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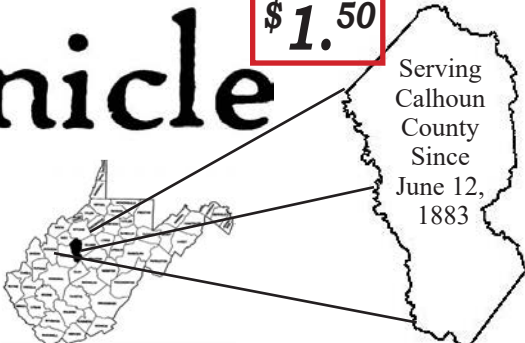
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Lincoln Cougars Declawed By Calhoun County

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the Red Devil volleyball squad played in the land of the giants, so to speak. They competed in a tri match with Doddridge County and Lincoln (Harrison). The team from Shinnston competes in Class AA, providing another early season challenge for Calhoun County.

Challenge accepted. Challenge met.

Just as in the opening set against Class AA power program Doddridge County, Calhoun County opened up a big early lead. Three aces by Allison Harris helped to power the Red Devils to a seven to nothing lead before

giving up the serve to the Cougars. Lincoln picked up two points, but quickly relinquished the serve.

Almost as quickly, they were down 12 to two.

Lincoln tried to claw its way back as it started an eight to four run that closed the gap to 16 to 10. The Red Devil squad kept making plays during the run, as when Kaylee

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Sisters Build Prayer Bench at Calhoun County Park to Earn Girl Scout Silver Award

CALHOUN COUNTY, WV — Brooke Tingler and Mackenzie Tingler have combined community service, faith, and leadership through the creation of a new prayer bench at Calhoun County Park, a project that helped the sisters earn the prestigious Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve.

The Silver Award recognizes girls who identify a need in their community and develop a sustainable project that creates a lasting impact. For Brooke and Mackenzie, that need was providing a peaceful space where visitors could pause, reflect, and pray while enjoying the beauty of the park.

The sisters spent months planning, fundraising, and coordinating the installation of the prayer bench. Their goal was to create a welcoming location where individuals and families could find a moment of quiet inspiration and connection with nature.

“We wanted to give people a place where they could sit, think, pray, and enjoy the peaceful surroundings,” said the sisters. “Our hope is that the bench will bring comfort and encouragement to everyone who visits.”

The project involved selecting an appropriate location, obtaining approvals, gathering materials, and overseeing construction. Brooke and Mackenzie worked

closely with community members and volunteers who contributed their time and support to help bring the project to life.

Park visitors have already expressed appreciation for the addition. Nestled among the scenic surroundings of Calhoun County Park, the bench offers a serene setting for reflection, making it a meaningful enhancement to the park’s amenities.

Girl Scout leaders praised the sisters for their dedication and commitment throughout the project.

“The Silver Award challenges girls to become leaders and problem-solvers in their communities,” a troop representative said. “Brooke and Mackenzie demonstrated those qualities by creating something that will benefit residents and visitors for years to come.”

The completed prayer bench stands as a lasting reminder of the sisters’ hard work and service. Through their efforts, Brooke and Mackenzie not only achieved a significant milestone in Girl Scouting but also left a meaningful legacy for the Calhoun County community.

As visitors stop to rest and reflect at the new bench, they will be experiencing the lasting impact of a project built with compassion, determination, and a desire to serve others.

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Community Banks Show That Banking Should Also Begin At Home

By Stephen Smoot

An old and very true maxim teaches that “charity begins at home.” In the American financial system, it should be just as commonly recognized that banking should also start at home, in the communities of the people they serve.

Calhoun Banks has enjoyed the privilege of providing that service for over 125 years.

Bruce Fitzwater, President of Calhoun Banks, stated “if I remember right, there were two banks in Grantsville in the mid-1800s that merged into one.” They later “developed into Calhoun County Bank. We had our office on Main Street.”

The tragic fire that swept through Grantsville forced a relocation to the building that currently houses the West Virginia State Police and the Town of Grantsville hall. The final move came in 2018 to the current location.

“This was an old school lot. The Grantsville Grade



Calhoun Banks has served the area for over 125 years and focuses on home loans for local residents.

School was located on this property.” The smaller and newer building helped to reduce costs of operation.

Each community bank comes from its own unique history, creating its own unique traditions, and serving their customers in their own unique fashion.

“The community bank model is very unique” notes Bill Loving, the former chairman of the Independent

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Grantsville’s Place to Gather Owned by “West Virginia Wonder Woman”



Moms Place Too has served as both hometown diner and community hub for 15 years.

By Stephen Smoot

For 15 years, minus a pandemic-era pause, Mom’s Place Too has served up family recipes and family-style fellowship right in the middle of Grantsville.

“I started in Elizabeth,” said Lucy Cooper about her career as a restaurant entrepreneur. People would come to her restaurant there and ask Cooper to open up in Grantsville. The 1980 local graduate saw an opportunity about 15 years ago to bring her business back to her hometown.

She explained how the previous restaurant had been shut down and the property put up for sale at a tax auction. “We were the only ones who showed up to bid,” Cooper recalled.

Home cooked food and creating community comes naturally to Cooper because it is in her roots. She uses a lot of recipes created by her mother when she ran an eating establishment. Cooper also remembered her husband’s advice when she was starting out.

He told her “just put some extra taters in the skillet and cook like you do at home,” and that has served as a recipe for success ever since. A lot of love goes into the food, especially their homemade pies and homemade soups.

Last week, Cooper had a traditional old time West Virginia favorite, strawberry rhubarb, on the pie menu. “My grandma used to make it,” she explained. Then Cooper shared how with rhubarb often scarce in grocery stores, she planted her own to use in the pies.

Mom’s Place Too serves as more than just a place to eat. It also brings people from all over Calhoun County together to share their days. “Socializing is key for so many people around here,” noted Cooper. “It brings people out who wouldn’t otherwise come out” when they know they can see old friends and familiar faces.

“You hear about hay balers, tractors, so many conversations,” said Cooper.

An upcoming issue of West Virginia Living magazine will feature Cooper as a “West Virginia Wonder Woman.” For over a decade the publication has continued “a campaign to celebrate the extraordinary women who work to bring change and a brighter future to West Virginia and beyond.”

It adds that “our Wonder Women are also human, They’re mothers and friends, Neighbors and co-workers.”

And those superheroes wear more than one important hat.

Cooper also has worked with the Cabot Recycling Center in Grantsville for over three decades. After serving as a Board member, she assumed the directorship of the operation. “Now I do it full time,” she said.

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Home Country

Slim Randles
We’re still curious about exactly where Old Man Jenkins’ cabin is. While he was alive, we never thought to bug him about where he lived, because we also cherish a man’s right to privacy. But Jenkins died on one of his trips to town, and we still didn’t know where his cabin was.
So that began a number of semi-serious expeditions into our nearby mountains to try and solve the mystery. Hasn’t happened yet, but there’s always hope deep in the souls of true explorers.
And so it is with Mrs. Doc. She introduced herself to all of us as Mrs. Doc, and ... as wife of our local sawbones ... she automatically deserves respect, even if that respect means maintaining a mystery.
But in a way, Mrs. Doc has added something tangible to our little society here in Home Country, because if we should ever falter for a subject of intense

Op-Ed

By Kris Warner
WV Secretary of State
August 25, 2026
West Virginia Recognized as a National Leader in Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship
For generations, West Virginians have been known for their hard work, determination, and willingness to build something from the ground up. Today, those qualities are matched by an entrepreneurial ecosystem that is helping new businesses not only launch, but succeed in the long term.
A recently released business longevity study found that West Virginia leads the nation in five-year business survival.
According to the study, 57.6% of businesses launched in West Virginia in 2019 achieved a five-year survival rate, which is the highest in the United States and well above the national average of 51.6%. Connecticut ranked second at 57.5%, while Pennsylvania and Alaska tied for third at 56.0%. Other larger, traditionally stronger business markets such as California, Florida, New York, and Texas, ranked even lower.
This research tracked employer establishments through their first five years of operation, a period that included the COVID-19 pandemic and significant economic disruptions. High survival rates are often viewed as indicators of economic resilience, strong local support systems, and an environment where entrepreneurs can sustain and grow their businesses.
This achievement did not happen by accident.
It is the result of years of collaboration among state legislators, entrepreneurs, business owners, educators, economic development professionals, chambers of commerce, lenders, workforce leaders, local governments, and state agencies. Together, they have worked to create an environment where innovative ideas don’t just begin, but also grow into sustainable businesses.
When people discuss entrepreneurship, much of the attention is focused on start-

discussion, we have her first name to fall back on.
Doc’s a true pal, of course, but there’s no way he’d betray his missus on this. We did ask him one time if he actually knew her first name. He gave us the strangest look and said, “What do you think? I met this girl in college named Mrs. Doc and asked her to marry me?”
The speculation has run the gamut of everything from her having a first name meaning a poisonous flower, to body parts, battleships, national parks, and disastrous storms. If we did accidentally trip over her real name, neither she nor Doc would confirm it.
So while we’re looking for Jenkins’ cabin, we can contemplate that very nice lady ... Mrs. Doc.

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ups. Launching a business is certainly important, but longevity is the true measure of success. Starting a company takes courage. Keeping it alive through economic uncertainty, market shifts, staffing challenges, and changing customer demands requires persistence and support.
That is why this study is so significant. It tells us that West Virginia is becoming a place where entrepreneurs are finding the resources, networks, mentorship, and encouragement needed to stay in business and continue growing.
In recent years, West Virginia has made entrepreneurship a priority. From business coaching and mentoring programs to startup accelerators, small business development services, access to capital initiatives, and expanded entrepreneurial education, the ecosystem that supports business creation has steadily strengthened.
The Secretary of State's WV Office of Entrepreneurship was another important step forward. Established with a simple but powerful mission to connect entrepreneurs with the resources they need and ensure state government is working to remove obstacles rather than create them, its creation could not have come at a better time. By aligning efforts across agencies and organizations, West Virginia is making it easier for entrepreneurs to navigate the path from idea to enterprise, scaling, and eventually long-term success.
As Secretary of State, I have the privilege of witnessing new business formations every day. Behind every registration filing is a person with a dream, a plan, and the courage to take a risk. Those entrepreneurs deserve credit, but so do the many organizations and individuals who help them succeed after the doors open.
This recognition belongs to all of them.
While we should celebrate this accomplishment, we must also continue the work. Our goal should not simply be to rank among the nation's leaders in business longevity. Our goal should be to become the best state in America to start, grow, and sustain a business.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

West Virginia is one of dozens of states suing Meta over the harm its platforms can cause children. Our governor signed West Virginia onto that lawsuit when he was attorney general, and he was right to do so. But lawsuits can only go so far. We need meaningful protections that change what happens when our children actually use these platforms. Two bills in the U.S. Senate claim to address this problem, but only one puts the responsibility where it belongs: on the platforms themselves.
The App Store Accountability Act focuses primarily on the app store. It verifies a child’s age and requires parental consent, but once that child enters an app, the platform largely operates as it did before. The same features that were designed to capture attention, collect information, target users and keep children scrolling remain. It should come as no surprise that Meta has promoted this type of approach in statehouses across the country.
The Parents Over Platforms Act, or POPA, takes a better approach. A parent would enter a child’s age when setting up the phone, and that age information would follow the child into the apps they use. Apps then would be responsible for responding appropriately. Platforms in-

tended for adults would have to disable harmful features for minors, including certain data collection and targeted advertising.
It is an important distinction. Instead of asking parents to navigate a maze of individual apps and settings, the technology would finally work with parents rather than against them. Parents should not be expected to carry the entire burden while billion-dollar technology companies walk away with little responsibility for what happens inside their own platforms. POPA currently has bipartisan support in the Senate, but it deserves much more.
Our Senator, Shelley Moore Capito, is one of the highest-ranking Republicans in the United States Senate, and her support carries weight. When she gets behind good legislation, she can help move it forward. I hope Senator Capito will stand with parents, put responsibility back on the platforms profiting from our children’s attention, and cosponsor the Parents Over Platforms Act. Our children deserve more than another checkbox. They deserve real protection.
Kathie Hess Crouse
Delegate, District 19
Putnam County

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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No War, No Peace, and No Hope for Iran’s Mullahs

By Stephen Smoot
In early 1918, the brutal Bolsheviks had seized control of the dying Russian Empire. As they killed the Czar, his wife, his minor children, and even their spaniel Jimmy in a dirty basement, Leon Trotsky was seeking to end the conflict with Imperial Germany.
Trotsky declared that the new Communist state would not pursue war, but would not surrender. He stated “no war, no peace” and left it to world opinion if the German Empire advanced. Not impressed with Trotsky’s subtlety, the Imperial armies moved on until Vladimir Lenin ended the ridiculous farce, ordering Trotsky to sign a surrender to end their war.
Trotsky’s plan did not work because Communist Russia held no leverage, no advantage, in the struggle.
President Donald Trump has likewise crafted a different type of strategy against Iran that seems like “no war, no peace,” but the United States holds every advantage, including that of time.
Americans have a singular interpretation of what war looks like and a very extreme definition of what victory entails. It goes back to Ulysses S. Grant placing Fort Donelson in Kentucky under siege. Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner asked Grant for his terms of surrender. General Buckner expected an old fashioned parlay in which the victor would allow some semblance of terms to respect the fighting spirit of the defeated, which was customary.
“Unconditional surrender” was Grant’s reply, which became his nickname as well. General Buckner replied that the Union commander was “no gentleman” and signed the surrender. That said, not even Grant imposed unconditional surrender on Robert E. Lee at Appomattox.
Americans tend to imagine war as pounding the enemy until they beg for mercy and surrender without terms. This is why military actions that do not satisfy those definitions seem less than victory, but there are many ways to skin a cat.
President Trump could have used conventional strategies and tactics to bludgeon Iran into the stone age, organized an army of Iranian expats to join US forces, invade, and topple the regime. This would have killed large numbers of Iranians and exposed American troops to casualties. The US could have attacked like a tiger or a bear, ripping apart the enemy in a storm of blood, then pick up the bill of restoring the nation afterwards, as the US typically does.
Under President Trump, however, the United States has not attacked like a tiger or a bear. It has conducted this war as a boa constrictor by putting the entire Iranian state under siege.
In this tale of two sieges, as 1862 came to a close and 1863 opened another year of war, Grant was conducting a complex series of maneuvers to cut off the Confederates at Vicksburg. That city-turned-citadel represented the last Confederate States stronghold on the Mississippi River. Loss of it would give the Union full control of the river and cut the South in two.
Newspaper reporters and editors typically understand neither diplomacy nor war and write and publish accordingly. Just as many in the media today cannot grasp the different levers of pressure used to grind Iran into submission, they could not comprehend back then what General Grant was working to accomplish. In both cases, a siege required careful and precise moves to completely surround the enemy, cut them off, and wait for their resources to run out and compel submission.
A boa constrictor snake similarly seems to move slowly, lazily, and ineffectively as it gradually coils around its prey, squeezing them until resistance is no longer possible. Then the snake crushes, kills, and consumes its target.
Grant stated in a letter to his father what President Trump is thinking, that “I have no idea of being driven to do a desperate or foolish act by the howlings of the press.” That press, spurred on by jealous rivals of Grant within the Army, accused him of drunkenness, incompetence, and repeated failures. Newspapermen could not grasp why the Union general severed his own supply line to maneuver independently in Mississippi to come up on Vicksburg from the relatively unprotected east side, rather than take on the defenses at the front.
They also did not see the wisdom in Grant’s decision in late spring of 1863, once his siege was set, to “out-camp the enemy,” as he explained in his memoirs.
Similarly, the press does not understand how President Trump has painstakingly used his Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury to diplomatically and economically isolate Iran after blowing apart most of its military capabilities. Eyeing the long term, President Trump has successfully pushed area partners to cut off trade and support for Iran while opening up multiple options for oil exports.
Nikita Khrushchev, in his earthy language style, once compared of the NATO outpost in East Berlin in the Cold War to human testicles. “Squeeze it and America will scream,” he noted. Iran treated the neighboring Straits of Hormuz the same, threatening to send the global economy into shock by shutting off the convenient water route for area nations to export oil.
President Trump has worked feverishly through much of the year to render the Straits of Hormuz permanently irrelevant, forever removing Iran’s pressure point on the global economy.
At US urging, Saudi Arabia and other Sunni Arab states, no friends or admirers of Shi’ite Iran, have expanded pipeline construction. The US Navy is also shepherding ships through routes in the Straits made safe by the American destruction of Iran’s ability to effectively attack. Current-

ly, their attacks on shipping are imprecise and cause minor to moderate damage to ships instead of sinking them.
Baird Maritime, which reports on global shipping, stated that shipping traffic on official counts has continues to tick higher through the Straits. Other media sources report that the counted traffic has risen to 20 percent of prewar levels. “Dark” traffic, which includes both US warships and civilian tankers that turn off identifying broadcasts, has likely pushed that percentage much higher.
Meanwhile, inside Iran, the currency has entered hyperinflation as the economy has crashed. The government will soon run out of money to pay its military and police forces. Also, President Trump has isolated Iran almost completely from its allies China and Russia. Iran will run out of resources by fall, which will force whoever runs their government to make a decision or give way to those who will make peace. Meanwhile, President Trump’s diplomats work to elevate the secular civilian side of the government over the fanatical religious parties which have since 1979 held the nation in their grip.
President Trump’s strategy, to “out-camp the enemy,” is quickly degrading Iran’s ability to function, much less fight, without putting American assets in added risk.
Iranians outside of Iran largely support the war, seeing the mullah-led Islamic Republic as an alien occupying system, not a true reflection of their tradition, culture, and will. Islamic fundamentalists overthrew the monarchy when they took control and shredded thousands of years of Iranian and Persian culture and tradition as they established a totalitarian Islamic regime. Since 1979, their mullah-dominated government subjugates women, murders gays, and allows no action outside of what is religiously acceptable under their interpretation of Islam and its founding text, the Koran..
The Trump Administration clearly seeks to preserve the civilian government to prevent chaos and the need for a full reconstruction. Negotiations work to boost the power of those the US would prefer to see in charge postwar. This would resemble Eastern Europe when the Communists lost power. Nations freed from Soviet Communist grip simply outlawed the Communist Party structures of authority and added democratic processes to the civilian governments restored to authority.
Ever since, those governments have operated well.
One must cut newspaper reporters and editors a bit of slack because most truly do not understand how war or diplomacy work in depth. Too many have been trained to seize the emotional angles of any story first, stoking fear and anger rather than inspiring understanding. They talk of “forever war” only a few months into the conflict.
They also do not understand at all how President Trump’s tariffs have brought nations into line with America’s isolation of Iran.
President Trump seeing this through to a conclusion where Iran is subjugated is vital. Without military capabilities, without the Sword of Damocles of an Iranian nuclear bomb hanging over the region, without a permanent threat to cut off oil through the Straits of Hormuz, without Iranian money subsidizing dangerous and divisive terrorism, and without their military support of Russia (US destruction of Iran’s drone manufacturing facility helped to turn the tide in favor of Ukraine in that conflict), Iran has little choice but to conform to the region’s slow move toward permanent peace.
Coming into 2026, Iran, Venezuela, and Cuba were building blocks in the foundation for China and their junior partner Russia to take America’s place as the dominant military and economic powers on earth. President Trump has personally dismantled that system without firing a shot at the two main protagonists and allowing no opening for them to hit the United States back.
Is it fun or comfortable to pay a lot for \$4.00 a gallon of gas? Absolutely not. This has been the price, however, that today’s Americans have been asked to pay for the decades-long dream of a permanent peace and understanding in the Middle East, which Iran has prevented almost by itself since 1979. It’s a cost worth paying, especially since Iran has been irrevocably ground down to a shadow of its former power and can no longer threaten its neighbors, Israel, or the United States with impunity.
Many have died, including hundreds of Americans, as they pursued their ambitions. Now their bills have come due and their ambitions are making their death rattles. The world is a better place without a threatening Iran and President Trump is making that happen.
When Vicksburg fell on July 4th, 1863 (and Confederate commanders begged Grant to make the surrender any other day), the newspapers suddenly held Grant up as a hero. President Abraham Lincoln, whom they had savaged for standing firm beside his favorite fighting commander, now looked in their eyes for a time wise and patient instead of foolish and ignorant.
To get to that victory, both President Lincoln and General Grant had to ignore the noise and keep their eyes on the prize of victory. President Trump must do the same because the benefits of winning are peace and prosperity without the continual threats coming from Islamicized Iran.
President Trump has gotten no media accolades or credit when his policies and actions bear fruit and will get none for this, either.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV.

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry on Route 5 E outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Resources Incorporated (CRI) Food Pantry: Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.- 4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court Street.

Calhoun County Park, a Night Sky Park, is always open - except for a special occasion or event that requires closing of the gate. The park board meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the park's "barn."

Calhoun County Historical Society meets at the Family History Center Museum (former Quality Shop) on Main Street on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Calhoun County Library hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Online 24 hours at <https://calhounlib.com/>.

Minnora Methodist Mission Thrift Shop is open Mon & Wed 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fri 10 – 1, providing affordable clothing and household items.

The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog spay/neuter fee. For information call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The **Grantsville Pickleball Club** plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Town Park at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

For information on **12-Step Recovery Meetings** and resources please contact the Calhoun FRN at 304-354-7177.

Lion's Club Bingo is held in the Lion's Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Little Kanawha Calhoun Bus Schedule: Monday through Friday – Service within Grantsville city limits. Monday – Service to/from Annamorhah and Creston along Route 5 East/West. Tuesday – Service to/from Millstone, Arnoldsburg, Westfork, and locations south. Wednesday – Central county service to/from Mt. Zion, Russett, and Stumptown. Thursday – Roundtrip service along Route 16 North including Pleasant Hill, Nobe, Broomstick, and Big Springs. Roundtrip service from Grantsville to Parkersburg. Service between counties is available Monday-Friday to/from Grantsville. Call Toll-Free: 866-354-5522.

County Farmer's Markets

Grantsville Farmer's Market will open June 11 from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Come and shop from a wide selection of produce, eggs, baked goods, and more

Donations for the upkeep of the Freed Cemetery are greatly appreciated. This cemetery is in Calhoun, WV off Leading Creek Road. Donations should be sent to P.O. Box 551 MacFarlan, WV 26148 c/o Rick Murphy. Thank you in advance.
Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority Monthly Meeting September 23, 2026, 5:00 pm, Mom's Place Too, 340 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147
Monthly Tire Collection September 18, 2026, 10 - 2

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Read Aloud WV Salutes Dolly Parton's Commitment to Literacy, Launches Campaign to Further Boost Reading Throughout West Virginia

Charleston, W.Va. (August 28, 2026) – Dawn Miller, Executive Director of Read Aloud West Virginia, announced the launch of a fundraising campaign to remember the late Dolly Parton and the Imagination Library she created to promote literacy.

For the month of September, in memory of Dolly Parton, Read Aloud West Virginia will share any donations dollar for dollar with Parton's award-winning Imagination Library partners in West Virginia, if donors note "in memory of Dolly" when donating to Read Aloud WV online, by mail, in person or via stocks.

"Dolly was so special," said Miller. "When she created Dolly Parton's Imagination Library 31 years ago and made it available in other states, including West Virginia, we began to realize she had been lifting us up in ways other than her wonderful music."

Miller indicated that Imagination Library provides books from birth to age five and Read Aloud West Virginia's primary mission is to offer books and resources for school-aged children. "This allows Dolly's passion to intersect with our core mission and enhance reading, literacy, educational attainment and quality of life for more West Virginians."

Miller said Read Aloud only has resources to have formal programs in 28 West Virginia counties, but enjoys some level of presence in 40 counties, and responds to teacher requests for books for school-aged children from all 55 counties of the Mountain State.

"There are so many unmet needs in the Mountain State to help our youth become good readers, students and life-long learners," said Miller. "The lack of resources forces our non-profit to make tough choices, and Dolly would want to ensure all youth interested in reading and literacy

get an opportunity to do so. Right now, that is not the case."

"What we are doing works," Miller said. Providing classroom volunteers to read to children for fun, helping parents to understand their value in reading to children from birth, and then giving children engaging books that they want, it all supports the instruction children receive in school.

Parton's own father never learned to read or write. Her Imagination Library foundation set out to correct that condition for millions of children by sending newborns a book a month until they turned age five. Sixty books at home are a major factor in growing up to be a reader. "It was and still is a brilliant approach," noted Miller. "Dolly understood the physical barriers to literacy and has helped millions of families overcome some of them."

Miller said she remembers when Dolly's Imagination Library came to West Virginia 20 years ago. "It was a cause for celebration," she said, "to have Dolly Parton lending her name and fortune to the cause of early childhood literacy."

Read Aloud West Virginia – celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026 -- works in the same space as Imagination Library, and Miller collaborates with its West Virginia partner. "While the Dolly Parton Foundation covers the costs of administering Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, regions must raise the funds to buy the actual books," said Miller. "This is another major reason why more financial support is needed as schools are just returning to session."

Checks can be sent to Read Aloud West Virginia, P.O. Box 1784, Charleston, WV 25326, or online at <https://readaloudwv-101341.square.site/>

Services Outlines Steps for Medicaid Members Ahead of 2027 Eligibility Changes

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) is reminding Medicaid members to take steps now to prepare for new federal eligibility requirements that will take effect in 2027.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, certain adults ages 19 through 64 enrolled in the Medicaid Adult Expansion Group will be required to complete 80 hours per month of qualifying activities to maintain Medicaid coverage.

Qualifying activities may include employment, participation in a work program, education, or volunteering. Members may combine activities to meet the 80-hour monthly requirement. Members may also meet the requirement by earning at least \$580 per month. Seasonal workers may qualify based on their six-month average income.

What Medicaid Members Should Do Now

Medicaid members are encouraged to:

Keep information up to date. Review and update con-

tact, household, and eligibility information with DoHS.

Report changes. Report changes in employment, income, or household circumstances through WV PATH.

Complete required reviews. Complete Medicaid eligibility reviews and provide requested information by the stated deadlines.

Learn about the new requirements. Visit wvmedicaidhelp.org to learn more about qualifying activities, exemptions, reporting requirements and important timelines.

Members can report changes, apply for benefits and complete eligibility reviews through WV PATH at www.wvpath.wv.gov.

For more information about the 2027 Medicaid eligibility changes, including who may be affected, qualifying activities, exemptions and what members need to do, visit wvmedicaidhelp.org or call the DoHS Customer Service Reporting Center at 1-877-716-1212.

OUT OF THE PAST



Calhoun County High School under construction in 1920. It opened to serve 70 children over a century ago. Next month the 1982 Foundation will celebrate work to revitalize the historic structure for a host of new purposes. Photo courtesy of WVU Online.

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BANKS

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Community Bankers of America who recently retired as president of Pendleton Community Bank. For many years, he was West Virginia’s powerful voice in the industry. The ICBA calls community banks “an integral part of main street” because “they reinvest local dollars back into the community and help create local jobs.”

At the most basic definition, a community bank is defined by the Federal Reserve System as “having less than \$10 billion in total assets.” It adds that “this portfolio has the largest number of institutions of any federal reserve portfolio.” That institution also evaluates community banks on not just assets, but also “risk profile, business activities, and operational complexity.”

They are “not defined by size, but by the model it operates,” says Loving.

Loving explains that community banks embrace a defining strategy of focusing financial activity back into the communities they serve. They “create economic value in that area” potentially doubling the impact the area would otherwise create. Deposits made by the community help to fund loans and other services that only focus on that locality, as opposed to supporting services in other states or even foreign countries.

“We’re not taking deposits and sending them to New York to fund a loan in Florida,” he explains.

Challenges over time have come from federal regulators. The bank crisis of 2008 seriously afflicted every major bank in the United States except BB&T. Regulations passed by Congress subsequently put community banks under the same exacting regulations as major institutions.

What most do not realize about increased regulations is that they always favor larger and wealthier companies and institutions. Smaller competitors trying to comply with the same rules have the same cost of doing so. That cost is a larger relative obligation to a smaller company than a larger.

Larger companies sometimes see increased regulations, or higher minimum wages, as forces that create disadvantages for community banks in one sense, locally owned small businesses in another. “We’re examined under the same microscope as a megabank,” said Fitzwater. Community banks, through the ICBA and other institutions, argued that “a differentiation by size

and character of the bank” should affect the regulatory environment and response.

Community banks serve a national purpose in supporting rural localities, but they also have different missions and purposes than large “megabanks.”

“Our model operates on one model, trust,” explained Loving. That comes from both a risk-averse, financially conservative strategy in business operation, but also in community support. “Think about when people in the community start looking for contributions, such as the Little League. The first place they think about is their local community bank.”

That trust comes from stability. For example, Calhoun Bank is proud that their 126-year history has only seen 10 presidents. “It means we’re grounded and rooted in the community,” explained Fitzwater. That grounding has meant that generations of customers have placed their trust in the institution, which “puts a different spin on community banking,” stated Fitzwater.

Some community banks have felt the need to evolve. Highlands Bank serves as an example of how community banks evolve to meet changing conditions. Based in Petersburg, the former Grant County Bank had only one branch in its namesake locality. With branches opening in Berkeley County and elsewhere, the name Grant County Bank had sentimental value, but potentially confused customers elsewhere. The name changed to reflect the bank’s success.

Community banks also can cross state lines in their operations. Pendleton Community Bank has several branches in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Its name changed from Pendleton County Bank. Burke and Herbert, a community bank based in Virginia, was established in 1852 and is one of the oldest banks in continual operation in the United States. Merger with Summit Community Bank gave it a footprint in West Virginia.

Don’t expect Calhoun Banks to follow that trend, however. Fitzwater said “It says something about a bank that it hasn’t changed its name and status in the past 125 years. Stability comes to mind.” He added that Calhoun Bank takes just as much pride in serving its customers in Wirt and Gilmer counties as Calhoun.

“We have some of the best folks in the state of West Virginia that live in these three counties.”

He added that Calhoun Banks has “elected not to go the route” of expansion at this time. “Our focus is more community-driven than trying to expand.”

Community banks compete by emphasizing the human connection in financial services. As Fitzwater shared, “I just want someone to talk to about my account. That personal relationship means so much to folks. It’s the personal touch to our customers.”

Community banks take pride in ensuring that a human voice is on the line when a customer calls with a problem. Personal service and good financial reputation make up the foundation of how community banks do business.

Each bank adjusts its approach to best meet the needs and the conditions of the community it serves. Fitzwater shared that Calhoun Banks has for a long time followed a strategy of first and foremost providing residential loans. He shared that “64 percent of our loan portfolio is mortgages” and that “we strive to help people out with their homes.”

“Each home loan is different,” he added, explaining that they work closely with each applicant to try and structure home loans to fit their needs and conditions, as opposed to what might be easiest or most profitable for the bank.

Community bank support of the area extends to the staff of dedicated employees who love where they are from and work to help. “If you drive around our community, you will see our people. Folks working out at the ball game in the concession stands. They judge contests, poster contests,” and volunteer in a number of different ways.

“We have 39 employees,” said Fitzwater, who went on to add “our folks strive to get to know our community.”

One might reasonably ask when an employee of Wells Fargo, Citibank, or J. P. Morgan volunteered at a midget league football game or sponsored Little League Baseball in the area.

Nor would any of those institutions find it financially worthwhile to focus, as community banks do, on the economic success of small towns and rural areas.

PLACE

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Then Cooper explained the difference in her two jobs, that in the restaurant she stays on her feet all day but at the recycling center, her job is sit down work. There, Cooper administers the facility, handles the paperwork, and puts together the grants that help to keep it funded.

Cabot Recycling Center also partners actively with state and local cleanup efforts.

Running a town diner gets a person very familiar with the surrounding community. As Cooper explained, over the years she noticed that, around the holidays, more and more locals spent

holidays alone. Children grew up and moved out of the area, or perhaps siblings or spouses had passed away. She stated “That’s when depression sets in, over the holidays. Sometimes family doesn’t visit like they used to.”

Driven by the idea that no one should have to spend Thanksgiving alone, Cooper put together an annual community Thanksgiving feast. “It really helps the community she said.”

Over 200 people get involved every year, she said. That includes an army of volunteers in addition to those coming in fellowship to enjoy a holiday with family and friends. Some will go and pick up residents who don’t drive or take

dinners out to them. “Our food distributor donates every year. Twelve turkeys and two hams.” Cooper added “We have lots of pies.”

Mom’s Place Too remains a community hub, but it has faced its challenges. Cooper stated that the restaurant closed down for several months during the pandemic, especially when she cared for her husband who passed from COVID.

Recently the economy has put the restaurant in a pinch. “Taxes are extremely high, there’s payroll, food is too high. Everything is rising,” she said. With those challenges in mind, however, Cooper remembers that her customers feel the same pressures. “I’ve got my prices as low as I can get them,” she stated, adding that she keeps some items priced for fixed income customers to enjoy.

She praised her staff, which as she noted, included a lady still cooking food at 78 and a dishwasher working hard at 75. Cooper shared praise and appreciation for all her staff.

“I’ve made a lot of good friends over the years,” she said. “There are people who will drop in once a year for hunting season or to pay their taxes. They always stop in and say hi.”



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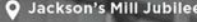
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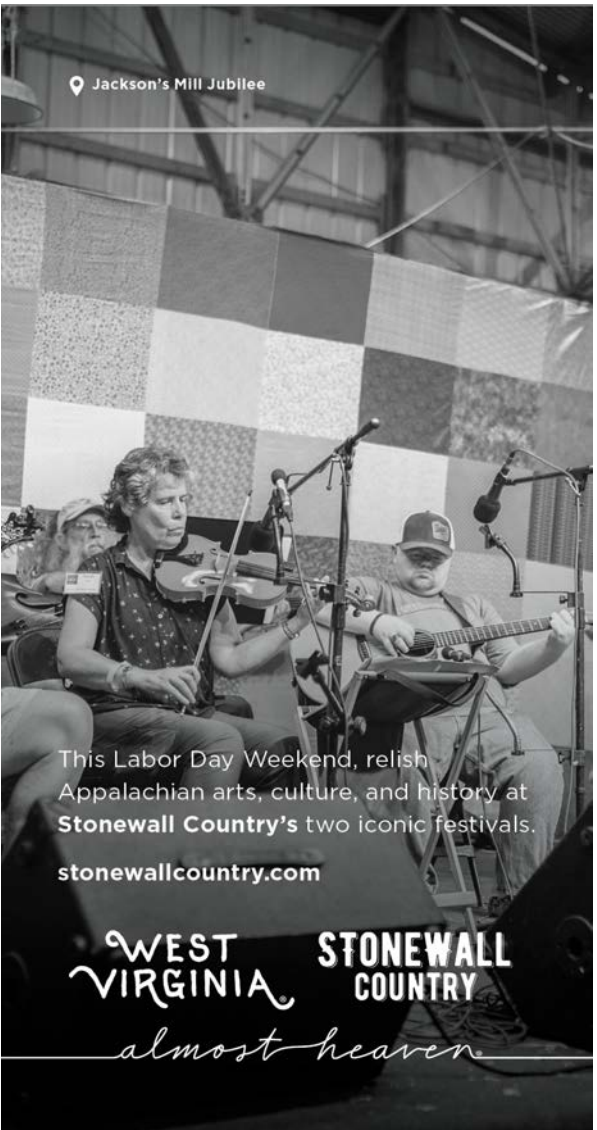
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Lady Red Devils and Red Devils Shine at Calhoun Invitational

MOUNT ZION, W.Va. – The Calhoun County Middle High School Cross Country teams turned in strong performances on their home course Saturday, August 29, at the Calhoun Invitational held at Calhoun County Park.

The Lady Red Devils were led by **Brooke Tingler**, who earned a fourth-place finish overall with a time of **24:51.24**. Tingler’s top-five performance highlighted a strong day for the Calhoun girls.

Carissa Sands finished 14th in **28:42.03**, while **Gabi Smith** crossed the line in 16th place with a time of **32:25.84**, helping the Lady Red Devils secure valuable team points.

On the boys’ side, Calhoun placed five runners in the top 15. **Braidin Ferrell** paced the Red Devils with a seventh-place finish in **21:46.46**. Close behind was **Jackson Clawson**, who earned ninth place in **22:07.69**.

Mark Plumby finished 10th in **22:37.41**, followed by **Eli Ferrell** in 11th place with a time of **22:39.52**. **Zac Smith** rounded out Calhoun’s scorers, placing 13th in **23:02.36**.

The middle school squad was led by **Silas Cunningham**, who turned in an outstanding race to finish sixth overall in **13:04.83**.

For the Lady Red Devils middle school team, seventh-grader **Baeli Frum** recorded a personal-best effort, placing 28th in **18:59.50**. Fellow seventh-grader **Mackenzie Tingler** followed in 31st place with a season-best time of **19:33.35**.

“Our runners competed hard and represented Calhoun County with pride on their home course,” said the coaching staff. “We were pleased to see several athletes earn top finishes and personal improvements as we continue building momentum throughout the season.”

The annual Calhoun Invitational attracted runners from across the region and provided local fans an opportunity to watch outstanding cross country competition at Calhoun County Park.



31st – Mackenzie Tingler, 19:33.35 (Season Best)

The Red Devils and Lady Red Devils will continue their season next week as they prepare for their next competition.



Red Devils Win!

Heading into last Friday’s season opener, the talk around Calhoun County was that this year’s football team was much improved compared to previous years. In scrimmage action, the team struggled against Clay County two weeks prior but look terrific at Magnolia the following Friday. However, there was really no way to know how good this team was until the Red Devils took the field in the first real game of the season. If early returns are any indication, the scuttlebutt was correct: this team is much improved.

Friday night’s game found the Red Devils hosting the Gilmer County Titans in Mount Zion. Calhoun, wearing National Guard jerseys, won the toss and elected to receive. Following a terrific kick return by Gavin Hicks, the Red Devils embarked on a 12-play, 60-yard drive that culminated in a 4-yard touchdown run by quarterback Trevor Mayle. Mayle then kicked the extra point to stake the Red Devils to an early 7-0 lead.

The Titans countered immediately with a scoring drive of their own. Starting at midfield, Gilmer marched 42 yards – entirely on rushing plays – and scored on a 16-yard run. Their run for extra points succeeded, giving the Titans took an 8-7 lead.

It took very little time for Calhoun to pull ahead in the game again. On the first play of the drive, Mayle connected with Rome Riddel on a 29-yard pass to move the Red Devils deep into Titan territory. Four plays later, Chase Schoolcraft carried the ball ten yards for the Red Devils’ second score of the game. May-

le’s kick was again good, making the score 14-8.

Midway through the second quarter, Calhoun earned the first defensive stop of the game. With Gilmer facing a 3rd-and-13 at the 50-yard line, the Titan quarterback dropped back to pass. Hit by Calhoun defenders, he flung the ball almost straight into the air, and it fell into Chase Schoolcraft’s waiting hands.

Calhoun’s ensuing drive took a bit longer than the previous two – just over six minutes – but the Red Devils capitalized on the takeaway by punching the ball into the end zone from the one-yard line.

A personal foul on the following kickoff pinned Gilmer County inside their own 20, and a stubborn Calhoun County defense kept them there. The Titans fired three straight incomplete passes and were forced to punt with around one minute remaining in the half. A bad snap prevented the punt attempt and set Calhoun up at the Gilmer 15-yard line with 41 seconds remaining.

It took only three plays for the Red Devils to hit paydirt once again, this time on a 5-yard run from Chase Schoolcraft. When the final second ticked off the clock, Calhoun County held a commanding 28-8 lead.

Gilmer County scored its second touchdown of the evening midway through the third quarter after Calhoun turned the ball over on downs at midfield. The Titans’ 2-point conversion was good, cutting the Red Devils’ lead to 28-16.

That would be as close as the Titans would get. Calhoun answered on

their next drive and added the extra point to make the score 35-16. The highlight of the drive was a spectacular catch by Chase Schoolcraft, who leapt up between two Titan defenders and secured the ball for a 24-yard gain and a crucial first down.

The Red Devils’ final score of the game came in the final quarter after the Calhoun defense intercepted a Gilmer pass at their own 28-yard line. This final drive was more methodical than its predecessors but was highlighted by two long plays. Caught behind the line of scrimmage at midfield, Chase Schoolcraft escaped his defenders, ran around the right end and ran 15 yards downfield to keep the drive alive. Three plays later, Trevor Mayle burst through the line and raced 35 yards before being stopped at the two. It took three tries, but the Red Devils managed to punch the ball in from there, ending their scoring at 42 points.

With just under two minutes remaining in the game, Coach Jeff Goodrich inserted his backup defense into the game. The JV did its job, and ended Gilmer’s scoring threat by picking off the fourth Titan pass of the evening.

The Titans did manage to score again when Calhoun’s ball carrier slipped down in the end zone, awarding the visitors two points on a safety. Gilmer had little time to run any plays after that, and when the final bell sounded the Red Devils stood on the long end of a 42-18 score.

The victory was notable for a number of reasons. It was the first opening game win since the Red Devils defeated Wirt County 8-6 in 2019. It also



The Red Devils line up on first down in the fourth quarter as they work to run down the clock with a solid lead on Gilmer.

snapped a similar six-game losing streak to Gilmer County, who last lost to the Red Devils 28-14 in 2019.

In terms of personal achievement, Trevor Mayle was a perfect 10-for-10 passing, setting a record for most passes thrown without an incomplection. Mike Batten held the previous record with a 4-for-4 performance in 2004 against Saint Marys. He also kicked six extra points after touchdowns, tying a record set by Neto Delicato in 1991 against Walton and matched by Nick Whytsell in 2007 against South Harrison.

This Friday, the Red Devils celebrate Homecoming by hosting the Richwood Lumberjacks, losers to Webster County last week by a 58-30 score. Game time is set for 7:00. Come out and support the team as it makes a bid for a 2-0 start to the season.

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COUGARS

Cunningham had a block at the net to set the score at 13 to four. Not long after, another Cunningham spike pushed the lead to 14 to seven.

A Bristol Hoskins set to Kylie Caudill for a score, swung momentum back to Calhoun County, who scored three straight to push the lead back out to 19 to 10.

Calhoun County weathered the storm by returning to form. The Red Devils provide a strong example of good volleyball teamwork with good sets to the front line to exploit scoring opportunities.

Lincoln pulled to within three late, but the Red Devils allowed them to come no closer and won the set 25 to 22.

Calhoun County opened set number

two as they did the initial one, quickly establishing a seven to one lead. The Red Devils kept the team from Harrison County at arm’s length most of the game but the Cougars made a run late, outscoring Calhoun County 11 to four, then tying the game at 22 not long after.

Solid defensive play and Lincoln miscues brought the game victory home for

Calhoun County in the closing minutes.

Calhoun County came out of the tri match last week with a clear indication of the level of their talent and ability to compete with solid Class AA competition. A slate of competitive teams in the Red Devils’ category awaits as they make a push to join the elite in Charleston in the state tournament.

Red Devil Volleyball Tries to Bulldog Doddridge County

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, the surging Calhoun County volleyball squad took its talents north to Doddridge County for a tri-match with the home standing Bulldogs and the Lincoln (Harrison) Cougars.

Doddridge County came into the match undefeated and ranked by Max Preps eighth in West Virginia Class AA. In recent years, the Bulldogs have done well but Calhoun County traveled north to challenge that power program.

The Bulldogs opened with the serve, but quickly lost it when Allison Harris fired a shot off the fists of a Doddridge defender for the initial score of the game. After exchanging serves, the ball settled in the hands of

Kendall Snodgrass.

In service, Snodgrass helped to power her squad to an eight to one early lead. Two of those serves resulted in aces.

Doddridge County then worked to erode away the early Red Devil advantage, showing why they sit in the top 10 in Class AA. Two spikes and other scoring opportunities quickly cut the lead to eight to five. Then a serve into the net by Doddridge County provided the “Dolly Parton” score of nine to five.

The home team played with more aggressiveness as the set went on. Calhoun County executed a number of precision sets and deliveries to the Doddridge side for scores. Harris used a Kylie Caudill set to send a

missile off the fists of a Bulldog player. Doddridge County worked to break up that rhythm. After a 15 to 10 deficit, they went on a nine to nothing run to get to game point.

Down 24 to 16 with no margin of error, the Red Devils kept battling. They scored on a shot fired to the back line, then on an ace. Doddridge County, however, took set one 25 to 17 after a solid effort by the visitors.

Normal matches require a best three out of five set victories to win the game. Tri matches, however, are best two of three. The second set saw the two teams exchanging points back and forth early on. Down six to five, Allison Harris fired a ball for a score into the Doddridge side, tying the score.

Not long after, Harris took over service

for Calhoun County. She helped advance her team to a 12 to eight lead before Doddridge took the serve back. They ran off five straight to regain the lead at 13 to 12, then pushed the lead to 17 to 13 before Calhoun County counter attacked.

Caitlyn Carter’s tap to the middle of the Bulldog defense brought her team back within two at 17 to 15. The visitors came within one at 19 to 18, but Doddridge pulled away to win a hotly contested set 25 to 19.

Wins bring celebrations, but losses teach lessons. Though the Red Devils did not prevail on the court, the test they handed the Bulldogs shows how much they have developed since last season.

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You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000334**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/48 125, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOGGS GAIL L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 21611.	\$	85.85
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 - 21665.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	149.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	403.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	662.80

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand July 30, 2026

Christal G. Perry

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(2025-C-000020 - CALHOUN COUNTY - ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT)

To: HEIRS OF CASPER WHIPKEY AKA CASPAR WHIPKEY, KESTER WHIPKEY, KASPAR WHIPKEY, HEIRS OF CASPER WHIPKEY AKA CASPAR WHIPKEY, KESTER WHIPKEY, KASPAR WHIPKEY, KENNA SIERS, JR., BILL RHODES, CONNIE BARKER, JAMES DAVIS, BARBARA DAVIS, KATHY MCKINNIS, DEBRA HENDERSHOT, BARBARA SMITH, ROBERT ARBOGAST, WILIS DALE STARCHER JR, ERIC STARCHER, CRAIG STARCHER, TAMMY SCHRECKENGOST, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CENTER MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 1090 0000

You will take notice that ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000020**, located in CENTER District, 1/2 25 LEAFBANK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WHIPKEY CASPER, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 4022.	\$	85.85
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 - 4053.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	973.50
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,292.60

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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(2025-C-000340 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: GAIL L. BOGGS, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0004 0460 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000340**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/48 10, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOGGS GAIL L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 21617.	\$	85.85
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 - 21671.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	403.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	616.14

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand July 30, 2026

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(2025-C-000330 - CALHOUN COUNTY - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)

To: KHAMLA HUNTER, SUSAN SNOWBERGER, SALLY RYAN, NELLIE HOLT, R.L. HOLT, ROMEO HOLT, GRACE M. WHITE, ELAH LUCILLE HINTER, IRIS JOAN HOLT, SUSAN SNOWBERGER, DAN SNOWBERGER, DONNA MARIE HOLT, DAVID RYAN, DOUGLAS RYAN, LAURENCE HUNTER, GARY HUNTER, KHAMLA HUNTER, DIANA RYAN, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 0610 0000

You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000330**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/3 106 NICUT SAMPSON & HICKS W-540, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WHITE GRACE M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 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 - 27532.	\$	88.16
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 - 27525.	\$	33.26
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	104.68
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	792.76
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,018.86

You may redeem at any time before January 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand August 24, 2026

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(2024-C-000007 - CALHOUN COUNTY - STEPHANIE HARTSHORN OR KEVIN)

To: MICHAEL GAINER JR., 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CENTER MAP 17 PARCEL 0035 0000 0000

You will take notice that STEPHANIE HARTSHORN OR KEVIN, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000007**, located in CENTER District, PHILLIPS SUR 1/4 AC 60X190, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GAINER MICHAEL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 4, 2025. STEPHANIE HARTSHORN OR KEVIN requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after October 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before September 30, 2026 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 2023 - 1285.	\$	99.64
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 2024 - 1268.	\$	33.77
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	125.20
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	613.33
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,279.71

You may redeem at any time before September 30, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand July 31, 2026

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(2025-C-000195 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: DON CONNER, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 1300 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000195**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/7 37 STEER CREEK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CONNER DON, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 16343.	\$	85.85
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 - 16416.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	119.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	251.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	480.55

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000124 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: VICKIE LYNN BOWEN, JERRY STURM; C. D. STALNAKER, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 7750 3001

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000124**, located in LEE District, 1/2 INT 68 DANIELS OGM, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOWEN VICKIE LYNN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 5618.	\$	92.50
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 - 5627.	\$	30.08
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	251.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	583.98

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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(2025-C-000188 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: BEATRICE DOBSON, c/o LARRY DOBSON, M HARDMAN, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 3950 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000188**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/2 14 & 35 SQ RDS SYCAMORE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BARANKOVICH AMY L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 16589.	\$	85.85
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 - 16652.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	119.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	335.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	564.55

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000013 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: RYAN ANDREW AYERS, R M MARSHALL; A MORRIS MARSHALL, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CENTER MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0770 3032

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000013**, located in CENTER District, 42-1/2 BIG ROOT .00173611 BUCKEYE MARSHALL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of AYERS RYAN ANDREW, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 87.	\$	85.85
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 - 87.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	251.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	463.89

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000073 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: SANDRA FORTNER, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 1240 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000073**, located in LEE District, 67 LITTLE CREEK D BASSNETT #1, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FORTNER SANDRA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 7114.	\$	128.99
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 - 7101.	\$	32.14
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	251.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	622.53

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000183 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: AMY L. BARANKOVICH, H. VAL BURT; EDNA B. BURT, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 2760 3007

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000183**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/16 50 LK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BARANKOVICH AMY L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 15546.	\$	85.85
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 - 15626.	\$	23.80
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	377.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	589.89

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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LEGAL

(2025-C-000196 - CALHOUN COUNTY - S & R GAS VENTURES LTD)

To: SUSAN D. HERRON, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 1380 3015

You will take notice that S & R GAS VENTURES LTD, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000196**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/4 100 SYCAMORE L C HAMILTON L & #6 W-1000, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HERRON SUSAN D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. S & R GAS VENTURES LTD requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 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 - 17563.	\$	85.85
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 - 17613.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	119.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	335.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	564.55

You may redeem at any time before January 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand August 18, 2026

Christal G. Perry

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of CALHOUN County, State of West Virginia

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(2025-C-000234 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: JAMES E. CONLEY, c/o ALICIA WEBB, 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 any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 7950 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000234**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/2 53 W F OGM HW, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CONLEY J E, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and non-entered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 22459.	\$	91.50
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 - 22490.	\$	29.05
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	251.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	581.95

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
Given under my hand July 30, 2026
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
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(2025-C-000316 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: RONALD SCOTT ROBINSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 5100 3001
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000316**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/8 82 W F, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROBINSON RONALD, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 26113.	\$	85.85
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 - 26092.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	134.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	224.97
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	469.07

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
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(2025-C-000328 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: GRACE M. WHITE, c/o ELAH HUNTER, NELLE HOLT; ROBERT JOHNSON, 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 any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 0590 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000328**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/3 130 WALNUT #45405 A & B #36397-36398-36399, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WHITE GRACE M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 27530.	\$	87.51
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 - 27523.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	194.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	393.20
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	698.96

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Division of Highways

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until October 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
020 2025070004	S307-16-22.04 00	STBG-0016(384)D	RESURFACING MT. ZION - GRANTSVILLE MIDPOINT COUNTY: CALHOUN

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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(2025-C-000314 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: RONALD SCOTT ROBINSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 5080 3001
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000314**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/8 244 W F, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROBINSON RONALD, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 26112.	\$	85.85
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 - 26091.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	134.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	224.97
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	469.07

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(2025-C-000324 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: OLIVE TRUMAN, c/o PHYLLIS J COFFEY, MICHAEL WALLBROWN, 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 any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 9710 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000324**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/12 154 BEECH CURTIS WALL-BROWN LSE CRIFIELD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TRUMAN OLIVE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 27238.	\$	85.85
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 - 27220.	\$	29.28
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	164.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	324.95
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	605.03

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
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(2025-C-000329 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: GRACE M. WHITE c/o ELAH HUNTER, NELLE HOLT; ROBERT JOHNSON, 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 any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0003 0600 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000329**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/3 108 NICUT CNG #35648 M JOHNSON 6470, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WHITE GRACE M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 27531.	\$	86.22
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 - 27524.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	179.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	393.20
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	682.67

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia;

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Velma Mae Barnes	Thomas Barnes	3900 Crane Ave., Huntington, WV 25705
Roberta Mae Wilson	Debra Goff	7841 N. Calhoun Hwy., Big Springs, WV 26137
	Beverly Isner	101 Emerald Drive, Ripley, WV 25271
William Deweese	Michael and Karen Moore	10756 Beech Rd., Chloe, WV 25235

September 3, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk’s office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk’s Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **November 3, 2026**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Whitney Butler, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

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(2025-C-000082 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: GENEVA CARPENTER, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 4100 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000082**, located in LEE District, 1/2 50 BARNES, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CARPENTER GENEVA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 6081.	\$	89.49
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 - 6078.	\$	26.99
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	335.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	661.88

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(2025-C-000197 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: NOROMA ENERGY, LLC, BAC MINERALS, LLC, GENEVA POST; DONALD MCCHESENEY POST; STELLA KNOTTS, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 3040 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000197**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/4 13 SYCAMORE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of POST DONALD MONROE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 19085.	\$	85.85
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 - 19089.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	313.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	526.14

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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(2025-C-000302 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: NANNIE LAMB, c/o ADAM LAMB, JACKIE DWAYNE DYE, JOHN C. SNYDER, NORMA LOU NICHOLAS, CREED LAMB; HAZEL CHRISTIAN; RUBY FINLEY; NELLE DOWNEY; JAMES C. LAMB; GOLDIE RICE; DOROTHY JEAN SIERS; MARY SUE MULLENS; ROBERT LEE GROGGS; LOTTIE CLOUSER; LORETTA GRAY; FRANK GROGGS; GARY GROGGS; TED GROGGS; PAUL GROGGS, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 9510 3001
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000302**, located in WASHINGTON District, 8/9 OF 1/2 49 WALKER OGM, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LAMB NANNIE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 24942.	\$	85.85
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 - 24963.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	728.91
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	941.35

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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(2025-C-000111 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: LAURA RICHARDS HEIRS, ELVA MCCOY; GOLDIE SWERES; FLODA DUSKEY; ZELMA SIMONTON; MARTHA SNYDER, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 3950 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000111**, located in LEE District, 3/4 70 LITTLE CREEK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RICHARDS LAURA HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 10001.	\$	100.37
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 - 10068.	\$	38.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	366.95
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	715.42

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand July 30, 2026
Christal G. Perry
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(2025-C-000204 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: HOLLY D. STUMP, CHARLES A. STUMP; GAY STUMP, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 0150 3001
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000204**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/8 35 OG RUSH RUN GAY STUMP HRS W-300, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STUMP HOLLY, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 19085.	\$	85.85
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 - 19089.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	366.95
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	579.39

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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(2025-C-000321 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
To: CALVIN L. SMITH, c/o ROBERTA SIMMONS, STEPHEN L. SATTERFIELD, EDWIN L. SMITH, DORMAL FAY MEEKS, JACKIE D. SMITH, PATRICIA R. DEBOW, c/o KEITH DEBOW, JOHN W. SMITH; RUBY THOMPSON; RICHARD L. SMITH, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 7910 0000
You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000321**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/2 19 L NICUT RO JO W-190, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SMITH SPURGEON ETUX, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 26845.	\$	85.85
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 - 26816.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,013.73
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,226.17

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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(2025-C-000117 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: PAUL BROUGHTON, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 6480 3002

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000117**, located in LEE District, 5/6 50 BARNES RUN 1/2 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BROUGHTON PAUL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 5743.	\$	85.85
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 - 5750.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	251.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	570.55

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

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(2025-C-000181 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: LEONA V BASORE, c/o DELORES JOSLIN, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0910 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000181**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/28 1000 BEAR RUN PRIM #1070 ANGLE W-340, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BASORE LEONA V, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 15645.	\$	85.85
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 - 15732.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	377.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	589.89

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

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(2025-C-000218 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: CAROLYN A. SCOTT, c/o JULIA SCOTT, LELIA MCCUTCHEON, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0004 4610 3001

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000218**, located in SHERMAN District, 1/20 INT 74 BULL RIVER, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SCOTT CAROLYN A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 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 - 19679.	\$	86.61
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 - 19674.	\$	23.51
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.84
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	391.65
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	605.61

You may redeem at any time before January 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

Given under my hand August 10, 2026

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(2025-C-000242 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: CORA M JARVIS, c/o GERALD JARVIS, OTIS JARVIS; HARRIET C. PARSONS, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 6550 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000242**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/4 63 MEADOW RUN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of JARVIS CORA M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 24246.	\$	83.16
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 - 24263.	\$	24.10
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	134.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	403.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	645.91

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

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(2025-C-000337 - CALHOUN COUNTY - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: GAIL L. BOGGS, 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 any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0004 0430 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000337**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/384 15, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOGGS GAIL L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 21614.	\$	85.85
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 - 21668.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	403.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	616.14

You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2026, 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 amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

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DISTRICT WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0004 0440 0000

You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000338**, located in WASHINGTON District, 1/192 44.75, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOGGS GAIL L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of CALHOUN County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 23, 2026. EDCO MINERALS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2026 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 - 21615.	\$	85.85
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 - 21669.	\$	23.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	103.29
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	403.70
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	616.14

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GSU to Dedicate New Ike & Sue Morris Stadium Before Home Opener

GLENVILLE, WV — Glenville State University and the Glenville community will come together Thursday, September 3rd to celebrate the dedication of the new Ike and Sue Morris Stadium, marking a new chapter for Pioneer athletics and the university community.

A field dedication ceremony will begin at 5:45 p.m. at the new stadium, followed by kickoff at 6 p.m. for Glenville State's first home football game of the season. The game will also mark the home debut of new Pioneer head football coach Jake Casteel.

The dedication will celebrate the vision, generosity, and community support that helped make the new stadium a reality. Glenville State University invites alumni, students, families, community members, and Pioneer fans to join together for the special occasion and experience the new home of Pioneer football.

"This is more than the opening of a new stadium," said Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "It represents the continued growth of Glenville State University and the strong connection between our university and the Glenville community. We are excited to welcome everyone to campus to celebrate this important milestone with us."

We cannot wait to get things going in the new facility," stated GSU Athletic Director Jessie Skiles. "Here at Glenville, we are incredibly blessed with the facili-

ties that we have and the Morris Family Health & Fitness Complex is the next major structure in this amazing Pioneer transformation."

The new Ike and Sue Morris Stadium is part of the larger Morris Family Health and Fitness Complex, a historic project currently nearing completion on the GSU campus. The complex is designed to help address rural health care needs across West Virginia while providing a state-of-the-art academic facility for Glenville State's growing health sciences programs.

The Morris Family Health and Fitness Complex will create new opportunities for students to receive hands-on, career-focused education while supporting health, wellness, and workforce development throughout rural West Virginia.

We look forward to seeing everyone come out for the September 3rd dedication and home opener, providing the community with its first opportunity to experience the new stadium and celebrate the beginning of a new era for Pioneer football.

To learn more about the festivities and all that surrounds our first game inside Ike and Sue Morris Stadium, contact Lora Freeland at lora.freeland@glenville.edu or 304-462-6391

Interested in covering the event from the sidelines? Contact Sports Information Director Jagger Furr at jagger.furr@glenville.edu or 304-462-6238

Treasurer Pack Announces Hope Scholarship Technology Improvements Boost Order Productivity by 42 Percent More Than 18,600 TheoPay Orders Completed Since July 1

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Larry Pack, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced new technology improvements to the Hope Scholarship Program have increased productivity for processing TheoPay orders by 42 percent as families begin utilizing scholarship funds for the 2026-2027 school year. As part of the new TheoPay Self-Serve process, artificial intelligence technology reviews eligible orders under \$75, allowing families to more quickly access approved educational items while increasing the program's overall processing capacity.

"The Hope Scholarship Program continues to grow rapidly, and it's important that the technology supporting the program scale with it," Treasurer Pack said. "By embracing artificial intelligence and regularly reviewing the program with Student First Technologies, we can find smarter, more efficient ways to serve families. Thanks to these efforts, our team has processed thousands more orders while giving parents greater flexibility and faster access to the educational resources their children need."

"This is exactly the kind of innovation we should pursue across state government. By using technology to improve efficiency and reduce processing times, we can deliver a better experience for the people we serve. It is time for all agencies to move at the speed of business, not bureaucracy."

From July 1 through August 24, the Hope Scholarship Program completed 18,647 TheoPay orders, an increase of nearly 87 percent compared to the 9,974 orders completed during the same period

last year.

Of the 18,647 TheoPay orders approved and completed since July 1, 10,769 were processed through TheoPay Fulfillment. An additional 7,878 orders were completed through the new TheoPay Self-Serve option between August 10 and August 24. The Self-Serve technology has increased TheoPay order productivity by 42 percent.

The Hope Scholarship Program is also utilizing artificial intelligence technology to assist with identifying eligible educational products. To date, the technology has scanned more than 125,000 eligible items.

"TheoPay allows Hope Scholarship families to purchase qualifying educational items through approved external websites," Hope Scholarship Executive Director Michelle Penaloza said. "The addition of the TheoPay Self-Serve option provides parents an opportunity to work directly with the designed artificial intelligence technology to identify Hope Scholarship eligible expenses. The use of this technology has increased the program's overall efficiency and provides more direct access to educational resources than any other Educational Savings Account program in the nation."

The technology improvements come as the Hope Scholarship Program experiences significant growth following expanded eligibility for the 2026-2027 school year. More than 25,000 approved Hope Scholarship students received their first quarterly funding this month.

For more information about the Hope Scholarship or to apply to the program, visit www.HopeScholarshipWV.gov.

Governor Morrisey Calls on West Virginians to Shape the West Virginia Military Hall of Fame

CHARLESTON, WV – West Virginia's service members have answered the call of duty with extraordinary valor, and now Governor Patrick Morrisey is calling on veterans, service members, and military families across the Mountain State to help establish a home for their legacy. Governor Morrisey announced today that the updated draft rules for the West Virginia Military Hall of Fame are now open for public comment, marking the final stretch to officially honoring the state's military legends.

"I want to hear from people about veterans in their family and the stories of the gifts they have provided their communities, their state, and the nation," said Governor Morrisey. "We should always be on the lookout to honor veterans and this comment period provides us with that opportunity."

Members of the military community, veterans' advocacy groups, and patriotic citizens across the state are urged to make their voices heard by reviewing and submitting feedback on the proposed regulations through September 11, 2026.

Spearheaded by Governor Morrisey, First Lady Denise Morrisey, and State Senator Brian Helton, the administration published the revised draft rules on August 12, 2026, creating a clear pathway to celebrate military service and continued community impact.

The newly published regulations are seeking comments so that we may establish the best standards for the nomination, selection, and induction processes, ensuring the program upholds the highest standards of honor while remaining open and fair to all who have served.

"Our mission is simple: recognize those whose service was not only exemplary, but incomparable," said Ryan Kennedy, Cabinet Secretary for the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance, which administers the Hall of Fame. "We give special thanks to Governor Morrisey, First Lady Denise Morrisey, and Sen. Brian Helton for their bold leadership in establishing this honor. Now, we need the public's insight. This is your chance to shape how West Virginia recognizes its greatest protectors for generations to come."

Public Comment Submission Details

Public input is vital to finalizing these operational rules. Submit your feedback before 11:59 PM EST on September 11, 2026 via email or mail:

Email: jill.e.connolly@wv.gov

Mail:

Attn: Military Hall of Fame Rules
West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance

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