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## Citizens of the Month

### Organizers, Volunteers, Supporters, and All Who Make the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival One of the Best Around

By Stephen Smoot

*The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival contributors as Citizens of the Month, a recognition sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.*



Nationally, when a lot of people consider areas of Italian-American heritage, they think of New York and New Jersey, Chicago, or other large cities that absorbed the waves of Italian immigration that came to American shores in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Few outside of West Virginia know the draw of coal and other work that pulled Italians to America. Countless men, women, and families undertook the journey across the Atlantic. They sought

out people who had come before, who spoke the language, who worshiped in the Roman Catholic faith, and who held tight to the traditions they brought with them. Here in North Central West Virginia, they built communities that endure in places

like Morgantown, Fairmont, and, of course, Shinnston. As Bill Boyles, Chairman of the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival Committee, explained, when generations passed, the community came to appreciate the value

Since 1979, Clarksburg has served as a center for celebrating Mountain State Italian heritage. Countless volunteers spend thousands of hours to bring it to fruition every year.

of honoring the people and traditions that came with them to America. He shared that over 45 years ago, “some local

Clarksburg citizens and businessmen” got together to “do something to honor our immigrant communities.” See “Citizens” on Pg 3

### “A Good Time Was Had By All Who Attended”



The Shinnston High School Alumni held their last planned reunion last month. Approximately 115 attended the traditional Saturday night dinner/dance.



The Shinns Run CEOs hosted a “Country Roads” themed town tea party.

### Shinns Run CEOs hosted a tea and “Country Roads” presentation

The members of the Shinn’s Run CEOs of Shinnston/Bridgeport hosted a town tea on August 14 at Alison Independent and Assisted Living of Maplewood in Bridgeport. With the help of Alison staff, residents were treated to fun, food, and fellowship with club members and guests from the community. The club had two main intentions: introduce the organization and give a better insight into West Virginia’s beloved state song, “Country Roads”. Shinn’s Run CEOs President Pat Rummel opened the hour by welcoming staff, residents, state and county representatives, and guests. Tea cakes, fruit cups, and drinks were served while Shy Burkhammer, Alison’s Lifestyle Director, welcomed all to Alison’s facility. John Wickline shared a PowerPoint discussing the origins, history, and impact of the song “Take Me Home, Country Roads”. As the WVU Extension Program Assistant for the Family & Community Development unit, he showcased his presentation to other CEOs clubs state-wide. The club’s “Take Me Home Town Tea” at Alison was his 14th presentation this year. Nancy Weaver, Shinn’s Run CEO member, ended the event by gifting John Wickline with event memorabilia and a certificate of appreciation. The club

### Moore Presents Unclaimed Property Check Worth more than \$18,000 to City of Shinnston

SHINNSTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore visited Shinnston City Hall on Thursday, Aug. 22, to present an unclaimed property check worth \$18,009.25 to the City of Shinnston. “I am proud to reunite the residents of Shinnston with these lost funds,” Treasurer Moore said. “I want to encourage individuals and organizations to keep checking our unclaimed property database because you never know if there may be unclaimed funds in your name.” Treasurer Moore presented the unclaimed property check to Shinnston Mayor Patrick Kovalck, Vice Mayor Amanda Sayers and City Manager Tori Drainer on Thursday afternoon. The funds were from miscellaneous checks that were turned over to the Office’s



State Treasurer Riley Moore presents an unclaimed property check to Shinnston City Manager Tori Drainer, Vice Mayor Amanda Sayers, and Mayor Patrick Kovalck

Unclaimed Property Division. “We’re very happy that the Treasurer’s Office has a website that’s so easy to access money that is laying out there,” Mayor Kovalck said. “Without that accessibility, it would’ve taken a lot longer to find this money.”

Part of the funds will be used for park development and other projects in Shinnston. Mayor Kovalck said the rest of the money will be put back into the city’s general fund. “One of the checks was for a

See “Check” on Pg 8

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OPINION

History, Heritage, and Education

By Stephen Smoot

As summer in Harrison County wanes, attention turns to two great Mountain State traditions. At about the same time in late August, crowds will gather at high school and Mountaineer football games - and also the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival.

Heritage derives from history. Heritage is how individuals, groups, and societies interpret their own history. The Italian heritage in West Virginia focuses on coming to a new land, working hard, taking advantage of opportunities to grow, and building a dynamic and successful community with deep pride and tradition.

History of Italian immigration includes every detail of that, but also includes the mixed welcome shown to immigrants. Some communities welcomed the industrious, family-oriented, religious immigrants. Others feared that developing Communist and Socialist movements in Italy before, during, and after World War I would accompany immigrants and become implanted in America.

The same immigrant families might be welcomed into a Baptist church to conduct Mass until they could have a Roman Catholic church of their own, then, later on, face down burning crosses in their yards for being "papists."

Heritage has a place and so does history.

The teaching of history has degenerated in recent years as Leftists seek to weaponize it against certain groups in American society. Groups that Leftists seek to attack have negative aspects of their culture and traditions cherry picked and held up as shining examples of a secular version of the concept of original sin.

Those with Confederate ancestors, for example, they believe always carry the stain of that choice made in 1861 even if they constantly engaged in Stalinist style self-criticism, continually denouncing their people, their families, and themselves for any evil perpetuated in the distant past.

Similarly, many Americans do not understand why Japan may have a legitimate right to move on from their responsibility for starting World War II in the Pacific, even though all who chose to launch conflict have lain dead in the ground for decades.

History taught correctly recognizes that every nation, every ethnicity, every culture, every people has much more on the positive side of the balance sheet than negative. The "usual suspects" of historical guilt include Japan, Germany, and the former Confederate States of

See "Smoot" on Pg 7

Super Crossword THE ROD SQUAD

- ACROSS 1 It's removed from skim 8 Guitar's cousin 16 Nautical mop 20 Be cautious 21 Conditionally free, in a way 22 Rock's ZZ Top, e.g. 23 Building full of periodicals for soldiers? 25 Outer edges 26 Cursed 27 Takes too much, in brief 28 Moose cousin 29 Fries lightly 31 Unit of work 32 Body of water on which there are frequent haircutters' cruises? 35 Not sinking 40 Smart (wiseacres) 42 Safecracker, informally 43 Hailstorm on the highway? 45 Deg. from MIT Sloan 47 "Anaconda" director Luis 51 Savoir faire 52 Dumbbell selling for half off? 55 1950s-'70s defense gp. 56 Weapon in a boxing ring 58 MGM motto starter 59 Deliver, as a verdict 60 Politico Hatch 62 "Sure thing, gov'nor!" 64 "Sommersby" star Richard 65 Cleo's snake 68 World's best singer of Venetian gondoliers' songs? 72 Born, in Brest 73 South African Dutch 75 First name of Dr. Oz 76 Cereal grass disease 78 Quick on the uptake 80 Many eras 81 - -Seltzer 83 Suggest 87 Sticking the singer of "White Christmas" with a fishhook? 90 Tell the story of 92 Certain building brick 93 Guitar's cousin, for short 94 Actress Brigitte playing a Bohemian dancer? 96 "NFL Live" ainer 98 Disconnect 99 Sailor's "Roger!" 100 16-ounce drink from a Starbucks next to a bodega? 105 Quick on the uptake 107 "No idea" 108 Frozen cubes 109 Gloomy 110 Tent securer 115 Unleavened cornbread 116 One-wheeled cart carrying supplies for a toga party? 121 Guitarist Clapton 122 Dining places 123 Perfume 124 Marina fixture 125 Area with bad reputation 126 Frankfurters 2 Caesar's "vidi," in English 3 Certain building brick 4 1980s Chrysler 5 Unnerve 6 Jackie's hubby #2 7 Choir male 8 Irate crowds 9 Ortiz of "Kristin" 10 "Ask Me Another" ainer 11 Risk-taking types 12 Toothbrush brand 13 Actress Sondra 14 Type 15 Moniker of a loch monster 16 Having a hard time 17 Judges' orders 18 Singer Mann 19 - nova 24 Artist Degas 30 "Gemini Man" director 31 Capts.' guesses 32 Sired, biblical-style 33 Aspire PC company 34 "French Kiss" co-star Meg 35 Pooch barks 36 - gras (goose-liver paste) 37 Singer - Del Rey 38 Keats' "Autumn" 39 Soak up 41 Test centers 44 Shoot again, as a gun 45 Mother of Bart Simpson 46 Capital of Kyrgyzstan 48 Witty Nash 49 - Khan ("The Jungle Book" tiger) 50 "If - falls in the forest ..." 53 Author Sheehy 54 Incorrect 57 Restrained 61 Noodle soup 62 Turn sour 63 Capital of Albania 65 Addis - (capital of Ethiopia) 66 "What a pity" 67 - Canada (oil brand) 69 Love, to Luigi 70 City near Lake Tahoe 71 Become silver-haired 74 Gawk 77 - Haute 79 Links (with) 81 Higher than 82 Country rocker Lovett 84 "I did it!" 85 "This is not -" (warning label) 86 Head, in Nice 88 - -ho (keen) 89 Raced 91 Blind as - 95 "Sauer" topping 97 Vanished, informally 98 Villains' looks 100 Two-legged beast 101 Love a lot 102 Of an ancient alphabet 103 Ranch rope 104 Made believe 106 Amp (up) 109 Main idea 110 Curing stuff 111 Trampled 112 Mythical ship 113 Donkey or Hong follower 114 Some sheep 117 "Norma -" 118 Put a tear in 119 - -noir 120 Ghostly cry

Crossword grid with numbers 1-126 indicating starting positions for clues.

FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV - occupied Buckhannon, The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. Aug. 31, 1945: The USS West Virginia led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945. Aug. 29, 1952: A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes. Aug. 30, 1862: Confederate raiders under the command of General Albert G. Jenkins attacked and

Workers. Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state. Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor and the land agent of George Washington. Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905. Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake (now State Park), located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County. It is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline. Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

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# Meet the Judges

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might come in contact with if you ever need to file a formal complaint is our Administrative Law Judges Division. The Commission has six judges who work at our Charleston headquarters along with one hearing examiner, who focuses on coal transportation cases. The Commissioners are unable to hear every case filed with the Commission, so we rely on the judges in the ALJ Division to carry part of the overall caseload. Most consumer complaints and many requests from utilities



are referred to the judges for review. Our technical staff members file a recommendation on what action should be taken in each case. The judge assigned to a case receives that staff recommendation as well as filings from the parties. Often, our judges and hearing examiner

first act as mediators in formal cases. In mediation, the judge doesn't conduct a formal hearing, but organizes a conference call with the parties to attempt to work out a dispute informally. Many formal complaints filed with the Commission are quickly resolved through this process.

When the parties are not in agreement on what should happen in a particular case, the judge will schedule an evidentiary hearing. Those hearings are usually held in the county where the parties are located. The judges travel throughout the state for these hearings. The evidentiary hearing conducted on behalf of the Commission is similar to a bench trial in civil court. After the hearing, the judge writes a formal decision, based on the evidence

presented at hearing. After a specified number of days, the judge's recommended decision becomes the final Commission order unless a party files an exception or requests a direct review by the Commission. While I hope that no one ever needs to file a formal complaint to resolve a dispute with your utility, the Commission and its judges are available to decide your case when needed. Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column

## “Contributors” From Pg 1.

friends” who made the journey to a land of, for them, both mystery and opportunity. The founding five of the Festival included John Manchin, Louis Spatafore, Sam Chico, Sam D’Annuncio, and Jimmy LaRosa. Rosalyn Queen, whose tireless work and effort has supported the Festival since the beginning, praised the inspiration behind the Festival. The librarian of the Clarksburg Public Library, Merle Moore, who Queen described as “a little Irish girl” provided much of the impetus for the event. She had traveled to Italy and “became obsessed” with the idea of honoring Italian history, culture, and traditions in Clarksburg. Moore had the idea, organized local support,

and the Festival has emerged as one of the most treasured in the state ever since. Organizers set out to do it as a proper undertaking. “It took a year or two,” Boyle stated, to create a non-profit organization, craft bylaws, recruit business support and citizen volunteers, and put on a first class event. A Board of Directors of individuals mostly of Italian heritage came together. Queen remarked “that first year we were overwhelmed” by the response. She added that “we didn’t realize what the success would be.” The Festival started on a much smaller scale. Boyle said that they closed off part of one street and erected “an itty-bitty stage”

for live entertainment. The Festival did feature much of what remains at its core today, including a parade, authentic food, cultural events including music and art, the playing of bocce and morra, and the selection of a Festival queen served as highlights. Queen shared that the Festival Queen selection differs from a traditional pageant. After the first year, in which a contest took place, a committee has selected the Regina Maria to carry the honor. Queen remarked that no consideration goes toward traditional criteria, such as physical attractiveness. Instead, the committee scours the state to find the ideal representative, an Italian-American who “has personality and pride in her heritage.” In the early days, the Italian community remained very tight. Only rarely did Italians marry non-Italians. They maintained a tight knit culture based on family, faith, and tradition. Through the Italian Heritage Festival, non-Italians got an opportunity to learn and enjoy the traditions that their first, second, then third generation Italian neighbors kept through the years. And Italians jealously guard that sense of authenticity. Queen remembered approximately 10 years into the Festival being held, that the CBS Morning News wanted to highlight the event at 8 AM on their

broadcast. Not long before the broadcast, Queen noticed a vendor setting up across the main stage with an enormous sign in the camera’s sight that read “Polish Sausage.” Queen engaged with the vendor to have him remove at least the sign. Aware of his business investment to be there, the Festival allowed him to stay despite the usual desire to maintain authentic Italian standards as much as possible. Fast forward almost a half century from the founding. While the ties that bound the Italians in Harrison County as a cultural community loosened, pride in their contributions spread throughout the county, the region, and the state. The Festival played a huge role in bringing about that understanding. Since the first Festival in 1979, much has changed. As the scope of the Festival expanded, so did the work involved in bringing it about. More events, more days spent, more streets closed, more entertainment, food, and vendor opportunities converged with the growth of local and state regulations. Organizers have to engage the City of Clarksburg to get permission to close off streets. They must work with the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission to get permission to establish a legal “footprint” to sell beer and wine on

the street. “There are so many laws that people are unaware of,” Boyle said. Along the way, many have pitched in to ensure that the underpinnings of the Festival continue to run efficiently. John Shields, a certified public accountant, according to Queen, “volunteered his service for many, many years.” He also gave thousands and pounded the pavement to raise money to defer the massive expenses incurred every year. Like so many other endeavors, the unseen logistics of electricity, water, and waste removal remain vital to success. Queen shared that for many years, street chairman Anthony “Boo” Bellotte ensured that all ran smoothly there. Supporting those efforts from the beginning has been Sharp Electric. In 1979, the company was run by State Senator Bill Sharp and his brother Tommy. Today, owner Tim Sharp continues the tradition of support through diligent and hard work, earning him the Honorary Italian award. Others whose work enabled the Festival to thrive include Loretta Mazzeo, Dominic Policano, Lloyd Petitto, Bernard Follo, and David Seamon, among so many others. To take care of the details, several committees break up and distribute the work.

Each committee has several members to help to make decisions and also relies on numerous volunteers to make sure that organization and set up goes smoothly. Chairs such as Alexia Biafore provide leadership and lend their experience. Another major reason for the Festival’s success lies in the tremendous support received from the business community. Boyle said that the generosity of local business owners such as Dan Cava, as well as the great response to fundraising efforts in the community, helps the Festival continue to grow. What has not changed, however, is what the Festival stands for. As Queen pointed out last year in her Grapevine column, “I thought about how proud our founders would be because they were so adamant about honoring our senior members.” She added more recently that “All of us said we took off running, we didn’t crawl, we did not walk.” That said, she admitted that “we never knew it would be what it became” at the outset. And the organizers and volunteers have no intention to rest on what makes the Festival great today. “Understand that though this Festival has been going on 45 years,” Boyle said “we try to improve it every year, make it bigger and better.”

### N&J Briefs

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

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey’s representative Pam Krushansky will be having mobile offices in the following locations and times

Sept 1: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival, Downtown Clarksburg

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

Those taking care of the Shinnston Veterans’ Memorial will have a work day on Sept 7 from 9 AM to 4 PM on site.

There will be a pop up market on Sat Sept 14 at 11 AM at 413 Pike Street in Shinnston. Locally grown food and flowers, books, sweet treats, crafts, and more will be available

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## RCB Opens Up Area Football Action

It is finally here! High School football season starts tonight as Robert C. Byrd plays host to Keyser in a rare Thursday night lock-up. This is a huge game for the Flying Eagles when recent seasons are taken into consideration.

A year ago, RCB suffered a 28 to nothing setback and went down to a three and seven record. In 2021 and 2022, a pair of losses led to a combined 11 and nine mark with the Golden Tornado outsourcing the Flying Eagles 70 to 34. In 2019 a 56 to seven loss to Keyser to start the year led to a five and five finish. Overall, Robert C. Byrd is four and six versus the Golden Tornado with a two and three record at One Eagle Way.

The last win in the series for the Flying Eagles came at home in 2018 in week three by a 20 to 14 score. RCB went on to a nine and three record, the second best that program has seen since then, proving the significance of this early season battle. Last season's shut out ruined Austin Scott's head coaching debut.



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

It led to three more consecutive losses to Fairmont Senior, Preston, and Bridgeport. Those setbacks came by a combined 138 to 48 score.

Scott's first victory came in week five on the road at Oak Glen. Another losing streak followed with two of those three opponents (Lincoln and Phillip Barbour) making the playoffs. A rash on injuries followed the Flying Eagles from the pre-season throughout the entire season. Down the stretch, Scott and his staff made some impressive adjustments that led to a strong finish.

Back to back wins over Liberty and Elkins led Robert C. Byrd out on a positive note. The Flying Eagles played their best ball late, outsourcing the Mountaineers and the Tigers 70 to 27, giving Scott and his squad momentum heading into

the offseason.

RCB comes into this campaign with several key players returning. The big up front are in solid shape with four starters from a year ago coming back. Armondo Montero, Julian Bailey, Trevor Dean, and Logan Fordyce return and are joined by Logan Frum. Frum missed all of last year due to injuries after being a major contributor in 2022. Quarterback Junior Smith didn't start the opener against Keyser, but went on to guide the offense for the remainder of the year as a freshman. Smith threw for 559 yards and seven scores.

Leading receiver Rylan Rock (19 receptions) was lost to graduation. However, a pair of deep threat big play pass catchers in Cam Newsaun and Kobe Duarte return. Newsaun only played the last few games a year ago, but hauled

in 13 balls, including three touchdowns. Kobe Duarte pulled in seven passes, including a score with a 17.3 yard average per reception.

The rushing game is important to Scott (he is a former standout running back at the school) and he has one of the area's best in senior Lattrell Jones. Jones battled an ankle injury throughout 2023, but still managed to rush for a team best 798 yards on 158 carries. The impressive 5.1 average per gain also led to eight rushing touchdowns. Jones is a multidimensional weapon out of the backfield, finishing third a year ago in receptions with 11 total.

This opener once again carries great weight because of the tremendous early season schedule. Week two brings Fairmont Senior to Clarksburg. After a road trip to Liberty, the Flying Eagles host Preston before a pivotal visit to cross town rival Bridgeport in week five.

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

## Harrison County EMS



## Athletes of the Week

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

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

## Harrison County Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

This week's Athlete Spotlight focuses on Notre Dame's Emily Beasten and South Harrison's Kennedy Southern.

Fighting Irish volleyball player Emily Beasten helped her squad to a season opening win over On A Hill Christian Academy with an exceptional effort. Beasten recorded 49 service points, 25 aces, and six kills.

Hawk volleyball player Kennedy Southern led her team to a three set victory over Doddridge County. Southern claimed 22 digs, 10 kills, and three aces in the win.

Congratulations to Notre Dame's Emily Beasten and South Harrison's Kennedy Southern for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

## Cougar Football Gets Their Claws Out For a Potential History Making Season

By Bill Nestor

The Lincoln football team is ready to make history once again in 2024. A year ago, Head Coach Rob Hawkins and his team went to the playoffs for a program best third consecutive year.

This season the Cougars have reloaded and are looking for number four.

Helping Lincoln's chances is returning junior signal caller A. J. Bart. Bart is one of the best quarterbacks in the Mountain State and he will look to guide a talented offensive unit back to the promised land. A year ago, Bart threw for over 2,700 yards and 28 touchdowns. His play improved as the season went on, according to Hawkins, who said "By the end of the year, he really started to mature. Hopefully that growth has continued."

Hawkins is counting on Bart to provide leadership this upcoming season.

Another returner expected to lead the youngsters (there are 10 freshmen on this year's roster) is senior Aiden Rice. Rice was Bart's go to guy a year ago with 42 receptions for 593 yards, including

four scores. Rice is a multidimensional athlete, showing the ability to contribute in the backfield as well. He rushed for four touchdowns in 2023.

Up front, the line is anchored by senior center Gabe Kellar. The remainder of the line will be comprised of a combination of players; seniors Christian Skidmore, Zach Cottrill, and newcomer Sebastian Kernan, along with sophomores Brycen Moore, Levi Greaver, and Hunter Drago make up the line.

The running game will showcase a trio of backs, including sophomore Conner Rice, junior Trenton Hardesty, and sophomore Colton Edwards.

The targets for Bart on the outside are senior Landon Swiger and sophomores Jacob Bart and Brody Barnes. Junior Cade Riley is the tight end and kicker. Riley or senior Wyatt Finch will handle punting duties.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Cougars will utilize the four three primarily. Lincoln is blessed with a wealth of talent at the linebacker position. "I love our linebackers. They need to carry us defensively,"

explains Hawkins, who went on to say "we have five good ones and we are trying to find ways to get all of them on the field by using them at other positions." The backers are Aiden Rice, Conner Rice, and Hardesty.

Up front, the defensive tackles are Skidmore, Cottrill, and Greaver. The defensive ends are Moore, Finch, and junior Caleb Corley. The cornerbacks are Barends and Jacob Bart with Edwards and Riley at safety and Swiger in the mix as well.

Hawkins has done an excellent job of growing the football program at his alma mater and the culture continues to move in the right direction. He said "Playoff appearances used to be few and far between . . . being able to tack some together has raised the expectations inside the program."

Lincoln opens up the regular season on the road this week with a quality opponent in Nitro. Another road trip to Elkins follows in week two before the first clash in Shinnston when Grafton comes to town on Sept 13.

## Honored for Perfection



Lincoln Middle School's softball team was honored by the Harrison County Board of Education for their hard earned perfect season and conference title

## Cougar Golf Triumphs



Lincoln High School's golf team had two low medalists in their win over North Marion and Fairmont Senior last week.

## Racing Toward a Stellar Season



Lincoln High School's cross country team takes a group photo before competing in Kingwood.



# A Developing Community

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## Shinnston American Legion to Host Veterans' Benefits and Rights Class

By Stephen Smoot

"I was in the military for eight years in the Army," said Dan Clarke, who then added, "I didn't know, like a majority of Americans, what the VA was, or what VA benefits were." He also shared that "my neighbor is 82 years old . . . he didn't know that VA benefits were a thing."

As veterans learn in their training and experience to do when confronted with a problem, Clarke chose to rise and lead efforts to find solutions.

For over half of the past 60 years the United States has, despite the lack of a Constitutional declaration, been at war with foreign adversaries. American soldiers in all services rose to the challenge to sacrifice for the freedom of the United States

and tens of millions of others across the globe.

Long periods of military necessity brought countless American men and women in uniform into combat. Those who returned often bore physical, mental, and emotional scars from their proud service. Healing those wounds and tending to those scars required the Veterans Administration to continually establish and maintain programs and other resources for veterans.

Like many, probably most, Americans, some veterans struggle to cope when confronted with the Byzantine bureaucracy typical of the United States government. They go without vital support and services because government complexity forms a barrier to entry.

Barriers create

consequences.

In 2023, the rate of veteran homelessness rose a staggering 7.4 percent over the previous year. The National Association of American Veterans reported that in 2023 that nearly 12 million veterans contended with a disability. Mental health problems plague just over two million.

Clarke explained that in his experience, "a lot of people don't know the first thing about getting benefits." Others, facing issues from their disabilities, may find the barriers to entry insurmountable, one of a bewildering list of problems they may face.

In his day job, Clarke serves as a lawyer with Tucker Disability Law. According to his biographical page with the firm, Clarke followed "a desire

to help his fellow veterans" to "return to school to pursue a career in veterans' disability law."

A number of veteran non-profits advocate for veterans and do vital work, but as Clarke explains "not all advocates get the training they need," but "are doing the best they can." Many are understaffed and rely on volunteers as well. Also, while United States Senate and United States House of Representatives offices in state have dedicated, experienced, and qualified staff to help, they also have massive caseloads that they only have so much time with which to work.

With veterans needing accurate information, unfortunately too many have stepped in to charge "thousands of dollars for things they

can do themselves for free." Clarke warns that it is "illegal to charge (veterans) to file a claim."

To attack the problem, Clarke and Shinnston American Legion Post 31 have teamed up to provide the same information for no charge. "Tom Willis was kind enough to offer us that space," Clarke said.

On Saturday, Sept 28, Clarke will teach a class that lasts from noon to 2 PM to teach veterans their rights to benefits and how to apply. Those attending are requested to come at 11:45. A question and answer period will follow.

He urges that veterans come with their questions already written down and to bring any paperwork that they wish to discuss. If the problems require legal representation, he

would be able to work on their case for the firm.

Again, the class is "totally free of charge to pass on the knowledge," says Clarke.

"My main goal is to get knowledge to the veterans," he shared. He also intends to reach out to entities such as West Virginia Legal Aid, and the West Virginia University Legal Clinic, and others to help.

Many veterans, he says, simply need to be armed with the right information when attacking the issue of getting the support that can help them thrive. Not only veterans may come to learn, but also anyone else who works or volunteers to help veterans.

Clarke is not affiliated with the Veterans' Administration.

## USDA Offers Disaster Assistance to Agricultural Producers in W.Va. Impacted by Drought

MORGANTOWN, W.Va., August 21, 2024, Agricultural operations in West Virginia have been significantly impacted by recent drought. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover from these adverse weather events. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

### USDA Disaster Assistance

Livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered

livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land may be eligible for the 2024 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). To participate in LFP producers must own, cash lease, or contract grow eligible livestock, provide pasture or grazing land to eligible livestock on the beginning date of the qualifying drought, certify that they suffered a grazing loss due to drought, and submit an acreage report to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for all grazing land for which a grazing loss is being claimed. FSA maintains a list of counties eligible for LFP and makes updates each Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-

Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides eligible producers with compensation for above normal costs of hauling water and feed to livestock as well as transporting livestock to forage or other grazing acres. For ELAP, producers are required to complete a notice of loss and a payment application to their local FSA office no later than the annual program application deadline, Jan. 30, 2025, for 2024 calendar year losses.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines. TAP complements the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance

Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days of the disaster event or the date when the loss of the trees, bushes or vines is apparent.

"Once you are able to evaluate the drought impact on your operation, be sure to contact your local FSA county office to timely report all crop and livestock damages and losses," said John Perdue, State Executive Director for FSA in West Virginia. "To expedite FSA disaster assistance, you will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses."

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

Additionally, FSA offers several loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments

on their farm loan programs debt to the agency because of reasons beyond their control.

### Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's NAP should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should provide a notice of loss to their agent within 72 hours of initial discovery of damage and follow up in writing within 15 days.

For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

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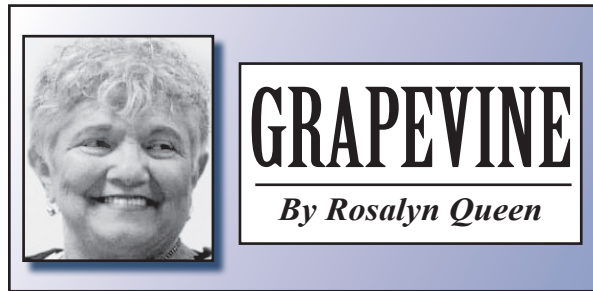


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# Lincoln High School Student Selected As Representative to State Conference



Izzy Freeman has been selected to represent the Mountaineer Country region at the Sept 8 through 11 Governor's Conference on Tourism in Charleston. According to a school release "this is a great opportunity for Izzy to immerse herself in education and networking opportunities with tourism professionals of all backgrounds."



## DID YOU KNOW?

### This is the 45th consecutive festival....

Our first Regina Marshall when she won (queen) was Mary the gold medals at the Frances Beto Smith. Olympics.

She was chosen by Jory Clark came to the competition and festival because he was judges. From then the queen was chosen by a committee. Our first Hee Haw.

Regina was crowned by A I Manchin and then the crown was passed on by each Regina.

Our first office was located at the library and then we moved to the old A and P building, then on Pike Street, then to the C and P Building, then to Third Street, then to the Schroath Building, then to Clark's street and then to Main Street.

The first chairman of the board was James D Larosa and then a few of the early chairmen were Victor Gabriel, Tom Basile, Mike Oliverio, John Shields, Mike Fusco and David Seamon.

Bernard Folio was a friend of Joe DiMaggio and he brought him to the festival where we honored him as the First Italian Man of the Year.

Mary Lou Retton served as our parade



### Grilled Blackened Chicken and Pineapple Salsa

This Grilled Blackened Chicken with Pineapple Salsa is a perfect fresh and light barbecue dish, you can enjoy year round. The best part of this recipe is the fresh pineapple salsa that goes well with chips, chicken or any other meat of your choice.

Ingredients:  
1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts

2 teaspoons blackened seasoning  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Pineapple Salsa:  
1 1/2 cups fresh pineapple (diced)  
1/2 cup red bell pepper (diced)  
1/2 cup red onion (diced)  
1/4 cup fresh cilantro (chopped)

2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice (about 1 lime)

Homemade Blackened Seasoning:  
1 1/2 Tablespoons paprika  
1 Tablespoon garlic powder  
1 Tablespoon onion powder  
1 Tablespoon ground thyme  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon oregano

Instructions:  
In a small bowl, mix together all ingredients for blackened seasoning. Store in an air-tight container in a cool, dry place.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat.  
Rub both sides of chicken breast with blackened seasoning and salt. Cook chicken on preheated grill sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Cook each side for 6-8 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165 degrees.

Mix together ingredients for pineapple salsa. Remove chicken from grill and serve topped with pineapple salsa, and enjoy!

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at [debra@mountainmedianews.com](mailto:debra@mountainmedianews.com). And don't forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your cooking and baking needs.

# Next Week At the Palette

By Bethany Nuzum Spellman.

The Palette at 225 Pike St, in Shinnston is offering:  
Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 5-7:00, 1-3:00, and 11-2:00.

**Kids Paint**  
Tuesday, September 3, 6-7:00pm and Thursday, September 5, 1-2:00pm for \$10.

The Palette is currently exhibiting The Abstract Show featuring Debi Eastep, Bethany Reed Nuzum, and Betsy

Check thepalettewv.com on Facebook/Instagram for more upcoming classes, events, and to see what we will be painting.  
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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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# OBITUARIES



**Margie Ellen Burch**

Margie Ellen Burch, 77, of Independence, passed away on August 20, 2024 at her residence. She was born in Shinnston on February 2, 1947 to the late Robert and Jane (Swiger) Craig.

Margie was a member of the DAV Auxiliary of Grafton, attended Union Mission Church in Bingamon, enjoyed working crossword puzzles and loved to play Bingo.

She is survived by one son, Paul Allen Craig and wife Pamela; two daughters: Margaret Ann Clayton and husband Brian of Fairmont and Margie Ellan Burch of Independence; six grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one sister, Helen Lemley; one brother, Eddie Craig and wife Carolyn of MD as well as several

nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Margie is preceded in death by her husband, Gary Paul Burch; two brothers: Junior Ray Craig and Freddie Craig and five sisters: Wanda Donarchy, Geneva Haught, Norma Custer, Clarice Standard and Freda Kurbaba.

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

**Monty Gene Fox**

Monty Gene Fox, 84, of Lumberport, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at



Clarksburg Health Care, with his wife by him. He was born December 5, 1939 in Doddridge County to the late Russell and Gilberta (Davis) Fox.

He attended Doddridge County High School. Monty worked as a lineman for

MonPower for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Connie (Bonnell) Fox; two daughters: Dianne McWhorter and husband Dave of West Milford and Montica Alonso and husband Gregg of Marshville; one brother, Russell Fox and wife Alexis of Weirton as well as several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Monty is preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Hope; one son, Robb Fox; two brothers: Rodney Fox and Dick Fox and three sisters: Gae Marie

Chipps, Billey Hill and Rita Mead.

The BIG love of his life was golf!! He lived for his golf.

A big "Thank You" to Clarksburg Health Care. A very special bunch of people. Thanks for taking such good care of Monty. Sitting on the floor talking with him to keep him from falling and at the desk for keeping an eye on him.

In keeping with Monty's wishes, he will be cremated with no public services.

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

**"Smoot" From Pg 2.**

America, but focusing on what bad acts were committed and leaving out the big picture of these people's contributions does history a disservice.

It also discourages people from looking deeper, researching more, and finding the details of the past that can change perceptions. It was

once commonly known that Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson opposed slavery, which creates evidence that undercuts the current narrative that the alpha to omega cause of the US Civil War was slavery, which is extremely simplistic and fails to tell the full story of why those states chose to leave

the Union.

With notable exceptions, such as National Socialist Germany and the Communist states such as the Soviet Union and Red China, most countries come to history as neither white nor black hats. The countries mentioned went above and beyond the standards of their

times using murder, fear, and destruction as a way to forge new societies, earning the asterisk to the general rule. Most countries, societies, and peoples

That said, centuries of German history are not eclipsed by the relative handful of years under National Socialism. Russian history is far more beautiful and

incredible than their sterile temporary prison under Communism. The American South brought positive contributions that are much bigger and more important than the historical stain of slavery.

True history embraces the beauty and contributions of each society over time

in a beautiful quilt of nations, peoples, and cultures. Certainly

bad decisions leave blemishes here and there on the fabric, but they do not outshine

the good done by every people throughout their history.

**"CEOS" From Pg 1.**

shared how much they valued his dedication to the organization and its members.

Door prizes were awarded to ticket holders, followed by group photos.

About 40 guests were in attendance. A special thank you to our WVU Extension state representatives John Wickline and Jason Burnside, and CEOS county officers; Carolyn Romine, President; and Delores Wilson, Vice President. We appreciate

Marketing's contributions, event materials, and door prize donations.

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.

WVCEOS is a voluntary, nonprofit organization that cooperates with the West Virginia University Extension. It is one of the largest educational organizations in the nation. Together,

members conduct and participate in motivating educational activities that help members continue their education, gain leadership skills, and inspire community involvement. The program is open to men and women in all 55 counties.

Members of the Shinn's Run CEOS Club include President, Pat Rummel; Vice President, Jean

Ruckman; Secretary, Pam Kane; Treasurer, Melanie Thomas; Continuing Education, Carmen Robinson; Family Committee, Sandra Griffin; Marketing, April Jo Lanham; Donna Light; Betsy Thomas; (The late) Helen Turnell; Patty Coffield; Evelyn Harris; Louann Hawkinberry; Sandra Marra; Nancy Weaver; and Karen Morgan.

The club meets the second Wednesday of

every month from 10 a.m. until noon at the Elison 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.

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# LEGAL

(2023-C-000533 - HARRISON COUNTY - JESSE SKINNER)

To: WILLIAM SIMMONS, MANNA SIMMONS, 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 1707 PARCEL 0020 0000 0000**

You will take notice that JESSE SKINNER, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000533**, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 7 SEC 2 HUGHES which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SIMMONS WILLIAM & MANNA, 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. JESSE SKINNER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made 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 - 34179	\$ 459.32
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 - 34406.	\$ 336.05
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 155.30
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 941.66
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	<b>\$ 1,892.33</b>

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

Given under my hand August 1, 2024

**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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**DISTRICT UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0691 8141 0000**

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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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	<b>\$ 1,224.34</b>

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

Given under my hand August 6, 2024

**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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(2023-C-000798 - 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 4203 0000**

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000798**, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0092 INT 97.96 AC O&G BARNETT RUN (MAP 289/5), 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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	<b>\$ 1,140.65</b>

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Given under my hand August 6, 2024

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**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:

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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
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**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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	<b>\$ 1,140.65</b>

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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:

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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
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# Alpha-Gal Syndrome: A Growing Public Health Concern

By The Honorable  
Kathie Hess Crouse

In states like West Virginia, where outdoor activities are woven into the fabric of our lives, the risks associated with tick-borne illnesses are well known. Yet, despite the awareness of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a lesser-known but increasingly prevalent threat has emerged: Alpha-Gal Syndrome

(AGS).

I know this all too well, having been diagnosed with AGS after a bite from a Lone Star Tick. My experience with this condition highlights not only the personal challenges it brings but also the urgent need for greater public health awareness and legislative action.

Understanding AGS: Alpha-Gal Syndrome is a serious, life-altering allergic reaction to galactose- $\alpha$ -1,3-

galactose (commonly known as alpha-gal), a sugar molecule found in most mammals. This allergy is unique in that it is triggered by the consumption of red meat and other products derived from mammals, such as gelatin, dairy and even certain medications. Unlike most food allergies that cause immediate reactions, AGS symptoms can be delayed by several hours, making it difficult to diagnose and

manage.

The cause of this allergy is clear: a bite from the Lone Star Tick, a species expanding its range across the United States. As the tick feeds, it introduces alpha-gal into the bloodstream, prompting the immune system to produce antibodies. These antibodies can then cause a severe allergic reaction when the person consumes mammalian meat or related products.

Growing Threat: The

rise in AGS cases is alarming. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), thousands of cases have been identified across the country, with numbers increasing exponentially as the Lone Star Tick continues to spread. However, the true extent of AGS may be underreported, as many states, including West Virginia, do not currently require

healthcare providers to report cases to a central database. The CDC has established a national database for tracking AGS, but only a handful of states have made this condition reportable. This lack of comprehensive data hampers our ability to fully understand the scope of the problem, identify at-risk populations and allocate resources effectively.

See "Health" on Pg 9



# LEGAL

(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:

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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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# LEGAL

(2023-C-000996 - HARRISON COUNTY - ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP)

To: HOWARD L. BONINGTON, JR., LORETTA KARWICK OR HIS HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, ATTORNEY IN FACT, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, CO-OWNERS, OCCUPANT, OTHER PARTIES HAVING AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE DELINQUENT PROPERTY, 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 0677 7286 0000**

You will take notice that ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000996**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0050 INT 15.80 AC O&G SYCAMORE (EAE-API#2166), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of KARWICK LORETTA HEIRS, 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. ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP 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 - 71105.	\$ 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 - 71905.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 135.50
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.	\$ 1,172.29

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**DISTRICT UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0677 7142 0000**

You will take notice that ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000995**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0050 INT 35.94 AC O&G SYCAMORE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of KARWICK LORETTA HEIRS, 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. ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP 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 - 71104.	\$ 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 - 71904.	\$ 22.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 180.50
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.	\$ 1,217.29

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# WVDNR announces important migratory game bird season dates

**S O U T H** merganser: Oct. 1-14, Waterfowl hunters 16 years and older must also possess a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, also known as a duck stamp, which must be signed by the hunter across the stamp's face. Duck stamps can be purchased from your local post office, by calling 800-782-6724 or by going to USPS.com/shop. Hunters are reminded to report harvested banded birds online at reportband.gov. For more information about West Virginia's migratory game bird seasons, hunters should consult the 2024-2025 West Virginia Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations summary, available at WVDNR district offices and at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

**CHARLESTON, W.Va** — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced that new hunting regulations and season dates for migratory game birds will go into effect on Sept. 1 in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual guidelines. The 2024-2025 migratory game bird seasons are scheduled as follows:

**Mourning dove:** Sept. 1 to Oct. 13, Nov. 4-17, Dec. 16 to Jan. 17  
**Sora and Virginia rail:** Sept. 1 to Nov. 9  
**Wilson's snipe:** Sept. 1 to Dec. 16  
**Early Canada goose:** Sept. 1-15  
**Canada goose, white-fronted geese, snow and blue goose:** Oct. 1-20, Nov. 11-16, Dec. 9 to Jan. 31  
**Duck, coots and com.** Nov. 11-16, Dec. 23 to Jan. 31

**Scaup:** Oct. 1-14, Nov. 11-16, Dec. 23 to Jan. 11, Jan. 12-31  
**Gallinules:** Oct. 1-14, Dec. 7 to Jan. 31  
**Woodcock:** Oct. 12 to Nov. 23 and Dec. 2-5  
**Brant:** Jan. 2-31

Hunters are also encouraged to take note of the two youth waterfowl season dates, which are scheduled for Sept. 21 and Nov. 9. Federal regulations require all licensed migratory bird hunters, including lifetime license holders and senior citizens, to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and carry proof of registration while hunting. HIP cards are free and available at all hunting license agents and online at WVhunt.com.

# LEGAL

(2023-C-001007 - HARRISON COUNTY - ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP)

To: CAROL J. HIBBS, JAMES C. SHORT OR HIS HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, ATTORNEY IN FACT, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, CO-OWNERS, OCCUPANT, OTHER PARTIES HAVING AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE DELINQUENT PROPERTY, 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 0690 8106 0000**

You will take notice that ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-001007**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0133 INT 50 AC O&G SYCAMORE (ANT/API#5629), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SHORT JAMES C, 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. ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT COMP 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 - 74163.	\$ 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 - 75032.	\$ 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.	\$ 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.	\$ 1,187.29

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# “Health” From Pg 8.

Finding Care: One of the most frustrating aspects of living with AGS is the difficulty in finding knowledgeable healthcare providers. This allergy is still relatively new and not well understood, even within the medical community. As a result, I, like many others with AGS, have been forced to travel out of state to find appropriate care and specialists who understand the complexities of this condition. What's more, within the West Virginia House of Delegates, there are at least three of us out of 100 who have been diagnosed with AGS. This is a startling statistic that underscores the widespread and growing nature of this problem. If even within our legislative body, there is such a high prevalence, it is clear this is an issue affecting many of our constituents as well. This situation is unacceptable, especially given the rising number of AGS cases. Patients should not have to leave their home states to receive the care they need. This is why I plan to introduce

# “Check” From Pg 1.

pavilion in our park, so we'll be able to use that for park development,” Mayor Kovalck said. “The other money we will put in the general fund and discuss with Council how best to spend that money.” Treasurer Moore recently announced that his Office returned \$3.1 million worth of unclaimed property to individuals, businesses and organizations during the month of July, which was the first month of the state's 2025 Fiscal Year. This is on top of another record-breaking \$28 million returned over the last fiscal year. “Through our efforts to modernize the state's unclaimed property program, we have reunited citizens and West Virginia businesses with their money at the fastest pace in state history,” Treasurer Moore said. “Last fiscal year, my Office shattered a state record by returning \$28 million worth of unclaimed property to its rightful owners.” The State Treasurer's Office has more than \$400 million worth of unclaimed property listings in its database. Currently, Harrison County has more than 142,000 unclaimed property listings worth more than \$20 million for individuals, businesses and organizations. Treasurer Moore encourages everyone to visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov to find out if the Office is holding any money for you or your family.

a bill in the upcoming legislative session to make West Virginia a reportable state for AGS diagnoses. By doing so, we can ensure that our healthcare providers are better equipped to recognize and treat this condition and that our state health officials have the data they need to respond effectively. First Step: Making AGS a reportable condition in West Virginia is a crucial step in addressing this growing public health threat. With accurate reporting and data collection, we can begin to understand the true prevalence of AGS in our state, identify patterns of transmission and develop targeted public health interventions. Additionally, this data can help drive research into better treatments and, hopefully, a cure. This legislative effort is not just about improving care for those of us who have already been diagnosed; it's about protecting the health and well-being of all West Virginians. As outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, we are all at risk of encountering ticks and the diseases they carry.

## LEGAL

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**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:

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## LEGAL

(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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ <b>1,142.38</b>

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

Given under my hand August 6, 2024

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(2023-C-000566 - 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-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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ <b>1,145.58</b>

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## LEGAL

(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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ <b>1,202.29</b>

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

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## LEGAL

(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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ <b>1,140.65</b>

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## LEGAL

(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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ <b>1,203.83</b>

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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 <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ <b>1,192.22</b>

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