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# Speak Your Piece

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In addition to the telephone and the U.S. Mail, *The Mountain Eagle* accepts comments to Speak Your Piece by electronic mail. Our address is: mtneagle@bellsouth.net. On subject line put Speak Your Piece.

How can Donald Trump stand up and tell the public how smart he is and then come up with the idea to buy the Gaza Strip and turn it into the new Riviera. Come on, buddy. I'm a hillbilly with a 10th grade education, and I'd like to challenge Trump to an IQ test. And of course I want to make a wager. I'll bet him two buckeyes and a slick groundhog hole against a million dollars that I beat him.

How is it possible that a certain woman gets caught multiple times for meth trafficking, and always gets out of jail after very little time. She's probably been out a month and already back to being the top dog in the county. She drives that loud car up and down Kingscreek all night long on most nights. This poison needs taken off our streets and the dealers need to be locked up for longer than a few months.

I see where they're trying to say racism cost Harris the election. A woman being president? That's never going to work. They don't have enough sense to run a country they can barely run a house.

Would some dedicated Trump voters please call in and explain why you whined and whined about the price of eggs and then elected someone who jacked it up even higher. Thank you.

Dear Mr. Coal Miner: Your wife deserves better than what you are giving her. Step up or step off the plate.

It hurts me to do this, but something is weighing heavy on my heart, and I need to say it. My Magistrate Jack Banks is my brother in the church, and the good Lord knows I don't want to talk bad about him, but God has put it on me to speak out. I don't have Facebook, but my wife does, and she reads me what Jack writes on it. Jack gives prayer before every fiscal court meeting, but then he gets on Facebook every night and talks the awfulest blackguard talk there is. He

says awful things to women, and you're supposed to respect women. He calls them bad names and talks abusive to them, calls them stupid and a whole lot worse things than that. My wife showed me a piece about this billionaire Elon Musk giving money to a political party in Germany that identifies with Nazis and telling people they were the only hope for Germany. And there was Jack defending Musk. My daddy fought against the Nazis in World War II. He went into the camps and saw the dead Jews stacked up like firewood. And our magistrate is going to defend this billionaire's support of today's Nazis? Jack, I want you to stop outside the courthouse and look at that big plaque on the wall. Look at all those men who died because of Hitler and Mussolini and Tojo. Ask their forgiveness, Jack. And ask God's forgiveness. When I was in Vietnam, we had a chaplain who was Catholic, and he'd ask us to confess, and then if we did, he'd tell us we were forgiven and go and sin no more. Jack, confess the evil that has bored into your heart, and maybe God will forgive you before it's too late. And go and sin no more. I've said enough. Thank you.

I would like to see if there are any writers in Letcher County. We need a book written on all the corruption our county has faced. We have dealt with stuff that has been covered up.

I would like for Food City to put a stop to people bringing their animals in where people buy their food and put it in food buggies.

Two issues that need to be addressed: Drivers, please dim your lights. And to the Kentucky Department of Highways: Please paint the road lines from Double Kwik near Mayking to the LCCHS/Walmart intersection. Driving there in the dark, and particularly in the rain, the visibility is zero and very dangerous — particularly if there is fog and/or rain.

Everybody knows there's a

certain man running around the Premium area who thinks he's hot stuff. He finds some man's wife and gets her to leave and shack up with him.

Yes, I agree if you're going to work in the healthcare field you need to be as nice to your patients as possible. At the same time, it doesn't give the patients or family members the right to treat healthcare workers like garbage. You certainly didn't care about how you treated people when you ran the roads snorting pills and stealing money from your family until you had that stroke. Now you're stuck there.

I frequently reflect on the financial resources intended for the renovation of the Whitesburg Community Pool. The most recent update indicated that an employee mistakenly allocated the funds to an incorrect account, followed by an apology. However, there has been no information regarding any consequences for that individual that I have seen. What became of that employee? Why was it not possible to redirect the funds back to the designated account for the Whitesburg Community Pool? It just doesn't add up.

One thing that really bugs me is why school tax shows up on nearly all our bills. I always thought it was just part of our property tax, but it seems to be everywhere. On top of that, schools get funding from the federal government too.

Airplane crashes happening at a record rate, gas prices rising, food prices rising, and eggs so expensive you can't afford to buy a dozen. Welcome to life under Donald Trump. How much more of this winning can we stand?

Donald Trump is currently reviewing our federal government spending. I believe every agency that gets tax funding, right down to local governments, should undergo an audit. We need to insist on knowing exactly where our tax money is going and how much is being spent.

After watching the Jenkins-Letcher Central basketball game, I want to say Letcher Central has nothing to be ashamed of, other than the fact they need to work on their three-point shots. The Noble boy is doing a great job in his first year as coach.

To the person who put the hilarious piece in about global warming: Pardon me, but your ignorance is showing. You need to look up the difference between climate change and weather. If you can't read, get a 14-year-old to Google it for you.

Finally, after almost 20 years, someone is going to bring good-paying jobs to Letcher County. Twenty years should have brought many businesses to the area. However, we chose to waste valuable time. Now the young people have said enough is enough; it's time for our county to become prosperous. Many jobs can be had on 63 acres of land. The future is looking brighter for the county.

I used to be an optimist but not since January 20, 2025. I dread turning on the TV to see what the intellectually challenged President Elon Musk and Vice President Donald Trump have done to take our nation closer to fascism. What is even more scary is that our

testicular-atrophied Congress is too chicken poop to stand up to them and nip this threat to democracy in the bud. This nation is supposed to be 'one nation under God.' We surely need some divine guidance to get us through the terrible darkest chapter in American history. This scenario looks like the tail trying to wag the dog.

Main Street in Jenkins could be one of the best around. However, there are some things that prevent this. Those include houses on Main Street and a trailer. These houses need to be removed or redone. Those are the ones close to the school, one going up Cove Avenue, on next to Cavalier Drive, and one starting up Brick Street. The trailer with all the vehicles parked there is a terrible eyesore. The city government knows who owns these properties. Please act on this. Make Jenkins once again a jewel in the mountains. Thank you.

That Colson cemetery on Route 7 looks like there's a paved road to it. You can't get anyone to do anything about it, but there's an election coming up. Don't look for my vote, bud.

It has gotten harder to call a certain insurance company to pay a bill than it is to call a certain healthcare provider. These two businesses need to look into the situation and do better for their customers, or they might be losing some customers.

To a certain woman: Now that your husband is gone and is nowhere to cover up for your eviless people might finally start seeing the real you. It's about time people start seeing how you really are and how you treat your own family. You can't hide it from everyone, though, because some of us see right through your sheep's clothing. As Donald Trump says to his supporters: 'What do you think about me now?'

It's laughable when you think about Donald Trump saying he's going to turn Gaza into the Riviera. He's the same man who couldn't even make Atlantic City better than it was before he built his failed casinos there, both of which ended in rubble, just like Gaza.

I see where some group is trying to steal the land intended for the prison at Roxana. These activist groups think they own everybody. They don't want any jobs to come to Letcher County. There will be a prison built there.

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Dear Speak Your Piece:

## Americanisms



"Today's public figures can no longer write their own speeches or books, and there is some evidence that they can't read them either."

— Gore Vidal

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seen a dollar bill again. I would rather see a depression than see the dollar bill go away.

What's on my mind is what I saw coming through the top of Sexton's Branch. I think some people need to go look at some of the stuff that is being dumped there.

What a hypocrite Little Marco is. For more than 10 years he praised USAID for keeping China from getting a toehold on these poor and developing countries, and now that Trump gave him a job, he hates the agency. Republicans are the biggest hypocrites and Trump butt-kissers I have seen in my life.

I voted for President Trump to take care of the Department of Education. Hopefully he will abolish it. And how about the United States Postal Service? The mail is awful here in Jenkins. Hopefully he can take it over and privatize it and let Jeff Bezos run it. The Postal Service is doing a horrible job.

I understand that Hollywood is interested in doing a re-make of the Dumb and Dumber movie. This time it will star President Elon Musk and Vice President Donald Trump. They didn't even have to audition; the choice was a no-brainer.

Why don't you just go ahead and buy yourself a truck and quit acting like that woman took your money.

If there's one thing Trump and his MAGA movement have mastered, it's the art of contradiction. The same man who spent years railing against "endless wars" and 'nation-building' is now floating the idea of the United States owning Gaza. The same 'America First' crowd that mocked support for Ukraine as 'globalist meddling' is now enthusiastically embracing a U.S.-led occupation of Palestinian territory. And yet, somehow, none of them see the irony.

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I cannot believe she called us gringos. That is a derogatory statement and very offensive. And this woman is teaching our children.

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