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### Sparrows Nest By Sandra Carpenter

PATIENCE AND

GRATITUDE

Once upon a time near the edge of the sea, there lived a little Sparrow. Her life was full of struggles, every time she built a nest the strong winds blew it away. Whenever she found food the bigger birds would snatch it away. She felt weak, hungry, and hopeless.

One day a golden dove was flying across the sky. The Sparrow called out, "Brother, please stop." The dove landed gently and asked, "Why are you so sad, little sister?" With tears in her eyes the Sparrow replied, "My life is nothing but pain. I have no safe home, no food, and no peace. When will my suffering end?"

The dove looked kindly to the Sparrow and said, "I am on my way to Heaven, shall I ask God about you?" The Sparrow's eyes lit up with hope. "Yes, please ask when my bad days will end." The Dove promised

and flew away.

When the Dove reached Heaven he met an Angel and asked about the Sparrow's fate. The Angel replied, "God has written more years of struggle in her life. Her true test is not

over yet."

The Dove becomes sad. "If I tell her that she will break completely. Is there no other

way?" the Dove asks the Angel.
"Yes," said the Angel, "there
is a way. Tell the Sparrow to
repeat in every situation 'Thank
you, God, for everything. That
gratitude will change her des-

y."
The Dove returned to the

Sparrow and gave her the message. At first she said, "I do not understand" but, she made a promise to herself that "no matter what happens I will say God, thank you for everything."

When the storm blew

when the storm blew her nest away she whispered, "Thank you, God, for everything." When hungry and she found no food she whispered, "Thank you, God, for everything."

Even when other birds mocked her she said, "Thank you, God, for everything." Slowly miracles began to happen. A fisherman dropped grains near her, the storms became, calmer, she built a strong nest the winds couldn't destroy, she gained strength in her wings and soared higher than ever.

Then, the golden Dove passed by again. He was amazed to see the Sparrow healthy, joyful and flying high in the sky. In surrtise, he asked the Sparrow, "How did this miracle happen so soon?" The Sparrow smiled and replied, "My destiny was full of pain but my gratitude transformed it when I started thanking God in every situation; my test became lighter and blessings filled my life."

Life will always test us with struggles. Complaining makes burdens heavier, but gratitude makes the heart light and opens the door to happiness.

I think we could all learn from this little Sparrow and show more gratitude by saying THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERYTHING in this month of THANKSGIVING and ev-

aay. Blessings on your journey.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 832-0069 Increment 84 & 94

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Southbound Coal, LLC. 12500 St. Rd. 124, Piketon, Ohio 45661, has applied for a Phase I bond release on increments 84 & 94, which was last issued on November 8, 2024. The application covers an area of approximately 368.85 acres located approximately 0.75 miles from the junction of KY. Rt. 706 & Burton Branch.

increment 84 is a cash bond in the amount of \$114,000.00, of which approximately 60 % is being proposed for release. The bond now in effect for increment 94 is a L.C. in the amount of \$75,000.00, of which approximately 60 % is being proposed for release

The bond now in effect for

Reclamation work performed includes Grading, seeding, and mulching, and successful establishment of the postmining land use, which was completed in September of 2023.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by \_December 30, 2025\_\_\_\_\_.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for \_\_10:00\_ am\_\_\_. on \_ December 30, 2025\_\_at the

December 30, 2025 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Field office, 556 Village Lane, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by \_\_December 30, 2025.

E-11-7-4T

#### NOTICE OF SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ELLIOTT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20-CI-00018

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PART-NERS, LP. PLAINTIFF

VS.
TERESA DEBORD; JAMES
DEBORD: SHIRLEY PRATER:

DEBORD; SHIRLEY PRATER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF SHIRLEY PRATER, COM-MONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF ELLIOTT, DE-FENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Elliott Circuit Court, entered on September 11, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Elliott County Courthouse in Sandy Hook, Kentucky, on the 5th day of December, 2025 at or near the hour of 12:00 p.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on

E-11-14-2T

the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

a credit of thirty (30) days, with

Description of the Property: KY 7 Little Sandy. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 117, Page 346, Elliott County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 024-00-00-002.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson

Master Commissioner Elliott County, Kentucky E.11-19-3t Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3

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#### NOTICE OF SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ELLIOTT CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21-CI-00006

KENTUCKY TAX BILL SERVIC-ING, INC,. PLAINTIFF

VS.
ROGER DAVID HORTON;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
ROGER DAVID HORTON; MICHAEL HORTON; UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF MICHAEL HORTON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & LEGATEES OF
ROGER W. HORTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES

& LEGATEES OF ROGER W. HORTON; TAMMY CRUM; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY CRUM; BLUEGRASS LIEN SOLUTIONS, LLC; CHESTER GREENTREE INVESTMENTS LLC, AND COUNTY OF ELLIOTT, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Elliott Circuit Court, entered on October 15, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Elliott County Courthouse in Sandy Hook, Kentucky, on the 5th day of December, 2025 at or near the hour of 12:05 p.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real

estate shall be sold as a whole.
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credit of thirty (30) days, with

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Description of the Property: Beginning at the road and branch and running up the, branch to top of the hill and Orville Fannin's line; thence with Orville Fannin's line to Melvin Johnson's line; then with Melvin Johnson's line to the road; then with the road an east course to the beginning. Containing 20 acres, more or less. Being the same property conveyed to Walter Horton and Maggie Horton by Deed dated November 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 58, Page 192 of the Elliott County, Kentucky records. Walter Horton died intestate on or about December 1, 1974. His interest was conveyed to Maggie H. Bays and Roger W. Horton by Affidavit of Descent recorded August 5, 1980 in Book 68, Page 104 of the Elliott County, Kentucky records. Roger W. Horton died intestate on or about September 10, 1993 and his known heirs are Tammy Crum and Roger David Horton. Maggie Horton's interest was conveyed to Roger David Horton (Life Estate) with the remainder upon his death to Michael Horton by virtue of the Last Will and Testament of Maggie Horton Bays recorded July 30, 1999 in Will Book 5, Page 248 of the Elliott County, Kentucky records. Property Address: 0 Doctors Branch, Elliott County, Kentucky.

Map/Parcel ID Number: 016-00-00-021.00.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Elliott Co. Case No. 24-CI-0002

A complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Elliott County, Kentucky, by ADS Tax Lien Company, LLC against Billy Flannery, Janie Flannery, County of Elliott, Josette Flannery, Unknown Spouse of Josette Flannery, Mattie Flannery a/k/a Matthew Flannery, Unknown Spouse of Mattie Flannery a/k/a Matthew Flannery, Danny Caudill, Melinda Caudill, Darren Flannery, Susan Gilbert a/k/a Susan Flannery, Martin McNamara, Unknown Spouse of Martin McNamara, Kathy Blair, Chris Blair, Christi Elam, Nick Elam, Tara Gibson, Paul Gibson, Mary Lawson, Unknown Spouse of Mary Lawson, Janie Sue Lawson, Unknown Spouse of Janie Sue Lawson, Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Darrell Lewis, Unknown Spouses of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Billy Flannery, Unknown Spouses of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Billy Flannery, and Unknown Occupant of Sheepskin Road.

I, Justin Criswell, represent no one in this action. Rather, I have been appointed by the Court as "Warning Order Attorney" for Martin McNamara, Unknown Spouse of Martin McNamara, Kathy Blair, Chris Blair, Tara Gibson, Paul Gibson, Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Billy Flannery, Unknown Occupant of Sheepskin Road, Unknown Spouses of Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Darrell Lewis, Unknown Spouse of Martin McNamara to publish this message to inform the above-named Defendant(s) of the pendency of this case. I further advise that: (a) you may acquire additional information about this matter by consulting with the Elliott County Circuit Court Clerk about this case, and; (b) that if you are an interested party and take no action within fifty (50) days from October 25th, 2025, a judgment may be entered against you.

All interested parties are welcome to contact my office at (606) 474-0029 with any additional

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