the family had when her daughter had no winter coat. “Mama sewed the rags

together . . . and “told a story/From the Bible she had read/About a coat of many colors/Joseph wore.” She took pride in the love, craftsmanship, and resourcefulness of her mother, only to go to school “just to find the others laughing/and making fun of me.” The fact that her mother was “sewin’ every piece with love” gave her understanding in the face of hatred and ridicule from outsiders that “one is only poor/ Only if they choose to be.” The tale being autobiographical adds impact since the singer and songwriter grew to enjoy tremendous success and respect. Appalachian Gothic songs, however, also illustrate over and over again the strange ways of fate. One of the earliest radio stars of country music, Raleigh County’s “Blind” Alfred Reed, penned a song about the 1907 Monongah mine disaster

called “Explosion in the Fairmount (sic) Mine.” It told the tale of another young coal miner’s daughter waking up from a nightmare. She screams “Daddy please don’t go down in that hole today/For my dreams do come true sometimes you know.” Her dream told her of “every man . . . fighting for his life” as “the mines were burning out with fire.” Her father indulges his frightened child and avoids “an explosion” where “two hundred men/were shut in the mines and left to die.” One never learns why fate used the child to spare her father, nor is the larger question ever discussed. Appalachian people take both the fortunes and misfortunes in life as both given and best not questioned. Fate also imposes its will negatively, as in Darrell Scott’s “You’ll Never Leave Harlan Alive,” recently sang by Brad Paisley

for the Appalachian Gothic television series “Justified.” Scott, from London, Kentucky, wrote a loose family history featuring other themes, such as the good and evil of coal and trying to escape the fate of staying in the backcountry to find something better. In Harlan County, “the sun comes up about 10 in the morning/and the sun goes down about three in the day.” “You fill your cup” both literally and figuratively with “whatever bitter brew you’re drinking/and you spend your life just thinking of how to get away.” Scott’s story follows his grandparents selling land in Harlan and moving about 70 miles away to Hindman. “Granddad’s Dad” moved his family out to escape what is almost stated as a curse - “you’ll never leave Harlan alive.” They

leave home to escape the new industrialism and embrace the farming traditions of old, but when they couldn’t sell their crops to pay their bills, “Granddad knew what he’d do to survive/ He went and dug Harlan coal and sent the money back to Granny/But he never left Harlan alive.” Appalachian Gothic knows how to envelop tales of privation in a light-hearted package, such as with Marion County’s “Little” Jimmy Dickens. Partnering with Brad Paisley brought Dickens back for a Generation X audience, who were inspired to explore his work. “(I Got) A Hole In My Pocket” tells the listener that “I got a hole in my pocket and my money just runs on through,” leaving him without money for a date to the fair. The result, he fears, is that “she’ll travel through the tunnel of love with

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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 Shinnston Community Garden needs help with its work party scheduled for Aug 24 at 10 AM to dig potatoes and put the Garden to bed for 2024

Shinnston Veterans’ Memorial will have a work day on site on Sept 7 starting at 9 AM and ending at 4 PM

Bus routes are now available online for Harrison County Schools

Clarksburg’s “First Friday” - September 6, 2024

Downtown Clarksburg. Celebrating the WV Black Heritage Festival - Clarksburg History Museum open 11-8 (special appearance by the 2024 Black Women of Distinction at 6:00); Library hosting a book sale (4:30-8); Model Railroad Club (4:30-8); Art Gallery at Merchants Bank building (4:30-8); Robinson Grand Theater (Ronstadt Revue at 7PM); Clarksburg Amphitheater (Classic Rock Experience at 7PM.) Contact Mike Spatafore at 304-641-5764.

“Hunt” From Pg 1.

It is like stepping back in history and it is easy to see why hotels were the landmarks in most cities. As we drove up to the ornate canopy, a fellow opened the door and welcomed us to the hotel. He introduced himself as Dave and said he would take care of the car. He pulled out a luggage cart and we politely declined as we just had two small suitcases. We went up to our rooms and relaxed a while before dinner. We had a wonderful dinner in the Terrace

Room restaurant and were getting ready to leave for the PPG Paints Arena, just a short distance from the hotel, when I realized that I had left my phone in my car. I headed down to the valet desk and without saying a word, Dave handed me my phone. I laughed and thanked him. When I went back and told this to my wife and my sister and her boyfriend, my sister said she had known Dave for years when she worked for the Benedum Foundation

and would stay at the William Penn, one night a week for over ten years. In fact, she said that when they arrived, he recognized her and gave her a big hug, and welcomed her back after so many years. As we checked out, Dave had our car pulled around and I thanked him for his great service and attention to detail. He said that he had been there for over thirty years and loved what he did. He said he has welcomed presidents and dignitaries from

throughout the world along with more Hollywood stars and famous singers than he could remember. He also asked me to let my sister know how nice it was to see her. Dave put a smile on my face and when I think about our visit to the William Penn Hotel, I will have him at the top of the list. Thanks, Dave, and to that cranky old guy who wrote that stuff about tipping, I think you changed his mind!

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Cougars Prep For Four In a Row

Practice makes perfect and that has been taking place in Shinnston as Lincoln gets set to make another run at school history. Last year, the football team made the playoffs for a program best third season in a row. This year, veteran mentor Rob Hawkins is looking to extend that mark.

The recent success has brought additional focus from the student body, resulting in an impressive turnout for the upcoming campaign. A total of 41 players came out for the squad, including 13 newcomers, with 10 of those being freshmen. The roster will once again be well-balanced with plenty of senior leadership (double digits in seniors) and a strong returning sophomore class that tops out with 16 strong.

The preseason has been a bit of a roller coaster for the Cougars with the changes in classifications. There have been several schools that have been involved in the multiple moves of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission. Some schools were not happy with their classification and felt that they could not compete, thus petitioning the WVSSAC for a change. There has been plenty of shuffling going on, which has caused a distraction to players and coaches as they prepare for the start of the season.

The most recent moves dramatically affected Lincoln, moving them



from Class AAA in football competition to Class AA. "Last week, the WVSSAC moved some of us up. That was common sense winning out," explained Hawkins. "You can't put teams that are above us in the formula in the class below us. We went from being the smallest in AAA to being the AA with the toughest schedule."

The Cougars have just three Class AA opponents scheduled, (Nicholas County, Phillip Barbour, and Liberty) the remainder is all AAA!

It has taken some time, but Hawkins does feel that the WVSSAC has his program in the right place. "I don't think we are misclassified. We have lost some enrollment over the years and we are a lot more similar to the Class AA teams than the Class AAA teams."

With the classification issues put to bed, the Cougars were able to focus on their scrimmage opportunity.

The varsity locked up with AAA power Spring Mills while the junior varsity faced familiar foe North Marion. It is the only scrimmage on the docket for Lincoln before the season opener.

"We cut the second scrimmage six years ago because no one wanted

to play their starters a week before the opener. I would hold my starters and they would hold their starters. It would look like a preseason NFL game."

The scrimmage opportunity for both the varsity and JV squads served the purpose of a pair of scrimmages in terms of plays. Each team was afforded a whole game, not just a couple of quarters, providing maximum reps. Spring Mills posed a tough task and a true measuring stick for Hawkins and his coaching staff to evaluate players and to pinpoint areas of improvement needed prior to the season opener at Nitro. As the scrimmage moved forward the Cougars' play improved, which can only help to build momentum as camp moves on.

Early on in practice, a trio of linemen had injuries, but they have now found better health and are back on the field. After the scrimmage, there were no major health issues either and that was key for Hawkins. "The only way to judge success (in a scrimmage) is that everyone is healthy."

Next up for this year's edition is the start of the season.

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



D3 drought conditions have not deprived visitors to Canaan Valley of a top golf experience.

Tee It Up

By Stephen Smoot

This week's edition of Tee it Up took us to the mountains for a trip to Canaan Valley. Designed by Geoffrey Cornish, this 18 hole par 72 championship course has long been one of the very best that the State of West Virginia has to offer. Ranging from 6,984 yards from the tips and with multiple tees offered, there is the perfect amount of challenge available for golfers of all skill levels while guaranteeing a fun round for even the novices in the group.

Canaan Valley offers a straightforward approach. What you see is exactly what you get with no hidden surprises looking to derail your round. However there are plenty of obstacles

on this pristine golf property standing between you and that low score that you are chasing. Elevation changes, trails that have been strategically placed, punishing rough, eight water hazards, and 65 sand bunkers provide the teeth for this golf gem.

The dog days of summer have taken their toll on golfers and courses in West Virginia. Playing in the excess humidity and high heat is no fun and it has wrecked havoc on course conditions everywhere - except Canaan Valley.

The weather provided a big break from the scorching heat and the course was in perfect shape. The latter is a result of the efforts of the top notch staff that is under the leadership of Sherri Harold. Harold's love for Canaan Valley and work ethic have spearheaded the efforts of a friendly and talented staff, propelling this venue

from tee to green, making sure that every aspect of this course is in top shape. It has taken a great deal of effort to stay ahead of the drought conditions we have experienced this summer. Those early summer efforts have resulted in a course that is now the cream of the crop.

The best advice that I can give you is to take advantage of a stay and play package. The first thought after your round is going to be how to get back on this course. The lodge offers great food with the beech club and fitness center. There are several additional activities available for others that don't golf, so you can bring the entire family or a large group.

The closest thing to heaven is a round of golf at Canaan Valley during the fall and that is just around the corner. Make your plans today for an incredible trip tomorrow!

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more excitement to the event.

The time capsule held a collection contributed by students, faculty, and staff. Children's artworks and essays were retrieved, One essay from a student was on "what they hoped to have in life." Other artifacts included class rosters and other items showing day to day life of the school.

As piece by piece came from the capsule for identification, Powell said "you could tell the excitement when something from

their class came up." Additionally "their parents were excited to share" with their children.

Also "a lot of retired teachers were telling me things that they might have put in there," Powell shared.

One of the most important guests was Mike Stalnaker who constructed the container. Powell said "he still has the key after all these years." The ceremony also drew a number of retired teachers and administrators.

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W.Va. DOH Announces Success in Whole Blood Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health’s (DH) Office of Emergency Medical Services is proud to announce a major milestone in statewide efforts to advance emergency medical care. Under Governor Jim Justice’s leadership, West Virginia is leading the nation by becoming the first state to implement comprehensive statewide protocols for administering whole blood on ambulances. This pioneering initiative has already shown remarkable success in helping to save lives and improve trauma care outcomes. Gov. Justice discussed the success of the program during his latest administration update. Since the launch of this

program in November of 2023, Cabell County EMS has led the state in providing whole blood transfusions in the field. Harrison County joined this vital effort in March 2024. “Thanks to these advancements, one patient has survived a critical situation that might otherwise have been fatal,” said Joseph Ratliff, Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services. “All patients who received whole blood transfusions in the field have successfully reached hospitals where they could receive definitive care, likely preventing fatalities that could have occurred without this pre-hospital intervention.” Whole blood transfusions in the field have proven to

be a game-changer, significantly increasing the chances of survival for trauma patients by quickly restoring blood volume and enhancing clotting function. This critical tool addresses severe bleeding, one of the leading causes of trauma-related death, by stabilizing patients before they reach the hospital. While the whole blood program is not without its challenges, it represents a critical advancement in improving outcomes for trauma patients. To ensure its success, the Department of Health has conducted extensive education and training across the state’s EMS regions, equipping paramedics with the necessary skills to manage the complexities of trauma care effectively.

“Our commitment to expanding this lifesaving program is unwavering,” said DH Secretary Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP. “We are actively working to extend the availability of whole blood transfusions to more counties with the goal of achieving statewide coverage.” The program’s success hinges on the generosity of the state. Blood donations are crucial for the continued success and expansion of the whole blood program. West Virginians are encouraged to donate blood through the Red Cross to support these lifesaving efforts. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit the Red Cross Blood Donor App or go to RedCrossBlood.

org. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Additional emergency services progress under Governor Jim Justice Governor Jim Justice’s commitment to enhancing emergency medical services in West Virginia is reflected in the recent successes of the state’s EMS workforce. Since the launch of the “Answer the Call” initiative, the state has experienced a nearly 75 percent increase in the EMS workforce across the state. This initiative provided no-cost education and training for emergency medical technicians (EMTs), invested in test preparation software, and promoted EMS

careers statewide. As a result, the number of new providers increased from 542 in 2021 to 938 by the start of 2024. Additionally, recent legislative changes will further support the recruitment of new paramedics and reduce wait times for ambulance services by providing grant funding for new equipment and training. The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) seeks to advance the health and well-being of all West Virginians promoting healthy behaviors, working to mitigate public health crises, and increasing access to health-related resources and information.

UHC’s Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Certified by Industry Leader

This is the ninth, consecutive time since 2000 that UHC’s Cardiac Rehab program has received accreditation. Bridgeport, WV – United Hospital Center (UHC) proudly received recertification of its Cardiac Rehabilitation program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). UHC was recognized for its commitment to improving the quality of life by enhancing

standards of care. This is the ninth, consecutive time since 2000 that UHC’s Cardiac Rehab program has received accreditation and the UHC Pulmonary Rehab program has been certified since 2001. “Patients who are referred to UHC can feel confident in receiving specialized, comprehensive care, which is only further enhanced by this distinctive certification,” said Angelina R. Davis EP, MS, manager,

Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab. “Receiving this accreditation is a testament to how UHC’s Cardiac Rehabilitation service helps patients with heart disease recover faster and return to full and productive lives.” Cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation programs are designed to help people with cardiovascular problems (e.g., heart attacks, coronary artery bypass graft surgery) and pulmonary problems (e.g., chronic

obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD], respiratory symptoms,) recover faster and improve their quality of life. Both programs include exercise, education, counseling, and support for patients and their families. UHC’s Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation programs participated in an application process that requires extensive documentation of the program’s practices. AACVPR Program Certification is the

only peer-review based accreditation process designed to review individual programs for adherence to standards and guidelines developed and published by AACVPR and other professional societies. Each program is reviewed by the AACVPR Program Certification Committee and Certification is awarded by the AACVPR Board of Directors. In 2018, AACVPR moved to an outcomes-

based process with performance measurements that represent more meaningful outcomes. Therefore, AACVPR-certified programs are leaders in the cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation field because they offer the most advanced practices available and have proven track records of high-quality patient care. AACVPR Program Certification is valid for three years.

Majority of WVU nurse anesthetist graduates to remain in state to provide care

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — The majority of the second cohort of West Virginia University School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Anesthetist graduates will remain in West Virginia to provide care close to home.

Of the 15 graduates, eight of them have taken positions in West Virginia. Two graduates will work in Virginia, and one each in Arizona, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Maine. The graduates will take their

National Certification Examination (NCE) to officially become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in the coming weeks.

The graduates, who were recognized during a ceremony Aug. 9 at Touchdown Terrace, include Kayleigh Brink, Katherine Brown, Kristen Calebaugh, Jared Copeland, Scott Fankhauser, Brittany Hall, Chris Justice, Sandrela Magnuson, Ashlyn McClelland, Jessica Mitchell, Layla Newbrough, Hannah Pino, Ben Tillis, Ashley White and Chris Woods. “The WVU Nurse Anesthetist program Class of 2024 was the first group to take on

the challenge of a nine-semester program, so they had as much to do as our first graduating class but with one less semester to do it,” said Dr. Aaron Ostrowski, DNP Nurse Anesthetist Program Director. “I am excited to see their board results come in over the next few weeks, so I can enjoy working with them as colleagues.”

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) workforce, which includes nurse anesthetists, is expected to grow by 38% through 2032, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. The report says more than

29,000 new APRNs will be needed every year through 2032 to meet the demand for primary and specialty care.

“Graduates from our Nurse Anesthetist program are helping to meet the demand for expert care in West Virginia and beyond,” said Dr. Tara Hulsey, Dean and E. Jane Martin Endowed Professor. “This program is a true asset for the WVU School of Nursing in meeting our land-grant mission, and in providing our students with the education and skills necessary to obtain a rewarding and in-demand career.” Applicants must have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

from a nationally accredited nursing program, among other GPA and certification requirements. The full-time program requires 88 credits over three years or nine continuous semesters. DNP Nurse Anesthetist students can expect a rigorous curriculum based in sciences including anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, chemistry and physics. Upon completion of the program, graduates will earn a DNP degree and be eligible to sit for the NCE. Upon passage of the NCE, graduates will become CRNAs.

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WVDNR announces National Hunting and Fishing Day ticket sale

Annual hunting and fishing show returns to Stonewall Resort on Sept. 21

S O U T H Activities
CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that tickets for its National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration are now on sale. The annual event is returning to Stonewall Resort State Park in Roanoke on Saturday, September 21.

“West Virginia’s National Hunting and Fishing Day is an action-packed event that celebrates everything we know and love about the outdoors,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “We encourage everyone to buy their tickets and make plans to attend this exciting day of family-friendly activities in one of our world-class state parks.”

National Hunting and Fishing Day Tickets are \$10 and kids ages 14 and younger get in for free. Anyone who purchases a ticket by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 31 will receive five complimentary tickets to sample food at A Taste of West Virginia State Parks, a ticketed activity that features wild game, Appalachian favorites and signature dishes prepared by state park chefs. For more information about this deal and to buy tickets, visit WVdnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day.

NHFD Events and

Also returning this year is the popular Outdoor Youth Challenge, which is designed to engage kids in a series of hands-on activities, such as fishing, wildlife identification, shooting sports and safety demonstrations. Participating youth will be entered into a drawing for several prizes, including scholarships to Conservation Camp and a lifetime hunting and fishing license.

Guests also will be able to attend presentations, see vendors showcasing the latest in outdoor equipment and services and get autographs from the hosts of Fly Rod Chronicles, The Chase, and Whitetail Frenzy.

West Virginia’s National Hunting and Fishing Day is co-sponsored by the WVDNR and the West Virginia Wildlife Federation. The event will be open Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking for the entire weekend is free and located close to the vendor mall. Accessibility shuttle services to select activities are provided. To learn more, visit WVdnr.gov/national-hunting-and-fishing-day.

A Century of Saving Souls At North Shinnston Baptist Church



The Shinnston City Council presented a Resolution to the North Shinnston Baptist Church honoring their 100th anniversary. Mayor Kovalck presented the Resolution to Mrs. Deloris Minor who has been a member of the Church for 80 years.

South Harrison FFA Member Named National Finalist

Katie Rogers a member of the South Harrison FFA Chapter in Lost Creek, WV was named one of four National Finalists (top 4) in the Diversified Livestock Proficiency Competition. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

Nationally, students can compete for awards in nearly 50 areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management (see areas below). Proficiency awards are also recognized at local and state levels and provide recognition to members that are exploring and becoming established in agricultural career pathways.

The Diversified Livestock Production

Entrepreneurship/Placement – Involves the use of the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market a combination of animals for two or more of the livestock-related proficiency award areas. These areas include beef, dairy, sheep, swine, equine, goat, specialty animal, poultry or small animal production and care. Katie Rogers is the daughter of Susan Bowman the owner/operator of Catalpa Farms in Sycamore, West Virginia. Katie raises market hogs, breeding cattle, sheep, goats, and Great Pyrenees shepherd dogs as part of her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE).

The SAE program involves practical agricultural activities performed by students outside of scheduled classroom and laboratory time. SAEs provide a method in

agricultural education for students to receive real-world career experiences in an area of agriculture that they are most interested in. Supervised Agricultural Experiences are an important component of agricultural education and are required element of all Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Luke Hall placed gold (top 9) in the National Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement – Member owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes experiences with planting and maintaining plants and shrubs, landscaping and outdoor beautification, grounds keeping, sprinkler installations and lawn mowing/care services, portions of the project can include hardscaping and the installation of decorative rock, etc. Luke works for Lawn

Care Plus in Clarksburg, WV.

Spencer Nolan placed silver (top 23) in the National Agricultural Education category. Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement – Relates to education and extension, including, youth mentoring, agricultural education departmental assistants, PALS mentors and student coordinators, developing and conducting informational materials and presentations for civic organizations and school-aged youth, and students who are involved in SAEs surrounding educating the public about the broad topics of agriculture, agriculture education and FFA. Spencer’s SAE was working as a teacher’s assistant for the South Harrison Agricultural Education Department.

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OBITUARIES



Gary Edward Harbert Sr.

Gary Edward Harbert Sr., 76, of Lumberport, passed away on Saturday morning, August 10, 2024, at his residence. Gary is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Harbert; sister Patricia Ann Fisher of Fairmont; daughter Polly Harbert; son Gary Harbert Jr. and wife Jaime Leigh Harbert of Clarksburg; and love of his life and granddaughter Jaden Adeline Harbert. Also surviving are brothers-in-law Charles Huff and wife Cheryl of Fairmont, Larry Huff and wife Karen of Mount Clare; and sister-in-law Robin Huff of Shinnston; nieces and nephews Michael Harbert and wife Lisa of Lumberport, Tom Fisher of Fairmont, Martha Hoy of Las Vegas, NV, Brian Huff and wife Morgan of IN, and Risha Huff of IN; and mother-in-law Mary Morris.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward "Ted" Harbert and Adeline (Knight) Harbert; brother Douglas Harbert and wife Beverly; and brother-in-law David Fisher.

Gary was a master carpenter who could build anything from a piece of wood including houses. Gary worked at Heartland Building Supply for 42 years, where he met his wife, Shirley. He spent every summer in his favorite place, his garden, where he could make anything grow. He also loved spending time with his best buddy, Chaos. Gary was an amazing provider, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many, and will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 from 11:00AM-1:00PM. A funeral service will be held at 1:00PM. Interment will follow at Lions Club Cemetery, Lumberport.

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

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Clara B. Paugh

Clara B. Paugh, 93, of Shinnston, passed away on August 13, 2024 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV after an extended illness, with her loving family by her side. She was born on July 22, 1931, in Harrison County, a daughter to the late Earl Carder and Ruth Johnson Carder.

Twice married, she was preceded in death by her first husband Emerson W. Zirkle on Dec. 19, 1971, and her second husband Denver W. Paugh on March 23, 1996.

Surviving includes one daughter, Susan (Zirkle) Bailey of Clarksburg; two sisters Carol Greaver and Nancy (Larry) Golden both of Shinnston; one stepson Carlton W. Paugh of NC; two stepdaughters Beverly (Marvin) McIntire and Mary Kay Romeo, all of Shinnston; six step-grandchildren; six step-great grandchildren; as well as several nieces,

nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law Jack Patrick of Eastlake, OH.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Earl W. Carder and Eugene Carder; five sisters, Virginia Moore, Louise Jones, Anna Lee Johnson, Betty Jo McIntyre, Violet Patrick; her son-in-law Carl "Ernie" Bailey; nephews Richard Lee McIntyre, Dusty McIntyre, Mark Carder; and niece Brenda Jenkins.

She retired from Westinghouse in Fairmont, after sixteen years of services. She was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Shinnston.

In her younger years, Clara enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles, going to church, and most of all, spending time with her daughter. She was a loving, caring, and giving person. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

A special Thank You to Dr. Michael Angotti, all the nurses and staff on 7 North at United Hospital Center, and Amedisys Hospice for your excellent care and compassion.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 11:00AM-1:00PM. A funeral service will be held at

1:00PM with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

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Emma L. Williams

Emma L. Williams, 90, of Steubenville, OH, passed away on August 14, 2024. She was born on October 19, 1933, in Jacksonburg, WV, a daughter to the late Osty Arnett and Lucy Price. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Julie Williams; siblings Clarence Arnett (Barb), Betty Shaw (Paul), Jimmy Arnett (MaryAnn), Shirley Owens (Harold), and Linda Cumberledge (Duane); and granddaughter Ashley Williams.

She is survived by her children, Betty Jo Powell

(Burke) of Steubenville, OH, Cathy Morris of Steubenville, OH, son John "Bubby" Williams (Penny) of Clarksburg, Susan Higgins (Bill) of Mingo Jct., OH, Juanita Ferrell (Floyd) of Smithfield, OH, Emma Lee Williams of Steubenville, OH, and son Tim Williams of Steubenville, OH; brother Johnny Arnett (Darlene) of Wallace, WV; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Emma was a former member of the Wallace Pentecostal Church and Church of God, Brown. She enjoyed going to church, gardening, reading her bible, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 11:00AM with Pastor James Burton officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Bluff Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

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"Building" From Pg 1.

Board of Education and County Commission considered selling the property.

"I am opposed to . . . closing the building," said Delegate Keith Marple (R-69). He added that if the need for maintenance on the building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was part of the issue, that he could secure State funding to help to make needed repairs. "I urge you to not vote to turn

it over to developers."

Almost a month ago, a delegation of residents shared concerns about the potential closure of the museum and co-op with the Harrison County Board of Education. Joyce Harlan at the time shared that "I am highly emotional" after describing painstaking work over years to fill the museum with artifacts, as well as the efforts of almost 30 craftspeople who use

the co-op.

The Board of Education chose to take no action at that time.

Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission President, stated during last week's meeting "I've asked that this be put on the agenda," referring to a discussion of the former Quiet Dell School.

Commissioner Patsy Trecost spoke first, saying that "I admit that I would have

loved to see this sold for development," but added that now "I see the passion." Trecost then stated "I make a motion that we literally give this building to the board," and also allocate \$10,000 for repairs "so they know that we are always here for them."

Commissioner David Hinkle then offered an alternative plan for the Harrison County Commission to keep it and then charge the

organizations using it a \$1.00 per year lease. He shared Trecost's desire to provide funds to help to make repairs to "make it the shining star we should have years ago."

The alternative motion negated the need to get Board of Education approval on a property transfer.

Commissioners then voted on both motions and passed Hinkle's plan.

Both the museum and

craft co-op remain open for visitors seven days a week. According to the museum website "we have over 75 donors who have provided over 300 items for the CCC Museum." Most of the artifacts reflect history with "national overtones."

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DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1707 PARCEL 0020 0000 0000

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Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 155.30
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Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,140.65

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Given under my hand August 6, 2024

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(2023-C-000797 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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

DISTRICT SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0684 4178 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000797** located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0092 INT 3.75 AC O&G & COAL ANMOORE RUN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STOUT DENNIE A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 52998.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 53502.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,140.65

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“Gothic” From Pg 3.

someone new.”

Even more dramatic, yet also comedic, came “Take An Old Cold Tater and Wait.” Adults often got the best of the food while children received scraps. “I’d have to be right still/ Until the whole crowd ate/My Mama always said to me/ Jim take a tater and wait.” Later in the song, Dickens shares the results of a diet of privation, saying “that is why I look so bad/and have these puny ways” and “it makes you pretty darned weak/to take an old cold tater and wait.”

Clashes between the conventional “outside” world and the resilience of Appalachian people, coupled with the need to do what’s necessary to survive, inspire the outlaw side of Appalachian Gothic. “Rocky Top,” the official state song of Tennessee, bears a vague reference to the murder of law enforcement officers. “Revenuers” from the federal Treasury Department sought out “moonshiners” who used hidden stills and fast cars to make and

distribute illicit liquor and booby traps to protect their operations. In this song “once two strangers climbed ol’ Rocky Top lookin’ for a moonshine still/ Strangers ain’t come down from Rocky Top/ Reckon they never will.” The next generation, in song and reality, took illegal production to the next level. Steve Earle’s “Copperhead Road,” tells how law enforcement murdered a man’s moonshiner family. The protagonist signed up for “two tours

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(2023-C-001008 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

To: BLAIR BRANNAN, BLAIR BRANNAN, BLAIR BRANNAN, BLAIR BRANNAN, ELIZABETH BLAIR BRANNAN, BLAIR SILVA, ELIZABETH BLAIR AUSTIN, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0691 8141 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-001008**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0098 INT 79 AC O&G TURTLE TR FK (CNX/ API#0865-145, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRANNAN BLAIR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 67563.	\$ 101.50
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 2023 - 68304.	\$ 61.44
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 107.91
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 953.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,224.34

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(2023-C-000799 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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

DISTRICT SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0684 4230 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000799**, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0092 INT 5.41 AC O&G SIMPSON CREEK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STOUT DENNIE A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 53434.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 53948.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,140.65

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(2023-C-000793 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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

DISTRICT SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0662 2782 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000793**, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0009 INT 110 AC O&G DAVISSON RN (ALLN/ API#512-226, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROBINSON MARY ELOISE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 52998.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 53502.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,140.65

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of duty in Vietnam/And when I came home I had a new plan.” He planted marijuana in the hollers and warned in the defiant spirit of the Appalachians “I learned a thing or two from Charlie dontcha know/ You better stay away from Copperhead Road.” Most recently, and also part of the “Justified” influence, comes the group “Gangstergrass” that fuses Appalachian ballad traditions with rap and hip hop styles. “Long Hard Times to Come” embodies much

of the masculine ethos of Appalachia in a single work. “Lonely traveler, ain’t trying to battle ya/ But if you’re feeling tuff dog, I welcome all challengers.” The song features the dichotomy of what it means to be a man in Appalachia, the life balance between what is and what should be, recognizing a different wider world while staying true to one’s own, and giving fair warning about one’s own toughness to a

world actively trying to break down the individual and ignoring his right to be himself. In many ways, this song illustrates the social, cultural, and political frustrations simmering in the region that have boiled over as the federal government has grown increasingly hostile to the Appalachian way of life and values - especially since Appalachians stopped voting for the Democratic Party.

See “Gospel” on Pg 9

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(2023-C-000884 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

To: ROBERT MANN, MARLAINE MCCREIGHT, STEVE MYATT, CHRISTOPHER MANN, STEVE MAN, ROBERT MANN, ROBERT DEAN MANN, MARLAINE MCCREIGHT, MARLAINE ALISON MANN, CHRISTOPHER MANN, STEVEN MANN, BETTY MYATT, BETTY JEAN MANN, STEVE MYATT, 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 0666 4246 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000884**, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0132 (1/76) INT 283 AS OIL PATTERSON FK(TURKEY RU, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MYATT BETTY, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 53434.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 53948.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 165.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,003.65
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,277.99

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(2023-C-000313 - HARRISON COUNTY - DAWN PHARES)

To: ROBERT MATHENY, 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 288 PARCEL 0006 0000 0000

You will take notice that DAWN PHARES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000313**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 3 AC FALL RUN which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MATHENY ROBERT M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. DAWN PHARES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 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 2022 - 22282.	\$ 125.86
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 2023 - 22447.	\$ 48.37
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 194.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 945.73
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,314.91

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(2023-C-000596 - HARRISON COUNTY - JACKSON K JACOBS II)

To: WALTER B. LAKE, DONNA J LAKE, LINDA L. SMITH, STEVEN LAKE, KAREN SUE KADLEC, 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 ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 388 PARCEL 0022 0000 0000

You will take notice that JACKSON K JACOBS II, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000596**, located in ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 0.76 AS ELK CREEK which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LAKE WALTER B ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. JACKSON K JACOBS II requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 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 2022 - 37208.	\$ 91.93
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 2023 - 37468.	\$ 28.05
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 992.51
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,322.44

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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“Gothic” From Pg 8.

“You probably think I’m crazy or got some loose screws,” the protagonist admits. He pleads, just as the entire Appalachian culture does to the national “But that’s aight though. Ima do me, you do you. So how you judging me? I’m just trying to survive.”

Gangstergrass, however, also sings about the wages of sin in the earthly world through their song “You Can Never Go Home Again.” So much of Gangstergrass taps

into the connections that Fischer noted in Albion’s Seed, the oft ignored cultural confluence of upcountry poor white and black American culture. Though many over the centuries have worked diligently to keep these two cultures separate and hostile, they exist as brother ways of life, sharing basic values on many levels. One of these includes the culture of incarceration.

“You Can Never Go Home Again” may be

a narrator chastizing a character. It could be two sides of the same man’s psyche. The song never makes that clear. What it does is to share the dramatic and destructive impact of going to prison. They sing “my charges I could not defend/The last thing the judge said to me as he handed down my sentence/ Was you can never go home again.”

It later explains “when you’ve done your time and you come back out that doorway/

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(2023-C-000949 - HARRISON COUNTY - ALBERT LEWIS)

To: DENNIS LEE TAYLOR, JR., JOHNNY LEROY TAYLOR, LORA JANE RAFFERTY, LORA JANE RAFFERTY, HENRY EUGENE TAYLOR, HENRY EUGENE TAYLOR, PATRICIA MARIE WOODSON, ELIZABETH ANN TAYLOR HINKLE, ELIZABETH ANN TAYLOR HINKLE, DWIGHT DAVID TAYLOR, SANDRA L. BUSH, SANDRA L. BUSH, CAROL LORAIN SAWYERS, EARL DELMAS CONRAD, EARL DELMAS CONRAD, AMANDA DAWN TAYLOR, AMANDA DAWN TAYLOR, WILLIAM CARSON STUTLER, WILLIAM CARSON STUTLER, MARCIE J. TAYLOR, CRYSTAL SUE TAYLOR, CRYSTAL SUE TAYLOR, DELBERT F. TAYLOR, DELBERT F. TAYLOR, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 421 PARCEL 0032 0000 0000

You will take notice that ALBERT LEWIS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000949**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 6/10 AC KINCHELOE (RESIDENCE & STORAGE SHED) which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TAYLOR DENNIS LEE SR ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. ALBERT LEWIS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 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 2022 - 74794.	\$ 143.91
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 2023 - 75664.	\$ 78.07
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 134.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 836.35
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,193.28

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(2023-C-000597 - HARRISON COUNTY - JACKSON K JACOBS II)

To: DONNA J LAKE, LINDA L. SMITH, STEVEN LAKE, KAREN SUE KADLEC, WALTER B. LAKE, 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 ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 388 PARCEL 0022 0002 0000

You will take notice that JACKSON K JACOBS II, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000597**, located in ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1.14 AS ELK CREEK which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LAKE WALTER B ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. JACKSON K JACOBS II requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 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 2022 - 37209.	\$ 116.20
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 2023 - 37469.	\$ 53.08
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 992.51
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,371.74

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2023-C-000173 - HARRISON COUNTY - PATRICK ESCHERT)

To: THOMAS L. MADITZ, CURRENT OCCUPANT, 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 0236 0000 0000

You will take notice that PATRICK ESCHERT, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000173**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 603 E CLARKSBURG (419 FOWLER) which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PATRICK ESCHERT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. PATRICK ESCHERT requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 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 2022 - 7984.	\$ 545.32
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 2023 - 8032.	\$ 444.62
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 168.74
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 499.28
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 364.47
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,022.43

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

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You will not find a loved one or a friend/ You may return to the place where the people used to know you/But you can never go home again.”

This work reflects an Appalachian point of view, blaming not society but the individual, asking “what was in your head when you made those choices?/ I can only hope that you were played by voices.” It’s not clear whether those “voices” would have come from his

own head or wayward companions.

The song shares the destruction wrecked on their own when people turn to crime. Part of the song almost seems a spiritual sequel to Merle Haggard’s “Mama Tried,” when it says “you broke Mama’s heart and it ain’t even nice/Now I’m surprised as heck that she’s wondering where you went/ And I don’t give a d***, friend.”

The protagonist ends up regretting “the dirty

deeds I did just to get to eat/Melancholy and emptiness/The unseen consequences of the conditions of release.”

Within Appalachian Gothic comes fictional tales of truth. Never beautiful, but never ugly either, they serve as the haunting chronicles of a people and place - as well as the travails imposed by themselves, each other, the outside world, Mother Nature, Fate, and even God Himself.

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(2023-C-000792 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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

DISTRICT SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0662 2712 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000792**, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0009 INT 50.52 AC O&G BRUSHY FORK (JAMES M LANG T, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROBINSON MARY ELOISE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 52997.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 53501.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,140.65

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2023-C-000751 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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

DISTRICT SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0692 0580 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000751**, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0033 INT 12 AC O&G LAUREL RUN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GAINES TAMI, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 45461.	\$ 86.35
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 2023 - 45816.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.64
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 932.88
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,142.38

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To: SCOTT SNIDER, SCOTT SNIDER, 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 0686 9294 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000566**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0013 INT 23.68AC O&G BINGAMON XTO#4199-4200-4236- which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SNIDER SCOTT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 34244.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 34470.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 932.88
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,145.58

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2023-C-000563 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

To: RICKY R SNIDER, RICKY R SNIDER, 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 0686 6493 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000563**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0017 INT 23.68 AC O&G BINGAMON (XTO-API#4236-4244, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SNIDER RICKY R, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 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 2022-34242	\$ 86.33
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 2023-34468.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 165.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,202.29

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

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(2023-C-000791 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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

DISTRICT SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0662 2602 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000791**, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0009 INT 160 AC DEEP COAL & 128.87 AC O&G GLENDAL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROBINSON MARY ELOISE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 52996.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 53500.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 103.86
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 927.95
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,140.65

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(2023-C-000570 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

To: WILDES MINERAL INTERESTS LLC, WILDES MINERAL INTERESTS, LLC, REGISTERED AGENT: BRIAN WILDES, WILDES MINERAL INTRESTS, LLC, WILDES MINERAL INTERESTS, LLC, REGISTERED AGENT: BRIAN WILDES, 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 0691 6503 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000570**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0011 INT 182 AC O&G JONES RUN (CNX/API#1334), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WILDES MINERAL INTERESTS LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 34967.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 35195.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 120.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 974.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,203.83

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2023-C-000564 - HARRISON COUNTY - H3 LLC)

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DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0686 9294 0000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000564**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0013 INT AC O&G BINGAMON UNDER MAP 147/68 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SNIDER SCOTT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. H3 LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025, 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 2022 - 34243.	\$ 86.33
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 2023 - 34469.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 150.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 932.88
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,192.22

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