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Shinnston City Council Honors Champions



Pictured (left to right): Coach Kevin – named State Cross Country Coach of the Year, Annaleigh Pierce, Catherine Hannah, Kennedy Linville, Matty Drainer, Adalyn Milnes, Raley Cochran, Samantha Fitch, Savannah Harris, Asst. Coach Jeremy Cochran, Mayor Patrick Kovalck.

On Monday, November 9, 2026, the Shinnston Council presented a Proclamation to the Lincoln High School Girls Cross Country Team 2026 State Champions in Recognition of their State Championship. Congratulations Coach Nuzum, Aasst. Coach Cochran, and Ladies.

Harrison County Board of Education Hears From Community Leaders On Possible Closure of Schools

By Stephen Smoot

For the opening hour of the first Harrison County Board of Education meeting of the month of November, Board members, the Superintendent, and other officials heard from community leaders, residents, parents, and others about the possible closures of Salem and Lost Creek elementary schools.

This comes in the wake of consolidations undertaken last year, then the subsequent summer of 2026 partial intervention in Harrison County Schools by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Public comment came during the delegations portion of the agenda. Board President Frank Devono read aloud the rules and regulations governing this exchange. State law forbids elected or other officials from asking questions or responding to statements made by the public during the delegations part of the agenda.

Brandy Garner, Mayor of Salem, took the podium first and urged the Board to not close Salem Elementary School. She shared efforts made in recent years to restore and revitalize Salem in conjunction with the university.

"For three years, the city of Salem has been doing the work to rebuild Salem as a place for families where we've torn down dilapidated properties," said the Mayor, who then added "We've invested in our infrastructure. We're working on parks and creating new events. Our library has tripled in size. We brought new businesses. We've partnered with Salem University."

Efforts to construct tracts of affordable housing, she argued, should increase the potential number of students for the school in the near future. Mayor Garner also added that "since the closure and consolidations began, Hope scholarship use has gone from around 2,200 students to over 26,617 applications statewide for 2026 to 2027. Every school you close pushes more families out of the public system."

Others made the point that both Salem and Lost Creek have posted strong and improving numbers in student success and academic performance.

According to Schooldigger, a nationwide school ratings site, Lost Creek Elementary rates as "better than 72 percent of West Virginia elementary schools." It added that "this school has one of the most remarkable turnabout stories in West

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White House "Pardon Turkey" to Come From W. Va Farm, US Secy. of Agriculture Rollins to Mark Event

By Stephen Smoot

This year, the official White House turkey served up for a possible pardon by President Donald Trump will come from the Mountain State. Dean's Gap Farms in Fort Seybert, Pendleton County, run jointly by Brandywine Elementary School teacher Becky and her husband Scott Rightsell, earned selection over hundreds of other possible farms to grow the turkey slated to be pardoned.

Becky Rightsell shared with the Pendleton County Board of Education last week that "we were given 40 turkeys in July, and we have raised them up and we have been selected down now to eight." In her teaching role, she has used her classroom to help to teach her students how to grow and eat healthier locally grown foods

Scott Rightsell explained that "The National Turkey Federation in DC elects or appoints a new chairman every year." Christy Puffenbarger was chosen as the first female chair for the organization. Mr. Rightsell explained that "I worked with her at Cargills" for over a decade. He added "Becky and I have a really good relationship with her and her husband."

That said, selection "is just the luck of the draw." Next year, he explained, it could come from a grower in the Midwest.

That said, few places in America are more appropriate than the South Branch and Shenandoah Valley regions for selecting a proper turkey. Turkey raising and production runs deep in the history of the region and has served as a primary economic driver for decades.

Poultry farming found a welcome home early on in the Shenandoah Valley, the next-door neighbor to the valley within which Brandywine and Fort Seybert are nestled. Both chicken and turkey farming through the end of the 19th century took place almost exclusively with small backyard flocks. Barter or sale at the nearby store served as the limit of the market. Additionally, the disruption of General Phillip Sheridan's destruction of almost all farming in the Valley took decades from which to recover. He had been ordered to lay waste to the region and starve Virginia citizens into submission to the Union.

In the 1880s, a curious and intelligent young Mennonite named Samuel Blosser started experimenting with using artificial warmth, instead of the mother hen, to incubate and develop eggs. By the 1930s, the extension of electric power into the region spawned a large expansion of hatcheries. Early on, however, most farmers

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McDonald's of Harrison County



Jim Hunt with legendary country music performer Emmylou Harris at a private reception during the 2015 National League of Cities Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Heading to Nashville!



By JIM HUNT

Building Amazing Cities

For the Harrison County Journal

This week, I'm heading to Nashville, Tennessee, for the National League of Cities (NLC) Annual City Summit. This will be my 41st NLC Annual Conference, and I must admit that I still get excited about seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and spending time with people who share my passion for America's cities and towns.

I've visited Nashville several times over the years, but it has really come into its own as a world-class city. While country music remains a driving force in Music City, there is much more to this jewel of the South.

Nashville has become a remarkable example of how a city can build on its heritage while embracing new opportunities. Its growing healthcare, education, technology, and hospitality sectors have helped transform it into one of America's most dynamic metropolitan areas.

Of course, growth brings challenges, including traffic congestion, affordable housing, and infrastructure demands. Behind Nashville's impressive skyline are local leaders addressing many of the same issues we face here in West Virginia.

And that brings me back to the National League of Cities.

When I attended my first NLC conference more than four decades ago, I was a relatively new member of the Clarksburg City Council. I quickly discovered that some of the best ideas in local government came from mayors, councilmembers, and municipal professionals finding innovative ways to solve problems in their own communities.

That lesson has stayed with me throughout my career.

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OPINION

The Bomber Will Always Get Through

By Stephen Smoot

"The bomber will always get through" comes from the 1921 work Command of the Air by General Giulio Douhet of the Italian Army.

He speaks of strategic bombing in this statement. Nations at war have targets that will draw the enemy's attention. No matter how many defenses the target nation puts up, some bombers will find targets because strategic air power always examines for openings, for weaknesses, for a way in to do their damage.

One can speak of this metaphorically as well.

Ripley High School's football squad last week earned a huge win last Friday night. The Vikings decisively defeated Nicholas County to earn a spot in the Class AAA playoffs. Since the death of their legendary coach Frank Marino decades ago, postseason play has come much less often. Under Head Coach Ryan Simon, they have worked on the fundamentals and are rebuilding the program.

What should have gone down as a signature win for Coach Simon early in his career ended up a footnote on the evening news across the Mountain State.

During the game, Jackson County Sheriff's deputies swooped in and arrested Steven Lough, head trainer for Ripley High School. His experience and work in the field made him a regular in WVSSAC postseason events as well.

Lough had communicated privately with a female high school student concerning an injury. That communication developed into a full-blown illicit affair that was brought to the attention of law enforcement. He had continued communicating with her even during the game, right up until deputies showed to handcuff him.

Such cases bring predictable responses from different corners. Some emphasize that school staff need extra training to "help" them avoid such situations. Others, just as helpfully, prescribe medieval torture and kill scenarios that may be comforting to consider, but are just as pointless in addressing the problem.

As General Douhet states, the bomber will always get through, but the schools can build up their defenses against this plague. After all, Mineral, Grant, Calhoun, and Pendleton counties, among many others in this state, have had to contend with egregious violations by teachers of the rights of children to enjoy personal security in a school.

Two simple acts by the West Virginia State Legislature could address this situation.

First, mandate that no school employee unless in specific and named situations can be alone one-on-one with a student. One adult can be alone with four students, but no fewer. Two adults can be alone with one student when

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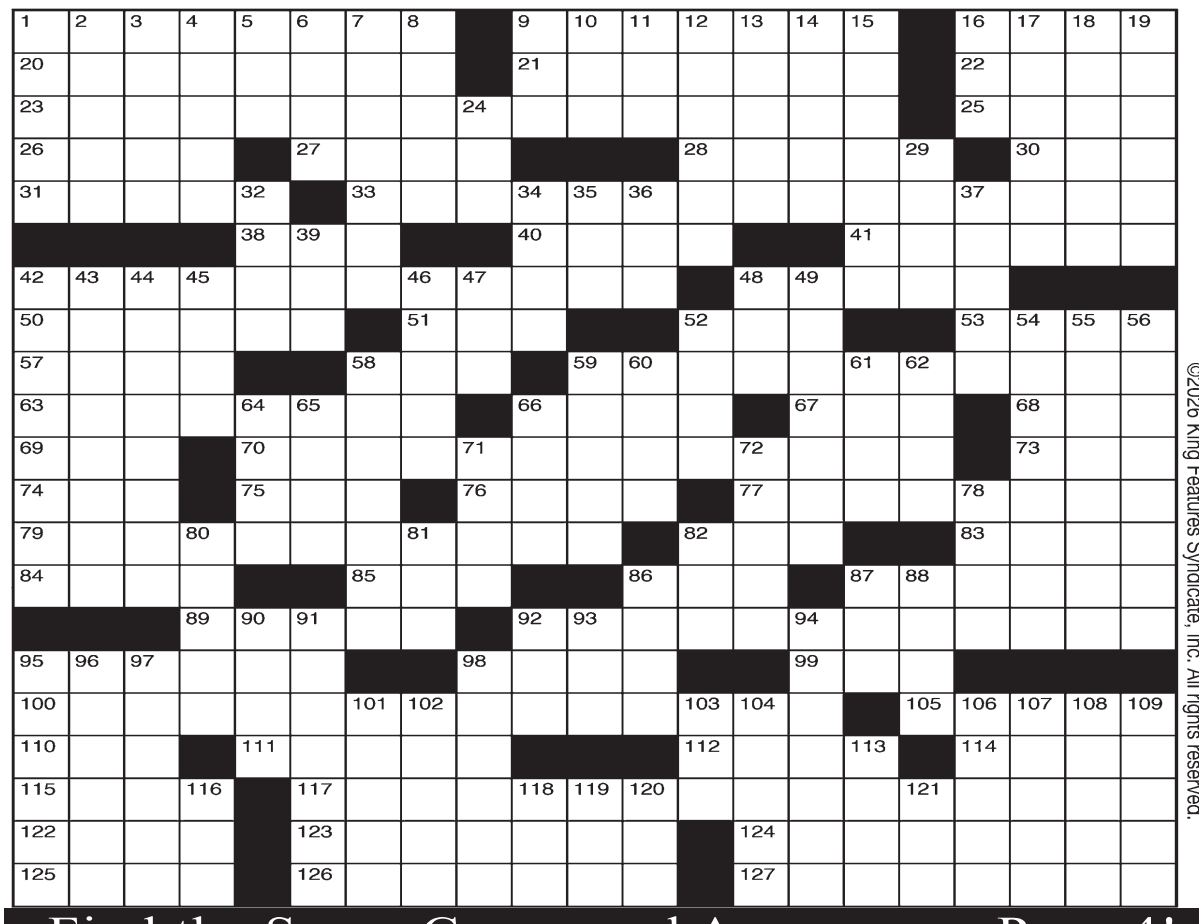
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22 Declare
23 Sending junk email to everyone on earth?
25 Dressed up in
26 Falafel bread
27 Title for Helen Mirren
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30 Tell untruths
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33 Mother who's an absolute angel?
38 Patient care gp.
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83 On the job
84 Writer — St. Vincent Millay
85 Scarf down
86 Biotech-created food
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99 Hearing organ
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115 Kid's "cootie"
117 Materials colliding loudly?
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123 Ex-Bengal Boomer
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125 Part of P.O.
126 In that direction
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10 Regret
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14 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author Mitch
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32 Kids' writer Silverstein
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37 Top squad
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42 City west of Knoxville
43 Vinyl spinner at 33 1/3 rpm
44 Guy native to Galway, say
45 Shop gripper
46 "Have — myself clear?"
47 Upper limit, for short
48 Flavor enhancer, for short
49 Guilt-ridden
52 German car
54 Something in a holiday shopper's cart
55 Go back to one's career after leaving it
56 Rabble-rousing sort
58 "Allow me to think ..."
59 — Vader
60 It produced the Cutlass
61 In a tie
62 Spanish artist Joan
64 Grades K-6: Abbr.
65 TV host Carson
66 Kick (out)
71 Dart about
72 Early PC platform
78 Former Chicago mayor — Emanuel
80 Sir's partner
81 Pas' partners
82 Flightless bird
86 Actor Kinnear
87 Elton John's '70s label
88 Sprinkler site
90 Pitching great Hershiser
91 Extra wager
92 Compete
93 Small hotel
94 Apparently does
95 Deterrent to dating, perhaps
96 Tres or cinco
97 Messy camp treats
98 Central German city
101 Garbage
102 Mr. Simpson, to Marge
103 Hosp. ward
104 Card player's "I pass"
106 "— vincit amor"
107 1970s-'80s Renault
108 Ceaselessly
109 Actress Rene
113 Getz of jazz
116 Dojo surface
118 Suffix with Siam
119 With 112-Across, E-businesses
120 — -cone
121 Swiss peak



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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. 19, 1854: Danske Dandridge was born in Copenhagen but spent most of her life in Shepherdstown, where she wrote poetry inspired by nature, family and religion. Her work appeared in Harper's and The Century, and she published several books, including Historic Shepherdstown.

Nov. 19, 1899: Sculptor Gladys Tuke was born in Linwood, Pocahontas County. Tuke was a member of the original artist colony at The Greenbrier; during World War II, she taught at Ashford General Hospital, and later established a pottery and sculpture studio in White Sulphur Springs.

Nov. 19, 1900: William Page Pitt was born in New York City. In 1926, Pitt joined the faculty of Marshall College. Over the next 45 years, he built its journalism program into one with dozens of classes and hundreds of students. Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named in his honor.

Nov. 19, 1909: The Lincoln County Courthouse was burned. With coal, oil and gas, and timber booming, arson was suspected for the purpose of destroying land records and confusing titles.

Nov. 19, 1921: The USS West Virginia was christened. It was one of six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, that suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. It was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines.

Nov. 20, 1831: John Q. Dickinson was born in Virginia. He came to the Kanawha Valley in 1865 to restore his family's salt works at Malden. He helped establish the Kanawha Valley Bank, which grew into Charleston's largest financial institution, and became a leader in the coal, gas and oil industries.

Nov. 20, 1894: Eight men were killed in a coal mine disaster near Colliers, Brooke County. They were using a dangerous method called "shooting from the solid," meaning that they blasted the coal loose without first undercutting it.

Nov. 20, 1917: Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, N.C.. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.

Nov. 20, 1968: An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company's No. 9 mine near Farmington, Marion County, killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to mine safety. It is West Virginia's deadliest underground coal mine disaster since 1940.

Nov. 21, 1810: Allen Taylor Caperton was born in Monroe County. Caperton served in the Confederate Senate during the Civil War and in the U.S. Senate from 1875 to 1876.

Nov. 22, 1880: Calvin "Cal" Price was born in Marlinton, Pocahontas County. The longtime owner and editor of the Pocahontas Times was known for his civic involvement and conservation efforts. A state forest was dedicated in his honor in 1954.

Nov. 22, 1910: Fire destroyed the academic building at Concord College (now University). By the next morning, community leaders had arranged to teach the 300 students in rooms throughout the town of Athens.

Nov. 22, 1926: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette, an outstanding professional baseball pitcher, spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series to help defeat the New York Yankees.

Nov. 23, 1962: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.

Nov. 24, 1842: Susan Dew Hoff was born in Hampshire County and later moved to West Milford, Harrison County. In 1889, at age 46, she became one of the first women licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia, earning the highest score among her group. She practiced medicine in West Milford for more than 40 years. A clinic there is named in her honor.

Nov. 24, 1883: Actress and women's rights activist Izetta Jewell Brown was born in New Jersey. She came to West Virginia in 1914 after marrying Congressman William Gay Brown of Kingwood, Preston County. After his death in 1916, she managed the family farm and in 1920 became the first woman to second a presidential nominee at a major party convention.

Nov. 24, 2008: Former Governor Cecil Underwood died in Charleston. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, had the distinction of being the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.

Nov. 24, 2015: For her accomplishments in the fields of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Johnson worked for NASA calculating trajectories for manned space flights.

Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Ky. He starred for various teams in the Negro Leagues in the days when Major League Baseball was segregated. Thomas settled in Charleston after his playing days and had a long career in West Virginia state government.

Nov. 25, 1946: Artist Robin Hammer was born in Roanoke, Va., and moved to Charleston in 1968. He was known for his drawings, mixed-media paintings, prints and photography, as well as his nearly three-decade collaboration with Chris Dutch as DutchHammer, which earned numerous awards.

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Billie Ann Allen

Billie Ann Allen, 89, of Shinnston passed away Monday, November 9, 2026 at Fazio's Elder Care, Monongah. She was born March 29, 1937 at Sneads Ferry, NC, a daughter of the late Theron Davis and Laura Lee Norton Davis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe H. Allen, whom she married November of 1954, her brother Tommy Davis and wife Sadie; her sister Carolyn Hostetler; her nephew Paul Cain and her beloved Dog, Bo.

Surviving are her son, Joey Allen and his wife, Lacy, Shinnston; granddaughters, Haley Stealey and Haley Allen, of Shinnston; three great-grandchildren, Zae, Jordan, and T.J.; her brother, Buddy Davis, and wife Necia, Sneads Ferry, NC; many nieces and nephews that were very special to her; and Tina Cain, who was like a sister; brother-in-law, Warren Hostetler, Sr.

Billie grew up in Sneads Ferry, NC. Where she graduated from Dixon High School. Her family heritage was shrimping and running a seafood business that is still operating. She formerly was a dispatcher for Quinn Freight Lines and a bus driver and teacher's aid for Harrison County Board of Education. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, and visiting family in North Carolina. She loved being in the water Clamming.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Fazio's Elder Care and Marilyn Stealey for helping with caregiving.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston from 3:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday. A funeral service will be at the funeral home at 11:00 AM Friday. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum.

Online condolences may be left at harmerfuneralhome.com

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



Jo Carol Brennan

Jo Carol Brennan, 79, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2026, surrounded by all her loved ones. She was born April 29, 1947, in Clarksburg, a daughter of the late Michael Tenda and Julia Pinion Tenda. She is survived by her loving husband, John F. Brennan, whom she married on October 28, 1967. She was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in 1965 and attended Fairmont State College. Jo Carol was a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, sister and friend. Throughout her life she touched the hearts of those around her, leaving behind countless memories that will forever be treasured by her family and loved ones.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John M. Brennan and Shelly Brennan, Shinnston; two grandsons, John Andrew Brennan, Columbus, OH, and Michael Anthony Brennan, Pittsburgh, PA; her sisters, Debbie Tenda Boes and husband Tim, Toni Tenda, and Brenda Tenda, all of Bridgeport; her brother-in-law, Edward P. "Ted" Brennan, Shinnston; nieces and nephews, Billy Jim DeMarco and wife Janelle, Ann Brennan, Susan Brennan Brooks, Dr. Edward P. "Teddy" Brennan II, David John Brennan and wife Amilie. Jo Carol also leaves behind numerous family members including her dear friend of 60+ years, Joan "Mickey" Arco.

Also deceased is her grandfather, Joseph Pinion; her grandmother, Pauline Goots Pinion, her in-laws John E. Brennan; wife Janice Abruzzino Brennan and niece Catherine M. "Katie" DeMarco.

She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and dedicated many years to the League for Service. She formerly was an employee at Crosby's Jewelers, Dr. Ali Rahimian, and Secret Furniture, where she was an interior decorator. She was a beautiful lady with a heart of gold and her love for shopping showed as she was always dressed to perfection. She was a fierce Kansas City Chiefs fan and loved her "Patrick Mahomes". She enjoyed traveling visiting Atlantic City and Vegas with her sisters and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren John Andrew and Michael Anthony.

Jo Carol will be remembered for the love she shared, the memories she created, and the lasting impact she had on those fortunate enough to know her. Although her absence will be deeply felt, her love and legacy will continue to live on through her family and all those whose lives she touched. She will be loved, missed, and remembered always.

The Brennan Family would like to thank our dear friend her wonderful caregiver Sherri Sellers and the amazing Hospice Care Team Brooke Hollen, and Stephanie Lane and Chaplain Christy.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St. Shinnston from 2:00 to 8:00 PM Friday. Holy Rosary will be recited at 7:30PM. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church at 10:30 AM Saturday, November 14 with Father Deepu Joseph as Celebrant. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at harmerfuneral.com

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Ruthan Allen Clark

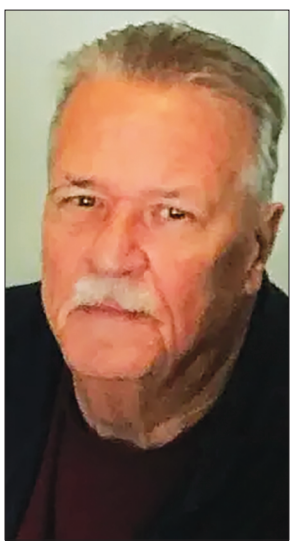
Ruthan Allen Clark, 87, of Hepzibah, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at her residence. She was born in Brown, WV, November 12, 1938, a daughter of the late Ralph E. and Genova Glory Currey Allen.

She is survived by her husband, Walter W. Clark, Jr., whom she married June 2, 2001; two children, Debbie Flanigan, Sun Valley, Gloria Flanigan, Yulee, FL; two step children, Tracy Clark Alfred and her husband Casey, Jane Lew, and Mike Clark and his wife Kelly, Hepzibah; a daughter-in-law, Linda Hall, Charleston; grandchildren: Kaylee Kirkpatrick and her husband Brandon, Tori Vankirk, McKinley Clark, Brookelyn Clark, Manning Clark and his wife Macy, Amy Neuenschwander, Michelle Kirkland, Julie Steinhagen, Joseph Alfred-Rubio and his wife Riley; and several great grandchildren.

Ruthan was also preceded in death by her twin sister, Rubyan Allen Browning and her husband Bob, and a stepson, Dr. Rodney Hall.

Ruthan was a volunteer with UHC Auxiliary for many years and served as a past president. She was a member of the Hepzibah Baptist Church and was also a past president of the American Baptist Women. She loved to play on her computer. She will be sadly missed.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 11am until the time of the funeral service at 1pm, Thursday, November 12, with Pastor Fred Hawkins officiating. Interment will be in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Clark family.



David Lee Closson

David Lee Closson, 71, of Swisher Hill Community, passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at his home with his family by his side. He was born June 27, 1955 in Fairmont, a son of the late Leroy Junior and Edith Rae Fetty Closson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Pamela Sue Christian Closson, whom he married on August 19, 1977.

David is also survived by his children, Patricia Spurr and her husband Steve of Swisher Hill; and Brian Closson of Monongah; his beloved grandchildren, Kynlee and Carson Spurr; and Ashton and Colt Closson; his brother, John Closson of Monumental; his sisters-in-law, Cindy Closson; Linda Hinebaugh and her husband Tim; and Sherry Williams; his best-friend, John Holt of Boothsville; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Closson; his sister, Joyce Closson; an infant brother, Jimmy Lee Closson; and his brothers-in-law, Tim Bowers and Dennis Williams.

David was employed in sales at Mosebach and later retired from State Electric. He was very active in youth sports. He coached Little League and Senior League at Monongah, as well as youth basketball. He loved farming and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. For several years, he and Pam attended Everson Baptist Church. They later became members of Jewel City Church where David enjoyed attending the Men's Meetings. David also loved to read his Bible and follow the word of God.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Tuesday from 4-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, November 11th, at 1:00pm with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. In keeping with David's wishes, cremation will follow the service. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Closson family.



Justin Lee Davis

Justin Lee Davis, 45, of Wallace, gained his wings on Monday, November 9, 2026 following an extended illness. He was born in Clarksburg, October 15, 1981 a son of Eric L. and Joyce A. Bonnell Davis, of Wallace.

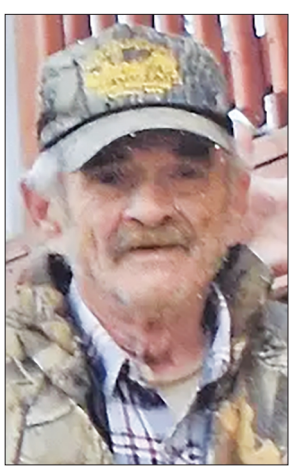
Also surviving are his fiance, Brittany Evans; his daughter, Daxleigh Davis; his bonus son, Zaden Hoinville; a brother, Matthew Davis; his nieces, Lariah Davis and Harper Davis; and his maternal grandmother, Mary Lou Cunningham.

Justin was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Dorman Bonnell, his paternal grandfather, Marvis Davis, and his paternal grandmother, Bonnie Ayres.

Justin worked in the natural gas field for nearly 30 years, most recently employed with EQT. He enjoyed hunting, riding his side by side and spending time with his daughter, Dax.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jewel City Church, WVU Hospice, Integrated Wellness, Joe Plybon, Makenzie Koon, and Larry & Maggie DeNoon for going out of their way to care for Justin and the family.

Cremation services were provided by the Perine Funeral Home and no public services will be held. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Davis family.



Jimmy Lee Friend

Jimmy Lee Friend, 80, of Shinnston, West Virginia, passed away on November 12, 2026. He was born on January 04, 1946, a son of the late Robert Friend and Mary Ashcraft Friend Willhoite.

He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Lemasters; Grandchildren: Haley Sharp, Dayton Sharp, and Ethan Sharp; Great grandchildren: Damian Sharp, Kaiser Lane Sharp, and Enzlee Sharp; Siblings: Shelia Gripper, Randy Willhoite, and Jeanette Martin; and several nieces and nephews, including Gregory Sharp and Aundria Higgins.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by his brothers: Danny Willhoite and Larry Joe Friend.

Jimmy was an Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. He had previously been employed as a truck driver with Salerno Brothers Trucking. Jimmy enjoyed the outdoors and liked hunting and fishing. He liked his dogs and hanging out with his buddies.

Cremation services were provided and no public services will be held at this time. Online memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.PerineFunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Friend Family.

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Gridiron Breakdown Dead Ahead



The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The opening round of the football playoffs took place this past weekend. All four Harrison County teams made the second season with two of them advancing to the second round. It was also a split weekend as two games were played on Friday and the other two were held on Saturday, which gave area football fans the opportunity to take in multiple contests!

On Friday, Lincoln saw their season come to an end with a 52 to 16 setback on the road at Doddridge County. The teams had played recently and the Bulldogs had managed to pull out a 28 to 14 win. Every team has that game where things just don't go the way they want them to go, and unfortunately for the Cougars, this was the one.

Special teams play was impressive for Lincoln as Colton Edwards returned a kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown. Lukas Sostheim nailed a 24 yard field goal and added an extra point. Conner Rice led the Cougar rushing attack with 166 yards on 31 carries and scored the season's final touchdown on a six yard run. Lincoln finished the season with a five and six record and had several impressive wins on the year.

South Harrison was also on the road Friday evening but the Hawks pulled one of the biggest upsets in the first round, defeating fifth ranked team in Class A Williamstown 26 to 20. It was also a rematch that favored the Yellow Jackets 40 to eight.

The Hawks looked to exact some revenge and they achieved that goal while advancing to the round of eight in the process.

After going up six to nothing after the first period, the Hawks outscored Williamstown 20 to seven to take a commanding 26 to seven lead. The Yellow Jackets made a comeback in the second half and had a chance to garner a come-from-behind win.

Williamstown was driving late in the game for a potential winning score, but a fumble at the South Harrison 12-yard line was recovered by Lucas Nutt, allowing the Hawks to run out the clock.

South Harrison's Shepard Paugh carried the load, picking up a game high 338 yards on 37 rushes, Paugh also picked up a pair of runs in the win.

Saturday brought a pair of rematches with Robert C. Byrd losing a heartbreaker and Bridgeport leaving no doubt.

The Flying Eagles lost 15 to 14 to Spring Valley in Clarksburg. RCB scored on the first drive of the game and held the lead 14 to seven in the fourth quarter. The Timberwolves would score and add a two-point conversion to take a one-point lead with a couple of minutes left. The Flying Eagles had the ball at midfield with two timeouts and two minutes remaining, but could get no closer.

Isaiah Heflin scored on a two-yard run and Junior Smith had a two-yard scoring run himself in the affair. RCB finished with a seven and four mark

Bridgeport clobbered Chapmanville 56 to seven, avenging last year's loss that ended the Indians' season. Gavin Williams had 196 yards on the ground with four scores. Gabe Martin didn't play in last year's lock-up with Chapmanville, but this year added 161 yards and two touchdowns..

The Indians advance to play Big 10 foe Fairmont Senior. Throw in Elkins and Phillip Barbour and the Big 10 Conference is well represented heading into the second round of the playoffs.

The West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats finished their season with a 34 to 31 win over Glenville State this past Saturday. Shinnston native Mike Kellar led the 'Cats to a five and six record and his team finished with a two-game win streak. Wesleyan won three of their last five, including a 42 to 13 trouncing of conference champion University of Charleston.

Kellar inherited a program that was tied for the nation's longest losing streak and finished in the upper half of the Mountain East Conference. There was not a team in the conference that wanted to face the Bobcats towards the end of the season. Just ask Concord, a team that barely escaped Buckhannon with a win.

The job Kellar did in his first year at the helm is remarkable to say the least. Coach of the year in the country would be my pick!

Remarkable is the best way to describe the turnaround and it leaves Bobcat backers eagerly awaiting 2027!

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

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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 South Harrison's Shepard Paugh and Kennedy Southern.

Hawks running back Shepard Paugh turned in a tremendous effort in a playoff win over Williamstown. Paugh ran for 338 yards in 37 attempts. He also earned a pair of rushing touchdowns .

Hawk standout volleyball player Kennedy Southern led her team to the state tournament with a win over Petersburg. Southern had 21 kills, 12 service points, 11 digs, and five blocks.

Congratulations to South Harrison's Shepard Paugh and Kennedy Southern for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight.

"Closure of Schools"

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Virginia" because "a decade ago it ranked in the bottom one percent of schools, but today it sits in the top 28 percent statewide with a four star rating."

The low student to teacher ratio "the lowest among all nearby schools" was credited in part for its students outperforming the Harrison County average in mathematics and English Language Arts. That same ratio, however, also helped to recommend its closure.

Salem ranked 115th and was praised by Schooldigger, who said "the school has transformed itself dramatically over the past decade - going from one of the lowest ranked elementary schools in the state to a solidly above-average performer that consistently earns three and four star ratings.

Specifically, Schooldigger notes that Salem Elementary achieved "remarkable success" with a 96 percentile statewide for special education student performance. It also "maintains a four star average for supporting students from low income backgrounds."

"For special education and low-income students," concludes Schooldigger, " Salem is "a standout choice for families in the Harrison County area."

Some who came to speak on behalf of the schools shared that the schools intended to receive students performed significantly lower than the schools slated for closure.

Mayor Garner suggested that the Board should hold off on a decision since West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey, State Treasurer Larry Pack, and others have stated that the school aid funding formula will be changed in the upcoming Legislative session.

Superintendent Sheena Van Meter has repeatedly cited the failures of the school aid funding formula as a major reason for school system struggles, both in her current role and in her previous position as Hardy County Superintendent.

Like districts across West Virginia and nationwide, Harrison County has lost student population. The school aid funding formula compensates school systems in terms of a ratio of students to faculty and students to professional staff. Reductions in student population translate to reductions in state aid, which the State Legislature will likely work to address in their 2027 session.

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WHY MIGHT SOMEONE NEED RECONSTRUCTION AFTER SKIN CANCER SURGERY?

When a skin cancer is removed, the opening left behind can be too large to close, or it can sit in a sensitive spot such as the nose, eyelid, lip, or ear. Reconstruction can help cover that wound with healthy tissue and help preserve how the area works and looks.

WHAT ARE SKIN GRAFTS AND FLAPS?

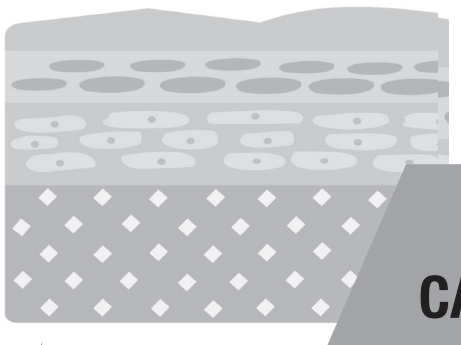
A skin graft moves a thin layer of skin from one part of the body to cover another. A flap moves skin and sometimes deeper tissues, such as fat, muscle, or both, while maintaining or reconnecting its blood supply. The choice depends on the wound's size and location, the patient's needs, and the patient's overall health.

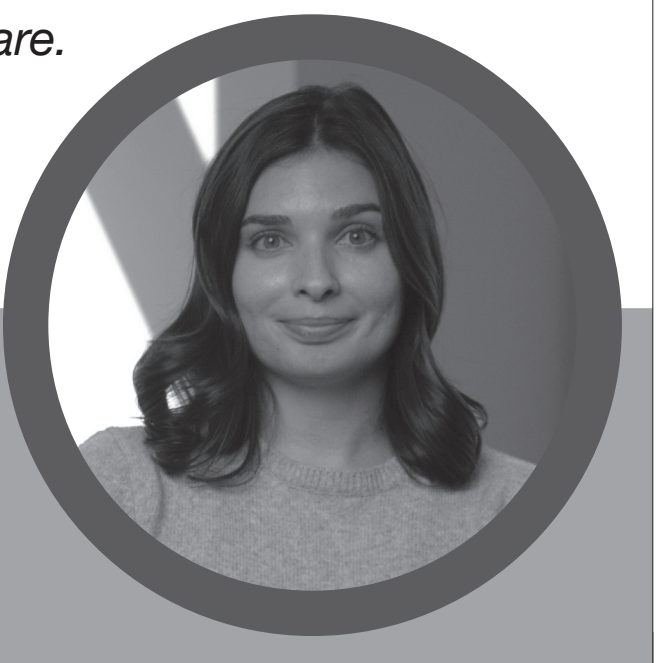
DOES RECONSTRUCTION MEAN THERE WILL BE NO SCAR?

No. Any surgery can leave a scar, and healing differs from person to person. The goal is to repair the area safely and support its function, while aiming for the best possible cosmetic result.



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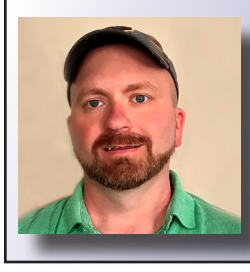
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The Story Behind the Photo

By Bobby Bice

The article I intended to write for November's column seems like it may be more appropriate to end the year with for next month's submission, so this article will discuss the two submitted photos pertaining to Shinnston's very own Dr. Cox. Napoleon Brock Cox is shown standing along the west side of Pike Street, circa 1915. Cox was a physician in Shinnston and is pictured in front of his residence and office at 508 Pike Street. The building in the background is the yellow brick apartment building, known to many older residents as the Franz Apartments. The second photo shows Dr. Cox's home. Most local residents today will know the structure as the former Matheny home as well as Shinnston Glass and Mirror. This image is also pictured in my book, Around Shinnston.

Dr. Cox was born on July 31, 1866, near Arnettsville, in Monongalia County. He married the former Dora Arnett, also born near Arnettsville. Dr. Cox graduated from the Kentucky Academy of Medicine in 1894, as well as the University of Louisville and the Hospital College of Medicine, both in 1897. He began practicing medicine in Arnettsville, then moved to Fairmont and later Boothsville, where his only daughter, Pauline (later Hess) was born. Dr. Cox settled in Shinnston in November 1907, having purchased a home along Rebecca Street from Bart Robey. While in Shinnston, he became a member of the First Methodist Church and St. John's Lodge, AF & AM.

When looking at the home from Pike Street, the left side originally had wrap-around porches when Dr. Cox purchased it. These were built in to accommodate the space needed for his practice (both the office as well as the waiting area). During the Great Depression, Dr. Cox (at 63 years of age) lost most of his money when the First National Bank lost its capital stock and closed its doors permanently. Note: that bank building is now home to the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum. Many pieces of the furniture from the lobby of the



These two images show Dr. Napoleon Brock Cox as well as his home at 508 Pike Street in Shinnston.

bank ended up in Dr. Cox's waiting room. The depression years, as well as the continuing saga of World War II hit hard and he most likely never fully recovered from the financial loss he endured. According to his grandson, many patients paid their debt with homemade quilts, as well as squirrels and rabbits (riddled with buckshot). Dr. Cox practiced medicine in Shinnston until his death in 1959, at the age of 92.

During the 1960's, the contents of the home were sold and then the structure itself was sold. My Grandparents purchased Dr. Cox's large oak medicine cabinet and for several decades, my grandparents and parents used it as a ribbon case in their flower shop. The home was sold to the Matheny Family and the area formerly used as Dr. Cox's office and waiting room became Bill Matheny's Shinnston Glass and Mirror operation for 48 years. The home was recently sold. And that is this month's story behind the photo(s).

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First Energy Shares Protocols and Procedures When Restoring Power After Line Damage

By Stephen Smoot

At a recent local emergency planning committee meeting in the Potomac Highlands, Thomas Butcher spoke on behalf of First Energy and asked that all present help him to share information of how his company responds to power outages caused by lines knocked down during a storm.

First Energy has responsibility for 32,000 miles of transmission lines and has established protocols for how to respond as safely and efficiently as possible. The goal usually lies in restoring service to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

Even before the storm strikes, First Energy has a team of its own meteorologists who do specific data gathering and analysis on weather as it approaches. The team gives information and recommendations to "manage how the weather affects the grid," whether it be extremes in hot or cold temperatures, wind, rain, ice, snow, or other potential problems. An artificial intelligence program evaluates the information on the weather and the grid itself. As the storm approaches, internally, First Energy registers "a lot of chatter" to maintain communication. Also, the closer the storm gets, the more clear the issues appear, and the more accurate the models get.

Based on projections, First Energy forms a strategic deployment strategy of its assets. Butcher also stated that each employee of First Energy has both a normal operations role and a "storm" role that kicks in when damages occur.

The company can shuffle its own resources while relying on mutual aid agreements with other utility companies and also different contractors.

First Energy's first priority when lines go down, Butcher notes, often confuses and sometimes angers the public. The company

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"Obituaries"

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Mary Lou Garrett

Mary Lou Garrett, 82, of Enterprise, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg, February 1, 1944, a daughter of the late Paul Arlis and Edna Irene Bice Jett. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Willard Thomas "Tom" Garrett, whom she married March 12, 1960; one brother, Harvey Leonard Jett and his wife Mary Ella, his son-in-law, Tim Burnell, and a brother-in-law, Kenneth West.

Surviving are three children: Brent Edward Garrett and his wife Tara Knutson Garrett, Morgantown, Jeannette Irene Shadley and her husband Melvin, Enterprise, Cindy Stewart and her husband Kurt, Enterprise; six grandchildren, Kory Michael Garrett and his wife Taylor, Montana Paige Garrett, Logan Alexander Boyle and his wife Heidi, Nicole Irene Burnell-Aldridge and her husband Jon, Heather Marie Stewart-Tichnell and husband Sean, T.J. Stewart and his wife Kelsie; great grandchildren: Nico Aldridge, Alistair Stewart, Thaddeus Stewart, Remi Garrett, Magdalyn Garrett, Baby Boy Garrett, J.T. Savage, Adrien Savage, and Scarlett Forte; and one sister Monna West, Enterprise.

Mary Lou was a homemaker and a member of Family Life Fellowship Church in Enterprise and the Spelter Senior Citizens. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 2-8pm, Thursday where funeral services will be held at 11am, Friday, November 13th with Pastor Aaron Thomas officiating. Interment will be in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Garrett family.



Linda Taylor McDowell

Linda Taylor McDowell, 74, of Haywood Road passed away Sunday, November 8, 2026 at United Hospital Center. She was born April 5, 1952 in Clarksburg, a daughter of the late Forris and Ernestine Taylor. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Joseph F. McDowell.

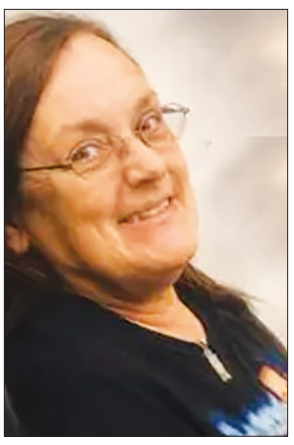
Surviving are her three sons, Michael Taylor and Joshua Taylor of Shinnston, and Chad McDowell and his wife Tara of Fairmont; her sister Virginia Mahle, Marion, OH. She leaves 2 special fur babies behind.

Linda was blessed with the opportunity to meet her sister, Virginia Mahle, of Marion, Ohio, for the very first time in November 2025. It was a special moment in her life that she cherished.

Linda graduated from Lumberport High School. She has been retired for 12 years. She loved Coloring, gardening, rides in the country and spending time with her 2 fur babies. She loved her three sons unconditionally.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston on Wednesday, November 11,2026 from 2:00 - 8:00PM. A funeral service will be held private at the request of the family. Interment will follow at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



Carol Ann Karnis

Carol Ann Karnis, 73, of Shinnston passed away Monday, November 9, 2026 at United Hospital Center. She was born February 21, 1953 in Meadowbrook, WV, a daughter of the late Alex Karnis and Mary DePolo Karnis Olah. Also deceased are her brothers, Alex Karnis, Jr. and Steve Karnis.

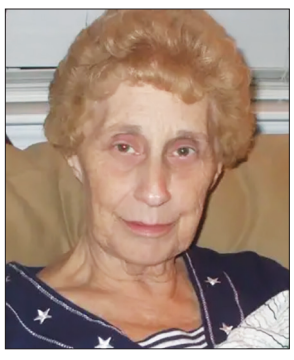
She is survived by her daughters, Missy (Andy) Skiba, Daytona Beach, FL and Mary (Brian) Haines, Grafton; her son, J.R. (Kira) Moore, Shinnston; her sisters, Mary (Jim) VanScoy, Meadowbrook and Karen Jane Robak, Rockville, MD; Grandsons, Dylan (Payton) Haines, Gainesville, FL, Brice (Juliet) Haines, Morgantown, Payton Moore, Charlottesville, VA, and Trent Haines, Bridgeport; her granddaughter, Addison Moore, Shinnston; her great-granddaughter, Lillian Haines, Gainesville, FL; Nieces and Nephews, Holly (Rob) Hawkins, Tammy Jo Karnis, Jimmy VanScoy, Desiree (Chris) Reavis, Tracy (Brian) Edwards, and Stephanie (Rob) Ellis; Several Great nieces and nephews.

Carol was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Shinnston. She loved watching her grandkids play sports. She enjoyed playing bingo, watching Nascar and her driver, Greg Biffle. Carol was an avid WVU sports and Pittsburgh Steelers fan, watching with her Dr. Pepper, of course.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to American Heart Assn. at PO Box 11524 Charleston WV, 25339 or Alzheimer's Assn. at 1601 2nd Ave. Charleston WV, 25387.

Carol's request was body donation and cremation. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston, WV



Edna Rose Payne

Edna Rose Payne, 85, of Mannington, Hilltop Community, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2026 at her residence. She was born in Marion County, February 7, 1941, a daughter of the late Clarence Edward and Thelma Onicka Wadsworth Deavers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earnest Carl Payne; two children, Carl Alan Payne, of Mannington, and Kimberly Ann Legette, of South Carolina; and one brother, Harold Deavers, Mannington.

Surviving are one daughter, Kathy "Kat" Headrick, Mannington; five grandchildren, Connor Headrick, Caitlynn Headrick, both of Mannington, Aaron Headrick, Bridgeport, Trista Haynes and her husband John, and Krista Driggers and her husband Darren, all of SC; great grandchildren, Sullivan, Sawyer, and Saylor Driggers, and Rhett and Colton Haynes, all of SC; her son-in-law, Tim Legette, SC; a sister-in-law, Charlotte Payne, and several nieces and nephews.

Edna was employed as a CNA at St. Barbara's Nursing Home in Monongah for 15 years. She was a respected member of the Wyatt Fellowship Church and the Shinnston Rebekah Lodge #47. She enjoyed watching her soap operas, listening to Christian music, and was the best potato salad maker. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who enjoyed spending time with all of her grandchildren and had a special bond with her best friend Connor. Edna was the glue that held her family together and meant everything to them. She will be deeply missed.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 11am until the time of the funeral service at 1pm, Tuesday, November 10, with Pastor Roy Clark officiating. Interment will be in the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Payne family.



Joy Lea Newbrough Wolford

Joy Lea Newbrough Wolford, 68, of the Audra Park Community and formerly of Shinnston, passed away on November 14, 2026, at United Hospital Center.

She was born on October 11, 1958, in Fairmont, a daughter of the late Jim Newbrough and Norene Baker Newbrough.

Joy is survived by her loving husband, Charles Wolford; two stepsons, Michael Wolford and Mark Wolford; her sister, Karen Hartley and the late Gary Hartley; nieces and nephews Sarah Hartley Mike, Adam Joseph Mike and Stacy Freeman; cousins, Steven Baker, Josh Baker, and Nicholas Baker.

Joy was employed at Walmart for 18 years. She enjoyed fishing, training dogs, spending time with her goats, attending church, and cooking meals for family and friends. One of her greatest joys was training and taking her dogs to provide pet therapy visits at the VA and local nursing homes, where she brought comfort and happiness to many.

Family and friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday at 11:00 a.m., with Evangelist Jesse Phillips officiating. Interment will follow at the West Virginia National Cemetery.

"Pardon Turkey"

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avoided working with the more ornery turkeys and stuck to chickens.

Then came Charles Wampler Senior. As a young man, he earned money helping his mother, saved up, and purchased a turkey. That seven dollars translated into the purchase of one turkey. From there, Wampler worked to breed a more ideal domestic turkey. Genetics work done today with computers and artificial intelligence was done by observation, data collection, and his own analysis.

Later on, he teamed with Virginia Tech to develop specific incubation equipment and procedures for turkey eggs. Said his son Charles Jr "all the others told him that turkeys were by nature wild and would never grow in confinement."

From the 1930s through the 1950s the turkey industry grew quickly in the Shenandoah Valley. Pendleton and Hardy County farmers saw the profits earned and many made the jump to turkeys. In 1938, West Virginia had 274,000 turkeys compared to four million chickens. The basic needs of soldiers in World War II pushed more modernization into food production almost everywhere because, as Napoleon said "an army moves on its belly."

Just as Moorefield in central Hardy County emerged as a center of gravity for chicken production and processing, so did the farming areas around Fort Seybert and Mathias in Pendleton and Hardy counties for turkey growth in the Mountain State. According to the West Virginia Encyclopedia, "beginning in 1950, great changes took place in the poultry industry. Poultry farming changed from the keeping of a flock of chickens as part of a diversified farm operation to the specialized production of broilers under contract to a major meat processor. Disease and parasite controls, feed-conversion enhancements, accelerated growth, and bigger housing were among the changes."

Operations also started to specialize. In Fort Seybert, about two centuries after the burning of the namesake fortification by Indians, M. B. Rexrode Turkey Farm was established in 1955, same year as the Turkey Festival held in Mathias annually. It was the first, and likely still only example of a "turkey layers" operation in the Mountain State.

That history and tradition will also involve the coming of a special guest, Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture. Becky Rightsell shared with the Board plans to welcome the Secretary at Brandywine Elementary School in southern Pendleton County "We've got a big gymnasium, and we can involve the children. Through this, we can highlight our children, our school, our county, our staff, and everything. And, once Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins heard of the potential of having this thing at the school, it was a go

When Secretary Rollins comes, as Mrs. Rightsell shared, "This is nothing political. This is them talking to the kids, involving the kids, making it more kid friendly. The turkeys are going to be on the stage or on the gym floor. We're going to have the children come in, sit down in front. We're doing some crafts and things like mine and Mister Ethan's children are making a bulletin board with turkeys, a collage of turkeys." She also shared that, by request, a lot of the kids will be wearing hats." Each class got to suggest two names for the turkey

A major concern, especially with the event's proximity to Washington DC and various active pressure groups there, is security. Although as Mrs. Rightsell said "It's been the worst kept secret," information and promotion of the event even locally has been limited to informing parents of the proceedings to prevent "that nasty stuff from coming to us." Social media is blacked out for the duration.

Brandywine Elementary School and Dean's Gap Farms now joins the history and the tradition of West Virginia-based turkey production with their selection and the Secretary's visit. "We're overwhelmed," said Mr. Rightsell. "We're still pinching ourselves."

He went on to explain that "we're representing West Virginia and Pendleton County" and that "other farmers here could have been picked and they all work really hard at what they do. We're representing them, too."

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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.

Given under my hand October 9, 2026

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

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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**

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-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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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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"Hunt"

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Over the years, I've had the privilege of serving as NLC president, traveling throughout the country, and developing friendships with extraordinary local leaders. Many of those friendships have lasted decades, long after we left elected office.

One of the things I enjoy most about these conferences is reconnecting with old friends. There's something special about running into a former mayor or councilmember you haven't seen in years and picking up the conversation as though it were yesterday.

There are certainly many old friends I'm hoping to see in Nashville, but there's one special friend I wouldn't mind running into again—legendary country music performer Emmylou Harris!

Back in 2015, when NLC held its Annual Conference in Nashville, I attended a private reception with Nashville's mayor and a small group of city officials. As a special treat, Emmylou Harris performed for our group. It was an unforgettable experience.

Following her performance, an NLC staff member approached and asked if I would like to meet Emmylou. Well, I didn't need to be asked twice! I jumped at the opportunity, and before I knew it, I was standing beside one of country music's most legendary performers, having our picture taken.

Now, I suspect Emmylou might not remember our brief encounter quite as well as I do, but that doesn't diminish the memory one bit!

Of course, the real value of NLC isn't meeting country music stars, although I wouldn't turn down another opportunity. It's the friendships, exchange of ideas, and opportunity to learn from people committed to improving their communities.

This year's City Summit will bring together thousands of municipal leaders to discuss economic development, public safety, emerging technologies, housing, and the financial challenges facing local governments. I'll also have the opportunity to moderate one of the conference's Solutions Sessions.

After all these years, I still believe some of the most valuable moments happen outside the formal meeting rooms. It's the conversation over breakfast, the chance encounter in a hallway, or the discussion with a mayor who has successfully tackled a problem another community is struggling to solve.

Technology has transformed local government, and the challenges facing municipal leaders have become increasingly complex. Yet, good leadership still requires listening, building relationships, making difficult decisions, and remembering that public service is ultimately about people.

Forty-one annual conferences represent a lot of miles, countless meetings, and more name badges than I care to remember. But they also represent a lifetime of learning, remarkable friendships, and yes, even an unforgettable evening with Emmylou Harris.

And that's why I'm still excited to be heading to Nashville.

Because when it comes to building amazing cities and towns, there's always something new to learn—and occasionally, a little music along the way.

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

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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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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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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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(2025-C-000486 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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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(2025-C-000544 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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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(2025-C-000545 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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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A Lot of Thought Goes Into Giving Gifts



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

It is actually hard to believe that Christmas is just four weeks away. Part of the celebration of Christmas is shopping for gifts. This is not the only meaning of Christmas, but if done in the right way it is very meaningful. Why do we give gifts? There are many reasons why, but it is not as easy as it was back in my early days. It seems that most live with the theory that we get whatever we want whenever we want it. Then that leaves us with the question: what do we get them.

One answer to that question is that most everyone will enjoy a box of sweets or a nice live flower. Paired with a nice visit or a lunch date would make most people happy. Of course most children , especially the young ones love to get toys, but this takes a lot of thought as to the proper age. and the best thing to do is ask the parent what would be best. And the last resort is a gift card to a toy store to pick out their own toy, especially after Christmas to enhance what they already got. How about a pizza gift card for the teenager so they can invite their friends over, or a dinner gift card for the young couple who might be struggling financially and would just need a night out. The last thing is that cash in an envelope which I do but do not feel good about. It kind of robs me of that warm feeling that gift giving is all about for both the giver and the receiver.

Now several weeks ago while I was volunteering at the Farmers Market, I got a visit from my friend, Joe Spatafore. He handed me a book and when I looked at the cover the title was My Journey with God. Upon looking closer I saw the author was Joe Spatafore. I asked "Joe did you write this?" He shook his head and handed me a copy for me to keep. .

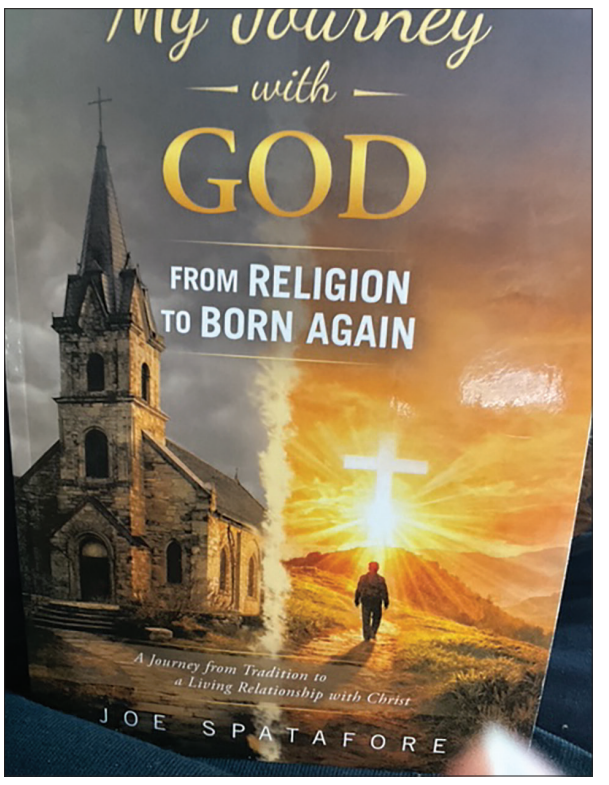
I have read the book several times and each time I dwell on a different item he wrote about. It is really an autobiography of Joe and it is written so down to earth that even the young could read it. I was friends with Joe and his late wife, Joyce, and I learned things about him which I never knew. This became personal as I remember his father and what a kind man he was and his mother who was friends with my mom. For some reason her presence at moms wake meant so much to me.

Talking about gifts, this would be an excellent gift for Christmas. With the world situation this might be a way in helping all of us face the future.

As Joe says "A Journey From Traditions To A Living Relationship With Christ." The book is available on line at any book store. A big thanks to Joe for sharing this story.

The PWA will be selling Pita Piata on Tuesday, December 1 at the Uptown Event Center. We recommend you get your preorder in early by calling 3 624 6881as we will be making a limited number. We use that original recipe with wine and orange peel as a seasoning and we are anticipating having them on a Fiesta plate as in years past.

Do not get overwhelmed with chores, start early, so you can enjoy Christmas Eve and. Christmas Day. Stay healthy, participate in the Clarksburg Christmas parade, attend a function at the Robinson Grand and do not be a Grinch. Take care and until next week "Now you have heard it through the Grapevine."



Cover of Spatafore's book.

THANK YOU FOR READING

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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**

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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**

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

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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: 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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(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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(2025-C-000913 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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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(2025-C-000949 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

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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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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.

Given under my hand October 9, 2026

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"First Energy"

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targets downed lines that are still "live" with electricity. In an effort called both "make safe", but also, "cut and run" internally, First Energy technicians will do what is needed to eliminate the danger from downed and live wires before they do anything else.

"People see us working in front of their houses, then we leave the area without putting the power back on yet," he said, noting that the public gets frustrated, but that safety comes first.

As soon as lines go down, First Energy will show on its online outage map that repair will take two hours. That is not accurate, but a default statement based upon the average time it takes to restore outages in the course of a year.

Once the site changes the notification to "dispatched" in a certain area, Butcher stated "it's a pretty good chance it happens that day" that power gets restored. When the crew arrives, it conducts safety and planning sessions before work commences. Only then can First Energy give customers a better estimate on when they will see service restored. Every instance of damage is unique and requires the crew to work precisely to get the job done completely and also safely.

Butcher stated that First Energy customers have an important role to play during an outage. "We want every person to call and say if they don't have their lights on." When the crew completes work, those who called will be called back. That way, First Energy can confirm they did the work properly and that service is restored.

Additionally, to speed response times, First Energy requests that all whose addresses were changed for 911 purposes, but have not changed their address with First Energy, reach out and do so. Pre 911 addresses are difficult to locate and can prevent prompt response.

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

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

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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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"Smoot"

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necessary. The only time that a school system employee should be present without another school employee in the room is when a parent, law enforcement, medical staff, or some other State agency representative that deals with children is present.

There is no sound reason in the normal day-to-day operations of a school where a staff or faculty member must be alone with a single student. One can imagine emergency scenarios in which a teacher may grab a child during flooding, fire, or a school shooting and have to remain alone with them for their safety, but few situations regularly require a teacher alone in a room with a child.

Any violation of this rule should result in a firing offense. No second chances.

A second suggestion. No staff or faculty member of a school has any reason to contact a child directly, via social media, phone, or otherwise. Again, this needs to be a first time firing offense.

Violations of these rules, if put in place, would not happen by accident or circumstances, but by adult choice. That means that there is no reason to keep them on staff if they violate the rule because one can easily avoid making that choice.

The Boy Scouts of America faced problems with child predators targeting their programs and responded with what they called "two deep leadership." Simply put, any Scouting activity must be led by two adults over the age of 21 unless the parent or guardian of the child is also present.

If an event is planned, but only one adult can attend, the event must be cancelled.

After years of tragic scandals within the Roman Catholic Church, the Church also passed strict rules governing interaction between adults and children. This extends further than the Boy Scouts in that it also forbids close mentoring between a single adult and a single child.

Both the Boy Scouts and the Roman Catholic Church have undergone significant public scrutiny after years of allegations proven true. This sparked them to make the changes needed to make children in their charge safer and more secure from adult predators who might worm their way in.

Educators will have a point when they argue against this policy. As the traditional family has dissolved from American society, the instances of home-based drug abuse, dysfunction, child abuse, and neglect have risen substantially.

Some will make the point that at times a child needs to share the trauma they are experiencing outside of school and that one-on-one situations are sometimes optimal to draw out details. Learning those details can help to keep a child safe. Ending the possibility of one-on-one communication between trusted school employees and children will bring the unintended consequence of making such communication more difficult.

The dilemma is that predators take advantage of children already hurt and traumatized when placed in precisely these situations with children.

That leads directly to this corollary of the bomber metaphor… Consider if the bombers all looked like passenger planes until they had already dropped their munitions?

Steven Lough does not look like a predator. Nor do most of the often younger women and older men who prey on these children. They all take on the appearance of caring professionals and maintain their images precisely, at least until caught. For most of these predators, the first step lies in isolating their target whether alone in a room or via social media contact.

At that point, the predator has the advantage in terms of manipulating the child, separating them further from family or friends who will tell them "hey, this is bad and you need to tell someone."

Building a legal wall to protect children from those first steps could help to reduce the number of children victimized in school or by school system employees.

Yes, this will depress morale of teachers and educational staff who will feel like they are suffering for the actions of a small percentage of malefactors. And, frankly, they are.

Reality is, unfortunately, that predators are drawn to situations in which they can engage children. That could be through schools, a church, Scouting organizations, any arena in which adults and children interact. For the sake of this discussion, it matters not how the adult finds their way to this crime. It only matters that a child is harmed by an employee of the school system.

Reality is also that one cannot usually see these people coming without benefit of a lie detector test given to each person before their start date. They are intelligent and manipulative, very capable of fooling adults and children alike. One cannot just do a better job in the intake process to avoid hiring them. Predators know all too well how to hunt, including when to camouflage.

West Virginia's public school teachers and system employees are working hard to promote the image of public schools as superior to alternative learning environments. While the Hope Scholarship Annual Report does not list student safety as a major reason for parents seeking alternative education environments, one can imagine that every arrest of a teacher for abusing students drives at least a handful of parents away from traditional public schools.

Some do point out the reality that a small minority of parents home school so they can continue to abuse their children. It is just as unfortunate that a small minority of school employees seek out these jobs so they can victimize children as well.

These rules will place a sad, but needed, restriction on teacher and student interactions at school while prohibiting the social media contact that needs to never happen. At the end of the day, however, making it more difficult for predators to initiate harmful contact will reduce the number of children who will have to carry trauma from school all their lives.

Harrison County Commission Contends With Regional Jail Bill

By Stephen Smoot

In 1985, the West Virginia State Legislature passed the act creating the system of regional jails. From then over the next two decades, counties closed their incarceration facilities in favor of using the regional jail system. Since then, the cost has grown significantly to counties, many of which have fallen significantly behind in payments. Some smaller counties are burdened by arrears in the millions.

Counties pay a base rate of $75.44 per inmate per day with some qualifying for a discount and others an overage rate. Harrison County's bill has dramatically increased this year, with Commissioners questioning how to address it.

Harrison County Commissioner Patsy Trecost provided the customary invocation, praying that "We thank you that we are not orphans, that we do not live by ourselves today, but have the Holy Spirit to guide us and to provide the wisdom to help us build our society, our counties, and our nation, and our distant world on not sand, Lord, but on concrete so that we can withstand whatever it is that you've thrown at us.For your guidance, we pray all these things in Jesus' name."

The meeting opened with public comment from recovering addict Dave Sutton. He was inquiring about the County funding a ride program for recovering addicts with Uber.

After some general Commission business came the discussion on approval of payment of bills. Commissioner David Hinkle noted that I'm concerned about our regional bill. It's 50 percent of what we're paying out today in bills. Where's our projections to get us through till July?"

Commissioner Trecost in the past had expressed similar concerns about costs related to use of the regional jail and proposed renovating part of the courthouse to provide incarceration space for those awaiting court.

County Administrator Laura Pysz-Laulis noted that the bill fluctuates between $160,000 and $220,000 "just depending on the month." She later stated that the only solution she could imagine would come from the West Virginia State Legislature. Commissioner Hinkle responded that even $200,000 per month "is a big hit to the operating budget."

"We can't afford $250,000 a month for 12 months," he explained.

Commission President Susan Thomas stated that other county commissions have examined the issue to find solutions, but agreed with Pysz-Laulis that effective relief would have to come from the State Legislature.

Commissioners Thomas and Hinkle both shared the opinion that the municipalities of Harrison County needed to be brought together for a broad discussion of the regional jail bill Commissioner Hinkle added that those same municipalities request special funding for a variety of wants and needs, so they should be receptive to the need to find ways to reduce the jail bill.

"I think we need to talk to our legislators too," added Commission President Thomas.

Commissioner Hinkle then added that the County has positive relationships with judges and probation officers who try to prevent incarceration when it's reasonable to do so.

Later in the meeting, Commissioners debated moving County pay dates to biweekly instead of on the 15th and 30th of the month. Commission President Susan Thomas shared that "I have gotten a lot of responses from employees that it would affect them immensely to change along with elected officials. So I'm gonna make a motion that we stay with the fifteenth and thirtieth schedule."

Commissioners agreed that a work session might be needed to look at the issues in full. Commissioner Hinkle stated that the unpredictable nature of special holidays proclaimed by the Governor and other issues led to payroll problems with the 15th and 30th schedule. Commission President Thomas's motion carried with Hinkle opposed, but a work session will take place.

Commissioner Hinkle then spoke on closing Summit Park for the duration of a construction project. He said "I just would like to say as long as these people are bringing in equipment, storing equipment, it's just a blanket saver for all people that we just shut the park down. We don't have to worry about people coming around or interfering with this construction."

He added that public intrusion onto recent rail trail construction work in Shinnston helped to convince him that this step was needed. "People still rode bikes in the middle of their construction site," Hinkle said.

Commissioners voted to close the park for construction and to revisit the issue in the last Commission meeting in March 2027.

Set Sail on the Gravy Boat

By Chef Matthew Welsch - Culinary Director West Virginia Parks and Resorts

Last year about this time, we were talking about our map to a perfect turkey. This year, let's talk about the unsung hero of the Thanksgiving Day plate, and that's the gravy.

Gravy gets made at the worst possible moment. The bird is out, the guests are hungry, the potatoes are going cold, and now you're supposed to whisk a smooth, flavorful sauce out of whatever happens to be stuck to the roasting pan. That's how we end up with lumps, pale gravy, and a spoonful of raw flour.

Professional kitchens don't leave sauce to chance, and neither should you. We make our stock ahead of time, and the sauce is built long before service. You can do the same. Make the whole gravy base days before Thanksgiving, then finish it with a few spoonfuls of drippings when the turkey comes out. The bird just adds the final touch.

Three things make the difference. First, a deeply browned stock. Roast the turkey wings and vegetables until they're dark, because color is flavor. Second, a roux of equal parts butter and flour, cooked until it smells nutty and looks like peanut butter. Third, warm stock added slowly, with a whisk in your other hand.

And if it does go sideways, don't panic. Lumpy gravy goes through a fine strainer. Thin gravy simmers a few more minutes. Thick gravy loosens with a splash of stock or water. Bland gravy almost always needs salt before it needs anything else.

Here's how we build it.

Make-Ahead Turkey Gravy

Yield: about 6 cups, 8 to 10 servings
Time: 2½ hours, up to 3 days ahead

2 lbs	Turkey Wings
1 T	Neutral Oil
1 ea	Yellow Onion, quartered
2 ea	Carrots, rough chopped
2 ribs	Celery, rough chopped
4 sprigs	Fresh Thyme
2 ea	Bay Leaves
2½ qt	Water
6 T	Unsalted Butter
6 T	All-Purpose Flour
½ C	Dry White Wine
TT	Kosher Salt and Black Pepper
¼ C	Turkey Pan Drippings, fat skimmed off (optional, Thanksgiving Day)

ROAST: Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Toss the turkey wings, onion, carrots, and celery with the oil on a sheet pan. Roast for 45 minutes, stirring once, until everything is deeply browned.

SIMMER: Transfer the wings and vegetables to a large pot. Pour a cup of hot water onto the sheet pan, scrape up the browned bits, and add that to the pot too. Add the thyme, bay leaves, and the remaining water. Bring to a simmer, skim off any foam, and cook gently for 1½ hours. Strain and discard the solids. You should have about 6 cups of stock. Add a little water if you're short. Cool and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

MAKE THE ROUX: Warm the stock in a saucepan. In a second large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 5 to 7 minutes, until it turns the color of peanut butter and smells nutty.

BUILD THE GRAVY: Whisk the wine into the roux and cook for one minute. Add the warm stock one ladle at a time, whisking until smooth before adding the next. Simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, until the gravy coats the back of a spoon. Season with salt and pepper, tasting as you go.

FINISH: On Thanksgiving Day, reheat the gravy and stir in the skimmed drippings from the roasting pan. Pour through a fine strainer for a silky texture. Hold warm over low heat, thinning with a splash of stock or water if it thickens.

Enjoy, friends. Now you can sit down with everyone else.

Harrison County Schools and Board Weigh Options For School Structures In Case of Consolidation

By Stephen Smoot

Almost one year ago, Harrison County Commissioner Patsy Trecost levied sharp criticism at Harrison County Schools and the Board of Education.

"It's a shame what they do to the public when they take 70 percent of taxes right off the top," stated Commissioner Trecost. Last year, he noted that "the Board of Education (is) dumping three more schools. Every time they do that, it falls on the County and the municipalities across the State of West Virginia."

Commissioner Trecost's criticism lay with what he interpreted as school systems allowing buildings to fall into serious physical decline, then closing the schools that use them. Commissioner David Hinkle expressed agreement with Commissioner Trecost in that instance.

With Harrison County Schools, while under State intervention for budgetary issues, poised to close Salem and Lost Creek elementary schools, once again the fate of soon-to-be vacant public buildings becomes an important issue for the communities in which they sit.

Brandy Garner, Mayor of Salem, expressed concerns over the potential closure of that town's elementary school. She shared that the City had worked diligently to clear away dilapidated structures to make Salem a family-friendly place to live.

During the November 2 meeting, Board of Education President Frank Devono inquired if schools such as Salem could be repurposed, asking Superintendent Sheena Van Meter "is there a way we could look at utilizing some of our buildings and other facets?"

One idea lay in converting Salem Elementary into a subject specific educational facility, such as for the arts, or sciences. That did not lead to much subsequent discussion. Superintendent Van Meter offered that HCS would have to figure the cost of keeping the building versus selling it.

She shared that the Board can keep any of the buildings, but HCS has to tabulate the cost of "all those utilities, that's a piece you have to think about coming out of that closure plan. And then if you are going to do something else with it, what does that look like? Does it require staffing? What are the options for it?"

Additionally, it was related that when a school building is expected to go to sale, a charter school has 90 days to determine if they wish to acquire it.

Superintendent Van Meter laid the blame for closure of the schools on the state school aid funding formula, which provides funding for personnel via established ratios of faculty to students and of professional staff to students. Some counties have taken advantage of the ability to employ under the formula and keep the difference, which was allowed in State Legislature school funding reforms in 2018.

She stated "they're burning our communities and our counties to the ground with the lack of support for public education and how we keep these schools open. So that's the problem that we have to face. But we also have to make decisions so we can make payroll next year."

In recent weeks, State Treasurer Larry Pack has voiced support for both robust support for the Hope Scholarship and also significant reform of the school aid funding formula to put public schools on solid ground financially.

He shared in an interview that there was support in the State Legislature to work on the formula and address where it falls short in a time of not only statewide, but nationwide drops in school enrollment due to demographic trends.

Devono made a statement at the end of the meeting that coincided with points made by Treasurer Pack. He stated "We have to work with the charter schools. We can't sit and point fingers any longer. We have to figure out a way to educate the children of West Virginia. It is a bigger issue than just charter school this, Hope Scholarship that."

Blame attributed to the Hope Scholarship, according to Treasurer Pack, is misplaced. Hope Scholarship funds by state law come from the general fund, not from monies slated for public schools. Treasurer Pack, who administers the Hope program, has emphasized that the school aid funding formula is the issue that is affecting schools and that issue is independent of the Hope Scholarship itself.

He went on to state that "We all have to work together in some form because I can tell you right now, these rules are not going to go away. So we need to figure out how to work together instead of pointing the finger and saying, it's your fault."

The Board of Education has not yet voted to close the schools, or if it does, what will definitively be done with the buildings.

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