



Mural of firefighters

Remembering 9/11



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

It has been 23 years since our nation lost nearly 3,000 lives during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Each year, the memory

fades a little, but we pause to remember where we were when the world changed for so many. Local reminders of that tragic day are few, but they serve as powerful symbols of resilience and remembrance.

One such symbol is the tree planted on the Harrison County School Board property on Main Street in Clarksburg. I remember when it was just a sapling—today, it stands as a mature tree, a silent witness to the

passing years and the lives we lost.

Recently, I was heartened to see a new 9/11 memorial mural dedicated at the Cheat Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Monongalia County. A large crowd turned out to view this impressive work of art, created by students from the Fairmont State University Art Department under the

direction of Joel Dugan, a talented artist with several large murals throughout Central West Virginia.

My granddaughter, Ali Bartlett, a senior Art Major at Fairmont State, was one of the four students who worked on this mural. In fact, she was depicted in the mural as a person in need of rescue, being saved by a firefighter on a ladder. Ali is the daughter of

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Harrison County Commissioners Clash Over Courthouse Renovations, Possible New Hospital

By Stephen Smoot

The September 11 regular meeting of the Harrison County Commission started with a call for remembrance, but devolved into an atmosphere described by Harrison County Commission President Susan Thomas as "a circus."

Patsy Trecost, Harrison County Commissioner, opened the meeting by sharing that "23 years ago . . . we remember that the country was attacked viciously" then called for "a moment of silence for those who lost their lives 23 years ago."

Then he delivered the invocation, praying "Heavenly Father, we open our hearts to You." Trecost added about the 2001 attack "the

circumstances were pure evil, but You are the light that overcomes the darkness."

The Commission then entered its agenda.

Trecost battled with David Hinkle, his fellow Harrison County Commissioner, over multiple items. The first came over a "Review - Discuss - Consider" item. Trecost asked the Commission to grant approval to a potential annexation of Retino Farm by the City of Bridgeport. Trecost related that a council member for the city had asked him to bring the matter before the Commission.

Trecost's motion would have given the Commission's blessing on the City of Bridgeport investigating the prospect, including

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Iconic Shinnston Establishment Catches Fire, Owners Look Toward Rebuilding

By Stephen Smoot

"We want to get the community and families involved. We want to make it more community and family oriented."

Thirteen months ago, Rocky Morgan shared these sentiments as his family's restaurant and drive-in movie theater

served as Business of the Month. He also said that they wanted to make customers "feel like they are a part of the family" with homemade Italian specialties and friendly service.

The week before last, they were advertising Friday wing specials after touting their

delicious "all you can eat" spaghetti special." This followed a summer of family fun at the eatery and theater.

Last week, the family picked through the pieces of a dream yet again deferred to work to rebuild and go

forward.

At 6:30 PM on Sept 9, a fire broke out in the Sunset Ellis Drive-In's concession stand. Though it badly damaged the structure, it came while both the restaurant and theater were closed, so no one was injured.

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Harrison County Assessor Warns Taxpayers About Crucial Deadlines For Credit

By Stephen Smoot

In March of 2023, Governor Jim Justice signed into law a historic tax cut bill. It took months of divisive debate and negotiation, but a number of beneficial provisions came with it. Many taxpayers, however, remain confused about how to receive certain tax credits associated with the bill.

Part of that confusion came from the counties' understandable concerns about financially being made whole from the credit. Originally, the State Legislature planned to eliminate the tax and give counties funding to compensate yearly. Counties expressed the concern that in hard times, the State might not be able to make the payment and counties would lack crucial funding.

The Legislature compromised on the

issue by requiring that taxpayers pay counties on time, then submit a form to receive a credit for the tax directly from the state. This provides the solution that makes the most sense, but adds some complexity for taxpayers.

For that reason, Harrison County Assessor Rocky Romano went to the County Commission meeting to get the word out. After thanking the Commission for letting him speak, he explained the conundrum that many taxpayers face.

Three tax credits emerged from that bill.

The first, and most widely applicable, is the Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. To receive this credit on vehicles, both businesses and individuals must pay on time. Businesses must pay the first half of their taxes by Sept 1 and individuals by Oct 1.

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September 1906---Streetcar comes to Shinnston

September 1, 1906 marked a memorable event in Shinnston's history when the first streetcar arrived in town. It was common for crowds to gather and anxiously await the inaugural appearance of a trolley. As evident by the accompanying image, photographers were also setup and ready to capture this moment. I've seen photos of the first streetcar coming into Grafton, Farmington, and Lumberport. Shinnston images are unique because ones were taken of not only the first streetcar, but also the second one later that day. These streetcars came from Fairmont. The one



A crowded trolley car is shown in September 1906 when streetcar transportation arrived in Shinnston.

shown is an open-air style, but styles and sizes changed over the years.

In 1900, a Wheeling-based firm purchased

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The Story Behind the Photo

By Bobby Bice



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OPINION

Global Warming Obsession Is Dragging the West Behind As China Surges Forward

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginia coal serves as a key component of an international Great Power's plans for economic prosperity and global financial and technological dominance - but that country is not the United States.

In a recent presentation to economic development officials in Pendleton and Grant counties, Mark Bayliss, a member of the Federal Communications Commission advisory council and President of the West Virginia Broadband co-op shared serious concerns about the future of digital technology in the United States and how it is tied to Red China's push for global dominance.

Bayliss described a growing problem coming in the future as the United States strays farther and father from an energy policy designed to generate sufficient power for the needs of the public, government, and business.

He explained the the growth of artificial intelligence and other digital capabilities will take a monumental amount of power generation. Currently, 70 percent of the world's internet traffic runs through centers in Ashburn, Virginia, many near Dulles International Airport.

The dynamic of the global internet economy is complex. The United States has three percent of the world's active internet users, a level described by Bayliss as "insignificant." A much higher percentage of people in more populated East and Central Asian countries use the internet more often. Companies that run the undersea cables that contain the fiber optic used by the internet make more money the longer the distance signals have to travel.

One of the only nations in the world that generates enough power to run the data centers and other digital infrastructure is the United States. Companies make money by putting the infrastructure in the United States where there is less use and transmitting signals to East Asia, which has areas of much more intensive use.

Bayliss told the attendees that "keeping the United States ahead in data center operations is absolutely critical." As long as the United States can keep generating enough energy to stay ahead of data center and other needs, it can remain comfortably ahead of Red China's own efforts.

He explained that data centers generate wealth for host countries in the same way as oil and gas helped nations that developed those resources after

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV — Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century. Sept. 20, 1910: Dorothy Johnson was born in Kansas City but moved at a young age to Morgantown, where she was valedictorian of Beechurst High School. Like fellow West Virginian Katherine Johnson, Vaughan became a mathematician and computer expert for NASA and made key contributions to the U.S. space program. Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

Sept. 21, 1895: New York City in a taxi. Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County. Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi. Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home. Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit. Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

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the Fairmont Electric Light and Power Company with the intent of building an electric railway transportation system similar to the one in Wheeling. In March of the following year, Fairmont received northcentral WV’s first trolley car transportation along a new electric rail line, which extended in that city for a distance of two miles, from Madison to 12 th Streets.

Around the same time, Clarksburg organized its own electric railway company, which was then purchased by the same Wheeling firm that controlled Fairmont’s. The merger created an opportunity to extend travel beyond each city’s borders and connect the two with a 26 mile rail line transportation system. In 1903, the Wheeling firm sold their interests locally and the new owners established the business as the Fairmont and Clarksburg Traction Company.

That company began buying rights of way to further construct the system. Also, additional substation power houses were built, dedicated to the system.

After a few setbacks due to some leaning bridge piers, the line from Fairmont was finished into Shinnston in July 1906 and extended another half mile south at that time. The streetcar tracks never came into Shinnston proper, but rather stayed on the west side of the river and followed the power lines.

On the west end of the old iron bridge, the north corner had the streetcar station and the south corner was a restaurant where people could grab a bite to eat while waiting on the next trolley. The streetcar station operated as a confectionary store and newsstand, which was operated for many years by Charles Brown, then later by Ralph Currey (father of the late Wilson Currey). Trolley tickets could be purchased here and there was a small canopy on the outside of the building where ticketholders could wait for the next trolley.

After the main line connected Fairmont to Clarksburg, branches were built to Fairview,

M a n n i n g t o n , Bridgeport, and Weston.

There were several interurban systems in West Virginia, but the extent of travel on our local line made it the state’s largest. Four trolley cars used the first line in Fairmont in 1901, but 85 cars were using the full line to Clarksburg by December 1906. It took one hour and 43 minutes to go from Clarksburg to Fairmont, or vice versa, which included 24 stops between the two cities. The service was reliable, the trolleys arrived frequently, and the travel time was fairly quick, compared to traveling the same distance on dirt roads by horse and wagon. Also, the service was cheap! Even into the 1930’s, a round-trip “student fare” between Enterprise and Shinnston could be purchased for seven cents.

It was very common for nearly one hundred people to board the streetcar on a Saturday night to arrive in Shinnston for activities downtown. Walking the sidewalks, hanging out at the soda fountains in one of the drug stores, or watching a movie at one of the theatres in

town were all reasons to spend the evening in Shinnston.

In the early years, service was provided twice daily. As demand increased, the service was more frequent, eventually providing half hour car stops. Passenger transportation wasn’t the only use for the electric railway. Larger freight cars also arrived in town once a week to bring supplies to local businesses. This included drop off and pick up of laundry services at the Hotel Royal on Rebecca Street as well as other business that offered that service.

The cleaning services were provided by the American and Empire Laundry Companies of Clarksburg.

As automobiles were becoming more prevalent in society and roadways were getting paved, the use of the trolley system began to dwindle slightly and modifications to the line were needed. For instance, the branch line into Lumberport was discontinued for use in the early 1930’s.

Then too, Viropa and Riverdale, mining communities just north

of Shinnston, no longer operated their mines and didn’t have the community population to continue a stop there. Just south of Shinnston, the mining community of Solon (located where Vincent Lumber is today) was also no longer in operation. All three of these communities had pedestrian swinging bridges over the river which provided residents with easy access to the streetcar stops. Solon’s bridge connected to the Lucas Mills community (sometimes incorrectly referred to as Lucas Mill) along the Wyatt Road.

Further south, there was also a pedestrian swinging bridge at Ziesing, now known as Spelter, that residents there could easily access the trolley system.

While the trolley cars served their intended purpose for many years, they were declared obsolete by the economic boom during the years following World War II. The last line through this area ran on April 27 th , 1947, proving that the youngest person alive

today with a vivid memory of riding the interurban would have to be well into their 80’s. The ownership had passed through many hands, but City Lines of WV were the last ones to operate the system.

Other uses were found for some of the trolley cars. For example, the Sunset Drive-In Theatre had its concession stand operated out of an old streetcar, which was eventually remodeled into a freestanding restaurant that the Ellis Family operated for over 60 years. Other people made homes out of the trolleys until their finances provided a more appropriate residence.

It’s an interesting learning experience to drive along Route 19 from Fairmont to Clarksburg and find the old path of the electric railway system. There are some places, particularly in Fairmont, where the old tracks can still be seen when the pavement gets worn enough. Bridge piers and traction walls can also still be found! And that is this month’s story behind the photo.

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a first responder, and as Professor Dugan pointed out during the dedication ceremony, his students represent the first generation of young adults born after the 2001 attacks. That observation gave me

pause, prompting me to reflect on how historical events shape the lives of those who experienced them firsthand, and how they resonate with future generations.

For my generation, events like Pearl Harbor,

the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. still live vividly in our memories. I was only 13 years old when JFK was shot, and it forever altered my perception of the world—robbing me of a sense of innocence I still regret losing. I was a senior in high school when Dr. King was killed on April 4, 1968, and just two months later, on June 6th, Robert Kennedy was also gunned down. These moments remain etched in our collective

consciousness, much like 9/11 does for so many today.

The mural at the Cheat Lake Volunteer Fire Department offers a powerful visual representation of the bravery and sacrifice of our police, fire, and EMS personnel. Their courage, their willingness to rush toward danger to save others, is depicted in vivid, striking colors that evoke the intensity of fire and danger. The human faces of the first responders bring the mural to life, reminding us of the real-life heroes

who walk among us. At the dedication ceremony, those very public servants stood before the mural, their presence making the depiction even more poignant.

The funding for this mural project came from several grants, and a local business generously donated materials and labor for the framing. Professor Dugan and his students volunteered their time and talents to bring this vision to life. The mural is located outdoors, adjacent to the Cheat Lake Volunteer Fire Department’s parking lot, off the Cheat

Lake exit of Interstate 68. It is well worth a visit to see this remarkable piece of community art and reflect on the selflessness of those who dedicate their lives to saving others.

Public art is a treasure in any community. It brings awareness to moments and people that should never be forgotten. I encourage everyone to support public art in your community. It not only beautifies our surroundings but also keeps alive the memory of those who have given so much.

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

Harrison County Schools will hold an “Understanding Special Education Information Session” presented by the Harrison County Parent/Educator Resource Center on Oct 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Johnson Elementary School. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact Tracey Beall at (304) 326-7383 or Pam Hotsinpiller at (304) 326-7692

Vietnam Veterans to host book signing with their Vietnam War helicopter

WHAT: Thomas Feigel, crew chief, Purple Heart recipient and author of Super Slick: Life and Death in a Huey Helicopter in Vietnam, will return with his crew to sign books and pay homage to Super Slick, the Huey Helicopter at the Marion County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the one he flew in battle.

WHEN: 1-3 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 15)

WHERE: Marion County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, at the entrance to East Marion Park
Rain location will be the Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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World War II. These represent economic development engines and a step toward global economic dominance for any nation able to provide power and profit. Having the bulk of these gives a country a tremendous advantage in leading the world marketplace

Since 2004 an energy production trend has developed. Bayliss shared that Red China embarked on an ambitious plan to become the top power producer in the world. At the time, they trailed far behind the United States, producing on the same level as Great Britain. Over two decades, Red China expanded its power production in the most efficient areas, mostly coal and natural gas.

That is where West Virginia coal enters the equation. Coal mined here used to power America and drive the steel industry. Now it does the same for Red China. But why?

About the same time, Western scientists started ringing the tocsin on the issue of global warming, which they later called climate change when the warming did not occur as predicted. Western governments have pushed for various levels of “climate change” policies to restrict energy and other product development. This has created havoc in both politics and the economy while hamstringing energy production to the levels of two decades ago.

Also as the power needs of the digital economy continue to explode, Western governments have chosen to expand the burdens on the grid with electric vehicle mandates just as they have also moved against coal and natural gas in favor of wind and solar. Neither of the latter set have even close to the capability to handle the demands expected of it

in the next few decades. As the West has slowed down its development, Red China has accelerated theirs. They have surpassed the United States in production of energy by building tremendous numbers of plants. By 2023, China had over 1,140 coal fired power plants, the most in the world.

The United States, Europe, and Japan must rise to meet this challenge or soon feel the weight of a powerful Chinese economy expand its ability to project its might.

The Western embrace of the climate change theory has created changes in the global balance of economic power based upon incomplete science. A number of factors affect the climate on the Earth, including fluctuations in solar energy output. In recent years, scientists have learned that even the gravitational fields

of nearby planets have an effect. Innumerable variables affect the climate of the planet and many likely still lie outside the awareness of science.

F u r t h e r m o r e , connections between government, science, and money from areas that would benefit from policy changes have rarely provided good results. These combinations led to the obesity and opioid crises, just to name two examples.

In short, the notion that human beings have decisive impacts on climate has never been proven and likely cannot be. Yet many in government wish to proceed as if it’s a proven fact rather than an unprovable theory.

While the West stifles its own capacity, Red China continues to move rapidly ahead. Future generations will certainly see consequences of Western inaction.

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The Weekend For Backyard Brawls

This past Saturday marked the 107th edition of the Backyard Brawl. West Virginia University and Pitt have been locked in a hate-hate (forget any love) series that have produced some exceptional games that have led to more than its fair share of heart aches for Mountaineer fans. Only 76.3 miles separate the schools, which makes the drive doable for whichever fan base is on the road. Both schools are always well represented regardless of location.

A sellout crowd was on hand at Acisure Stadium (home of the Steelers) to catch this epic battle. The Mountaineers were in must win mode after losing to another bitter rival from the Keystone State in the season opener and the thought of heading into Big 12 play with a losing record didn't sit well with Mountaineer fans. There didn't seem to be any cause for concern with as little as five minutes remaining and the good guys holding a double digit lead at 34 to 24, looking for a second series win in a row.

The Panthers, however, had a much



different plan and they started their comeback a few minutes later with the help of a big play.

Pitt's redshirt freshman quarterback, Eli Holstein, tossed a 40 yard scoring strike to make it a three point game with three minutes left in the fourth quarter. WVU couldn't play keep away with the pigskin and Holstein would have an opportunity to orchestrate a second win in as many weeks (last week Pitt trailed Cincinnati by 21 points and claimed victory over the Bearcats) with two minutes left.

He would need less than that as Derrick Davis scored on a one-yard run with 32 seconds remaining to provide the winning points.

West Virginia will host Kansas in a must win (for sure this time with no exceptions) game this Saturday. The Jayhawks head into this battle with a bit of a limp, losing to

Illinois and also, most recently, the University of Nevada Las Vegas. A third loss this early in the season would not be good for WVU or Head Coach Neal Brown.

The high school version of the Backyard Brawl in Clarksburg took place on Friday when Robert C. Byrd and Liberty locked up for the last time. Liberty is set to merge into RCB next school year. This has been a high energy battle every time these squads have met and this final edition was no exception.

A scoreless first quarter gave way to an explosive second stanza that saw the home team strike first. Liberty's London Schoonover ended a 16-play drive with a six-yard scamper, followed by Danny Waterman's extra point to provide a seven to nothing lead. Flying Eagle signal caller Junior Smith scored on a 10 yard run, but a failed point after left

the score seven to sox.

With a Liberty drive stalling out at the RCB 41 yard line and just under a minute to go in the half, it seemed as if a defensive struggle would win out, but Smith and the Flying Eagle offense had other ideas. Smith connected with Elijah Chippis on a 59-yard pass play to the Mountaineer five. On the next play, Smith ran it in for a TD.

A 15-yard markoff on Liberty was assessed on the kickoff and Flying Eagle head coach Austin Scott opted for an onside kick. His team recovered and would score on a three-yard run by Smith. It changed the momentum of the game and RCB would go on to win 41 to seven.

Smith ended with a game high 140 rushing yards on 17 carries. He was four of five passing for 73 yards and ended with five rushing touchdowns. Latrell Jones had 101 yards on the ground in the win.

Quinten Hilliard paced the Mountaineers with 85 yards rushing on 23 attempts.

That will do it for now! Until next time . . . 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

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are South Harrison's Jaden Hatfield and Lincoln's Aiden Rice.

Hawk running back Jaden Hatfield has put up some impressive numbers in the last two weeks. In a pair of wins over Liberty and Ritchie County, Hatfield carried the ball 46 times for 713 yards. He also scored nine rushing touchdowns in those victories.

Cougar standout Aiden Rice propelled his squad to a win over Grafton. Rice caught eight passes for 101 yards, including a pair of scores. Rice also picked up 98 yards on the ground and scored on an 11-yard run.

Congratulations to South Harrison's Jaden Hatfield and Lincoln's Aiden Rice for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

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A Gofundme set up by family member Brittany Hurst declared that "not much will be savable" in the restaurant either and is requesting \$15,000 in donations from the community to put toward reconstruction. The establishment had no insurance at the time of the blaze.

A 2023 industry survey showed that 75 percent of small businesses in the United States lack sufficient insurance coverage, mainly due

to cost. Hurst said that "just know that we have a God that can do all things" but "Rocky (Morgan, co-owner of the establishment has one of the strongest faiths I've ever seen in a person."

Hurst has also launched a raffle and other fundraisers may occur to help defer reconstruction costs as well. The flea market, however, has been canceled until further notice.

Crews from Spelter Volunteer Fire Department, Reynoldsville, Nutter Fort, Shinnston, and Bridgeport responded alongside Harrison EMS and the Harrison County Sheriff's Department. The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's office investigated the fire.

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Physical activity has important health benefits for older adults – but people may find it hard to stay active as they age.

Can physical activity make daily life better for older adults?

When you are active and strong, it is easier to do everyday tasks, such as chores, shopping, and keeping up with grandkids. It can help you stay independent as you get older. You may also see big health benefits, like having less pain, a better mood, and a lower risk of many diseases.



What types of activity do older adults need?

Older adults need at least 150 minutes a week of physical activity. This includes moderate-intensity aerobic activity, that is, any activity that gets your heart beating faster. For two days a week, an older adult should engage in muscle-strengthening. That is any activity that makes your muscles work harder than usual. Also, aim to mix in activities to improve your balance, such as pickleball, dance, and Tai Chi. It will help to keep your body strong and lower your risk of falls.

What can physical activity do regarding the health of older adults?

Physical activity can help manage many health problems for older adults, such as reducing the risk of falling, symptoms of arthritis, anxiety, and depression. It can also keep diabetes and high blood pressure under control. Older adults will want to start slow and only do what they can. Even a five-minute walk has real health benefits. Build up to more activity over time.

What are some suggestions to overcome any obstacles?

Do activities you enjoy, which will make exercise more fun! Be creative and try something new - this will help you stay motivated. Make it social. Find an "exercise buddy" to help keep you going and provide emotional support.

How can older adults stay on track and ensure success?

The most important suggestion is to create a plan to help track your progress! Make an exercise plan, and do not forget to reward yourself when you reach your goals. If you are unsure of your plan, seek out care from a Physical therapist who can help guide you. Update your plan often. This is the key to success, especially as you witness your transformation.



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OBITUARIES



**Valerie Nicole
(Douglas) Clausson**

Valerie Nicole (Douglas) Clausson, 42, of Clarksburg, passed away at United Hospital Center on September 9, 2024. She was born on October 7, 1981 in Fairmont to Pamela Marlene (Loar) Douglas of Clarksburg and the late Raymon Kent Douglas.

Valerie was an optician and worked in West Virginia and Alaska. She enjoyed video games, anime, reading about history, ghost hunting, Fox news, Japanese culture and loved her fur babies and animals.

She is also survived by her husband of 15 years, David James Clausson of Clarksburg; two step daughters: Kelly Clausson and her husband Nate Trippaers and their son Matthew of Beaver County, PA and Nichole Clausson and her children, Colden and Eva of Pittsburgh; two half-brothers: Matthew Douglas and Mark Douglas both of OH; two aunts, Mary Loar of Haywood and Irene Loar of Lumberport; three cousins: Doug Loar and wife Michelle of Haywood, Erin Shreves and husband Steve of Lumberport and Jeff Loar and wife Robin of Folsom; and her beloved fur babies: "Denali" and "Harley"; her fur baby

brothers: "Maverick" and "Merlin" as well as many other family members.

In addition to her father, Valerie is preceded in death by two uncles: Warren "Doug" Loar and Charles Edward Loar and one cousin, Kristi Loar Faulkner.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 3:00pm until time of service 7:00pm with Pastor Michael Burge officiating. Interment on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 11:00am at West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton.

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



Betty J. Deems

Betty J. Deems, 101, of Shinnston, passed away on September 9, 2024. She was born on November 3, 1922, in Mongonah, a daughter to the late Clayton and Stanley Campbell. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 74 years Harold R. Deems; son James A. Deems; Brothers Clayton, Howard, and James Campbell; sisters Judith Huffman and Nancy Currey; granddaughter-in-law Lisa Deems; and great-grandson James

(Jimmy) Deems.

She is survived by her sister, Doris Saffer of VA; children, son Paul F. Deems and wife Barbara of Shinnston; daughter Deborah K. Loss and husband Donald of Adamsville; daughter-in-law Melody A. Deems of St. Clairsville, OH; grandchildren James (Jay) R. Deems, Shawn R. Martin of Shinnston, Stacy L. Gola and husband Dominick of Pittsburgh, PA, Benjamin A. Loss and wife Bethanie of Adamsville, Christa C. Kwiatkowski and husband Adam of Bridgeport, Jeremy R. Deems of St. Clairsville, OH, and Brittney Deems of St. Clairsville, OH; great-grandchildren Matthew Green, Becky Deems, Ethan Gola, Jared Gola, Gracelyn Gola, Kaylie Kwiatkowski, Vayda Loss, Chloe Loss, Josie Loss, Justin Schulte, Andrew Schulte, Aiden Deems, Gavin, Oliver, and Sophia, grandchildren of Melody Deems. She is also survived by her great-great-grandchildren Errollyne, Maggie, Aubrey, Chris, Liam, and Noah.

Betty graduated from Shinnston High School and attended Fairmont State College. She worked at Toggery, Bank of Shinnston, and WesBanco, where she was the head teller. She was a faithful servant and lifelong member of the Coon's Run Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher, choir member, church clerk, and belonged to the American Baptist Women's Group.

She enjoyed going to church, spending time with her family, lawn work, flowers, cooking, crocheting, camping,

and being a caregiver for her husband. Betty also loved watching the Mountaineers play.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, September 13, 2024 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 11:00AM with Pastor Orville Wright officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.



**Larry Houston
Hodge**

Larry Houston Hodge, born in Kanawha County on April 8, 1938, aged 86, made his Heavenly flight to Beulah Land early Sunday morning, September 8, 2024. Originally from Cabin Creek, WV, Larry lived in Princeton, WV prior to relocating with his bride of 65 years so that she could be properly cared for in a memory care unit at Harmony of White Oaks in Bridgeport. Although he had a very short illness that took him from us rather quickly, we know there is a plan and a purpose and we are thankful for the lessons and love he showered on us over the years.

As he was ushered into the arms of his Heavenly Father, he was reunited with his parents who had gone before him,

William "Henry" and Sylvia Perry Hodge, his siblings: Benny Hodge, Oliver "Toady" Hodge, Kermit Hodge and Shirley Hodge Bailey, as well as his grandson, Jordan Keesecker, and Great Granddaughter, Jaelyn Hodge.

Left behind are his wife of 65 years, Gloria "Faye" Grounds Hodge, his children, Greg (Debbie) Hodge of Calvin, WV; Gary (Madilyn) Hodge of Ladera Ranch, CA; Jeff (Deborah) Hodge of Johnson City, TN; Scott (Susan) Hodge of Camden, SC; and Mindy (Johnny) Layne of Fairmont, WV. Grandchildren that are mourning his loss are Christina, Kimberly, Tina, Julian, Cole, Katherine, Michael, Jeffrey, Kayla, Isaac, Zoe, Heather, Kate, Ryan, Bethany and Emma. Larry was also blessed with 14 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Freda Hodge Hudnall of King, NC.

Larry was a proud veteran of the Army, and served in Korea and Vietnam. He retired from the military in 1978, settling in Greenbrier County, WV, and began his civilian employment as a nursing home administrator with various entities in West Virginia and in East Tennessee, most notably in Erwin, Tennessee.

Upon full retirement, he and his bride relocated to Princeton WV where he was a member of Landmark First Church of God. Larry was a long-standing board member at Landmark and was active in taking care of the church grounds

for numerous years. Once Larry relocated to Bridgeport, he attended Jewel City Church.

Larry enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing cards with his sons, and singing southern gospel music with his family.

He leaves behind many who are mourning his departure from this life but who are grateful for the example he set as a Christian. He was a very special Poppaw to not only his biological grandchildren, but to many others along the way.

A celebration of life for Larry will occur Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Perine Funeral Home at 1348 S. Pike Street in Shinnston, WV with visiting hours between 12-2 pm and a service at 2 pm with his son, Scott Hodge, officiating. Pastor Carrie Hodge Hill will be assisting with the music. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hodge family.



Warren "Jay" Miller

Warren "Jay" Miller, Jr., 64, of Shinnston, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024 at United Hospital Center following an extended illness. He was born in Clarksburg

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“Tax” From Pg 1.

Romano said that the Oct 1 deadline has confused a number of taxpayers. Other deadlines apply as well. To collect the full credit on taxes filed for 2024, the entire tax bill must be paid by the final day of the year, December 31. If the second half of owed taxes is paid between January 1, 2025 and the final payment date of April 1, then the credit must be applied for on taxes filed for 2025.

Class C, J, M, and R vehicles do not qualify for the credit.

The Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit applies to, as the West Virginia Tax Division website states “eligible veterans who are owners of a homestead which is used or

occupied exclusively for residential purposes.” Romano explained that this applies to veterans with a disability rate of 90 to 100 percent.

“It has to be according to the Veterans Administration,” Romano emphasized, adding that a doctor’s opinion or SSI qualification do not count.

This tax applies to real estate taxes owed by qualified veterans. Just as with the vehicle tax credit, they still must pay the taxes to the county by Oct 1 and by April 1 to qualify.

The Small Business Property Tax Adjustment Credit applies to ad valorem taxes paid by businesses worth \$1 million or less.

According to the State, this covers 50 percent of “the true and actual value of all personal property owned by the Small Business in West Virginia, including the true and actual value of all personal property of related entities. This aggregate should include all automobiles. Automobile payments for which a Motor Vehicle Property Tax Credit was received will be factored out when determining the total amount of the Small Business Property Tax Credit that will be received if the small business is eligible.”

Any tax that falls into delinquency at any time will not qualify for a tax credit.

“Clash” From Pg 1.

getting water and sewer service. Hinkle said “I’d love to know why we’re doing it.” He later asked “are we saying we want to step up and be financially involved?” and can “any council member just pop up and make this request?”

Hinkle then asked if the City made a formal request of the Commission. Thomas sided with Hinkle on the issue, saying “I agree with David. I think the City needs to make a formal request.”

Another came over another similarly categorized item about a proposal to restore county jail service on a limited basis by renovating the courthouse annex. Trecost presented the motion to approve of extensive renovations and the construction of two elevators to the courthouse annex building. He made the case that re-establishing the jail to hold prisoners overnight for cases the next day would save on transportation costs to the Regional Jail in Doddridge County.

Funding for the project would come through borrowing from OPEB, the county’s backup fund for retirement payments. Hinkle asked Trecost if he had a financial plan to ensure repayment.

After some back and forth between Trecost and Hinkle, the latter

Commissioner asked if the funds could come from somewhere besides OPEB. Laura Pysz-Laulis, Harrison County Administrator, stated that they could come from a Financial Stabilization Fund. That holds just over \$4 million while OPEB has approximately \$1 million more than that.

Trecost pointed out that cost overruns from construction of the General Services Building came from OPEB. Hinkle fired back, saying “Whenever you want to talk about why that building went over budget, I’m ready.”

Debate erupted again over discussion on the construction of a new Mon General facility in Harrison County.

Additionally, when the agenda item appeared for the Commissioners to approve the appointment of Mike Queen to the vacancy on the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation Board, Hinkle made the motion to appoint Trecost instead.

In this and other meetings, the difference in substance often came from a difference in approach. Trecost often favors getting a project started, then figuring out the details as the plan progresses while Hinkle seems to generally prefer to have all information, planning,

and organization in place before moving forward.

Both approaches have merit depending on the circumstances, but the differences have often degenerated into personal attacks and accusations between the two elected officials. This meeting’s disagreements came after many weeks of clashes and led Thomas to declare that “this is a circus . . . and I’m stuck in the middle.”

Both Commissioners seem to have the best of intentions to work for the County and its taxpayers, but their differences over time have created a schism on the Commission that Thomas must navigate to maintain decorum.

In other business, Commissioners approved a request from the Harrison County Livestock Association for \$3,000 “to purchase tents to house the livestock for their Livestock Show and Sale at Summit Park on September 19th through September 21st.”

Commissioners also heard an update from Thrasher concerning the construction of bridges to serve the Rail Trail. The Thrasher representative stated that he wanted to gauge the opinion of the Commission on plans created for the bridges, but the discussion centered mostly on issues of engineering.

WVU Medicine UHC Recognized by Donate Life West Virginia with Highest Designation

CWVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) was recently awarded the highest designation, Titanium level, from the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE), concerning its participation in the

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designation activities are captured on a scorecard for participating hospitals to achieve levels based on point totals. The levels – from highest to lowest – are Titanium, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

Pictured from left: Josh Harvey, RN, CCRN, clinical supervisor of Critical Care at UHC, and Kara Elko, BSN, RN, director of Critical Care at UHC, accepting the Titanium award at the CORE luncheon held at Stonewall Resort.

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179134	2020	CLAYPOOL CAROLYN SUE		1 LOT 29 ROCKWELL ADD	CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179135	2020	CLAYPOOL CAROLYN SUE		2 LOTS 30-31 ROCKWELL INC PAR 125	CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179136	2020	LEARY DANNY R SR & RICKEY CHARLES BENNETT JR.		1 LOT 183 EAST VIEW	CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179137	2020	MAYLE BRIAN K (LE) (ALEXANDER & MICHELLE MAYLE)		2 LOTS 305 306 STONEWALL PARK INC PAR 28	CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179138	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL (2020-2021)	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	18.34 AS COAL MINED OUT	CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179139	2020	THALHEIM ANGELA NICOLE		1 LOT #441 NORWOOD	CLARK STONEWOOD CORP
179140	2020	ADAMS AMBER L		1 LOT PT 61.3 FT STEALEY ST	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179141	2020	CEDAR CREEK LLC		1 LOT 30 X 60 ANDERSON ST	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179142	2020	CONSTABLE JERRY L & TAMMEY SCHAUS		1 LOT 20 JAMES M WINE ADD	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179143	2020	DOMAN RICHARD (2020)	WAGONER LAND HOLDINGS (2022)	1 LOT 40 ALTA VISTA 40 X 120	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179144	2020	DUBOIS ZOE MIGNON & LACY B DUBOSE JR		1 LOT 40 X 140 MONTICELLO AVE	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179145	2020	FINLEY TIMOTHY A ETAL (2020)	NAJ LLC (2022)	1 LOT 6 GAY DUNCAN LOTS DALE AVE	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179146	2019	WORTHINGTON PROPERTIES LIMITED (19BT)	FOLSE JAY (2020)	1 LOT 50 FT N SIDE MILFORD ST	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179147	2019	WORTHINGTON PROPERTIES LIMITED (19BT)	FOLSE JAY (2020)	2 LOTS 1-2 E CLKSBG INCLUDES PARCEL 100	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179148	2020	HILL DONALD WILLIAM JR		1 LOT B S-D 507 MONTICELLO AVE	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179149	2020	JOHNSON JAMES C & MEAGEN K (2020)	SMITH BRIANNA & NICOLAS SHELTON (2022)	1 LOT 160 STEALEY LARGE PLAT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179150	2020	JOHNSON JAMES C & MEAGEN K (2020)	SMITH BRIANNA & NICOLAS SHELTON (2022)	1 LOT 159 STEALEY LARGE PLAT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179150	2020	JONES MINTIE CALORE ETAL		1 LOT 24 CHESTNUT HILLS 1/2 INT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179151	2020	JONES MINTIE CALORE ETAL		1 LOT 24 CHESTNUT HILLS 1/2 INT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179152	2020	JONES MINTIE CALORE ETAL		1 LOT 22 CHESTNUT HILLS 1/2 INT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179153	2020	LYON LINDA CAROL 5/6 INT & JUDITH KIRKPATRICK 1/6 INT NAJ LLC (2020)		1 LOT 236 HARTLAND	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179154	2020	NAJ LLC (2020)	GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (2022)	1 LOT 57 CONONIAL HTS	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179155	2020	NAJ LLC (2020)	GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (2022)	2 LOTS 201-202 E CLARKSBURG (406 CAPITOL) INC PAR 272	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179156	2020	RAY SUE E % JAMES RAY	RAY SUE E ESTATE (2021)	1 LOT 7 M R GOFF ADD	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179157	2019	REYNOLD JAMES		1 LOT 27 X 96 SECOND ST	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179158	2019	REYNOLD JAMES		1 LOT & 1 FT STRIP SECOND ST	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179159	2020	RM ENTERPRISES LLC		1 LOT 116 DODGE COURT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179160	2020	SATTERFIELD THOMAS WYNN		1 LOT 57 E CLKSBG	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179161	2020	STOUT CHARLES B ESTATE		1 LOT 2 ANNON S D 31 X 80	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179162	2020	SUROCK JOHN 3/4 & RONALD E ROKISKY ETAL 1/4	NAJ LLC (2022)	1 LOT PT #12 J ADD 27 1/4 FT	CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP
179163	2020	VINSON MONA LOUISE		1 LOT 200 E CLARKSBURG	CLARKS CLARKSBURG CORP
179164	2020	SNOPPS JOSEPH		PT ABANDONED 40' DAVIS ST (900 SQ FT)	CLARK NUTTER FORT CORP
179166	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL		1.05 AS ENTERPRISE MINED OUT	CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179167	2020	SMITH HAGAN H & CLEO V (2020)	PHARES DANIEL D ETA; (2022)	1 LOT .31 AS BINGAMON	CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179168	2020	SMITH HAGAN H & CLEO V		1 LOT 7200 SQ FT-BINGAMON	CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179169	2020	STEVENS TRAVIS L & CRYSTAL N		1 LOT 80 X 190 FT MUDLICK	CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179170	2020	MCCLAIN JERRY A		1 LOT 12 FLEMING ADD 348 HIGH ST	CLAY SHINNSTON CORP
179171	2020	MCCLAIN JERRY A		1 LOT 13 FLEMING ADD 348 HIGH ST	CLAY SHINNSTON CORP
179172	2020	BRYAN CHARLES & DANIELLE RENEE		1 LOT 11 PEE KAY ADD	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179173	2019	BUNNELL CHARLES A (19BT/2020)	NAPPI JASON (2021)	1 LOT PT 28 CHIEFTON 2 FT	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179174	2020	BURT SANDRA L		1 LOT PT #6 0.72 AS LIMESTONE	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179175	2018	HOSTUTLER MARK A & LISA J		1 LOT #1 STERLING HTS	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179176	2020	LANE SHARON L		1 LOT #28 MCINTIRE FARM	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179179	2020	PASKO EDWARD %EDWARD PASKO ESTATE*21	PASKO EDWARD ESTATE (2021)	1 LOT #99 LONGMONT (DAUGHTERS RES)	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179180	2020	PASKO EDWARD %EDWARD PASKO ESTATE*21	PASKO EDWARD ESTATE (2021)	1 LOT #100 LONGMONT	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179181	2020	PASKO EDWARD %EDWARD PASKO ESTATE*21	PASKO EDWARD ESTATE (2021)	1 LOT #101 LONGMONT	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179182	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL (2022)	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	11.08 AS COAL M/O WEST FORK	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179183	2020	ROSS SANDRA I		1 LOT #223 SUMMIT PARK	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179184	2020	ROSS SANDRA I		W 1/2 ABANDONED WALNUT AVE (20X143) TRACT	COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179185	2020	WEST VIRGINIA TRACTOR & EQUIP			COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179186	2020	AMZAKH ENTERPRISES LLC		1 LOT 40 FT MULBERRY ST (756 & 756 1/2 MULBERRY AVE)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179187	2020	BEEKLEY JAMES A		1 LOT PT #9 A C & C CO	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179188	2020	BEEKLEY JAMES A		1 LOT PT 9 BLK B HIGH ST	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP

179189	2020	BEEKLEY JAMES A		1 LOT 10 BLK B- A C & C ADD	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179190	2020	BIG RED LLC		1 LOT PT 14(A)3969 SQ FT TAYLOR ADD NO 1	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179191	2020	BURNSIDE TANYA WEEKLEY		1 LOT PT 15 UPLAND GROVE (1401 HAMILLE AVE)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179192	2020	BURT SANDY		1 LOT #31 FAIRMONT & BALTO CO	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179193	2020	COX MARSHALL D TRUST (BRIAN COX TRUSTEE)		1 LOT 60 REYNOLDS ADD (1207 N 13TH ST)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179194	2020	FLOYD PATRICIA MARIE & MATTHEW		1 LOT 3 LESTER PARRISH S-D	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179195	2020	FLOYD PATRICIA MARIE & MATTHEW		1 LOT 4 LESTER PARRISH S-D	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179196	2020	FLUHARTY EMILY DANIELLE		1 LOT PT JACKSON L ADD (4347.33 SQ FT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179197	2019	HILL DONALD W JR		1 LOT 25 X 65 FT FIRST ST	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179198	2020	LAROSA DOMINICK REVOCABLE TRUST		1 TRACT 2 LOTS 86-87 GLEN ELK #1 (7625 SQ FT) (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179199	2020	LAROSA DOMINICK REVOCABLE TRUST		1 TRACT 2 LOTS 88-89 GLEN ELK #1 (7625 SQ FT) (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179200	2020	LAROSA DOMINICK REVOCABLE TRUST		1 TRACT PT LOTS 90 & 91 GLEN ELK #1 (5125 SQ FT) (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179201	2020	LAROSA DOMINICK		1 LOT PT ABANDONED NO 3RD ST (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179202	2020	LAROSA JOSEPH (2020)	LAROSA DOMINICK ETAL	1 TRACT 2 LOTS 86-87 GLEN ELK #1 (7625 SQ FT) 91/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179203	2020	LAROSA JOSEPH (2020)	LAROSA DOMINICK ETAL (2021)	1 TRACT 2 LOTS 88-89 GLEN ELK #1 (7625 SQ FT) (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179204	2020	LAROSA JOSEPH (2020)	LAROSA DOMINICK ETAL (2021)	1 TRACT 2 LOTS 90-91 GLEN ELK #1 (5125 SQ FT) (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179205	2020	LAROSA JOSEPH (2020)	LAROSA DOMINICK ETAL (2021)	1 LOT PT ABANDONED NO 3RD ST (1/2 INT)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179206	2020	MCCORMICK JOHN PAUL		1 LOT PT 18 BROADDUS	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179207	2019	YEAGER CORY L (BT19)	MONTANA SKY (2020) HARDWAY	1 LOT 25 MOORE ADD	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179208	2020	PERRY SHERRY A		1 LOT PT 3 WHITE ADD ADAMS AVE	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179209	2019	SATTERFIELD ROBIN COX		1 LOT A SHERIDAN ST 28 X 23 X 82.63 (159 FIRST ST)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179210	2020	SHAFFER MICHAEL F	SCHEUVRONT TERRY S & BRANDON A (2022)	1 LOT LOCUST ST (752 LOCUST AVE)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179211	2020	SULLIVAN FLORENCE		1 LOT 1 MAPLE ALLEY	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179212	2020	TOOTHMAN JAMES C & JOSEPH R		1 LOT PARCEL #1 1573 SQ FT INDIANA AVE	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179213	2020	VIGLIANCO MICHAEL (2020)	BROOKS FERNANDO (JAMES JOSEPH VIGLIANCO (2022))	1 LOT 7 & 1/2 6 S-D 54 J L ADD	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179214	2020	WALLS ERICA DAWN & JOSHUA WAYNE		2 LOTS 36-37 FMT & BALTO C&C CO 1ST ADD INC PAR 206	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179215	2020	ALEY THELMA	BEWCK MELVIN JOSEPH & TANYA MAY	2 LOTS 93 94 TENMILE LAND CO INC PAR 27	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179216	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY 5 MURRAY ENERGY CORP		49.50 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #249 ELISHA ATHA	EAGLE OUTSIDE CORP
179217	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY		103.50 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #24 SIMON SHRIVER 1/2 INTEREST PRESLEY M MORRIS 1/2 INTEREST	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179218	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		22.00 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #251 MARTIN G ATHA	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179219	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		29.50 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #251 VALINDA A MOORE	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179220	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		42.25 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #252 HENRY S DAVIS ET AL	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179221	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		73.50 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #253 RJ ROBINSON ET AL	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179222	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		122.00 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #25 HENRY S DAVIS	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179223	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		33.75 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #253 HENRY S DAVIS	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179224	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		60.00 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #255 ENOCH STARKEY	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179225	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		19.10 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #255 CHARLES SHRADER	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179226	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		13.00 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #255 CHARLES SHRADER	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179227	2020	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY % MURRAY ENERGY CORP		145.00 AC COAL (EXCPT PGH) #255 PHOEBE WEBB	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179228	2020	PATTERSON EDWARD A		.1000 INT 4 AC COAL M/O LAUREL RUN & 8 AC REMAINING COAL	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179229	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	4 AS MINERAL WEST FORK COAL M/O	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179230	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	COAL M/O UNDER 12.24 AS MEADOWBROOK	EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179231	2020	SKIDMORE GREGORY D		LOT "A" PT #3 LUMBERPORT	EAGLE LUMBERPORT CORP
179232	2020	FORD CELIA W	FORD PAUL S & THOMAS COLEMAN JR. (2021)	2 LOTS 117-118-ROSELAWN INC PAR 102	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179233	2020	HUDKINS ORPHA		1 LOT 64 ROSELAWN	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179234	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL (2020)	PHARES DANIEL D ET AL (2022)	73.76 AS REDSTONE COAL-ONLY ROOTING CREEK MINED OUT	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179235	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL		138 AC COAL M/O RACCOON RUN PGH & RDT ONLY (LEVI TALBOTT FARM)	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179236	2020	THOLL ALICIA		.1666 INT 764.32 AC UNMINEABLE COAL GNATTY & ROOTING CREEK (MAP449/14-448/28)	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT

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179237	2020	WEST VIRGINIA COALS INC		1 AS COAL ROOTING CREEK QUEEN	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179238	2020	WEST VIRGINIA COALS INC		84.12 AS COAL MINED OUT ROOTING CREEK HYRE	ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179239	2020	BRIGHT CARL H & WARREN P		DEEP COAL BELOW THE BED OF MCKINNEYS RUN CID MAP 2/40	GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179240	2019	JETT RONZEL & TAMMY (19BT)	JETT TAMMY L (2021)	3 LOTS #25 26 & 27 QUINN ADD INC PCL 22 & 23	GRANT LOST CREEK CORP
179241	2019	JETT RONZEL D & TAMMY L (19BT)		1 LOT #41 QUINN ADD	GRANT LOST CREEK CORP
179242	2020	RANDALL SUSAN 1/6 ETALS 5/6		1 LOT PT BLACKSMITH SHOP	GRANT LOST CREEK CORP
179243	2020	RANDALL SUSAN 1/6 INT ETALS 5/6		1 LOT 46.4 X 43 LOST CREEK	GRANT LOST CREEK CORP
17944	2020	RANDALL SUSAN 1/6/INT ETALS 5/6		1 LOT 92.5X36X87.75 X30 LOST CREEK	GRANT LOST CREEK CORP
179245	2020	LUDWICK MICHAEL C & COURTNEY R (2020)	LUDWICK MICHAEL C & COURTNEY R (KYLE & LINDSAY SWIGER) (2021)	1 LOT 23 PARRISH ADD	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179246	2020	MCCARTY DOUGLAS M		.0020 INT 44.33 AC O&G GREGORY RUN (CNX/#3905) (ANT/ #5382-87-88 5361-5417-70-5570-71-18-19)	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179247	2020	MCQUAID LOUIS		1 ACRE ROCK CAMP	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179248	2020	MISTUR MADYSON ALLI & DOMINIC RILEY		.0011 INT 65.5 AC O&G TENMILE (CONS#3721-3722)	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179249	2020	MISTUR MADYSON ALLI & DOMINIC RILEY		.0023 INT 41.5 AC O&G LAUREL RUN	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179250	2020	MISTUR MADYSON ALLI & DOMINIC RILEY		.0023 INT .50 AC O&G ROCK CAMP (UNDER MAP 244/21.1)	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179251	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1/4 INT 6 AS COAL TEN MILE MINED OUT	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179252	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1/4 INT 1 AS COAL TEN MILE MINED OUT	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179253	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1/4 INT 2.552 AS COAL TEN MILE MINED OUT	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179254	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	2.33 AS COAL M/O GREGORY RUN	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179255	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1 AS PGH COAL M/O ISAAC CREEK	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179256	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	10 AS COAL PGH COAL M/O ISAAC CREEK	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179257	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1.00 AS COAL M/O TENMILE CREEK	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179258	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1.75 AS COAL M/O TENMILE CREEK	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179259	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1.00 AS COAL M/O TENMILE CREEK	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179260	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	2 AS COAL MINED OUT TENMILE CREEK	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179261	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1/2 INT 17.20 AS COAL M/O TENMILE	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179262	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1 AS COAL M/O	SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179263	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	1.96 AS COAL M/O SMITH RUN	SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179264	2020	PHARES FRANCES O ET AL	PHARES DANIEL D ETAL (2022)	7.87 AS DEEP COAL M/O BARNETT RUN MAXWELL	SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179265	2020	POSEY STEVEN MICHAEL		.0416 INT 1 AC COAL SIMPSON CK	SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179266	2020	SHARPS MIKE		1/14 INT 13 AS COAL SIMPSON CREEK MINED OUT	SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179267	2020	BAGINSKY MARY EUGENIA ET AL		1 LOT #51 WOODLAND ADD	SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP
179268	2020	BAGINSKY MARY EUGENIA ET AL		1 LOT #47 WOODLAND ADD	SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP
179269	2020	MORRIS DIANE		1 LOT .56 AS ANMOORE RUN	SIMPSON ANMOORE CORP

179270	2020	MORRIS DANE		1 LOT .327 AC ANMOORE RUN	SIMPSON ANMOORE CORP
179271	2020	BARNES GWENDOLYN		.0003 INT 379 AC O&G JACOB RUN	TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179272	2020	BRIGHT TIMBERLANDS LLC		78.39 AC JACOBS RUN UNMINEABLE COAL & COAL BED METHANE (SURFACE 281/33)	TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179273	2020	BRIGHT TIMBERLANDS LLC		7.78 AC JACOBS RUN UNMINEABLE COAL & COAL BED METHANE (SURFACE 281/34)	TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179274	2020	PENNY JOANNE ETAL		.1111(1/9) INT 283 AS OIL PATTERSON FK TURKEY RUN (CNG)	TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179275	2019	STUDLEY ALTA G (19BT)	STUDLEY WILLIAM LEE (2020)	1 LOT #163 HALLS RUN	TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179276	2020	BEVERLIN MADGDA R		1 LOT SOUTH PT LOT RANDOLPH ST	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179278	2020	GAINS LILLIE T		1 LOT 6 SALEM	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179279	2020	GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOC		1 LOT .29 AC NORTH ST	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179280	2020	PATCH JAMES F	PATCH JAMES F ESTATE (2021)	1 LOT 7 GORDON ADD	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179281	2018	SWIGER LARRY D & CHERYLA (18BT/19BT)	STORMS STEPHANIE & BRIAN NALLS (2020)	1 LOT PT 1 GAIN ADD	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179282	2020	THOMAS JASON D & MELISSA D (2020)	FREEMAN DOUGLAS S & ROSE M (2022)	LOT MAIN ST	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179283	2020	TYLER TAMMY LYNN & CHARISTOPHER STEARNS		1 LOT PT #74 INDUSTRIAL ADD	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179284	2020	TYLER TAMMY LYNN & CHARISTOPHER STEARNS		1 LOT 1/2 75 INDUSTRIAL	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179285	2020	TYLER TAMMY LYNN & CHARISTOPHER STEARNS		1 LOT 76 INDUSTRIAL	TENMILE SALEM CORP
179286	2020	ALSTON BARBARA ANN		.0020 INT 48 AC O&G BUFFALO (CNX/#1581) (ANT/#5617-18-79-80)	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179287	2020	FORD MARY ANNE	HG ENERGY II APPALACHIA LLC (2022)	.0037 INT 75 AC O&G KINCHELOE	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179288	2020	HENDERSON KATHRYN		.0026 INT O&G KINCHELOE (ALLI/ #3397-4674-75) (ANT/ #5198-5691-93) MAP 422/13	UNION DISTRICT
179289	2020	HENDERSON KATHRYN		.0089 INT 140 AC OIL	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179290	2020	NICHOLSON ANGELA ET AL		.0071 INT 6.50 AC O&G TT FORK	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179291	2020	NICHOLSON ANGELA ET AL		.0003 INT 70.25 AC O&G TURTLE TREE FORK	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179292	2020	NICHOLSON ANGELA ET AL		.0003 INT 57.48 AC O&G TURTLE TREE FORK	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179293	2020	NICHOLSON ANGELA ET AL		.0003 INT 64.102 AC O&G STUTLER FORK (THADDEUS CURREY TRACT)	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179294	2020	WESBANCO BANK INC TRUSTEE		1/144 INT 114 AS O&G TWO LICK CONS 14277 (3 WELLS)	UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT
179315	1915	DUFFY JOHN (1/2 O&G) DUFFY FRANK (1/2 O&G) 1915 DUFFY JOHN (2/3 O&G) 1916-1920	STEADMAN JAMES W (2/3 O&G) 1920-1927 STEADMAN ALICE (1/6 O&G) 0920-0927	1/6 INT 65 AC O&G BIG ROCK CAMP (MAP 182-P/O 18)	SARDIS-OUTSIDE
179318	2018	WATKINS SHARON L & STEPHEN B MUTAFIS		1 LOT E 1/2 5 SD 57 WRIGHT ADDN	COAL-CLARKSBURG CORP
179319	2013	MADDOX TERRI LYNNE		1 LOT PT 11 ADAMSTON C & C 1ST ADDN	COAL CLARKSBURG
179321	2017	PITROLO JOSEPH E 2017-2020	PITROLO & ASSOCIATES PLLC PLLC 2021-2023	1 LOT 40X190 FT FARLAND AVE (1412 FARLAND AVE)	COAL CLARKSBURG CORP
179323	1939	South Penn Oil Co. /South Penn Natural Gas Company 1939-1963 Pennzoil Co 1964-1986	Pennzoil Products Company 1987-1998 Pennzoil Exploration and Production Co. 1998 Pennz E	1/2 Int O&G 125 As Barnes Run (TMP No.: 14-183-1)	Eagle

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

Given under my hands this 14th day of August 2024.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Tucker County

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(2022-C-000174 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, RHONDA BRADY, THE DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BCSE, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 28 PARCEL 0153 0000 6001

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000174**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, PT 1 LOT 39 HARRISON ADD (RESIDENCE), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRADY RHONDA DENISE, 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 5100.	\$ 1,233.12
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 - 5317.	\$ 1,067.90
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,017.72
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,529.24

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

Given under my hand August 22, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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(2022-C-000194 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: FRANK MARTINO, PATRICIA MARTINO, FRANK MARTINO, PATRICIA MARTINO, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CAPITAL FUNDING TITLE AGENCY, FRED RONCAGLIONE, TRUSTEE, OCCUPANT, FRANK MARTINO, PATRICIA MARTINO, FRANK MARTINO, PATRICIA MARTINO, FRANK MARTINO, PATRICIA MARTINO, FRANK MARTINO ESTATE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, FRANK MARTINO ESTATE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, FRANK MARTINO ESTATE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, FRANK MARTINO ESTATE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, FRANK MARTINO ESTATE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 29 PARCEL 0275 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000194**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 2 LOTS #699-700 E CLKSGB INC PAR 276, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MARTINO FRANK S ESTATE & PATRICIA, 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 8136.	\$ 800.80
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 - 8341.	\$ 1,334.32
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,162.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,508.32

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(2022-C-000012 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MICHELLE ALLMAN, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 113 PARCEL 0050 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000012**, located in CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 1.016 AS WEST FORK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ALLMAN MICHELLE B 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 37.	\$	885.52
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 - 44.	\$	741.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,051.49
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,888.81

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(2022-C-000171 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: VADA HICKMAN, VADA HICKMAN, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 27 PARCEL 0280 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000171**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 1 S-D 18-19 WILLIAMS ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HICKMAN VADA L 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 7319.	\$	771.47
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 - 11194.	\$	718.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	207.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	983.95
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,681.54

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(2022-C-000172 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: CITY OF CLARKSBURG, LEMEUL MUNIZ, LEMEUL MUNIZ, LEMEUL MUNIZ, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 28 PARCEL 0073 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000172**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 55 FT DAISY ST (126 VERMONT AVE), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MUNIZ LEMEUL B 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 8563.	\$	1,258.08
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 - 8767.	\$	1,081.97
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	996.72
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	3,547.27

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

Given under my hand August 22, 2024

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(2022-C-000013 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: MICHELLE ALLMAN, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MICHELLE ALLMAN, MICHELLE ALLMAN, MICHELLE ALLMAN, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 113 PARCEL 0051 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000013**, located in CLARK OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 484 AC NR SPRING HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ALLMAN MICHELLE B 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 38.	\$	494.82
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 - 45.	\$	392.68
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,038.33
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,136.33

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

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(2022-C-000047 - Harrison County - WVTK LLC)

To: CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CAROLYN RHOADES, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, CHRISTOPHER HOLCOMB, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK STONEWOOD CORP MAP 113 PARCEL 0051 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000047**, located in CLARK STONEWOOD CORP District, 1 LOT 162 NORWOOD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HOLCOMB CHARISTOPHER 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. WVTK 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, 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 - 3813.	\$	1,013.82
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 - 4015.	\$	868.20
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,073.33
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	3,165.85

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-000741 - HARRISON COUNTY - EASTERN HOLDINGS LLC)

To: JUDITH BOOKMAN, 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 0664 6542 0000

You will take notice that EASTERN HOLDINGS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2023-C-000741**, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0333 INT 86AC O&G GREGORY RUN CNX#3531-3532-3552, 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. EASTERN HOLDINGS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 44137.	\$	135.87
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 - 44498.	\$	127.48
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	937.88
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,412.28

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand September 5, 2024

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“Obits” From Pg 6.

on May 12, 1960, a son of Ruby Gump Miller of Shinnston, and the late Warren J. Miller, Sr.

He is survived by his granddaughter, Riely Miller of OH; his sister, Debra Miller Spencer and her husband Ronald of Brunswick, OH; his brothers, Tim Miller and his wife Kim of Farmington; and Donald Miller and his wife Kimberly of Cleveland, OH; his uncle, Hayward Miller and his wife Doris of Cunningham

Run; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, Daniel Jason Miller.

Jay was an artist who enjoyed drawing as well as carving. He also enjoyed collecting guns, hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Church of Lord Jesus Christ in Shinnston. A graveside service will be held at the Lumberport Lions

Club Cemetery on Friday, September 13th, at 11:00 am with Evangelist Craig Matheny officiating. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

Sue Nay

Sue Nay, 82, of ODells Knob, passed away on September 6, 2024. She was born on December 20, 1941,

in French Creek, WV, a daughter to the late Marion Wheeler Wilt and Neva Ellen Wilt. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother, James Wilt.

She is survived by her husband, John Nay, of over 40 years; children Leanne Nay, Kelly Beale, Linda Myers, Sheri Reel, John Thomas Nay, Donna Ash, and Trudy Acord; brothers Charles Wilt and Ralph Wilt; and several



grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Sue previously worked for AT&T.

She was a member of Fleming Memorial Church, and belonged to the Dabblers, and The Sew Chicks. She enjoyed crocheting and crafting, playing board games, and spending time with her family and friends. She also found joy in helping with the Special Olympics for several years.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated.

New At the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum in Shinnston

By Debra Herndon

Scrapbooks belonging to former Shinnston News Editor James M. Currey have recently been donated to the Bice-Ferguson Museum. If you had a parent or grandparent at Shinnston High School in the mid-forties, you need to come and see this snapshot of life at SHS at the time.

What beautiful SHS girl won the title of "Miss Victory" for the county Armistice Day Parade?

Where did the students go in the old jalopy during Senior Skip Day?

Who attended the Roman Banquet dressed in their Mom's best bedsheet?

These questions and more can be answered by visiting the Museum at 400 Bridge Street, Thursday through Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm through the month of October.

Some "Tiny Treasures" have been added to the collection at the Museum.

A couple of these pieces were giveaways from long-ago businesses to advertise their wares.

Of particular interest is a dance card from 1896 for a program held at the Opera House. Inside the type of dances are listed with a place to write down to whom you promised that dance.

Finally, a leaf-shaped metal ashtray is



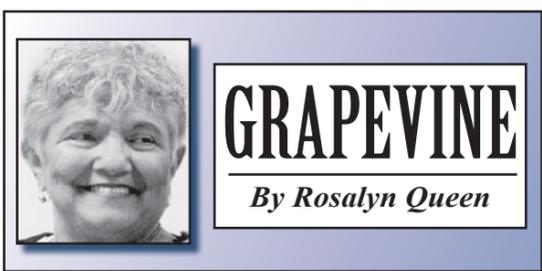
The Bice-Ferguson Museum continually receives new and interesting items illustrative of Shinnston's fascinating past.

a token from the City's Centennial in 1952. The City's quartosept centennial will be much more can be viewed at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum at 400 Pike 1 pm until the end of Street, Thursday - Saturday from 9 am to October.

Making New Friends and Enjoying Time Honored Traditions

So many times I have a name without a face and several times I know a face without a name. No matter which way it is. It will drive you crazy trying to solve this problem. So was the situation with me.

I have had the name Stephen Smoot in my repertoire for several years. Every week I sent him an email which included the Grapevine. We will exchange emails, weekly with reference to the Grapevine. I submitted a name to him for a Spanish column and only recently he interviewed me for a story on the Italian Festival. I always look forward to his informative columns, especially about Shinnston. He certainly is great to work with. But now I want you to know the rest of the story. On Friday during Festival I was working at the Fritti booth and was approached by a great looking young gentleman who introduced himself as Stephen Smoot. I was so shocked and surprised to finally meet Stephen. It was great to finally attach a face



to a name. It will not make any difference in our association, but now I have a face with the name, Stephen Smoot. I spent Sunday making my tomato salata. I bought a peck of green tomatoes at the Farmers market and was able to purchase a bunch that was small, a little larger than a golf ball. I would rather work with the smaller ones than larger tomatoes. I sliced the tomatoes, I sliced about ten Hungarian wax sweet peppers. And. Cleaned and sliced two cloves of garlic. I use the special canning and pickling salt. This time, for the first time, I placed my salata in a plastic bucket. I had a small popcorn bucket that one of the kids brought back from the Beach. John and Mary Shields told me they use buckets instead of crocks and they work well. I layered tomatoes, peppers and garlic and placed salt



Meeting Ms. Queen was also a long-awaited privilege for the editor of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal!

small amounts. I wonder with inflation that these treats will come in handy especially during the holidays. I had a great breakfast with Joanie Jaggie last week. She called me wanting a few of my final cookbooks so I met her with them. You know what she said, I want them for my kids so they will never forget their Italian customs and traditions. My dream come true. My goal has been achieved. Enjoy fall, am hoping for rain, must confess, for mushrooms. Be sure to enjoy the turning of leaves and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Retired School Teachers Honored By City of Shinnston



At the September 9, 2024 Shinnston City Council Meeting, Vice-Mayor Amanda Sayers read the Proclamation honoring the West Virginia Association of Retired School Teachers on their 13th anniversary. Accepting the Proclamation was Past-President of the WVARST, Mary Ann Ferris. Pictured: Past-President Mary Ann Ferris and Vice-Mayor Amanda Sayers.

Seven Artists Compete For Honors At Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum

By Kathleen Panek

On August 30th, the annual Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum Art Show concluded with a reception. Seven local artists had participated with 31 works for People's Choice Best of Show honors. Winning first place was Shinnston's Betsy Price with her painting "The Gate House." Second place went to Renee Ash for "WV Elk" and third went to Lee Ann Romeo for "Sunset River." Currently, through September, the Museum is featuring a quilt show with 20 beautiful quilts from 7 local craftswomen. Come vote for your favorite! Museum hours are 9 am to 1 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Betsy Rice took top honors with her painting "The Gate House"

for "Sunset River." show with 20 beautiful quilts from 7 local craftswomen. Come vote for your favorite! Museum hours are 9 am to 1 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Gov. Justice launches School Safety Task Force to address and mitigate recent threats

CHARLESTON, WV — In response to the recent uptick in school threats across the state, Gov. Jim Justice has directed The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security to establish a comprehensive task force to address and mitigate these concerns.

The newly created School Safety Task Force is actively compiling and analyzing all reported school threats by county, educational institution, and Safe Schools Unit Region to ensure a thorough and coordinated response.

The School Safety Task Force is made up of the following agencies:

West Virginia Fusion Center

West Virginia State Police (WVSP)

West Virginia Safe Schools Unit

WVSP – West Virginia Intelligence Exchange (WVIX)

Federal Law Enforcement Partners

West Virginia Department of Education

West Virginia Prevention Resource Officer Program

In conjunction with this effort, the task force is reaching out to each county prosecutor to identify all arrests and juvenile petitions related to school threats that have been filed. This data collection is critical to ensuring a swift and transparent legal process is in place for those who threaten the safety of our schools.

To enhance real-time communication, a communication connect room is being established to provide a centralized hub for all School Safety Task Force partners. This platform will be activated in the event of a critical incident, ensuring immediate coordination and response across agencies. The task force is also committed to sharing all relevant information with our partners to ensure a unified and effective

approach to school safety.

Gov. Justice remains committed to ensuring the safety of students, educators, and communities across West Virginia and will continue to provide resources and support to ensure our schools remain safe havens for learning and growth.

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and West Virginia Fusion Center will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Reporting a Threat

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security reminds all West Virginians to immediately call 911 if there is an immediate danger or law enforcement intervention is necessary.

Additionally, West Virginia has partnered with My Mobile Witness to implement a "see something, send something" reporting system that can be completed on a smartphone or other mobile device. All West Virginians are encouraged to participate in this initiative by downloading the free See, Send application from the App Store or Google Play.

My Mobile Witness is also compatible with web-based reporting and is not strictly for cell phone use. Once the app is downloaded to a device, users will be prompted to enter their first and last name (though any reporting can be done anonymously, if the user prefers), their phone number, and then select a state of residence. Once those fields are entered, the app will be ready to use. The user may submit tips for "Crime/Suspicious Activity" or "School Threat or Safety Issues," and they may also request help for "Suicide or Addiction."

Next week at the Palette

By Bethany Nuzum

The Palette, located at 225 Pike St., in Shinnston, is currently exhibiting The Abstract Show featuring Debi Eastep, Bethany Reed Nuzum, and Betsy Beorn Spellman.

Open Tuesdays, 5-7:00, Thursdays, 1-3:00, and Saturdays, 11-2:00.

Check out the Shop at The Palette for

handmade items from Soul Miner's Daughter, etched glass by Jeannine Romano, coloring sheets by Nancy Maunz, original paintings and more.

Check thepalettewv on Facebook/Instagram for more upcoming classes and events.

Email BethanyNuzum at thepalettewv@gmail.com to register and or more information.