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Plan To Celebrate Christmas With SHS Grads

An Informal Evening Of Fellowship & Fun With Friends





The dining room of Bridgeport's Best Western Inn will offer a festive atmosphere with candlelit tables, traditional Christmas colors, lots of pine garland and suspended sparkling ornaments. AND, of course it wouldn't be Christmas without a large decorated tree to add to the holiday spirit of this memorable event. There are sure to be many cameras flashing during the evening!

By Leigh C. Merrifield

The Christmas holiday is still two months away; however, the Shinnston High School Class of 1976 has already begun to make arrangements to celebrate with friends and fellow graduates of SHS!

While Christmas is a joyful time of year, it also entails some stress; for example, handling both indoor and outdoor decorating, making and fulfilling gift lists, baking and meal planning, and (unfortunately) the list goes on and on.

So, the 'planning elves' got an early start, and their goal is to give attendees an evening of fellowship, food, and fun, AND a break from all the fuss – just an evening of enjoyment!

The Class of 1976 will host a Christmas Dinner Party from 4 to 10 p.m. on December 8th at the Best Western in Bridgeport that is open to ALL SHS graduates and their spouses. It is not a formal affair; casual attire is suggested … wear the seasonal colors of red and green … or a Christmas sweater (you choose whether it's a pretty one or an ugly one!) … just keep it relaxed and comfy!

Here is the schedule: a social hour with appetizers and a cash bar will be held from 4 to 5 p.m., giving friends a little time to simply socialize. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. that will include ham, turkey, and all the traditional fixings – including desserts. This is an opportunity to enjoy a holiday meal with friends and without the exhaustion of having to prepare it or clean up afterwards! Sounds inviting, doesn't it?

Although recorded holiday music will be played throughout the evening, this is not a dance; however, some games will be played – with prizes awarded!

The Best Western is noted for creating a "Hallmark" holiday setting that is sure to spark Christmas cheer; let their surroundings take you away from that feeling of 'burnout' from so many responsibilities … and just enjoy the evening!

Reservations are required, though, and attendance is limited to 100 people, so get your reservations made before the cutoff date of November 20th. The cost is $50 per person. Checks should be made out to SHS Class of 1976 and mailed to Debbie Malone at 1229 E. Pike St., Shinnston, WV 26431.

If you have additional questions, you may contact Debbie Malone at 304-203-1374; Alice Bowman at 304-669-6188; Pam Harmer at 304-669-3291; or Starla Daniels at 304-677-7657.



500 Strong (pictured left): Mia Bonasso, PA-C; Amber Riley, CRNA; Ali Merhe, MD; Jonathan Penland, CSFA; and Maggie Hurst, RN

Driving better health, 500 and Counting: Dr. Ali Merhe Reaches Robotic Surgery Milestone

Bridgeport, W.Va. – United Hospital Center (UHC) is proud to announce a significant milestone in the advancement of surgical care in North Central West Virginia. Ali Merhe, MD, urologist with UHC Urology, has successfully completed his 500th robotic-assisted surgery, demonstrating his commitment to innovation, precision, and exceptional patient care.

Dr. Merhe utilizes the da Vinci 5 robotic-assisted surgical system to perform complex urologic procedures with enhanced control. Robotic-assisted surgery offers patients numerous benefits, including smaller incisions, reduced pain, shorter hospital stays, less blood loss, and faster recovery times compared to traditional surgical approaches.

"Reaching 500 robotic-assisted procedures represents far more than a number," said David F. Hess, MD, president and CEO of United Hospital Center. "This milestone reflects Dr. Merhe's dedication to providing advanced, high-quality care for patients throughout our region. His expertise, innovation, and patient-centered approach have strengthened our urology program and expanded access to sophisticated surgical options close to home."

As robotic surgery continues to transform the field of urology, Dr. Merhe has remained at the forefront of these advancements, offering minimally invasive treatment options for patients facing a variety of complex urologic conditions. His commitment to excellence has helped establish UHC as a regional leader in robotic-assisted surgical care.

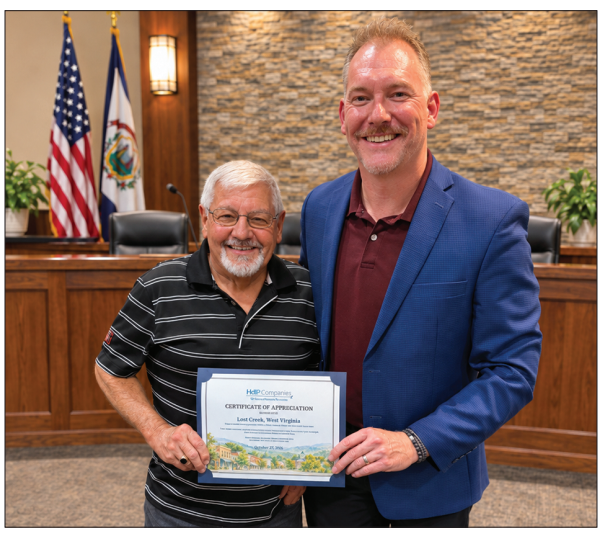
"This achievement is also a testament to the entire surgical team that supports every procedure," Hess added. "From operating room nurses and surgical technologists to anesthesia providers and support staff, each successful surgery reflects the collaboration, skill, and dedication of a multidisciplinary team focused on delivering outstanding patient care."

Since joining United Hospital Center, Dr. Merhe has played an instrumental role in advancing robotic-assisted surgery and enhancing the quality of care available to patients across North Central West Virginia and surrounding communities.

United Hospital Center congratulates Dr. Merhe on this remarkable accomplishment and thanks him for his continued leadership and dedication to improving the lives of patients and families throughout the region.

McDonald's of Harrison County

Checking Egos at the Door: A Lesson in Local Leadership



Jason Portt of HdL Companies presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Lost Creek Mayor Dave Oliverio.



By JIM HUNT

Building Amazing Cities

For the Harrison County Journal

In a world where political disagreements seem to dominate the headlines, it is refreshing to find a group of elected officials who regularly come together, put aside their individual interests, and focus on the common good. That is exactly what I witnessed recently at a meeting of the Harrison County Mayor's Association.

I had the opportunity, along with my colleague Jason Portt of HdL Companies, to make a presentation to the association. While our purpose was to share information about municipal revenues and the services available to local governments, I came away with something equally valuable: a renewed appreciation for the power of cooperation among local leaders.

The meeting was conducted by the association's

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OPINION

Advice to a New Parent From a New Grandparent

By Stephen Smoot

Well, relatively new since she was born two years ago. Here's some bits of advice, some of which come more from experience learned than knowledge that I had when I became a parent myself for the first time at 19. A lot of this, I did. A lot, I wish I had done.

Don't give your kids soda when they are young. Many parents like to talk about letting kids make their own decisions about what they want to do in life and how. That's generally the wrong idea. Parents are supposed to guide their children's choices towards the good. The parents' role is to teach good decisions from religion, morals, and values to good health.

The young child should never have the choice in their hands because they don't have the capacity to think and reason about what's best for them. Their center of decision-making as a small child comes from the medulla oblongata, the primitive and reptilian part of the human brain. The part that says "I want" or "I hurt" and offers nothing in the way of thinking.

Your job as a parent is to gradually train their response away from that of the primal medulla and more towards the reasoning part of the cerebral cortex.

So don't give a young child a sweet and delicious, but highly addictive and unhealthy substance.

Similarly, don't give young children any interactive screens for even more important reasons. A young brain cannot discern good from bad. Worse, interactive screen devices prevent your child's brain from developing properly.

If you give your kid a Coke and a smart phone, you are putting them behind the eight ball both health and cognitive development wise.

Don't teach your child to function in the world as it should be, or as you want it to be, This is the cause of decades of frustration and mental illness. Teach your child the world as it is, to guard oneself from the malefactors in it. Empathy for the unworthy is highly destructive to one's person.

It can be a beautiful world, but it can be cold and ugly as well. Prepare your child for both aspects of it honestly. Raising your child to only be empathetic and kind without their own emotional, and, yes, sometimes physical, self-defenses is idealistic vanity on your part and will not help your child get along in the world.

Feelings may be important, but one's feelings are rarely the most important things to consider in any situation. Teach your child to always express through their cerebral cortex, not from their medulla. Too many adults still think primarily with their medulla and that causes most day to day preventable problems.

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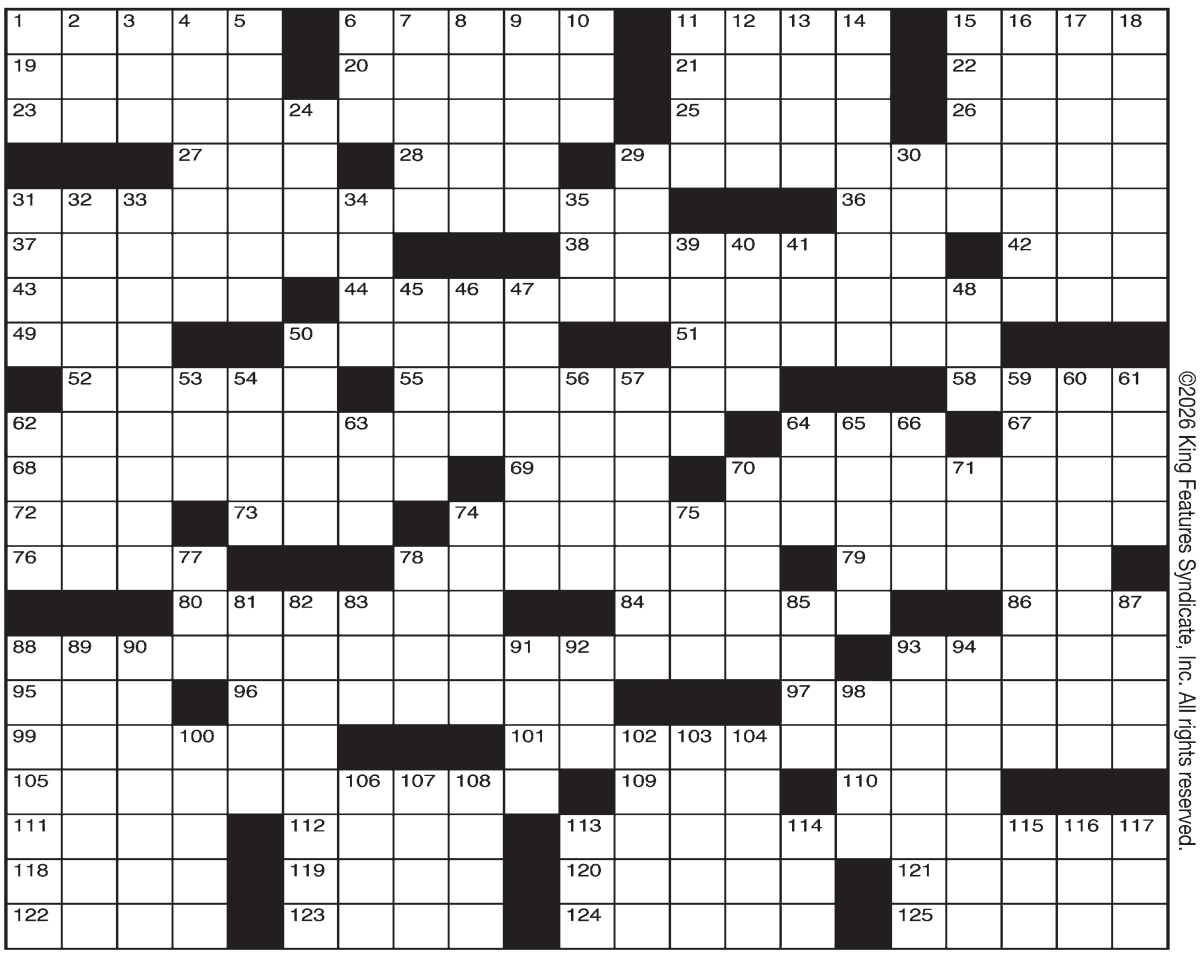
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Super Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Hoops-centered cable channel
6 Hoarse-voiced
11 Similar (to)
15 Bad smell
19 "The Son" actress Dern
20 Disentangle
21 Joker Jay
22 — noire (bane)
23 Vehicle part connecting the motor to the frame
25 Art of Erté
26 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)
27 Greek letters before rhos
28 "— & the Women" (Richard Gere film)
29 Niles Crane's wife on "Frasier"
31 Smartphone setting for a flight
36 Major shock
37 Metal playing marble
38 Bland
42 Bodily pouch
43 SAG- — (performers' union)
44 When it's ideal to make a move
49 Actress Zadora
50 Eat greedily, in slang
51 Place of exit
52 U.S. base in Cuba, in brief
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64 "Tommy" has two
67 Firearm rights gp.
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73 Goof up
74 Stele or monolith
76 Canadian gas brand
78 Ballistic weapon
79 Classic Ford, for short
80 Like weight-loss plans in "Eat This, Not That!" books
84 Bay State coll.
86 Wrestling pad
88 Saint Anselm, e.g.
93 A wizard may cast it
95 "Botch- —" (Rosemary Clooney hit)
96 Grain alcohol
97 Squealed on, say
99 Squeal on
101 She's part of the Hindu Godhead
105 Pregnancy length
109 Put — show
110 Suffix with propyl
111 Bullring cries
112 Frozen drink brand
113 Hit Pixar film ... and what you are doing as you examine this puzzle's longest answers?
118 Pond wriggler
119 Mom's mom
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121 Stylish flair
122 Language spoken by 124-Across
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124 Scottish Celts
125 Wanda of "Black-ish"

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17 Soft footstool
18 Simulate the events of
24 Morales of "Superfly"
29 Vehicle ding
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31 PDQ cousin
32 "I expected as much"
33 Many store owners
34 Gas in signs
35 Filmmaker: Abbr.
39 It may follow "So I lied!"
40 Playwright William
41 For each
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47 In a way
48 Chinese menu abbr.
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54 Broadway "Auntie"
56 Foofaraws
57 Element in a reactor
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60 "All Alone Am I" singer
61 Sunrise side
62 Gyllenhaal of "The Guilty"
63 "Latino USA" broadcaster
64 Angsty genre
65 Breath fresheners
66 Ticket section
70 "To clarify ..."
71 Pal, in Lille
74 '60s protest
75 "Ticklish" doll
77 Certain till bill
78 Making reference to itself
81 Ancient concert hall
82 Making copies of
83 I, in Berlin
85 — -Ball
87 "I just skimmed the post" inits.
88 Omitting nothing
89 Spam sender, say
90 Current events reported via websites
91 Silent assents
92 Lilly of drugs
93 Loofahs, e.g.
94 Power
98 Marvel mutant group
100 Opposite of 61-Down, in Spanish
102 "There it is!"
103 Concave bellybutton
104 Tennis star Rafael
106 School sports org.
107 Certain till bills
108 Messy stack
113 "Newton" fruit
114 SSNs, e.g.
115 Moose cousin
116 Sallie —
117 Nail-biting NFL periods



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This Week In West Virginia History

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Nov. 5, 1891: Alfred Earle "Greasy" Neale was born in Parkersburg. He was one of West Virginia's greatest all-around athletes.

Nov. 5, 1895: Folk singer, coal miner and labor activist Nimrod Workman was born in Oppy, Kentucky, but lived most of his life in Mingo County. In 1986, he became the first West Virginian to be named a National Heritage Fellow, the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts.

Nov. 5, 1922: Cecil Underwood was born at Josephs Mills, Tyler County. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, served as the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.

Nov. 5, 1927: Musician "Ellie" Mannette was born in Trinidad and helped popularize steel drum music worldwide. In 1992, he became an artist-in-residence at WVU, coordinating the school's steel drum program. In 1999, he was named a National Heritage Fellow, the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts.

Nov. 6, 1863: Confederate troops led by Brig. Gen. John Echols were defeated at Droop Mountain by a larger federal force led by Brig. Gen. William W. Averell. This was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

Nov. 6, 1878: Cornelius Lonzo Burdette was born in Sandstone, Summers County. At the 1912 Summer Olympics in Sweden, he won the equivalent of a gold medal as a member of the rifle team. He was the first West Virginian to win an Olympic gold medal.

Nov. 6, 1923: A methane gas explosion killed 27 men inside the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County. The mine, which opened in 1921, became one of the state's largest. A total of 160 fatalities over a 31-year period occurred at the mine before it was closed.

Nov. 7, 1775: The historic Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church was organized about six miles north of Morgantown. It is the oldest church with continuous records west of the Alleghenies in West Virginia.

Nov. 7, 1943: During World War II, Medal of Honor recipient Herbert J. Thomas Jr. was killed in the South Pacific. Thomas, who grew up in South Charleston, died by throwing himself on a grenade, saving his fellow squad members. WVU Medicine's Thomas J. Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named in his honor.

Nov. 8, 1936: It's Wheeling Steel, a half-hour musical variety radio program, debuted over WWVA in Wheeling. The program was an instant success with local audiences and later became a nationwide sensation.

Nov. 8, 1936: Politician Darrell McGraw was born in Wyoming County. He served on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (1977-89) and was West Virginia's longest-serving Attorney General in history (1993-2013). He died in 2024.

Nov. 9, 1874: Matthew Mansfield Neely was born in Doddridge County. He was the 21st governor of West Virginia.

Nov. 9, 1952: The Huntington Museum of Art opened as Huntington Galleries. The museum is located on more than 50 acres in the Park Hills section of Huntington.

Nov. 10, 1777: Cornstalk, his son Elinipsico, and the sub-chief Red Hawk were murdered in captivity by enraged settlers who blamed them for two recent killings. Cornstalk, a Shawnee leader who lived in what is today southeastern Ohio, had commanded Indian forces at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Nov. 10, 1861: A Confederate cavalry force of more than 700 attacked a Union recruit camp at Guyandotte in Cabell County.

Nov. 10, 1978: The New River Gorge National River was established by Congress. It was designated a National Park and Preserve in 2020.

Nov. 10, 1979: The last home game was played at Old Mountaineer Field at West Virginia University. More than 38,000 people attended the game, in which WVU nearly upset highly ranked Pitt.

Nov. 11, 1922: Jane Taylor Cox George was born in Possum Hollow, Roane County. As a 4-H leader, she introduced young people to traditional crafts and dance in Kanawha, Putnam, Mercer, Monroe, and Roane counties, helped oversee the first Mountain State Art & Craft Fair in 1963, and was a longtime contributor to the Vandalia Gathering and other festivals.

Nov. 11, 1929: The Memorial Arch was dedicated on Armistice Day in Huntington. The Memorial Arch stands at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Memorial Boulevard. The arch pays tribute to Cabell County soldiers who fought in World War I.

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Harrison County Schools Discusses Progress On School Bus Driver Issues

By Stephen Smoot

The problem envisioned in August came like a slowly approaching storm that could be seen, the thunder rumbling heard, but no solution preventing its onset possible.

Jamie Kosick reported that the school system, after attrition, would for 2026 "run short of drivers" for school buses. In early October Rosie Linton, a fifth grade student at Mountaineer Elementary School, shared that "in the past two weeks, so the last 10 days of school Mountaineer Elementary has had a bus issue five of those days. So whether a bus did not run at all during the day or it was able to run in the morning and not in the afternoon."

Many students on Mountaineer Elementary this year came from Northview, which was consolidated into the Mountaineer facility. Students who used to walk easily to Northview now must ride the bus to Mountaineer.

Also, many have shared the concern that Northview formerly served neighborhoods that struggled financially and have less access to transportation and flexibility from work or other obligations. Linton also shared examples of miscommunications between HCS and parents over the issue.

HCS, however, had already undertaken the process of expanding the driver pool and looking for ways to use personnel more efficiently.

Kosick reported in the initial meeting in October that the system had made progress in recruiting new drivers. That said, he explained that hiring new drivers is a time consuming process. First, applicants must pass background checks, fingerprinting, state approvals, and more just to advance to the next stage. At that point, potential drivers must complete "30 hours of computer aided training."

He explained that the total process took between eight and 10 weeks.

In the second regular meeting of the month, Kosick shared that progress had taken place.

By "the next board meeting, we'll have another bus driver on the road, possibly two."

Kosick explained that "We've got a good handful of people that are doing their computer training right now. If we get all those people up and running and through the system, through all the training requirements, I think we will be back to having all of our full time routes covered, plus a little padding there with some substitute bus drivers."

That said, he added that HCS may have to take more measures to ensure that all routes are covered reliably.

"Routing is something that I think the county needs to take a hard look at as we go into the future . . . Right now, off the top of our head, there's probably four or five routes that we could probably do away with."

That referred to routes, not to drivers. Consolidation of routes would help to develop a deeper pool of full time and substitute drivers and "alleviate the pressure that we're having on the employee end." Full time regular drivers "would just simply go to another route."

A Board member asked about the impact on timing of routes, pick ups, drop offs, and the like.

"Well, we're trying not to impact the time very much," said Kosick "but we have some buses that are light, some buses that are heavy, some buses are done in thirty five minutes with the run in the morning. So we're looking at kinda equalizing that to be more efficient with our bus runs, especially since we don't have enough drivers right now."

Harrison County Scored In WVDE Approval Status and Accreditation Report

By Stephen Smoot

Harrison County was not dinged academically, but still has operational work to do, according to the recently released West Virginia Department of Education Approval Status and Accreditation Report.

This report covers both operational and academic effectiveness of all 55 county school systems and also charter schools in West Virginia. According to the WVDE, "the review uses performance data collected by the West Virginia Department of Education and compiled by the Office of Accountability.

Operational effectiveness covers a spectrum of indicators. Systems are rated as either "meets requirements" or "needs assistance." Those in the latter category must address the named issue (s) in their annual strategic plan. The WVDE also may require specific corrective actions as well.

Under operational effectiveness, counties are rated on the following fields: career and technical education, child nutrition, county board member effectiveness, ESEA programs, facilities, finance, personnel, special education, transportation, and universal pre K readiness."

Harrison County Schools received a "needs assistance" in terms of county school board effectiveness. Earlier this year, the WVDE announced a partial intervention into HCS. Part of the cited issues centered around what the WVDE stated was inordinate Board influence into areas of academics and central office operations that contributed to serious financial problems, among other issues.

The WVDE provided assistance in the form of oversight from its Office of Accountability. That included the hiring of Dr. Sheena Van Meter by the State to serve as Harrison County Schools Superintendent. She will be assisted by retired Pendleton County Schools Superintendent Charles Hedrick, who has four total decades of experience.

Both in their previous roles administered county school systems that provided a good level of service and maintained financial integrity even with limited resources.

The WVDE states that corrective actions for operational issues include aiding the "county leadership" in developing an "action plan", monitoring of progress by County and State authorities, and recommendations to the West Virginia Board of Education based upon plan implementation.

Student performance and success indicators include ELA (English Language Arts) achievement, math achievement, ELA progress, math progress, English learner progress and four year graduation rate.

Harrison County Schools earned no negative indicators in its student success and performance categories.

Affluence and population density did not automatically translate to operational or student success under the indicators. Pendleton, Calhoun, Gilmer, and some other counties with economic and population challenges performed well. Hampshire, Jackson, Marshall, Pleasants, Putnam, and a few others also had no negative indicators.

West virginia's spay neuter program shows Statewide results

More Than 98,000 Animals Altered as Demand Surges and Clinics Warn Funding Gap Could Halt Progress

By Jenny Dinsmore and Theresa Bruner, Advisory Committee Members, West Virginia Spay & Neuter Program (WVSNP)

Charleston, W.Va. — In a state where rural geography, economic hardship, and limited veterinary access shape animal welfare, the West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Program (WVSNP) has quietly rewritten the narrative. Since its founding in 2018, the legislatively created initiative has altered more than 98,180 dogs and cats across all 55 counties, proving the power of sustained, targeted investment in preventive care.

Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt says the program's economic footprint underscores its value, emphasizing its administration by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. "The program has added $5,200,000 to the economy without one tax dollar, which is a win win for West Virginia," he said.

WVSNP's funding model sets it apart nationwide. Rather than relying on taxpayer dollars, it is supported by registration fees paid by pet food distributors doing business in the state—most of them out-of-state corporations. Grants are awarded to local governments and nonprofits on a reimbursement basis, ensuring strict accountability.

The program removes a persistent barrier facing local pet owners: cost. Without assistance, a single procedure can exceed $600, forcing families to choose between essential household expenses and veterinary care. Dawn Brown, Executive Director of Rescue Me WV serving Berkeley, Morgan, and Jefferson Counties states, "Over-crowding of bully breeds is an issue in our area. Many cannot afford the full cost of spay neuter procedures especially larger dogs, so without this funding, even more dogs would be surrendered and euthanized, especially the bully breeds."

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president, Lost Creek Mayor Dave Oliverio. From the conversations around the table, it quickly became apparent that this was a group of leaders who had checked their egos at the door. There was no competition over whose community was more important, no political posturing, and certainly no indication that anyone had all the answers.

Instead, there was a genuine interest in learning from one another.

Think about that for a moment. Mayors, particularly those serving smaller communities, have a thousand things competing for their attention. They deal with budgets, infrastructure, public safety, personnel issues, citizen complaints, and everything from potholes to problems that nobody else seems able to solve. In many smaller towns, the mayor is not only the chief elected official but also the person residents expect to answer the telephone when something goes wrong.

Yet these mayors make time to meet with their colleagues.

Sometimes the topic being discussed may not have an immediate application in their own community. But they understand that expanding their knowledge is part of becoming a better leader. They also recognize that something they learn might help a neighboring mayor address a problem.

That is what public service should be about.

An important part of the association's success is the work done behind the scenes. Clarksburg City Clerk Annette Wright serves as secretary and has done yeoman's work maintaining meeting minutes, coordinating schedules, and helping keep the organization active. These responsibilities may not attract headlines, but anyone who has worked with volunteer organizations understands how important that kind of commitment can be.

Harrison County is not alone in recognizing the value of this cooperation. Throughout West Virginia, county and regional associations bring municipal leaders together. In the Northern Panhandle, for example, an active group of mayors regularly meets to exchange ideas, discuss common challenges, and explore opportunities to work together.

During my years in local government, and through my involvement with the National League of Cities and the West Virginia Municipal League, I have seen firsthand the tremendous benefits of municipal cooperation. These larger organizations provide education, advocacy, networking, and a collective voice for cities and towns.

But county and regional associations offer something particularly valuable: the opportunity to address issues close to home with people who understand the local circumstances.

A problem involving transportation, economic development, emergency services, or infrastructure rarely stops at a municipal boundary. The same is true of opportunities. When one community succeeds, its neighbors often benefit as well.

Strong cities and towns cannot exist as islands. Their futures are interconnected, and cooperation creates opportunities that individual communities might never achieve on their own.

Perhaps the most encouraging lesson from the Harrison County Mayor's Association is that working together does not require everyone to agree on everything. It simply requires mutual respect, a willingness to listen, and the understanding that public service is about something larger than individual recognition.

At a time when our national political discourse often rewards division, these local leaders are demonstrating a different approach.

They are showing that leadership is not always measured by who speaks the loudest, who gets the credit, or who wins an argument.

Sometimes the most effective leadership begins with pulling up a chair, listening to your neighbors, and asking a simple question:

How can we help each other make our communities better?

That is a lesson worth sharing far beyond Harrison County.

A Huge Win on Senior Day in Buckhannon



The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

West Virginia Wesleyan's football team has seen a drastic turnaround this season under first-year coach Mike Kellar. The Shinnston native is no stranger to winning. He does it everywhere he coaches.

The fact that Kellar has guided such a tremendous transformation in such a short time has caught the attention of the entire Mountain East Conference. Throw in a handful of injuries to some big players and the Bobcats' inspired play has become that much more impressive.

Two weeks ago, Concord came to town with a high-octane offense and a stingy defense. Wesleyan took an early lead and dominated play, but a pair of turnovers halted two promising Bobcat drives that could have extended the lead. The defense held the Mountain Lions 30 points below their average in the last four games, but Concord managed to escape with a come-from-behind-win.

Wesleyan has gained some respect after pushing one of the top teams in the conference to the limit. A pair of MEC wins have put them right in the middle of the standings, which is all that the Bobcat backers could ask for after going three-plus seasons without a win.

The average Head Man would be happy with the amount of growth his program has seen. That is not, however, how Kellar is wired. He is as competitive as they come and he isn't going to take anything less than 100 percent effort from his players.

This past Saturday brought Senior Day and the University of Charleston to Buckhannon. Everyone knows how emotional this day is for a program saying good-bye to players in their last home game. Kellar had his team so focused that they played a penalty-free first half against the Golden Eagles. It would be exactly what the doctor ordered as UC came to town with a four and one conference record.

A win against the Eagles was viewed as a long shot by everyone around the MEC.

Everyone, except those who have watched this squad grow and improve with each and every game. In reality, this matchup provided the opportunity for a signature win for Kellar and company.

Much like the week prior, the Bobcats took the lead early, 14 to nothing after the first quarter. It grew to 21 to six going into the halftime break. The pivotal third period was dominated by Wesleyan as they pushed their lead to 35 to six, cruising to a 42 to 13 triumph.

The 42 points was a season high as offensive coordinator Jeremy Harmer had the UC defense dazed and confused all game long. The 13 points allowed tied a season low set in the opener against Post University.

The term I would use, and you heard it here first, is statement signature win. In other words, Kellar not only earned a victory over a front runner in the MEC, he sent them back to the Capital City asking if anyone got the license plate of that truck that hit them! It was the Bobcat Express and someone needs to let the Golden Eagles know not to feel bad. There will be several more teams on the same side of the scoreboard sooner rather than later.

That will do it for now! Take care . . . and God Bless!!

Harriers Hit High Mark, Win States



The Lincoln girls cross country team won the 2026 Class AA state championship at Cabell Midland last weekend.

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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.

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Lincoln's volleyball team.

The Cougars upended Berkeley Springs this past week on the road in Class AA regional semifinal play.

This victory puts Lincoln one win away from the State Tournament. A trio of players led the charge for the visitors. Aundrea Rockwell, Bella McQuad, and Brayleigh Sheuvront stepped up to help the Cougars to the victory.





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BUSINESS MATTERS

Council Addresses Moving Forward With A Number Of Pending Improvements

By Leigh C. Merrifield

Shinnston City Council met at the Woman's Club on Monday, October 26th for a Special Meeting followed by a Work Session.

City Manager Tori Drainer gave a thorough report of items she has been focusing on, which included the DEP grant for delapidated properties. She stated that the cost for the City to tear down and haul away will be $7,306. (per building) and at least a $12,000 cost for a contractor (per building). The only cost estimates missing are those for asbestos testing and abatement.

She also announced that the City has given the green light to 304 Fence for the Dog Park installation. The plaque for Arsenal, balance beams and tunnels are all works in progress, but she is still working on the final donors for a trash can and benches at the Dog Park.

Mrs. Drainer also noted that the DOH had brought up the discussion regarding the aesthetics of the South Shinnston Bridge again which she considered a good sign. Boring in the bridge area has begun in three places. The City hopes the bridge project will be completed by 2027-28.

She announced that there was another mine subsidence on Landing Way and that the State had sent out inspectors who seem to think this will be another quick fix and will be addressed right away.

The City has requested 25 tons of cinders; the total for that is a $125 loading fee plus a $13 haul rate.

She mentioned that both she and Capt. Chad McIntyre of SPD had enjoyed meeting with third graders from Big Elm who visited the City Building and that the 16th Haunted Trail held by DECA had been successful with 400 participants.

Tori also offered reminders of the Woman's Club's Ham & Bean dinner on Oct. 28th, the Hursey Haunts at the split of Landing Way and Owings on Friday and Saturday, that Trick-or-Treating would be held in Shinnston from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on October 31st, and December 5th is the date selected for Shinnston's annual Christmas Parade,

Mayor Kovalck stated that a ribbon-cutting for Amos Hair Salon had been held as well as a ribbon-cutting for Born & Bred Studio's mural unveiling which drew a large attendance.

Items addressed in the Special Meeting included a review of the Shinnston Water Project. It was noted that the original contract had been signed in 2016, and Stantec engineer Richard Gaines explained that many things remained the same but he recommended a design loan which would coordinate with the construction loan; it would cover soft costs and the City would pay no bills until the project is completed. Gaines said he expected no delays. He predicted that this 18 million dollar project could be completed by the end of 2029.

Vice Mayor Rodney Strait suggested that perhaps Council members should go to the water plant for a tour of the plant and its workings.

Council also discussed Conveying the Police Department building tracts and improvements to the Shinnston Municipal Building Commission and they are working with the City Attorney to get drainage fixed at the Police Department. Two deeds will need to be consolidated. The City Manager was authorized to work with legal counsel to effectuate this conveyance.

The Special Meeting closed and Council proceeded to work session discussion items which included the following:

*Billboards were discussed, and it was noted that a new billboard had been placed at the Trail Head. Several believe that billboards in the downtown area are often not good for property owners. Council debated whether or not to have an ordinance specifying if billboards in town should be permitted or not.

* Council also discussed business signage in along Pike Street. The mayor will compile a list of do's and don't's regarding business signage.

* The City will meet with Power Plant representatives on November 9th. Council noted they will expect answers to the questions that were in the legal letter they sent to them earlier and feel First Energy has an obligation to answer those questions and put in writing.

*Further discussion was held regarding the City hosting a Christmas Decorating Contest for which residents will be required to register. A few of the categories will include best use of lights, the most festive, and a people's choice award to name a few.

*Council also discussed expansion of the Sewage Plant for potential expansion with Greater Harrison. The City Manager was authorized to get a price from owner Mark Southern to purchase one acre adjacent to the current existing sewage plant.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Hope Gas Commitment to Community Service Makes It Business of the Month

By Stephen Smoot

Tough times bring out the best in people both individually and collectively. That applies to corporations as well. When the rains fell and overwhelmed natural streams, rivers, and man-made drainage systems, bringing disaster to Lewis and Upshur counties, Hope Gas stepped up and stepped in.

Yet that is nothing new to the company that under one name or another has operated since 1898 in West Virginia. The Mountain State-based company operates from a headquarters in Morgantown and an operational hub in Jane Lew.

Its commitment to serving area communities is part of both its legacy and company heritage, but has led to a development that could improve disaster response statewide.

Dan Truman is director of construction and project management at Hope Gas while Christine Mitchell leads communications and outreach, as well as coordinating the usual community support programming such as "charitable giving and sponsorships."

For the deadly and destructive flooding in Lewis and Upshur counties, however, the scale and scope of the hardship required an "all hands on deck" response.

Truman and other Hope Gas volunteers went into the area of greatest destruction and need, where the heavy rains had the most dire impact.

He confirmed that unless one has ever experienced a truly destructive flood, that nothing else can prepare a person emotionally. One will see bare patches where a family's home once stood. One will see what once were city and townscapes transformed by water and wind. Piles of muddy clothes, toys, and belongings outside of ruined homes, cars stood on their sides, and the foul mud covering all.

But one also sees armies of volunteers helping to muck out living rooms, garages, and basements, taking water-saturated materials from churches and homes, people delivering water and supplies.

Yet organization is subsumed in the need to get the most people into the field to provide the most help possible. Truman shared that "I expected to help with labor, mucking out houses, carrying out furniture." He went on Saturday on his own account to help, not as a representative of Hope Gas.

Truman found himself instead helping to organize the massive relief effort unfolding in front of him.

West Virginia's initial response to flood disaster, as was also seen in 2016 flooding, often lies in sending masses of people into the flood zone. Volunteers do not always receive directions with more detail than "find somewhere to help." Each then pitches in as best as he or she can.

"I was a little bit taken aback on how we manage emergency response," shared Truman.

State officials have the responsibility to plan and coordinate emergency response with the Federal Emergency Management Administration serving in a support role. In the floods of 1985, West Virginia Governor Arch Moore took on a personal role, going to the zones with the most destruction and working the federal government for as much support as he could arrange.

His biography "Arch" suggests that he somehow wheedled out more than the federal government wished to give, but the World War II veteran Chief Executive had a hands-on and aggressive approach to much of his tenure in office.

Truman worried that this sort of response would not work as effectively without organization and direction. On the fly, he and a team started to put together electronic communications and record keeping to ensure best use of the efforts and resources provided.

The team collaborated with the area Family Resource Network to identify residents in need, dispatching volunteers to areas where they could "provide the most impact."

He shared that he reached out to his personal network of business contacts to pull in help and support for recovery efforts. Truman stated that often he can dispatch help from Hope Gas or at the very least can say "I have a guy for that."

This time, he wanted to say "I have an app for that," and reached out to a company that could help quickly be of assistance.

San Francisco-based tech company Samsara specializes in fleet and transportation logistics. This includes fleet tracking, routing and dispatch, commercial navigation, field services, and more. Its services are supported by artificial intelligence, which also allows for machine learning.

While they have no experience in direct emergency response, Samsara communicated that they could build an app to help State and local officials create a coordinated response much more quickly. That would help to ensure that people and areas do not get accidentally neglected in the rush to help.

Truman made a proposition for the company, that if they built this out, experience using it in the field in West Virginia would help to test and develop the app. Samsara had the app developed within weeks and now Truman has reached out to State legislators and officials to see how to deploy it statewide.

"The cost is in the testing, in the trial period," noted Truman.

Truman and Mitchell both emphasized that Hope Gas provides people and equipment resources that far outstrip the normal cash donations that would normally be provided. One of the projects that Hope Gas took on lay in helping the Weston municipal water system restore service by assisting with equipment repair and replacement.

He shared that a valve that needed to be replaced was set "in a very deep pit" that available equipment could not access. Hope Gas had the right machine for the job and provided help.

That said, in addition to the hands-on effort, Mitchell noted that Hope Gas provided an additional $60,000 to qualifying 501 © 3 charities to bolster their resources at critical times.

It is often said that the worst of times often bring out the best in people. In this case, Hope Gas showed that it brings out the best in both that company and also their people.

Holliday Wins Raffle



The Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum held a raffle for a quilt Hanging during the Fiber Arts Show in October. And the winner of the donated wall hanging is: Amber Holliday.

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One of the worst things that happened to society was the late 20th century notion that emotions and feelings get more importance then they should. Emotions and feelings cause conflict. Reason resolves conflict. Teach your child that emotions and feelings are not as important as self-discipline and control.

Don't teach your child to bury their feelings, but find private times to express them and make sure they only share with someone who has earned their trust. Putting feelings on Facebook is always a bad idea. Those who feel ill for your child will use your feelings and emotions as weapons against them. That's not right, but it's a fact of life. Teach your child to guard oneself against such people.

Teach your children your religious faith and ideals. The idea that children should find their own way on this is not only laughable, but dangerous. Religious faith is not like picking your favorite sports team (which, ironically some parents put more energy into influencing than religion) One's religious faith becomes one's perspective on the world, one's guidestar in how to conduct oneself and treat others.

The decline in social discipline and behavior is directly attributable to parents abandoning religious and moral instruction of their children, buying instead into the very wrong media driven idea that religion causes problems instead of solves them.

Swat your kids on the behind when they need it, but out of love and correction. At some point a parent will need their child to immediately abandon their own desired path and obey their parent immediately in that second. Children cannot foresee life and death situations and can wander right into them. If a parent does not have their child able to tear their attention away and give it to their parents in that moment, horrible things can happen.

That little swat on the behind creates a bit of fear from the young child towards the parent, but one needs that iota of fear to center their attention when needed. That nodule of fear will turn into respect by the time they grow into their teenaged years. Just because a handful of parents take this too far does not mean that the basic principle is unsound.

Those who question this need to consider the public behavior of children in the 1980s versus the public behavior of too many children now. A few loving swats to the behind at the proper age helps with that immensely, but so does the follow-up to the swat. Explain why they got it, give them a hug, and then love them.

Kids need books. Give your child real and meaningful books as they age. My Dad handed me at the age of eight, nine, and 10 books like Through the Looking Glass, the Prince and the Pauper, and other well-chosen classics. Earlier, my grandparents gave me The Trumpeter Swan, Charlotte's Web, and other E. B. White classics. My stepfather opened a whole world of history by ordering the Time Life Civil War Series.

Books are universes of opportunity to learn and grow. Smart phones are addictive prisons that try to tell your kids how to think and feel, but mostly, what to buy.

Steer towards the classics in poetry and prose and away from modern garbage. The right books are like nutritious food and a solid gym workout all in one for your brain. The wrong ones can conflict with your own moral and other teachings.

Put your child to work regularly and early. Get them used to contributing to the family dynamic as something to be proud of. Don't talk down about honest work, but praise those who do it.

Make regular chores mandatory as being part of the family, but pay extra for extra.

Don't pay for things that a child should do, such as earning good grades.

Encourage your child to play a sport. Any sport. They don't have to be great, or even good, but give your child the opportunity to learn skills and work ethic in a situation where performance is what matters. Also, sports teaches the most important lesson in life, that one can do one's best in terms of effort and skill, but still lose to a superior force.

Also, you don't have to be perfect. Like anything else in life, you can make mistakes in parenting, wake up the next day, and make it right. Your mistakes and apologies for mistakes teach lessons to, that one must own one's mistakes and sins in life and work to overcome both.

Finally, love your child as a gift from God. Not a future sports star, not a future doctor or lawyer, not as a parental project, and not as some kind of burden foisted upon you. Your child is a gift from God. The love and direction you give them will be returned many times over.

They will not appreciate strictness as a child. They will not always appreciate direction and discipline, much less correction. As a parent, your burden is that you must wait until they become adults, paying bills of their own, experiencing life on their own, raising children of their own, until they truly understand what you did for them.

Don't forget either, if you treat raising your children as a burden to your children, why would they ever want to have their own?

Along the way, they will inflict pain through lack of frustration or understanding, but it's your job to carry that too.

Secretary Warner announces nearly 67,000 ballots have been cast in absentee voting and the first four days of early voting for the 2026 General Election

Charleston, W.Va. - Early in-person voting for West Virginia's 2026 General Election kicked off on Wednesday, October 21st, and continues through Saturday, October 31st. All 55 counties have at least one early voting location available to voters. A list of early voting locations is available here.

WV Secretary of State Kris Warner announced total turnout stands at 66,855 ballots, representing 5.5% of West Virginia's 1,210,297 registered voters.

"Casting a ballot is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard. Whether you head to the polls early or cast your ballot on Election Day, your vote counts, and every eligible West Virginian deserves a clear, accessible path to participate in shaping our shared future," said Secretary Warner.

Below is a breakdown of votes as of end of day Saturday, October 24th:

- In-person early votes cast: 62,366
- Absentee ballots requested: 8,290
- Absentee ballots returned: 4,489
- Total ballots cast to date: 66,855

Secretary Warner encourages voters to review their sample ballots before going to the polls. Sample ballots for all 1,677 precincts are available at GoVoteWV.com and from county clerks' offices.

This is the first general election in West Virginia at which voters are required to present a photo ID for voting purposes, although limited exceptions apply. Prior to the passage of House Bill 3016 (2025), voters were permitted to present various forms of both photo and non-photo ID for voting purposes. Now, all forms of voter ID must include a photo of the voter unless a limited exception applies. Additional information about West Virginia's newly amended voter photo ID law is also available at GoVoteWV.com.

Warner said his next voter turnout update, the First Week Report, will cover voting activity from October 21st to October 28th and will also include county-by-county and political party breakdowns.

Congressman Riley M. Moore Secures $1.5 Million for Weston Corridor H Sewer Improvements

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Riley M. Moore secured $1.5 million in Community Project Funding for the City of Weston through his work on the House Appropriations Committee to support sewer improvements and expansion along Corridor H.

Congressman Riley M. Moore released the following statement:

"I'm proud to have secured $1.5 million for the City of Weston to make these critical sewer improvements and extend service along Corridor H. This investment will unlock the economic development potential of Corridor H to create good-paying jobs across Central West Virginia. I will continue working through the House Appropriations Committee to make sure West Virginia communities have the infrastructure they need to compete, grow, and create jobs."

The funding will help the City of Weston and its Sanitary Board make significant upgrades to its existing sewer system, including improvements to lift stations, while working to extend sewer service to areas along Corridor H between Weston and Buckhannon.

The area along Route 33 and Corridor H has significant potential for economic growth and

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Friday, November 6, 2026

Clarksburg Lions Club "Cake Walk", 4:30-6:30 p.m., Harrison County Senior Center, 500 W Main St., Clarksburg. Details: President Patty Flanigan 304-669-5011.

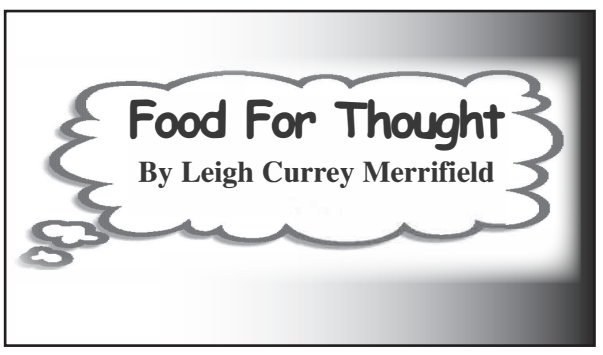
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

NARFE Chapter 1579 Hybrid Meeting, 11:30 a.m., featuring a Federal Open Season Insurance Discussion with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Aetna representatives. Meeting will be at the Brickside Bar & Grille, 101 Lodgeville Road in Bridgeport. If you cannot attend in person and want to attend by Zoom, send an email request for the link to Chapter President Bill O'Field at wofieldwvnarfe@gmail.com or call Vice President Patty Flanigan at 304-669-5011 for more information.

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Slow Down & Simplify

Do you ever find yourself feeling "burned out", not capable of doing as much as you once could? I'm there right now … and it's quite frustrating! It's easy to chalk it up as an 'age thing' and that could be part of the problem, but that may be too simple an explanation. It never hurts to explore other possible reasons, and it didn't take much time to find other promising answers!

Some of you may have asked the same question – "Why can't I handle everything that is thrown at me?" I certainly don't claim to have all the answers, but if I find something that "hits home", I like to share it with readers. Perhaps it may help you too – or at least give you "food for thought", which is what this column is intended to do.

The answer I found was quite simple … SIMPLIFY! Simplicity is said to bring balance, offer more freedom, and eventually restore more joy to our lives. Let's face it, folks, regardless of age, we can't climb four or five mountains at once; we need to climb just one at a time! So how could it hurt to slow down a bit and try some of these suggestions.

First, we may have too many personal possessions, which may complicate our lives to a greater degree than we think, draining not only our pockets but our energy and focus as well. Try removing some of the nonessential possessions from life and see if the time you spent taking care of them doesn't give you more time to be with those you care about.

Secondly, how many of us find our days filled to the brim from beginning to end with time commitments like work, home, kid's activities, community events, church or civic endeavors, hobbies, etc. Decide what is of greatest value in your life and try to release yourself from some of the other commitments that restrain your time.

Next, are you goal oriented? How many goals are weighing down on you? Try to reduce those goals to just one or two at a time and see if it doesn't improve your attention AND your success rate. Choose two that are most important to you and when you finish one, *only then* add another!

Then try to remove negative thoughts from your life. For the most part they are useless and only drag down your energy. Eliminate negativity and replace it with positive thoughts.

If it's debt that is weighing you down, start today and do what you must do to get out from under it. Find help is necessary. You may find that sacrificing some luxuries today may lead to you enjoying more freedom tomorrow!

Also, take a look at your diet. Minimize trans fats, refined grains, sugar, and sodium, and see if your energy level doesn't improve in the short term while also improving your health in the long term.

Be careful not to indulge in too much "screen time" – whether it's TV, movies, video games, internet – because too much technology can begin to dominate your life.

In summary – slow down … organize … declutter … streamline … don't take work home with you … turn your phone OFF sometimes … and learn to say 'NO' once in a while! Spend some time alone and learn how to just appreciate the quiet occasionally. SIMPLIFY!

Quote of the Week: *"The secret of happiness is not found in seeking more, but in developing the capacity to enjoy less. Try appreciating what you already have and consider most important to you." – Dan Millman*





Dear Recycle Lady,

Are insulation covered wires such as AC cords, cable TV wires, or solid copper romax cords recyclable? If so, what bin do they go in? *Have Lots of cords*

Dear Have Lots of cords,

The covered wires you mentioned come under the category of electronic wastes, better known as e-wastes and all are accepted at the Recycling Center. Other e-wastes such as extension cords, phone chargers, power adaptors, other wires, cords, or USB cables are also recyclable. Most household wires are made with copper or aluminum, which are highly recyclable. Be sure to remove any clips, or tags before taking the cords to recycling. The outer insulation of e-wastes is usually plastic, rubber, or PVC, all materials that take decades to break down and can leach harmful substances into the environment when they are put in the landfill. Many big-box stores, like Best Buy, have designated drop-off locations for e-wastes. Place all e-wastes taken to the Recycle Center in the yellow bin on the porch that has the Aluminum Cans sign.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? I read a little about it, and it doesn't sound good. *Need Information*

Dear Need Information,

According to Wikipedia, The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a garbage patch of marine debris in the central North Pacific Ocean between California and Hawaii. Created by ocean currents and human activities, it spans about 620,000 square miles of swirling plastic, which is about twice the size of Texas! More than half of this plastic is less dense than the water, meaning that it will not sink once it encounters the sea. It is estimated that the mass of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is more than 100,000 tons of plastic – the equivalent of over 740 Boeing 777's! Marine life such as sea turtles mistake the debris for food and ingest the plastic and Albatross parents unknowingly feed it to their chicks. All of which is harmful for the marine life. Seals, dolphins and other marine life get tangled up in it. Currently there is a collective effort to clean up the Garbage Patch. Lead by groups such as The Ocean Cleanup, government agencies, international collaborations and countless individuals are dedicated to removing plastic, combating marine plastic pollution, and preventing further accumulation in our oceans.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can waxed cardboard be recycled? *Wax is Good*

Dear Wax is Good,

Waxed cardboard is corrugated (multi-layered) cardboard that is lined with polyethylene to prevent it from getting soggy. Frozen foods and ice-packed food products need to be packed in waxed cardboard as wax prevents the cardboard from getting soggy. Waxed cardboard can't be recycled due to the difficulty in removing this waxed coating. Additionally, the wax can clog machinery and contaminate other recyclable materials.

Good News: New Zealand has added five new marine reserves, which is the largest expansion of marine protection in more than a decade. The no-take zones cover a total of 76,000 acres, protecting vital marine habitats for endangered species. No-take zones, also known as marine reserves or no-take marine protected areas (MPAs), are designated areas in the ocean where human activities that extract or damage marine resources, such as fishing and mining, are prohibited. These zones aim to protect marine ecosystems and promote biodiversity by allowing marine life to thrive without human interference.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests recycleladywv@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



Menard's Toy Drive

All Month Long

In the spirit of Christmas, your local Menards home improvement stores are proudly serving as a Toy Drive drop site NOW THRU DECEMBER 15TH! We're excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity to put smiles on the faces of less fortunate children in the community. We'll have a drop box near the exit door to collect new and unwrapped presents.

To schedule an interview or feature a story on the Toy Drive, please contact your local Menards store General Manager from the attached list. Or, please contact Menards Spokesperson, Jeff Abbott, at jabbott@menard-inc.com or 715-864-2658.

A growing tradition in the Midwest for more than fifty years, experience the magic of Christmas by visiting the Enchanted Forest at Menards. Kids of all ages will be fascinated by the beautifully decorated trees, colorful lights, wonderful displays and Christmas décor that make up the Enchanted Forest. A visit with your family to the Menards Enchanted Forest might be the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit and experience the joy of Christmas.

To feature a story, schedule an interview or for photos, please contact your local Menards store General Manager from the attached list. Or, please contact Menards Spokesperson, Jeff Abbott, at jabbott@menard-inc.com or 715-864-2658.

"Congressman"

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development, but the lack of available sewer infrastructure has limited the ability to attract new businesses and development. Several economic development opportunities have been lost because sewer service was unavailable.

As Corridor H continues to open new opportunities for West Virginia communities, reliable utility infrastructure will be critical to ensuring Lewis County is prepared for future residential, commercial and industrial growth.

Natural Resources Commission to Meet on Nov. 12

Public invited to attend in-person at six locations or watch via livestream

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced that the next quarterly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be open to the public at a physical location in each of the WVDNR's six districts, where the local commissioner and WVDNR staff will host attendees and gather public input. For those who want to watch remotely, the meeting will also be available as a view-only livestream at youtube.com/@WVcommerce/streams. Members of the public who want to address the commission must attend one of the following in-person locations:

- District 1 – 1110 Railroad St, Farmington, WV 26571
- District 2 – 1 Depot Street, Romney, WV 26757
- Elkins Operation Center in District 3 – 738 Ward Road, Elkins, WV 26241
- District 4 – 2006 Robert C Byrd Drive, Beckley, WV 25801
- WVDNR Headquarters in District 5 – 112 California Avenue, Charleston, WV 25305
- District 6 – 76 Conservation Way, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Meeting Agenda

The meeting will follow a standard agenda that includes time for public comments, regulatory

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(2025-C-000076 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: RICHARD SHAFFER, RICHARD SHAFFER, RICHARD SHAFFER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, RICHARD SHAFFER, ILORA MERRIMAN, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, 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** 3 **PARCEL** 0425 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000076, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 111 STEALEY HTS LAND CO, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SHAFFER RICHARD LEE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 9882.	$ 692.93
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 9958.	$ 616.54
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 193.26
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1.083.84
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,586.57**

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total mount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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(2025-C-000261 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: PHILLIP BASNETTj MELISSA BASNETTi PHILLIP BASNETT, PHILLIP BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETT, PHILLIP BASNETTi PHILLIP BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETT, PHILLIP BASNETT, PHILLIP BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETTi PHILLIP BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETTi PHILLIP BASNETT, MELISSA BASNETT, 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 CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 209 **PARCEL** 0005 0001 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000261, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 2 AC MUDLICK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BASNETT PHILLIP & MELISSA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 12722.	$ 1,275.56
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 12824.	$ 1,176.89
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1.236.76
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 3,900.81**

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(2025-C-000308 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: MANDY HURST, LARRY F. MAZZA TRUSTEE, RICHARD A. PILL TRUSTEE, INTERCOASTAL MORTGAGE, LLC, SAMMIE GEE, KRISTIN A. SHAFFER TRUSTEE, WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND, 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 CLAY SHINNSTON CORP **MAP** 1001 **PARCEL** 0063 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000308, located in CLAY SHINNSTON CORP District, 1 LOT 109 PLEASANT HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HURST MANDY D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 18633.	$ 586.60
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 2025 - 18816.	$ 516.71
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,153.65
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,468.56**

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(2025-C-000325 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: LINCOLN REAL ESTATE INC, LINCOLN REAL ESTATE INC, LINCOLN REAL ESTATE INC, 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 CLAY SHINNSTON CORP **MAP** 1004 **PARCEL** 0276 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000325, located in CLAY SHINNSTON CORP District, 9.80 AS E SHINNSTON, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LINCOLN REAL ESTATE INC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 18737.	$ 231.39
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 2025 - 18927.	$ 155.98
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,127.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,726.89**

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(2025-C-000369 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 1111 **PARCEL** 0128 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000369, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 106 - 107 HEAVENER 1ST ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LOCKWOOD JOHN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 22606.	$ 632.86
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 22860.	$ 543.00
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,014.33
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,401.79**

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(2025-C-000426 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0654 1021 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000426, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1/12 INT 176 AC O&G LIMESTONE (EQUITABLE-API#0814-, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ZELAZNY MILLICENT J & LANG CHARLES, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 25190.	$ 98.08
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 2025 - 25527.	$ 27.46
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,009.31
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,346.45**

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THANK YOU FOR READING



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(2025-C-000453 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, CHRISTOPHER W. MORRIS, TRUSTEE, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST STAR CITY OFFICE, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, PREMIER BANK, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP **MAP** 6 **PARCEL** 0121 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000453, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT #17-18 BLK B AC & C CO PLAT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRW REAL ESTATE 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 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 25668.	$ 1,329.46
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 2025 - 26002.	$ 1,224.02
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,434.65
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 4,199.73**

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(2025-C-000476 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: JEFFREY A KIMBLE TRUSTEE, RICHARD O RITTER, ASHTON SNYDER, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, ASHTON SNYDER, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP **MAP** 11 **PARCEL** 0502 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000476, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT N 1/2 9-10 SEC 16 N VIEW, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SINGLETON DOLORES J, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 28558.	$ 459.56
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 28916.	$ 800.98
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 189.62
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,047.15
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,497.31**

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(2025-C-000484 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP **MAP** 13 **PARCEL** 0209 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000484, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT #29 UPLAND GROVE (1330 N 17TH ST), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of VANNORMAN LOUIS & JULIANE 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 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 28996.	$ 825.03
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 2025 - 29373.	$ 746.10
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,097.74
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,880.47**

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To: DIANE SNELL, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BETTY SECKMAN, DANIEL MOORE, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DANIEL MOORE, BRUCE SMITH, DANIEL MOORE, DANIEL MOORE, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DIANE SNELL, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DANIEL MOORE, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ROSE MARY KANE, JAMES ALLEN MOORE ESTATE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DANIEL MOORE, BETTY SECKMAN, SHARON HURLEY, ANITA SEIBERT, DOUG SMITH, TRACY SMITH-EASTON, DONNA CROFT, ELAINA SMITH, BRUCE SMITH, PHILLIP SMITH, JAMES MOORE, BETTY SECKMAN, DIANE SNELL, JAMES MOORE, DANIEL MOORE, BETTY SECKMAN, SHARON HURLEY, DIANE SNELL, ANITA SEIBERT, DOUG SMITH, TRACY SMITH-EASTON, DONNA CROFT, ELAINA SMITH, BRUCE SMITH, PHILLIP SMITH, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP **MAP** 13 **PARCEL** 0620 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000486, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 7 A B TETER ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SNELL DIANE MARIE ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 28601.	$ 1,400.48
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 2025 - 28965.	$ 1,296.24
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,593.20
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 4,501.52**

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(2025-C-000508 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP **MAP** 17 **PARCEL** 0504 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000508, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 18 & 10 FT 19 HAY ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SCOTT JOHN A & DONNA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 28428.	$ 830.79
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 2025 - 28799.	$ 754.61
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,181.16
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,978.16**

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To: KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, OCCUPANT, KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, OCCUPANT, KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, OCCUPANT, KENNETH HARRIS, REBECCA HARRIS, 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 EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 1701 **PARCEL** 0205 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000544, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 TRACT (LOTS 98 99 100) MARTIN 2ND ADD HAYWOOD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BAILEY TIFFANY D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 29601.	$ 777.41
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 32047.	$ 183.06
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,191.19
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,363.26**

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To: BARBARA JEAN LYCAN ESTATE, AMY LYCANS, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, MARTHA LOGSDON, JO ANN MANEINI, MARTHA LOGSDON, AMY LYCANS, BARBARA JEAN LYCAN ESTATE, OCCUPANT, BARBARA JEAN LYCAN ESTATE, MARTHA LOGSDON, AMY LYCANS, OCCUPANT, BARBARA JEAN LYCAN ESTATE,MARTHA LOGSDON, AMY LYCANS, 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 EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 1704 **PARCEL** 0027 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000545, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 79 THRU 85 & PT 86 HELDRETH ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LYCANS BARBARA JEAN (LE) (MARTHA LO, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 32933.	$ 269.05
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 2025 - 33337.	$ 407.74
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,221.08
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,109.47**

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To: ROBERT PHILLIPS, GLENNDA SIGNORELLI, STEVEN PHILLIPS, ROBERT PHILLIPS, STEVEN PHILLIPS, STEVEN PHILLIPS, ROBERT PHILLIPS, ROBERT PHILLIPS, OCCUPANT, GLENNDA SIGNORELLI, STEVEN PHILLIPS, ROBERT PHILLIPS, OCCUPANT, GLENNDA SIGNORELLI, STEVEN PHILLIPS, ROBERT PHILLIPS, 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 EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 1704 **PARCEL** 0230 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000546, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 2 LOTS 2 & 8 FT 1 LUMBERPORT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GLENNA DARLENE & STEVEN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 34890.	$ 659.26
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 2025 - 35332.	$ 593.60
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,186.17
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,650.63**

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To: DELORIS JUNE RICHARDS ESTATE, SCOTT RICHARDS, MATT RICHARDS, ADA SHREVES ESTATE, DELORIS JUNE RICHARDS ESTATE, SCOTT RICHARDS, MATT RICHARDS, ADA SHREVES ESTATE, OCCUPANT, ADA SHREVES ESTATE, OCCUPANT, ADA SHREVES ESTATE, OCCUPANT, ADA SHREVES ESTATE, 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 EAGLE LUMBERPORT CORP **MAP** 1801 **PARCEL** 0197 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000588, located in EAGLE LUMBERPORT CORP District, 1 TRACT (LOTS 34 35 36) GRIFFIN HTS, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RICHARDS SCOTT WILLIAM & MATTHEW DA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 36479.	$ 402.15
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 2025 - 37023.	$ 651.17
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,149.49
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,414.41**

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To: JULIE GARVIN, JULIE GARVIN, MATTHEW LANGFORD, MATTHEW LANGFORD, MATTHEW LANGFORD, JULIE GARVIN, JOHN GARVIN, JULIE GARVIN, MATTHEW LANGFORD, MATTHEW LANGFORD, OCCUPANT, JULIE GARVIN, 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 ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 388 **PARCEL** 0002 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000596, located in ELK OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT .73AC ELK CREEK (PT CRITES TRACT), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GARVIN JULIE NOELLE LANGFORD & MATT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 37516.	$ 345.90
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 2025 - 38118.	$ 259.38
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,139.45
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,956.33**

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DISTRICT GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 387 **PARCEL** 0041 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000622, located in GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 41.49 AS BROWNS CREEK CID MAP 1 PAR 46, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DODD TYLER & TIFFANY, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 40474.	$ 145.98
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 2025 - 41126.	$ 97.89
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,153.35
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,608.82**

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To: RANDALL FRANKLIN, RANDALL FRANKLIN, WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, BB&T COLLATERAL SERVICE CORPORATION, TRUSTEE, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, RICHARD A PILL, TRUSTEE, 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 GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 427A **PARCEL** 0077 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000657, located in GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT #19 WOODSTOCK HEIGHTS SD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DODD TYLER & TIFFANY, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 40676.	$ 1,142.73
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 2025 - 41351.	$ 1,020.23
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,223.45
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 3,598.01**

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DISTRICT GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0677 7213 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000665, located in GRANT OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0060 INT 200 AC O&G DUCK CREEK (CONS #68632-68632, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of KARWICK LORETTA HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 41536.	$ 87.68
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 2025 - 42236.	$ 22.91
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 181.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,044.21
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,336.40**

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000710 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: DAVID CLAYPOOL, TERESA CLAYPOOL, DAVID CLAYPOOL,TERESA CLAYPOOL, DAVID CLAYPOOL, TERESA CLAYPOOL, TERESA CLAYPOOL, DAVID CLAYPOOL, DAVID CLAYPOOL, 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 SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0691 8834 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000710, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .3750 INT 63 AC O&G/DEEP COAL LITTLE ROCK CAMP(XTO, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CLAYPOOL DAVID S & TERESA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 45507.	$ 120.86
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 46316	$ 53.71
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,106.63
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,492.80**

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(2025-C-000774 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, CHRISTOPHER W. MORRIS, TRUSTEE, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, 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 SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP **MAP** 2411 **PARCEL** 0020 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000774, located in SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP District, 1 LOT 9 BLK G CAROL HTS (.71 AC), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRW REAL ESTATE 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 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 56070.	$ 3,140.50
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 57064.	$ 3,009.63
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,302.14
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 7,663.87**

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To: JACQUELINE DAWN SWAGGERTY, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, JACQUELINE DAWN SWAGGERTY, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, RICHARD A PILL, TRUSTEE, JACQUELINE DAWN SWAGGERTY, 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 SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP **MAP** 2415 **PARCEL** 0056 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000776, located in SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP District, 1 LOT #5 BLK E VILLAGE HTS (.29 AC), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SMITH PATTY 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 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 59597.	$ 7,345.25
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 2025 - 60918.	$ 3,544.38
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,085.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 12,187.15**

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To: KRISTA FELDMANN, EMILY KOLESKI, KRISTA FELDMANN, EMILY KOLESKI, 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 TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 222 **PARCEL** 0012 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000794, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 14.52 AC GRASS RUN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FELDMAN KRISTA M & EMILY N KOLESKI, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 62843.	$ 241.17
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 2025 - 63890.	$ 165.38
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,037.12
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,655.27**

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(2025-C-000853 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: ROBERT SCOTT CHIPPS, TONIA CHIPPS, ROBERT SCOTT CHIPPS, TONIA CHIPPS, ROBERT SCOTT CHIPPS, TONIA CHIPPS, ROBERT SCOTT CHIPPS, TONIA CHIPPS, WVSTATE TAX DEPARTMENT, ROBERT SCOTT CHIPPS, TONIA CHIPPS, MARY L. ROBINAON TRUSTEE, CHERYL ROGERS, ROBERT SCOTT CHIPPS, 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 TENMILE SALEM CORP **MAP** 222 **PARCEL** 0012 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000853, located in TENMILE SALEM CORP District, 1 LOT #7 SALEM, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CHIPPS ROBERT SCOTT & TONIA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 67169.	$ 748.29
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 2025 - 68368.	$ 617.70
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,167.25
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,744.84**

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(2025-C-000862 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: CENTRAL SUPPLY COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA, BIG RIDGE CAPITAL LLC, BCBANK, INC., COLIN J MOLNAR, ESQ, BIG RIDGE CAPITAL LLC, BIG RIDGE CAPITAL LLC, 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 TENMILE SALEM CORP **MAP** 2704 **PARCEL** 0162 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000862, located in TENMILE SALEM CORP District, 1 LOT 5100 SQ FT SALEM, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GAIN CHRISTY, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 67436.	$ 1,178.54
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 2025 - 68620.	$ 1,069.49
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,204.53
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 3,664.16**

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To: GARY LAMB, GARY LAMB, GARY LAMB, OCCUPANT, GARY LAMB, OCCUPANT, GARY LAMB, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 2905 **PARCEL** 0020 0002 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000913, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT (18 A) COURTNEY PLAT WEST FORK (.47 AC), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LAMB GARY L II, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 73479.	$ 583.95
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 2025 - 74765.	$ 478.72
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,061.06
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 2,335.33**

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(2025-C-000926 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: JOHN DAUGHERTY, CLARA DAUGHERTY, JOHN DAUGHERTY, JOHN DAUGHERTY, JOHN DAUGHERTY, JOHN DAUGHERTY, CLARA DAUGHERTY, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 2905 **PARCEL** 0020 0002 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000926, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .2422 INT 55 AC O&G T T FORK (CNX/API#1313), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAUGHERTY JOHN CHARLES, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 70571.	$ 87.68
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 2025 - 71796.	$ 22.91
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,078.82
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,401.01**

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To: JOHN BURGBACHER, JOHN BURGBACHER, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0671 0491 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000949, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1/21 INT 178.55 AC O&G BUFFALO EQT#0785-1567-68/CN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BURGBACHER JOHN 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 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 69530.	$ 365.52
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 2025 - 70742.	$ 115.04
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,009.31
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,701.47**

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DISTRICT UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0672 5001 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000957, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0072 INT 147 AC O&G TT FORK (CONS/LS#44523(STONEW, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CORDER ROBERT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027, 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 2024 - 70309.	$ 87.68
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 2025 - 71535.	$ 22.91
Additional taxes with interest.	$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$ 151.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$ 1,051.02
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$ 1,313.21**

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Given under my hand October 9, 2026

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
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CORE SOLUTIONS LLC (MORGAN PIPELINE), located at P.O. Box 72, Salem WV 26426, owns and operates a natural gas gathering pipeline system in your area. Yellow vertical pipeline markers with our name indicate the approximate location and route of our pipelines. CORE SOLUTIONS maintains and operates a Damage Prevention and Public Awareness Program for its operations of this pipeline system. Keeping the public, the environment, and our pipeline safe with valuable experience, sound judgement and by following federal codes is our top priority. The pipeline is reliable and no underground leaks have been detected. We use preventative measures such as routine patrols and leak surveys to keep the pipeline safe. A copy of this plan is available in our office. This program includes educating and notifying the residents about specific operations requirements and the existence of the program. These requirements include:

1. Contact CORE SOLUTIONS if you plan to excavate and/or blast on or within hundred (200) feet of our pipeline right-of-way. Company personnel will locate the pipeline for you to ensure safe excavation and/or blasting. All excavators must use West Virginia 811 (Miss Utility) program prior to digging.
2. Contact and/or advise others who you believe to be working near our pipeline to contact CORE SOLUTIONS before performing any activity that might damage our pipeline system.
3. Be aware of gas leaks and hazards and report them immediately. Signs of gas leaks include the hissing sound of escaping gas, dead vegetation, blowing earth, bubbling water, and the smell of gas. Emergencies include any gas leaks, fire or explosion, natural disasters or civil disobedience. If you suspect that the pipeline is leaking, stay away from the area, have others stay away from the area, and notify the company immediately. In case of fire/explosion or natural disaster near the pipeline, notify the company immediately. If you smell gas inside, get out immediately. If you suspect a leak outside, turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you might be using. Leave the area quickly. Gas is an asphyxiant and can be deadly since it displaces oxygen. By notifying CORE SOLUTIONS immediately upon any of the above incidents, the appropriate responders will be dispatched promptly and effectively to take care of the emergency.
4. Do not attempt to locate the gas leak with matches or other open flames. Do not remain in a building if there is a strong odor. Do not turn lights on or off or unplug electrical appliances where there is a strong odor. Do not use a telephone in the area of a strong gas odor. Don't use anything that would spark ignition such as cell phones, flashlights, motor vehicles, power tools, electrical equipment, etc.

To help us enforce our Damage Prevention and Public Awareness Program and ensure the safe operation of our pipeline system, please call these numbers to report excavation projects or suspected gas leaks:

Day time #: 304-203-1934
24 Hour Emergency: 844-267-3273
*Identify your call as an **CORE SOLUTIONS (MORGAN PIPELINE) Emergency, Wallace, WV**
WV State Police: 911
Folsom Fire & Ambulance: 911
Wallace Fire Dept: 911
Log on to the PHMSA.dot.qov website for additional information.

"Natural Resources"

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reviews and program updates. Agenda items are:

1. Introductions
2. Review, correct and approve the minutes of the July 30, 2026 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission
3. Public comments
4. Update on Wildlife and Law Enforcement related public information topics
5. Annual Law Enforcement Section updates
6. Planning, Engineering and Maintenance update on Wildlife Projects
7. Summary of White-Tailed Deer Study
8. Discussion of the 2027 first quarterly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission
9. Commissioner recommendations for the next meeting agenda
10. Tentative dates and locations for the next meeting
11. Adjourn

The West Virginia Natural Resources Commission serves as an advisory body to the WVDNR on issues related to conserving the state's natural resources and protecting fish and game species, which includes establishing hunting and fishing regulations, season dates and limits. For more information, visit WVdnr.gov/natural-resources-commission.

From North-Central West Virginia to the World: Air Force Colonel Brings West Virginia's Forgotten History to Life in Historical Crime Novel

Shinnston native draws on his hometown roots, a 33-year military career, and years of research to write his debut historical crime novel, Blood in the Coal

SHINNSTON, W.Va. — For Scott Douglas Haning, the road to becoming a published novelist began long before he ever put pen to paper. It began in Shinnston, West Virginia, surrounded by the people, traditions, and stories of north-central Appalachia.

A graduate of Lincoln High School and West Virginia University, Haning went on to build a distinguished 33-year career in the United States Air Force. Today, he serves on active duty as a Colonel assigned to the Air and Space Surgeon General's Office in Falls Church, Virginia.

But despite decades of military service and assignments away from home, Haning never lost his connection to West Virginia.

"In all my years in the military, I've always enjoyed telling people about where I grew up," Haning said. "I'd talk about the great Italian food, WVU sports, and the history of our communities. What surprised me was how many people had no idea that West Virginia had such a rich immigrant heritage. It made me realize how much of our history remains unknown outside the region."

That realization eventually helped inspire B*lood in the Coal,* Haning's debut historical crime novel, scheduled for publication by Morgan James Publishing on March 30, 2027.





An Unexpected Inspiration

The idea for the novel began taking shape while Haning was watching the popular British crime drama *Peaky Blinders,* which gained an international audience through Netflix. The series follows a fictional organized-crime family in early twentieth-century Birmingham, England. The more Haning watched, the more he wondered why the equally dramatic—and largely overlooked—history of organized crime, immigration, and coal mining in north-central West Virginia couldn't capture audiences in the same way.

"When most people think about West Virginia history, they think about the Hatfields and McCoys shooting at each other across a creek. Those were real stories, bloody stories, and they're certainly part of our history. But there's another chapter of American history, rooted right here in West Virginia, that not nearly enough people know about. I thought, why aren't we telling those stories, too?"

What began as an interest in organized crime soon grew into a much broader exploration of the people and events that shaped West Virginia during the early 1900s.

A Story Rooted in the Coalfields

Blood in the Coal follows brothers Jimmy and Frank DiSalvio as they navigate the hardships of immigrant life in West Virginia's coalfields and eventually enter the dangerous world of Prohibition-era organized crime.

Their journey takes readers from struggling mining communities into an expanding criminal enterprise that reaches Pittsburgh and the East Coast.

Although the DiSalvio brothers are fictional, the historical world surrounding them draws on actual events, including the experiences of immigrant mining families, the harsh conditions of coalfield life, and the rise of organized crime during Prohibition.

One of the most significant events portrayed in the novel is the Monongah Mine Disaster of December 6, 1907, a catastrophe that devastated the region and left hundreds of families grieving.

Chapter 2, titled "All Hope Is Gone," opens with a headline from the December 7, 1907, *Fairmont Times:*

"All Hope Is Gone — 425 Are Dead — Most Appalling Disaster in the History of Coal Mines."

The figure of 425 represented an early newspaper estimate rather than the final accepted death toll. But the headline captures the shock and uncertainty that gripped the region in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

For Haning, researching events like Monongah revealed the human struggles behind the historical record.

"These weren't just names and dates in a history book," Haning said. "They were families who came to America looking for opportunity. They worked incredibly hard, faced enormous risks, and helped build the communities we know today. I wanted those experiences to be part of the story."

Writing Between Military Responsibilities

Producing the novel required years of research and writing, much of it completed during evenings, weekends, and other off-duty hours.

Now 57, Haning says the timing was right to pursue a long-held creative ambition.

Haning credits much of the inspiration and encouragement behind the novel to his wife of more than 33 years, Lisa. A Clarksburg native and graduate of Washington Irving High School and West Virginia University, she shares her husband's deep connection to north-central West Virginia.

"My wife really encouraged me to pursue this," Haning said. "She believed in the story and inspired me to take the idea seriously. With our three children now grown and doing well in their own lives, I finally had the time to devote to a project like this. I spent a lot of weekends researching the history, developing the characters, and writing. It was something I genuinely enjoyed doing."

The project also offered a way to reconnect with the region where he grew up, even while continuing his military career in Virginia.

A Different Kind of Organized Crime Story

What sets *Blood in the Coal* apart from traditional organized crime fiction is its setting. Rather than the familiar streets of Chicago or New York, Haning takes readers into the coal towns and immigrant communities of early twentieth-century West Virginia, where ambition, hardship, loyalty, and the pursuit of power collide.

"When most people think about organized crime during this era, they think of the big cities like Chicago and New York," Haning said. "They don't think about West Virginia. And that's what makes this story so unique and compelling. It's a side of American history that many people have never been introduced to."

Early readers of advance copies of the four-part, 30-chapter novel have responded positively to its historical setting and storytelling.

Among them is David L. Hancock, a *Wall Street Journal and USA Today* bestselling author, who recently offered his formal endorsement of *Blood in the Coal,* writing:

"Scott Douglas Haning brings a fascinating and often overlooked chapter of American history to life in Blood in the Coal. Against the backdrop of West Virginia's coalfields, Prohibition, and organized crime, he weaves a compelling story of ambition, loyalty, loss, and the price of power. Rich in historical atmosphere and grounded in the human experience, this is a memorable debut that reminds us how the past continues to shape the lives and choices of generations."

From Page to Screen

As Haning prepares to retire from the Air Force in 2027, he is already looking ahead to a new chapter — one that could bring a distinctly West Virginia story to a much wider audience.

Although *Blood in the Coal* has yet to reach bookstore shelves, Haning has begun preliminary conversations with an entertainment industry professional associated with Lionsgate about the possibility of adapting the novel for television. No formal production agreement has been reached.

"These are still very early discussions," Haning said, "but I've already developed a full outline for a two-season series and started writing the pilot. The story is rooted in this region, and I believe it deserves to be told the right way."

For Haning, any adaptation would have to stay true to the history, the people, and the culture of the West Virginia coalfields.

"If this ever makes it to the screen, it has to remain authentic," he said. "I grew up in this region. I know these communities and their culture. Getting the details right isn't optional—it's the whole point. This isn't simply a story about organized crime. It's about the immigrants, the coal miners, the families, and the tragedies and triumphs that shaped an entire region. It's a West Virginia story, but just as importantly, it's an American story."

Haning also hopes that, should a production move forward, West Virginia could serve as a filming location.

"With more film and television productions taking place outside California, I would love nothing more than to see this story filmed in West Virginia," Haning said. "It would mean a great deal to me if a production could bring jobs and economic activity to the region. I can even imagine a tourism opportunity developing around some of the places where the story unfolds—Clarksburg, Fairmont, Monongah, and Morgantown. These communities are central to the story, and I'd love to see them benefit from it."

Pre-Order and Read Early

Haning hopes readers will come away from *Blood in the Coal* not only entertained but also curious about the history of West Virginia and the generations of immigrants, miners, and families who helped shape it.

"I've spent much of my life telling people where I'm from," Haning said. "Now I have an opportunity to show them a little of the rich American history that was forged in these hills."

Blood in the Coal will be published by Morgan James Publishing on March 30, 2027, and is available for pre-order. Readers can pre-order through the author's website at scottdouglasbooks.com, as well as on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Walmart, Target, and other major retailers.

As a special offer leading up to the book's March 30, 2027, release, readers who preorder *Blood in the Coal* can email scottdouglas.books@gmail.com with the name of the retailer where they purchased it and receive a complimentary digital advance reader copy, allowing them to begin reading immediately.

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Lincoln High School will return to defend their state title this year, earning top score in their regionals



Fiber Arts Show Winners

By Deb Herndon

A reception was held at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum on October 31 st for the participants in the first annual Fiber Arts Show. Winners of the People's Choice Awards were

First Place - Carol Bennett for her Four Friends knitted animals,
Second Place – Rebecca Ashcraft for Barbie crocheted dresses, and
Third Place – Shannon Bowie for cross stitch leopard.

There were 41 entries for this year's show.

"Spay and Neuter"

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The program's reach is deeply local, spanning from Monongalia County to Monroe, and Wood County to Randolph. Communities report overwhelming demand whenever vouchers are released, with waitlists filling quickly and clinics booking out months in advance.

"The foundation of our work for over 20 years is spay/neuter," says board member, Jane Seegar of PAWS / Pendleton Animal Welfare Society. "WVSNP is now the bedrock of this work. With our vigorous outreach for both owned cats and dogs and our TNR programs, we have eliminated the endless boxes of 'free' puppies and kittens that used to greet us at every grocery store visit, and our community now thinks of spay/neuter as a normal part of pet ownership."

A turning point came in 2022, when the Mug-Z-Moo Foundation initiated conversations with the Federation of Humane Organizations of West Virginia (FOHO WV). In 2023, FOHO WV allocated $450,000 to WVSNP and granted $900,000 to clinics in six counties, doubling the number of altered animals compared to prior cycles.

The partnership soon expanded into unprecedented territory when West Virginia became the only state in the nation to receive a $4 million Mug-Z-Moo grant dedicated to spay and neuter efforts. The investment allowed clinics to increase capacity, reach underserved communities, and reduce the backlog of unaltered animals that contributes to shelter overcrowding.

Shelter directors report measurable declines in intake and euthanasia rates where program activity is sustained. Fewer stray and feral animals mean fewer rabies exposures, fewer emergency responses, and reduced burdens on municipal animal control.

Rachel Burgess, executive director of the Fix'Em Clinic, which operates the Charleston Regional Spay Neuter Center and serves pet owners from nearly one-third of West Virginia's counties, said "the WVSNP funding provides a critical avenue for offering discounted spay and neuter services to families in underserved areas." Burgess added that "when cost is no longer the barrier, people show up—often traveling hours—because they genuinely want to help control the community cat population but simply need an affordable way to do it."

Oversight is provided by a seven-member advisory committee appointed by Commissioner Leonhardt, representing counties across the state from diverse professional backgrounds in veterinary practice, animal control, rescue work, and nonprofit leadership.

The committee recently supported a letter from Commissioner Leonhardt to Governor Morrisey requesting discretionary funds to bridge the gap between currently available resources and what is urgently needed to carry the program forward. As the program approaches a major funding transition with the conclusion of the Mug-Z-Moo grant cycle, advocates and legislators are considering long-term solutions to sustain its impact.

Serving Jackson, Mason and Roane Counties, Operation Fancy Free Director, Kathy Stone comments, "The influx of these dollars, supercharged our ability to serve more cats, in more communities, even making it possible to help in two other counties. Without these grant dollars we see no option to fund these vet expenses fast enough to truly address pet overpopulation in WV."

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