

OPINION

The Problematic Socialism of Public Water Systems

By Stephen Smoot

Americans have, by and large, rejected the socialist model of economics and for good reason. Socialism has failed to deliver almost everywhere applied. That said, in some specific sectors, Americans have preferred to allow government to take a lead.

This makes sense in some areas. Law enforcement, for example, in West Virginia used to be a private sector enterprise in some localities. West Virginia history notes the Baldwin and Felts Detective Agency, for example, as the villains of the Mine Wars era. They emerged as such after some towns hired them to perform law enforcement functions from keeping order to investigating serious crimes.

Their role in the events leading up to the Matewan Massacre shows why that did not work out.

A large number of West Virginia residents rely on public water and sewer systems and this is also, in many areas, not working out. Problems have piled up because of the nature of, as Karl Marx would put it, the government “owning the means of production.”

The Polish academic Bartomliej Kaminski identified the key flaw in a Socialist or Communist economic system. He stated that these systems fail because the operators make economic decisions for political reasons. When this happens, failure almost always follows because even in a Socialist or Communist system, resources are still limited and decisions on allocation must be made to ensure the best possible set of outcomes.

Now consider a municipal town council operating a water and sewer systems. When customers pay their water and sewer bills, the money should go back into the system for operational and normal maintenance costs. As the system operates now, when major expenses such as damage or failure of major equipment, long stretches of pipe, or the need for an extension, these entities must go to the state or federal government with hands extended, begging for help.

A number of town systems across the state also serve as the primary source for surrounding public service districts in the same county.

Many of these towns, and also PSDs, do operate with fiscal discipline. They raise rates when needed and make good decisions on how to use funding. Most of the time, these are the systems that have few to no problems. Others do not use good fiscal discipline and in many of those cases customers end up suffering as a result.

Town councils are more subject to pressure than PSD boards, however, because they are elected and not appointed. Being elected officials subjects them to concerns and pressures related to that role. Some may fear losing the next election if they vote responsibly and keep rates rising incrementally.

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Super Crossword

BROTHERLY POSSESSIONS

ACROSS

1 Unsettles

9 Beginning of a process

16 Opposed to

20 Woman from Madrid's land, to Madrid natives

21 Relatives of grapefruits

22 Cut of beef

23 Start of riddle #1

25 Pea holders

26 Kyoto coin

27 Actress Longoria

28 Astern

29 Diameter halves

30 Middle of riddle #1

37 Star of "10"

40 Foe of Spinks

41 Most polar

42 End of riddle #1

48 Second-rate

49 Suffix with glob or duct

50 Spicy

51 V-shaped cut

55 Hand-talking syst.

56 90 degrees from norte

58 Intend to do

61 Great sorrow

62 "That's it!"

65 Answer to riddle #1

69 Humility

72 Mensa stats

73 Performs in front of

74 Start of riddle #2

79 Casino stake

80 Flaky dessert

81 Unit of a sentence

82 Tell — story (try to evoke sympathy)

84 Undergrad degs.

87 Drinking aid

90 Part of ENT

91 Actress Ortiz

92 Actor Skeet or drummer Lars

95 Middle of riddle #2

100 Warship fleet

103 "I'll take that as —"

104 Civil War general Grant

105 End of riddle #2

111 Kicked in seed money

112 Bottom line

113 Chum

114 Crunches work them

117 Injure badly

118 Answer to riddle #2

125 Hotel chain

126 Greek

127 Ate lunch or dinner

128 Former rival of Nintendo

129 Tranquil and carefree

130 "Yes, it's true, alas"

DOWN

1 Like many wet lawns

2 "This —" (telephone response)

3 Arch across

4 Pic on a chest, maybe

5 Mom's bro

6 Jumping Aussie critter

7 Feature of a cloudless day

8 Balm

9 Secret agent

10 As well

11 Very tall bird

12 Praline ingredient

13 1957-91 king of Norway

14 "Affliction" star Nick

15 Course for U.S. immi-grants

16 "Scarface" star

17 Strip of pasta

18 Neatens up

19 Refuse to yield

24 Pappy

29 Puerto —

30 Te- — (giggles)

31 Municipal laws: Abbr.

32 Yeshiva teacher

33 Scarce

34 Styled after

35 Victory

36 Fruit drink brand

37 — Raton

38 Avian hooters

39 Genetic structure with "rungs" of base pairs

43 Novel writer, e.g.: Abbr.

44 Pooch pest

45 Gabfest

46 Charged atoms

47 Sink as low as

52 Drill attachments with spiraling grooves

53 Paint layer

54 Sub in a deli

57 Reaping tools

58 Arouse

59 Misplaced

60 Pittsburgh Steelers' org.

63 Whack down residue

64 Burning

66 Waterways, to Mexicans

67 "— Four" (Beatles)

68 Dark deli bread

69 Atlas

70 Handling the matter

71 Strike gently

75 Part of UAE

76 Uncovered

77 Sharp pain

78 Morales in movies

83 Horn for taps

85 Nagging pain

86 "— Out of My League"

88 The universe of universities

89 Walked through water

91 After a while

93 Distance unit in astron.

94 Optimistic

96 Road gunk

97 On the — (escaping)

98 Yoko of art

99 Roast that may include chopped cashews or almonds

100 Los —, New Mexico

101 Title anew

102 Beating at chess

106 When many a driver stops

107 Touchy- —

108 To any extent

109 Jungle beast

110 Sister of Malia Obama

114 On a mattress, say

115 Squeezing snakes

116 WWII battle site in Normandy

118 X, to Greeks

119 — Aviv

120 Kin of mono- (Ping-Pong place)

121 — room

122 Prez #32

123 Car club inits.

124 Stat involving wt. and ht.

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Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 4!

Keynote Speaker For Italian Women of Distinction Announced: Mary Louise Vargo

Mary Louise Vargo, affectionately known as “Weege” to her family and friends, is a lifelong resident of Harrison County. She is the daughter of the late Louis Vargo and Margaret Rose Devono Vargo.

Born and raised in Clarksburg, Weege attended Summit Park Grade School and Junior High from 1963 to 1972. She spent her sophomore year at Victory High School and, following its consolidation and closure, completed her junior and senior years at Liberty High School. She graduated with the Class of 1975. In 1979, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from West Virginia University.

In 1987, Weege moved to Bridgeport and persuaded her mother, who had lived in Summit Park for 72 years, to move with her. They shared a home and a life filled with

tremendous love until her mother’s peaceful passing at the age of 96 in 2012. Weege’s devotion to family extended well beyond caring for her mother. For more than 50 years, she lovingly cared for 11 senior members of her family as they journeyed through aging and end of life. She supported them in their own homes or welcomed them into hers, offering comfort, attention, and care.

Though she has no children of her own, Weege has played an important role in the lives of many children in her family, neighborhood, and church community. She was always the extra set of hands or extra set of wheels for numerous families. For more than 10 years, she served as Youth Group Director at All Saints Church, and many young adults still thank her for the lasting impact she had on their lives.

Weege enjoyed a successful 31-year career in the pharmaceutical industry. Over the course of her career, she was promoted eight times and worked in sales, management, and training. She received the nation’s highest honor for Excellence in Sales

Achievement on five occasions and was recognized as a focused leader who built strong sales teams.

Raised in a close-knit Italian American family and environment, Weege has always celebrated her Italian heritage with family and friends. Her pride and

enthusiasm are contagious. During her senior year at West Virginia University, she was part of the student marketing team that conducted a demographic study for the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival. She began volunteering at the Festival during its inaugural year in 1979 and has remained involved for all 47 years, serving in many capacities—including volunteer, office manager, assistant director, board member, board officer, board chair, and consultant.

In addition to her work with the Festival, Weege has devoted countless hours to community and church projects. She has served on numerous boards and is a member of the finance committee at All Saints Catholic Church.

Weege’s greatest joy is spending time with her family: her sister, Juliann; her nephew, Matthew; and her nieces, Amanda and Jessica, along with their families. Two of her favorite times of year are traveling to California to celebrate Christmas with her family and welcoming them to West Virginia for the Italian Heritage Festival. Festival weekend is a cherished tradition, with everyone gathering at Aunt Weege’s home. Though they were not born here, her nieces and nephew consider West Virginia their home. As they say, it’s all about family roots—and West Virginia is “their place,” where they celebrate family, faith, and food.

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Arlene Martha Costelac, age 86, of Shinnston, passed away on Saturday, October 03, 2026. She was born on July 19, 1940, a daughter of the late Lawrence and Beatrice Nabozny Edwards.

Arlene is survived by her children: Jennifer L. Toth and husband Jerry of Shinnston, and Lisa Goff of Shinnston; Grandchildren: Brandon Toth and wife Kristen, Jordan Toth and wife Kali, Tyler Goff and wife Kait, and Ember Goff and companion Austin Aley; great grandchildren: Lillyan Toth, Lydia Toth, Brystol Toth, Braxton Toth, Hynlee Toth, Krew Toth, Nia Aley, Taven Aley, and Leo Aley; siblings: Dolores Edwards and Robert Edwards; sister-in-law, Patty Costelac; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was proceeded in death by her husband, Lawrence Costelac Jr., who passed away on November 12, 1988; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lawrence Costelac Sr. and Julia Costelac; sister-in-law, Linda Edwards; and brothers-in-law: Bob Costelac and John Costelac.

Arlene was a 1958 graduate of Monongah High School and a former employee of Westinghouse. She was a loving woman who showed kindness to everyone she met. Arlene spent her life as a caretaker for others, from her own children to those she babysat through the years. She was creative and loved to craft, draw, and do puzzles and she passed her love of art down to those she cared for. In addition to crafting, she was an excellent cook and baker and was famous for her nut rolls and red velvet cakes.

The family will receive friends at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Thursday, October 08, 2026, from 11:00 am until the time of the service at 1:00 pm.

Pastor Robert Shingleton will officiate the service. Interment will follow the service at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.PerineFunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Costelac Family.



Veldia May Hess, 84, of Reynoldsville, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2026 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Clarksburg, August 18, 1942, a daughter of the late Sewell Neil and Ernestine Lena Moore Day. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Edward Hess, Sr., whom she married March 25, 1967; and a son Jason Hess.

Surviving are three children, Marsha Gamble and her companion Robert Winfrey, Clarksburg, Charles E. Hess, Jr. and his wife Amber, Clarksburg, Jeff Hess and his wife Michelle, West Milford; six grandchildren: Lena Gamble and her companion Jay, Christopher Gibbs and his wife Ashlee, Carrie Cox and her husband Jeffrey, Logan Hess, Nicholas Hess and his wife Christina, and Hope Hess; six great grandchildren: Lloyd Stevens, Mason Cox, Sarah Cox, Ivy Hess, Emberlee Gibbs, and Rowan Gibbs.

Veldia retired from the United Hospital Center where she was a switchboard operator. She was also previously employed with Anchor Hocking Glass. She enjoyed watching police dramas, especially Law & Order SVU, and doing her puzzle books. She was a member of the Reynoldsville Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 11am until the time of the funeral service at 1pm, Thursday, October 1st with Pastor Jon Hayes officiating. Interment will be in the Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to defer the cost of funeral expenses at

<https://www.tmcfunding.com/funds/veldia-m-hess/17273/> Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hess family.

Imogene Rose Sirk Howell



Imogene Rose Sirk Howell, 90, of Shinnston, passed away on Wednesday, October 07, 2026. She was born on December 10, 1935, a daughter of the late Clayton “Rex” and Blanch (Wood) Sirk.

Imogene is survived by her children: Alvin Howell Jr. and wife Karen of Clarksburg, David Rex Howell and wife Kim of Shinnston, and Kathleen Howell of Shinnston; grandchildren: Christina Dunn and Jenna Rae Howell; and sisters-in-law: Jeanie Sirk of Florida and Judy Sirk of Clarksburg.

In addition to her parents, Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Howell, who passed away on July 27, 1992; a granddaughter, Staci Armfield; and siblings: Edith Ross, Lewis Sirk, Johnny Sirk, Kenny Sirk, Eugene Sirk, and Joan (Sirk) Wilt.

Imogene worked for the Union Carbide Employees Credit Union for seven years. She then worked for Union Carbide where she was a shipping clerk and supervisor for over ten years. She loved to crochet blankets and butterflies and loved roses. Imogene also loved to bake, especially cookies, bread, and cinnamon rolls. She was a proud twenty-five year survivor of cancer.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Cremation services will follow with a burial at a later date. Online memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.PerineFunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Howell Family.

Hayward Lee Miller
Hayward Lee Miller, 84, of Shinnston, went home to be with the Lord



on October 5, 2026. He was born in Shinnston on December 11, 1941. Hayward was the last remaining son of the late Harvey H. Miller and Sadie L. (Heldreth) Miller.

Hayward was a loving husband, father and grandfather as well as a golden glove boxer. He worked as a farmer, carpenter and retired as a mechanic from Loveridge Coal mines after 34 years’ service. He was a member of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Shinnston. Hayward proudly served in the United States Army as a paratrooper. He loved to hunt, fish and collect guns. He will be greatly missed.

Hayward is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris J. (Fisher) Miller of Shinnston; four children: Kathy I. Raines and husband John, Sandra L. Fazalare, Marvin M. Miller and Billie J. Miller all of Shinnston; nine grandchildren: Brian K. Raines, Marlie J. Vance and Travis, Daniele L. Gerrard, Jessica D. Faber and Ryan, Daniel A. Lucas and Sydney all of Shinnston, Kristyn N. Blake and Steven of Lumberport, Justyn M. Miller and Elizabeth of Bridgeport and Grayson C. Lucas and Toni J. Kovalck of Shinnston; fifteen great grandchildren; one great great grandchild as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hayward is preceded in death by three brothers: Jack H. Miller, Warren J. Miller and Ronald L. Miller and one sister, Ila Kathleen Sears.

The family would like to thank all the angels God sent to help them through their time of need, you know who you are.

In honoring his final wishes, cremation services will be provided.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Miller family.

Luella Mae Dotson Tanner

Luella Mae Dotson Tanner of Shinnston passed away on September 29, 2026. She was born June 29, 1941, to the late William Ralph Dotson and Orpha Belle Dotson.



Luella married Wayne Tanner on August 29, 1958, and together they had five daughters, Debbie Colanero (Jamie), Jennifer Tanner, Rebecca Tanner (Brad), Heather Pillo (Jimmy), and Amber Rose (Matthew). She also had 10 Grandchildren, Kristoffer Lucas (Stephanie), Abby Hunt, Rachel Babich (Richard), Daisy McGeehan(Allen), Emma Rose, Bradley Rohm, Becca Rohm, Samantha Pillo (David), Sarah Collins (Zane), and Kara Pillo, 8 Great Grandchildren, Tyler Lucas, Marley Wilson, Olivia and Maddie Collins, Christopher Arnold, Ryleigh, Roman and Rhett Babich. She said every one of her grandchildren were “beautiful”.

Lue is also survived by her brother Roger Dotson (Janet) and sisters Judy Bennett (Larry) and Janet Davis (Jim). She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Leslie Tanner and several nieces and nephews.

She was proceeded in death by her husband of 64 years Wayne Tanner as well as her brother Robert Dotson (Irma) and sister Doris Hall.

Lue was a stay-at-home mom and homemaker until her youngest daughter started school. She then went to work in a retail setting for the next 30+ years. She enjoyed taking care of her home and family as well as sewing, reading, and trips to the beach.

Luella will be cremated and no formal service will take place. A date for a memorial service for our family will be chosen later.

Myra Jane Townsend-Bartley



Myra Jane Townsend-Bartley, 93, formerly of Clarksburg and Bridgeport, WV, passed away on the evening of Wednesday September

30 th , 2026 in Quality of Life Services at Mercer.

She was born on January 31, 1933, in Huntington, WV to John Henry and Georgia (Blanton) Maynard Myra graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1951 and would go on to marry Billy R. Townsend on September 28, 1952, with whom she would share the next thirty-six years prior to his passing.

Throughout her life Myra furthered her education by graduating from Fairmont College with Bachelor in Education in 1963, WVU with a Master in Behavioral Counseling in 1968, and additionally from WVU Master of EducationAdministration in 1970.

Myra served as the Dean of Women at Salem College from 1970 to 1973. Under her administration Johnson Elementary School became the first school in West Virginia to be recognized as a National School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. After having a successful career as an educator and counselor, she retired in 1998 from Harrison County Board of Education as Director of Human Resources.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, SC. Myra was a Paul Harris Fellow and former member of the Rotary Club of Clarksburg.

Myra is now reunited in Heaven with her parents, her husband’s Billy R. Townsend on September 18, 1988 and Robert L. Bartley whom she married on November 27, 1991 and passed away on June 20, 2015, her brother John B. Maynard on May 31, 2021, and by her nephew John Tyson Maynard on October 27, 2023.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Debby Maynard and nephew Ian B. Maynard and his wife Laura, and her great-nephews James, Marcus, Jacob, and Joseph, all of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

Friends may call on Saturday October 10, 2026 from 11:00AM until 1:00PM at the HARMER FUNERAL HOME 300 Pike St. Shinnston, WV 26431. A funeral service will be held at 1:00PM followed by burial on the Maynard-Townsend family plot in Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport, WV.

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A Tough Loss and a Couple of Huge Wins



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

West Virginia University’s football team suffered a third consecutive setback this past weekend. The 52 to 31 loss to Arizona was in front of the home fans and it evened the Mountaineers’ record at three and three.

WVU is in search of its first Big 12 win and a strong finish to become bowl eligible. In order to accomplish either (or both, preferably) of these tasks, the Mountaineers need to find some answers on the defensive side of the ball. In conference play against Oklahoma State, Iowa State, and the Wildcats, they are allowing 46 points per contest.

This week, Cincinnati comes to town in a “get right” game” that could put them back on track. The Bearcats come to Mo-town, then WVU heads to winless Texas Christian University. Sounds like a chance to garner some Mountaineer momentum.

Speaking of momentum, Shinnston native Mike Kellar is working his magic in Buckhannon. Kellar inherited a program that hadn’t won a game since October of 2022. This past Saturday, his West Virginia Wesleyan University team defeated Fairmont State University 34 to 16 to move to three and four on the campaign.

The Bobcats are two and two in Mountain East Conference play and in the mix for a conference title. This weekend, they travel to West Liberty and in three weeks, the University of Charleston comes to Buckhannon. The Hilltoppers and Golden Eagles are the last two undefeated teams in the conference.

Kellar has done an amazing job and this turnaround has been epic. He also has the help of a tremendous offensive coordinator, fellow Shinnston native Jeremy Harmer. This team is fun to watch and with a chance to go from worst to first, you don’t want to miss out on the opportunity

to catch them in action. The Bobcats host Concord on Oct 24 and UC on Oct 31. Both games are set to kick off at 1 o’ clock p.m.

Lincoln went into its lock-up with Robert C. Byrd looking to keep its momentum going. The Cougars have improved each week and the battle with the Flying Eagles would be a measuring stick game. The result shows that veteran mentor Rob Hawkins needs a bigger stick after his team jumped out to a 21 to nothing first half lead and dominated the line of scrimmage en route to a 21 to 13 victory.

The playcalling was perfect and quarterback Bear Saab did not appear to be touched in the first half, Saab went deep to Colton Edwards on a 68-yard pass play for the game’s first score. It seemed to loosen up RCB’s defense and Conner Rice capitalized with key pick ups all night. Rice would score the second Cougar touchdown on a five-yard run in the second quarter, Saab would add a rushing touchdown from four yards out to push the Lincoln lead to 21 to 0.

The Flying Eagles found pay dirt late in the second period when Isiah Heflin found Deegan Barnett on a 24-yard pass play. The two point conversion failed. Heflin would score on a one yard plunge in the fourth frame to make it a one possession game with just under six minutes remaining in regulation.

RCB would force a three and out, but a perfect punt from Edwards pinned the home team inside the one yard line. The Flying Eagles would move the ball, but a costly penalty coupled with more tenacious Cougar defense forced a pivotal fourth and seven .

RCB decided to go with the deep ball and Cade Mooney would come away with the interception to seal the deal for Lincoln. Rice had 144 yards on 33 carries for the Cougars while Saab was five of 14 for 89 yards. Heflin paced the Flying Eagles with 153 in the air and 85 yards on the ground.

Lincoln has won two in a row and four of the last six in the series.

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

Harrison County EMS



Athletes of the Week

It’s that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County’s student-athletes. Each week we review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal’s Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Lincoln’s Carter Knight and Bridgeport’s Gavin Williams.

Cougar cross country runner Carter Knight had a couple of big wins a couple of weeks ago. Knight won the Harrison County Championships at Robert C. Byrd and also claimed victory at the Junior Nuzum Memorial Invitational in Shinnston.

Indian running back Gavin Williams returned from injury and put up big numbers against Fort Hill (Maryland) two weeks ago and Spring Valley this past week. In the two games combined, Williams picked up 392 yards on 29 carries. He also scored six touchdowns.

Congratulations to Lincoln’s Carter Knight and Bridgeport’s Gavin Williams for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!



Harrison County School Board Puts Focus on Transportation

By Stephen Smoot

On October 6, the Harrison County Board of Education held their first regular meeting of the month. About 15 minutes was spent on a financial report from new Superintendent Dr. Sheena Van Meter, covered elsewhere in this edition.

First came student and staff recognition. The Board honored Bridgeport High School for earning a Future Farmers of America state championship in veterinary science. Students have to identify and explain information such as medical equipment and various parasites that can afflict animals.

The Board then read and approved a proclamation celebrating school service personnel. School Board President Frank Devono Jr stated that “I just wanna say thank you for everything that you do. Most of the kids in the county, they’re the first people they see in the morning, the last people they see in the night. And you guys do such a great job.”

Rosie Linton, parent of a fifth grade student at Mountaineer Elementary School, came to speak during public comment. School and Board officials are not permitted under law to interact during public

comment. This is to protect the public’s right to speak from aggressive behavior from government officials, not to prevent the public from getting answers on the spot.

She shared her frustration with “the management of the transportation program here in this county.” Linton took care to state that her problem was not with bus drivers or other individual employees.

“In the past two weeks, so the last ten days of school,” Linton explained, “Mountaineer Elementary has had a bus issue five of those days. So whether a bus did not run at all during the day or it was able to run-in the morning and did not run-in the afternoon.”

“Mountaineer that was formerly Northview, you know, we were consolidated last year out of our community where 90 percent of our children did walk to school,” said Linton. She then added that students who walked to the school closed last year now have to rely on bus transportation as “their only way to reach school.”

”And, really, the issue is that, you know, our community is a community of underprivileged children.” said Linton, who went on to say “a lot

of our community members don’t have private transportation.”

She shared a series of miscommunications leaving parents wondering if there was a way on certain days to get children to and from the school. Linton pointed out that low income neighborhoods have high populations of children at-risk and that many of those kids see school as “their safe space” and even the only place in their life to get nutritious food.

“What I’m asking this board to do is attempt to meet those needs of, you know, our communities that really need that the most,” said Linton.

Prior to the beginning of the school year, the Harrison County Board of Education had heard from Jamie Kosik about a shortage of bus drivers for the 2026-27 school year. He reported on Oct 6, that they have made progress in expanding the number of available drivers.

“Right now, I’ve got one, two, three, five people that are really close to being behind the wheel. One happens to be one of our mechanics,” Kosik reported. The mechanic is training to be a substitute

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Dear Recycle Lady,
I have been recycling all my office paper, magazines and newspapers. Are there any types of paper that cannot be recycled? *Paper Recycler*

Dear Paper Recycler,
Yes, there are several types of paper that can't be recycled. Freezer paper and wax paper are neither recyclable nor compostable as they are coated with either vegetable wax or petroleum-based paraffin. Used parchment paper isn't recyclable either as it may be stained with food or cooking oils. The short fibers that make up tissue paper prevent it from being recyclable. However, it is compostable and breaks down quickly in your compost bin. Napkins and paper towels are not recyclable either as they are a very low grade of paper. They are both made from paper that may have been recycled five to seven times, thus the fibers are very small and short. However, both napkins and paper towels can be composted and are considered brown material, as long as they haven't been used to wipe up oil, butter, milk or lard. Gift wrapping paper, paper coated with plastic, and sticky paper are not recyclable, and neither are thermal receipts. Thermal receipts contain chemicals that are harmful to the environment and to humans, thus they are neither recyclable nor compostable. Paper cups and plates are not recyclable as they may have food or grease on them, both of which are contaminates. Any kind of paper, whether white, colored, magazine, newspaper, or cardboard, can't be recycled if it is not clean and dry. Grease and food must never be on paper products to be recycled as grease and food will not mix with the water needed to break down the paper into fibers. If greasy or food-laden paper is put in with clean paper, the entire batch is contaminated and cannot be recycled. Thus, it all goes to the landfill.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What do I do with clothes that are wearable, but I no longer want to wear? *Let's Avoid Waste*

Dear Let's Avoid Waste,
There are many online sites for buying, selling, or donating used clothing. These online options offer choices that are not available locally. Just google used clothing websites to see the many opportunities. There are several ways used clothing can be donated locally: The Americana Shop on the

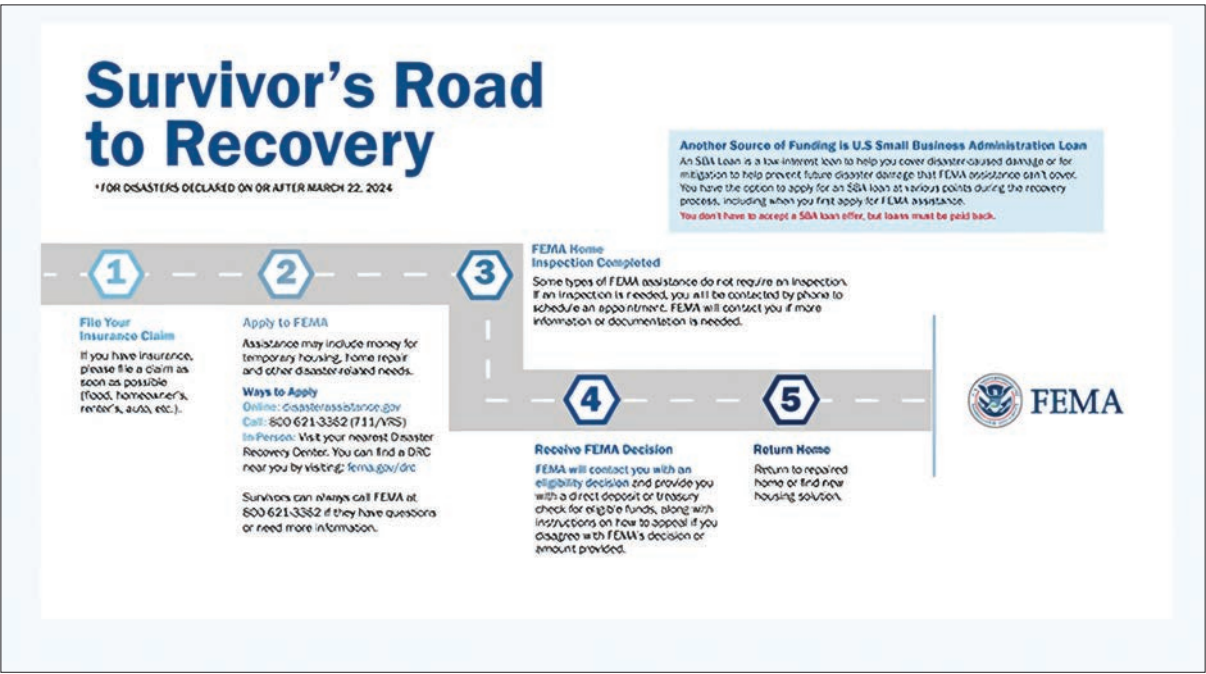
corner of Foster and Court streets in Lewisburg, Goodwill located in the Red Oaks Shopping Center at the opposite end of the shopping center from Kroger, off 219 South in Fairlea, The Caldwell Thrift Store in Caldwell on the corner of Route US 60 and WV 63, and Greenbrier Better Living located on Route 219 in Ronceverte. As you get out your fall clothes and find ones you no longer want, consider the possibilities and choose the one that suits best. Then, sit back and enjoy all those organized closets and drawers and celebrate a job well done.

Dear Recycle Lady,
When I removed the white cap from a plastic bottle, a small white plastic band remained on the bottle that I am unable to remove. Can plastic bottles be recycled with the bands still on the top of the bottles? Also, why can't bottles be recycled with the top on? The tops of some bottles say to leave the top on for recycling. *Top or No Top*

Dear Top or no Top,
Yes, plastic bottles are recycled with the white plastic band still on the bottle. However, be sure to remove the cap before recycling. Since bottles and caps are made of two different kinds of plastics, they can't be recycled together as they have different melting points when processed. Large cities can recycle bottles with the caps on, but it takes specialized equipment with a pressurized system to remove the caps. Our local Recycling Center doesn't have this equipment, so all caps must be removed. Bottles to be shipped out of the Recycling Center are crushed and baled and if a top is still on a bottle, it becomes a "projectile" and is a danger to our staff.

Dear Readers,
It has come to my attention that I omitted the word "each" following "25 pounds of oral products recycled." It should have 6 boxes of 25 pounds EACH for a grand total of 150 pounds of tooth brushes, etc.!

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



Harrison County to Receive Funding to Help Those Recovering From July Flood Damage

By Stephen Smoot

On July 21, a severe series of storms passed through large sections of northern and eastern West Virginia creating damage to structures and highways, as well as causing damage from debris and rain-saturated hillsides. Last Thursday, President Donald Trump's approval of disaster funding was announced by West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey. Kanawha, Harrison, and Fayette counties were approved for Individual Assistance, while the State's appeal on behalf of Boone and Logan counties was denied. According to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) that agency "provides two main types of assistance following a presidentially declared declaration: Individual Assistance and Public Assistance." It defines Individual Assistance as "direct financial assistance to eligible individuals and families who have sustained losses

due to disasters" and can help with both "uninsured or underinsured basic critical needs." Assistance can cover rental assistance, lodging expense reimbursement, home repair assistance, "financial assistance to uninsured or underinsured disaster-caused personal property losses", and other needs, including sanitation and cleaning assistance. Applicants need a description of the damage, applicant contact information, 911 address "at time of the disaster", insurance company, if appropriate, annual household income, bank account information for direct deposit, and any need for accommodation in application under the Americans With Disability Act. Said West Virginia Governor Patric Morrisey, "I want to thank President Trump and his administration for approving this assistance and continuing to stand with West Virginia as our communities recover." Public assistance will go to Pendleton, Tucker, Randolph, and eight other counties.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY
This Shinnston News provides a calendar of events free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

NARFE Chapter 1579 meeting, 11:30 a.m., Brickside Grille, 101 Lodgeville Road in Bridgeport. Guest speakers will be Beth Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Harrison County Senior Center, and Beth Gain, Marketing and Program Coordinator of the Clarksburg History Museum, to discuss the two Levy measures on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot. For more information about the National Active and Retired Federal Employees contact President Bill O'Field 304-627-8175 or Vice President Patty Flanigan 304-669-5011.

"Fall Fest" cont. from p. 1

Mayor Patrick Kovalck's wife Abby brought forth some new ideas which drew much interest this year as well. Abby stated, "I've given thought for quite some time to what we could do to bring more activities to our park and/or the Green Space and suggested a few possibilities. Brendan Gallagher said that perhaps a few of them might be incorporated into this year's Fall Fest, so I assumed responsibility for that and I was surprised at the quick response."
Abby was referring to this year's hay bale decorating contest which will give a \$250 cash prize to the first place winner! Hay bales were spoken for right away. Those participating in that contest include The Shinnston Lions Club, B3 Styles (Amanda Kellar), Hive & Holler (Mike & Amanda Flanigan), Michelle Miller, Abbie Menendez, Britney, Sally & kids, and local sisters Melissa Benson and Sharon Sears.
A banner was hung on Saturday with a QR code so that folks could drive up and cast their vote for the People's Choice. Voting will continue through the 30th of October; the winner will be announced on Halloween. Mrs. Kovalck offered thanks to Ace Hardware in Shinnston for offering a discount on paint to those who decorated hay bales in the competition.
There was also a children's costume contest and a pet costume contest as well. Judges chose the winners of these contests and prizes were awarded. Mrs. Kovalck expressed her gratitude to Pawsitive Vibes, a pet grooming business in Shinnston, that awarded Walk-In nail trim service along with ultimate or mini photo packages to pet winners. Any money made will be donated to Pet Helpers, Inc., a non-profit organization in Fairmont that rescues dogs and spays and neuters them.

Those who attended the 2026 Fall Fest in Shinnston had the opportunity to enjoy some merriment and entertainment on what began as a lovely autumn day; however, it was dampened somewhat by afternoon showers. Event organizers are very hopeful that perhaps Fall Fest will grow to an even larger scale next year!
If, by chance, you were unable to attend Fall Fest on Saturday, take a moment when you drive by the Green Space to stop and take a closer look at the clever ways the hay bales were decorated. Remember, there is still time to vote for your favorite until October 30th!

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One of The Greatest Virtues

Recently I wrote in one of my columns about how important it is to know the value of patience if we’re considering having children. It begins with sleepless nights and continues to challenge us through the active toddler years, into the teenage years ... and beyond! And don’t forget that patience will likely be a lifetime necessity for *all of us – even as adults!* It has been said that patience is one of the greatest virtues ... and that is probably an understatement!

Here are a couple of examples. We cannot plant a flower seed and expect to see a beautiful bloom tomorrow. Nor can we make a wish at night and expect it to be granted by morning. No matter what it is we are dealing with, a positive result is likely to take some time; so remain calm and don’t lose patience! Don’t allow yourself to become stressed, anxious and aggravated. That is an unhealthy reaction because for every minute you feel that way, you are losing sixty seconds of happiness.

Just a couple more illustrations ... Think about a renovation you want to do; it begins, BUT you find it annoying to have your regular routine disrupted ... you dislike the constant noise of power tools buzzing ... and you loathe the dust it creates! You must cope by remaining patient and understanding that every transformation requires some time to get from the starting line to the finish line. And one final reminder ... that it takes a blend of colors and many small brushstrokes to produce a beautiful work of art. Don’t become disgusted; remain patient and focus instead on the end result.

Quote of the Week: *“Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Obituaries” cont. from p. 3



Rebekah Suzanne Watson (Tonkery)

Higginbotham, and especially Ed Livingston, who preceded her in death. She also loved music, writing poetry, spending time and talking with her friends, taking care of others, but most of all, Rebekah loved her children fiercely. Rylan and Ashlynn were her world, and she would do anything for them.

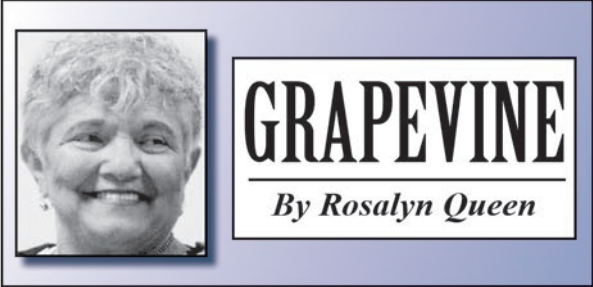
Rebekah’s kindness and beautiful heart will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Travis Watson; her children, Rylan Ayden Kerns and Ashlynn Marie Watson; her mother-in-law, Penny Watson; her sisters, Angie Tonkery Fowler (Craig), Jennifer Tonkery, and Amanda Tonkery; her brother, Aaron Tonkery (Shari); her brother-in-law, Dusty Watson (Amanda Oliverio); her niece, Kelsee Crowl (Chris), and great-niece, Nora Crowl; nieces and nephews, Bentley Tonkery, Paxton Tonkery, Brooklynn Watson, and Daxton Watson; her aunts and uncles, Danny and Karen Bice Drain, Robert and Beth Bice, Kay Tonkery, and Bill and Karen Morgan; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Darwin Watson; maternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Nay Bice; and paternal grandparents, Paul and Betty Hudkins Tonkery.

Friends will be received

How One “Can” Save Big Money on Food Costs



With everyone feeling the pinch from the rising cost of living, it just might be time to consider preserving all the vegetables that are available this time of the year.

I wanted to advise you of the state of the art machines that are available for public use and our located in the kitchen at the uptown event center. Last year we received a grant that allowed the progressive women’s association to have these machines installed in the kitchen. The machines are available for public use.

There is a bottling machine, convection Ovens, A pressure machine, and several other machines that are used when preserving fruits and vegetables. The machines are located in a spacious kitchen area and make it very nice when preserving a large number of fruits or vegetables. The kitchen has a special work area and large commercial sinks. Several individuals can work together in this spacious kitchen.

Another consideration is pressure bagging fruits or vegetables for the freezer.

Most popular this time of year is canning peppers and tomatoes. You can also find an abundance of green beans ready to put in the jar. You might want to try canning vegetables for soup, will come in handy this winter when making a pot of vegetable soup.

Another feature to this kitchen is the use of the dining area which allows individuals to work from large tables. Using this area is a great time for starting a family tradition for baking for the holidays. If your family has grown and you want to include them in baking pita and cookies for the holidays. This is the ideal place to do that. Large ovens allow you to bake as many as 8 pitas at a time. How many times have you been preparing a large meal or baking numerous items that you wished you had more oven space. Well this is the place to schedule to allow you to get this done in a timely manner.

Another idea is preparing your Christmas Eve dinner or your Thanksgiving dinner here. You would have to transport it to your home, but how great it would be to not have a messy kitchen.

Call 304 624 6881 to make an appointment to view the kitchen and to make an appointment for doing your canning. Start a new tradition. One your family will always remember.

For all of you out there with little ones, choose



Pictured are the “state of the art” machines installed in the kitchen of the Uptown Event Center. These machines are available for public use.

a Halloween party that they will enjoy. Start your plans now and be sure to choose a costume that will be safe for them to get around on.

October is breast cancer awareness month. I witness to the fact that there are many survivors out there. I encourage all of you women to get a regular mammogram. Early detection is so important. It has been over ten years since ce I was diagnosed and after over four years of fighting it, I pray I am still a survivor.

October is also my birth month. I will be 87 and it is hard for me to believe it but I am so thankful to be able get around and to enjoy my family and friends. Thanks to Suzie and Bob Bright for the wonderful dinner at Julio’s with Debbie Merandi, but most of all for the four hours of great conservation. Thanks for the years of shared friendship. Another great dinner with my family and a lovely luncheon with Kathie Titus. Enjoying a new dinner at a restaurant in Fairmont with John and Cheryl Mihaulic. WOW I eat a lot but I sure enjoy it. Enjoy this beautiful fall season, stay healthy and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

“Harvest of Hope” cont. from p. 1

a performance by the Robert C. Byrd Show Choir, choosing among 70 unique raffle basket gift items, and the excitement of a live auction by Auctioneer Wayne Yoder of Kauffman Auction and Reality services.

WVU Medicine United Hospital Centers supported the program as the title sponsor alongside over 50 area businesses and individual contributors. Volunteers donated their time, businesses donated food and prizes, sponsors provided financial support, and community members simply showed up in a big way.

Guest were welcomed by Judy Bonnamico, founder and president of Expressions of Love (EOL) highlighting the history having begun in 2019 as an outgrowth of COVID with a goal from the beginning to provide nourishment for children in our community.

“A special Thank-You to our amazing volunteers who sought out donations, baked, gathered prizes, and sold tickets. So much work happens before the doors ever open,” said Bonamico.

Guests were also excited for the returning guest emcee, Dr. Mark Povroznik, Vice President of Quality and Safety for WVU Medicine United Hospital Center who kept the afternoon entertaining. “The day was about helping make a meaningful difference...an afternoon to plant seeds of Hope,” he stated.

Povroznik appeared to banjo music dressed as a farmer to support the theme, gifting a wildflower planter labeled “Hope” to each attendee. “Something beautiful is going to happen here today. When you go home, plant your seed box, watch it grow, and reflect on what HOPE looks

like”, Povroznik stated.

The event also provided an opportunity for guests to hear about the people whose lives are being touched by EOL. Sheri James, Community Center Director for Kelley Miller shared what the nutrition efforts alone at Kelly Miller and the summer lunch program has meant to the children, and families they have served. This past summer alone, 1,750 lunches were provided through the Kelly Miller Community Center.

While the final fundraising total was an important measure of success, it is about nourishment, dignity and hope for our neighbors. Organizers emphasized that every dollar represents an opportunity to make a difference and every dollar raised goes directly back to supporting programming in Harrison County.

Efforts are underway by EOL to expand their summer nutrition program into another neighborhood!...adding to the four county schools who’s pantries they stock every month, in addition to powdered milk supplies and meal kits provided monthly to the Mustard Seed and Shepherd’s Corner.

The success of the Harvest of Hope Extravaganza would not have been possible without the support of the community. Together, everyone’s contributions transformed an afternoon of fun into an opportunity to continue helping others.

The event raised more than \$52,000 to support the mission of EOL and the growing school and area nutrition programming it serves.

To learn more about Expressions of Love, support its mission or become involved, visit their Facebook page.



Read Local

Keep up with your community!

at Harmer Funeral Home, officiating. Interment 300 Pike St., Shinnston will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Thursday October 8, Online memories and 2026. A funeral service condolences may be sent will be at the funeral to harmerfuneralhome. home at 11:00 AM Friday, com October 9, 2026 with A service of Harmer Pastor Kevin Nuzum Funeral Home, Shinnston.

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Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,064.94
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,894.31

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Explaining the most recent electric rate case



The Public Service Commission's recent ruling in an electric company case was an innovative approach we believe will save ratepayers money, although we did grant a rate increase.

Instead of fully litigating a proposed \$188.4 million rate request, the Commission decided to allow two moderate adjustments.

In doing so, we introduced into our ratemaking process what we call the "adjustment approach," or AA, for short.

Without belaboring the details, suffice it to say that major utilities fairly regularly petition the Commission for general rate increases. These are large, multi-faceted cases that involve lots of money and time, and

had made in investments in the state since 2022.

The companies argued they needed the \$188 million to recover a number of costs and to account for inflation. While they would not have gotten all they asked for had we fully litigated these issues, we believe they would have been able to justify a substantial portion of that cost.

So, we settled on this approach instead. It recognizes that the companies are entitled to some recovery. But our primary aim was to ease the impact of this rate increase on you, the ratepayers.

We recognize in our ruling that this is a temporary measure based on the current circumstances. This reduces what could have been the impact of the fully litigated case. It moderates the magnitude of future rate cases. It allows the companies a timely recovery of reasonable costs while encouraging them to

(2025-C-000131 - HARRISON COUNTY - BAUERNHOF RAD, LLC)
To: EUGENE DAVID HUNTERMARK , MATTHEW WAYNE HUNTERMARK , EUGENE DAVID HUNTERMARK, MATTHEW WAYNE HUNTERMARK, MATTHEW WAYNE HUNTERMARK, OC-CUPANT, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER C/O SALMAN, THOMAS & BATTLE , UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER C/O SUNITA KELLERMAYER, ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF EUGENE DAVID HUNTERMARK, ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF MATTHEW WAYNE HUNTERMARK, ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF NEWTON B TURNER, ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF DORA J TURNER, ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF STEVEN B TURNER, ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF JUDITH ANN HUNTERMARK, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 20 PARCEL 0188 0000 0000
You will take notice that BAUERNHOF RAD, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000131**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT 22 & PT 23 H & D ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HUNTERMARK EUGENE DAVID & MATTHEW W, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. BAUERNHOF RAD, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 7686.	\$ 1,397.60
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 7746.	\$ 1,320.73
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,100.07
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,029.45

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total mount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
Given under my hand September 16, 2026
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(2025-C-000102 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)
To: BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST, CHRISTOPHER MORRIS TRUSTEE, BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representa-tives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 18 PARCEL 0213 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000102**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 8 DALE AVE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRW REAL ESTATE LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 5508.	\$ 1,309.00
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 - 5542.	\$ 1,213.33
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,276.14
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,009.52

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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(2025-C-000137 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)
To: DAVIS-WEAVER FUNERAL HOME INC, PAUL GRAY TRUSTEE, PEOPLES BANK, STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, DAVIS-WEAVER FUNERAL HOME INC, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 24 PARCEL 0039 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000137**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 2 LOTS (156 X 150) CARR & MAIN STS INC PAR 40, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAVIS-WEAVER FUNERAL HOME INC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 6328.	\$ 2,120.00
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 - 6383.	\$ 1,910.27
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,185.63
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 5,426.95

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control costs. I believe it is worthwhile to quote from the decision, which sums up our thinking: "This is a reasonable and worthwhile rate

experiment. At a time when costs keep increasing, thereby causing rates to increase, we are trying to find new ways to establish rates for the companies that

are reasonable and not discriminatory, that help the customers, and that do not require a base rate case every year or year and a half. It is a daunting effort, but we must try."

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(2025-C-000144 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 24 PARCEL 0250 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000144, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT 26 CARLISLE CT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of COX RAYMOND A JR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 6149.	\$ 1,040.03
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 6197.	\$ 967.01
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 995.43
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,213.52

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(2025-C-000165 - HARRISON COUNTY - EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC)

To: SHEDDRICK DONALDSON, JR., LE ANNE LEWIS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 24 PARCEL 0698 0000 0000

You will take notice that EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000165, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 4 CRISS S D, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DONALDSON MARY E ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 6433.	\$ 946.66
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 - 6491.	\$ 868.04
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 986.55
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,012.30

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total mount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

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(2025-C-000175 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: ACO APEX LLC, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, JROCK HOLDINGS LLC, ACO APEX LLC, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0091 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000175, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PTS 5-6 KELLEY HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 711 PIKE STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4856.	\$ 1,709.63
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 - 4921.	\$ 2,089.24
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,067.02
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 5,076.94

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000176 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: ACO APEX LLC, JROCK HOLDINGS LLC, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, ACO APEX LLC, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0093 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000176, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT #5 & #6 KELLEY HILL (4319 SQ FT), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 715 PIKE STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4857.	\$ 1,682.52
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 4922.	\$ 1,988.19
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,983.68

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000178 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: ACO APEX LLC, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, JROCK HOLDINGS LLC, ACO APEX LLC, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0120 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000178, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT #30 KELLY HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 107 KELLY STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4832.	\$ 1,119.75
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 - 4923.	\$ 1,120.70
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,553.42

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000179 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: ACO APEX LLC, JROCK HOLDINGS LLC, JROCK HOLDINGS LLC, ACO APEX LLC, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0123 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000179, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 33 KELLY HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 106 KELLY STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4831.	\$ 1,388.94
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 - 4924.	\$ 1,289.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,185.63
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,074.77

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000181 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0162 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000181, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 36 KELLEY HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 112 KELLY STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4835.	\$ 1,256.40
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 - 4925.	\$ 1,270.18
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,839.55

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(2025-C-000182 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: ACO APEX LLC, JROCK HOLDINGS LLC, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, ACO APEX LLC., IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0189 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000182, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 11 KELLEY HILL (109 BROWN ST), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 109 BROWN STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4833.	\$ 1,365.74
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 - 4926.	\$ 1,404.95
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,083.66

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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Given under my hand September 17, 2026

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(2025-C-000186 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0212 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000186, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT 14-13 KELLEY HILL (35 X 100), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 115 BROWN STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4836.	\$ 1,422.67
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 - 4927.	\$ 1,339.66
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,075.30

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(2025-C-000188 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0241 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000188, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT (.10 AC) BROWN ST, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 119 BROWN STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4839.	\$ 1,598.03
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 4928.	\$ 1,487.05
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,398.05

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(2025-C-000189 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0242 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000189, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT 14 PT 15 KELLY HILL ADD (35 X 100), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 117 BROWN STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4838.	\$ 1,438.61
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 - 4929.	\$ 1,354.40
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 4,105.98

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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 26 PARCEL 0243 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000190, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 22 KELLY HILL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of 123 KELLY STREET LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 4842.	\$ 1,299.66
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 - 4930.	\$ 1,221.76
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,101.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,834.39

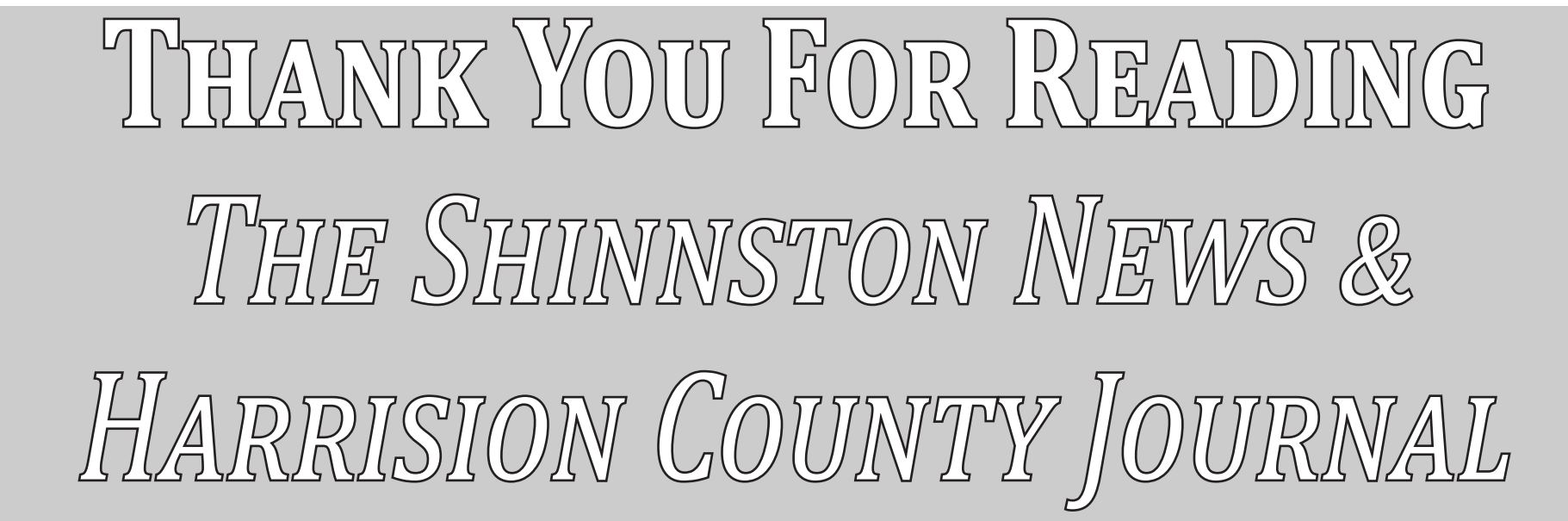
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(2025-C-000218 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 34 PARCEL 0088 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000218, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT #8 HEFLIN HTS (216 RENO), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SUTTON WILLIAM M & SUSAN W, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 10417.	\$ 1,218.84
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 - 10491.	\$ 1,134.38
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,064.94
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,629.21

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(2025-C-000229 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT CLARK NUTTER FORT CORP MAP 801 PARCEL 0236 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000229, located in CLARK NUTTER FORT CORP District, 1 LOT 698 FAIRGROUNDS, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STEEL MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES LLC (FEDE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 12271.	\$ 635.53
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 - 12385.	\$ 1,073.33
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,195.37
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,115.28

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(2025-C-000252 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 207 PARCEL 0037 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000252, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, LOT B (.58AC) LC HARBERT TRACT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PRETEROTI INVEST LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16182.	\$ 587.02
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 - 16333.	\$ 1,003.35
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,039.21
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,840.63

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(2025-C-000253 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

To: CLYDE RADABAUGH, CLYDE RADABAUGH, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HARRISON COUNTY MAGISTRATE, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CLYDE RADABAUGH, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 208 PARCEL 0029 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000253, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 1 AS & 73 PLS (BODY SHOP-GARAGE), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RADABUAGH CLYDE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16220.	\$ 355.82
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 - 16379.	\$ 289.78
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,129.72
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,986.37

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(2025-C-000256 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 208 PARCEL 0046 0000 6002

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000256, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, PT 1 LOT 1.13 AS SHINNS RUN (.13AC-SHED), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RADABUAGH CLYDE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16222.	\$ 132.12
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 - 16381.	\$ 65.46
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 136.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,009.33
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,342.96

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(2025-C-000258 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 208 PARCEL 0129 0006 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000258, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 TRACT 2.23 AC WEST FORK (1975 12X65 FAIRMONT M/H, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROMEO WILLIAM E ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16538.	\$ 256.28
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 - 16689.	\$ 181.47
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,185.33
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,834.13

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(2025-C-000287 - HARRISON COUNTY - OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC)

DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0627 7101 0000

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 17069.	\$ 91.79
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 17230.	\$ 27.21
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 445.41
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 775.46

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 17070.	\$ 140.99
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 - 17231.	\$ 72.88
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 445.41
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 870.33

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 16284.	\$ 88.36
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 - 16440.	\$ 22.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 431.51
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 753.64

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To: THE HUGH SOUTHERN FAMILY TRUST, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0669 1403 0000

You will take notice that OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000297**, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0229 INT 73.47 AC O&G SHINN RUN (TRIO/SOUTHERN-SE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SOUTHERN HUGH R TRUST, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16905.	\$	84.01
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 - 17057.	\$	22.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	417.61
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	735.39

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0669 1537 0000

You will take notice that OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000298**, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0229 INT 54 AC O&G MUDLICK (INTERSTATE/SOUTHERN #, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SOUTHERN HUGH R TRUST, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16906.	\$	84.01
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 - 17058.	\$	22.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	417.61
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
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DISTRICT CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0669 1644 0000

You will take notice that OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000299**, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0229 INT 25.75 AC O&G COON RUN (INTERSTATE/SOUTHER, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SOUTH-ERN HUGH R TRUST, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. OCCAM RESOURCES, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16907.	\$	84.01
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 - 17059.	\$	22.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	196.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	417.61
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	720.39

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(2025-C-000306 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT CLAY SHINNSTON CORP MAP 188 PARCEL 0034 0001 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000306**, located in CLAY SHINNSTON CORP District, 1 LOT 22 PLAT B MARY M MONROE PARTITION, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RADABAUGH CLYDE J, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 19042.	\$	845.44
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 - 19239.	\$	766.98
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,018.21
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,841.68

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(2025-C-000344 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 285 PARCEL 0085 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000344**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 1 AC LIMESTONE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MAXWELL RONALD LEE JR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 22784.	\$	893.92
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 - 23037.	\$	805.86
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,078.84
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,989.67

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DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 285 PARCEL 0103 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000347**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 11.10 AC LIMESTONE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MAXWELL RONALD LEE JR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 22787.	\$	165.30
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 - 23040.	\$	95.45
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,078.84
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,550.64

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“Transportation”

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driver so he can “jump in” when needed.

Kosik then explained the barriers to progress in hiring a bus driver for the school system. We have to get all the state approvals, background checks, fingerprints, all that stuff before we can really do anything” to train.

After approval “it requires thirty hours of computer aided training that we have to have a trainer there with them to answer questions that they might have

as they go through each one of these videos in these computer aided trainings. After that, there’s a lot to do with pre trip, post trip. We got to get them behind a wheel” but “We’ve gotta make sure that they’re safe before we can let them finish taking their CDL, and then we have to get a state examiner to examine them on a final run before we can put them behind the wheel.”

Kosik shared that from the day of application to putting a successful candidate on the road takes between eight to 10 weeks.

Dr Van Meter responded that “it’s important too that we reach out and and we’ll do that to the Department of Ed and the Transportation Department there and just explain to them these are some specific roadblocks that we’ve hit . . . that seem like they could probably be worked around if we could just get some maybe policy changes at that level.”

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(2025-C-000396 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1119 PARCEL 0250 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000396, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT PT #72 MCINTIRE ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CLAYTON JEFFREY & JOY L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 20438.	\$	85.49
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 - 20636.	\$	73.96
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,076.16
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,546.66

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DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1119 PARCEL 0250 0001 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000397, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT 0.10 AC CALDWELL SD PT 72 MCINTIRE ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CLAYTON JEFFREY & JOY L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 20439.	\$	1,169.38
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 - 20637.	\$	1,055.92
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,120.55
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	3,556.90

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(2025-C-000511 - HARRISON COUNTY - EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC)

To: ALEX R. BRUCE, OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, REVENUE RECOVERY DIVISION, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, ALEX R. BRUCE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 22 PARCEL 0379 0000 0000

You will take notice that EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000511, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT 148 MONTPELIER, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRUCE ALEX R ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 25658.	\$	1,684.59
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 - 25993.	\$	1,604.98
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,028.25
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	4,528.87

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total mount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand September 21, 2026

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(2025-C-000562 - HARRISON COUNTY - ALPINE MINERALS, LLC)

To: ROBERT LEE CASTO , KEVIN TAYLOR, REBEKAH BAKER, TRACY ALFRED , MIKE CLARK, HOPE ONESTI, TREVOR MATTHEWS, TREY MATTHEWS, LESLIE D. WILLIAMS , KATINA PANTELOUKAS, KATINA PANTELOUKAS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA , DONNA C. MATTHEWS, DONNA C. MATTHEWS, ALLEN MCCOLLAM, CHARLES MCCOLLAM , VICTOR MCCOLLAM, RONETTA LANHAM, MARGUERITE L. SPROUSE, SHIRLEY D. WHITEHAIR, JOHN THOMAS REED, GLENDA RABENOLD, STEPHEN M. REED, ALICIA JO FULKS, JEROME ALLEN REED, III, ROBERT A. REED, WILLIAM R. REED, KENNETH E. REED, ISABELLA KORN, MOLLY RANEE KORN, TRISTAN THOMAS KORN, JOHN FRANKLIN SILLIMAN, STEVEN POWELL, KEITH REED, KEVIN REED, JOYCE A. PELLEY-JENKINS, PAUL W. PELLEY, JR, DONNA PELLEY PEARL, LINDA PELLEY WILLIAMS, PAUL W. PELLEY, JR , RONALD A. LAYPORT, CHERYL A. BRUCE , ROBERT L. LAYPORT, LARRY RAY BALSER, WILLIAM C. BALSER, RONALD BALSER, GARY BALSER, KAREN SUE BALSER, DAVID ALLEN MILES, CARL ALLEN MILES, RUTH E. MILES, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0659 3616 0000

You will take notice that ALPINE MINERALS, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000562, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 15 AC O&G TENMILE DIVERSIFIED-API#5141, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MATHEWS CAROLINE A ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. ALPINE MINERALS, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 33096.	\$	298.33
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 - 33501.	\$	120.40
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,894.75
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,524.53

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(2025-C-000691 - HARRISON COUNTY - JAY-BEE ROYALTY, LLC)

To: KIDD CHARLES REV TRUST C/O AMP V LP, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0613 1287 0000

You will take notice that JAY-BEE ROYALTY, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000691, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 15.55 AS O & G BIG ELK 1/2 INT (MAP 143/10), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of KIDD CHARLES REV TRUST (PNC BANK TT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. JAY-BEE ROYALTY, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 47375.	\$	93.22
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 - 48221.	\$	28.57
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	417.61
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	750.45

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000788 - HARRISON COUNTY - EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC)

To: LESLIE DAVID PENNINGTON, RACHAEL PENNINGTON, SHERI PAULSON, SHERI PAULSON, ROBERT W. NESTOR, DEWANE C. WALLS, MARY M. CATON, MARY M. CATON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SIMPSON ANMOORE CORP MAP 2501 PARCEL 0176 0000 0000

You will take notice that EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No.** 2025-C-000788, located in SIMPSON ANMOORE CORP District, 1 LOT 293 GRASSELLI, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PENNINGTON VIVIAN L ESTATE & LESLIE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 60921.	\$	697.89
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 - 61979.	\$	642.30
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,100.07
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,651.31

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000876 - HARRISON COUNTY - EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC)

To: DOROTHY E. HUMPHREY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT TENMILE SALEM CORP MAP 2707 PARCEL 0049 0000 0000

You will take notice that EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000876**, located in TENMILE SALEM CORP District, 1 LOT CARPENTER ST 7587 SQ FT (56 TERRACE AVE), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HUMPHREY DOROTHY E ESTATE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 67579.	\$ 1,070.20
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 - 68756.	\$ 957.63
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 967.63
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,206.51

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(2025-C-001012 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTP LLC)

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

DISTRICT UNION WEST MILFORD CORP MAP 3001 PARCEL 0038 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-001012**, located in UNION WEST MILFORD CORP District, 2 LOTS #44-45 STOUT LYNCH ADD INC PAR 41, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOONE HOWARD S & SUE A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 78439.	\$ 555.38
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 - 79954.	\$ 508.49
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,064.94
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,339.86

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(2025-C-000121 - HARRISON COUNTY - EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC)

To: OCCUPANT, ROBERT L. KURKA, SR., DEBORAH JEAN KURKA, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, STANLEY EDWARD MARSH, LANNY ROSS MARSH, DANNY LEE MARSH, EDWARD HUGH MARSH, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 19 PARCEL 0096 0000 0000

You will take notice that EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-000121**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT 3 S-D 26 TO 28 MOORE LOTS, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MARION H & ELIZABETH (ROBT SR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. EPIC FAIRLAWN LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 8475.	\$ 117.26
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 8545.	\$ 70.75
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 151.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,081.15
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,420.21

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DISTRICT UNION WEST MILFORD CORP MAP 3002 PARCEL 0032 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTP LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert No. 2025-C-001014**, located in UNION WEST MILFORD CORP District, 1 LOT .84 AC W MILFORD (630 W MAIN ST), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GEORGE KIMBRA J, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 7, 2026. WVTP LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 78503.	\$ 1,437.00
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 - 79989.	\$ 1,100.79
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,080.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,829.76

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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Now, I’ve been to a lot of municipal conferences, but vintage automobiles aren’t generally part of the program.

I soon learned that RM Sotheby’s, the famous auction company, was holding its annual classic car auction at the resort at the same time as our conference.

When I had pulled into the parking lot earlier, I noticed several large enclosed automobile trailers but hadn’t given them much thought. Little did I know what was inside.

Outside the conference center, in several cordoned-off parking areas, were more than 200 of the most spectacular automobiles I have ever seen. These weren’t the typical restored Mustangs and Corvettes you might find at a local weekend car show.

These were magnificent automobiles from another era, many worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some looked as though they had just rolled out of a Hollywood movie from the 1930s. The chrome sparkled, the paint was flawless, and the craftsmanship was extraordinary.

And there they sat, lined up in a resort parking lot, waiting to be sold to the highest bidder in the grand ballroom.

Naturally, my curiosity got the best of me.

I wandered over to the auction area and asked one of the ladies working there how much admission cost. I expected it to be expensive, but her answer surprised me.

There were no general admission tickets. If you wanted to attend the auction, you had to register as a bidder. That would cost \$200, plus a \$2,500 credit card deposit that would be returned if you didn’t purchase anything.

I had Municipal League events scheduled both evenings, so attending wasn’t really practical. Still, I was curious about who might be sitting in that ballroom, bidding hundreds of thousands of dollars on automobiles.

Maybe Jay Leno, the famous car collector, was there looking for another 1935 Cadillac convertible. Perhaps some Hollywood celebrity was about to add a rare Packard to an already impressive collection.

Instead, most of the people I saw milling around the hotel looked like a bunch of gray-haired baby boomers, some wearing jackets and T-shirts advertising their favorite automobile brands.

Come to think of it, I probably fit right in.

Ultimately, I decided against paying the admission fee. After all, they would have given me one of those numbered auction paddles, and knowing my luck, I would have scratched my head at the wrong moment and found myself the proud owner of a \$300,000 Stutz Bearcat.

One particularly spectacular white convertible caught my attention, and I took several photographs. I later discovered it was a 1935 Auburn 851 Supercharged Speedster, the very first one manufactured. Sotheby’s estimated its value at between \$850,000 and \$950,000. Suddenly, my concerns about accidentally purchasing a \$300,000 Stutz Bearcat didn’t seem quite so unreasonable.

Explaining that purchase to my wife would have been considerably more difficult than explaining the \$200 admission charge.



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Please Note: HCSC will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, in observance of Veteran's Day.

HCSC Board of Directors News

The HCSC Board of Directors met on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in the boardroom, in person and via Zoom. The HCSC Board Actions were as follows:

- Approved rescheduling the annual employee training day to the month of March.
- Approved the holiday and employee break schedule for 2027 – 2029.

The final board meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in the boardroom, in person and via Zoom.

2026 Board Officers & Members

Bill O'Field, President, Bill Phillips, Vice President, Donna Stuart, Secretary, Don Burton, Treasurer, Carol E. Brown, Franklin Hairston, E. Ryan Kennedy, Susan Thomas, and Betty Waddy.

HCSC Membership

HCSC Membership Term is October 1 to September 30 each year. HCSC Membership is \$10 yearly and open to those age 50+ (prorated for new members). Activities and services available include fitness room, exercise group, Tai Chi classes, Bingocize classes, Drums Alive classes, Line Dance group, Ceramics classes, Bingo Fun Club, Senior Olympics Practice class, daily cards and game playing in the café, puzzle & TV room, computer use, transportation, food box programs, in home caregiving programs, socialization, and Kinley Café food service. The center is open M – F, 8 AM – 4 PM.



Genesis Healthcare Provides Large Birthday Cake for September 17th Celebration

On September 17, 2026, Zack Shaffer, from Genesis Salem Center, (pictured with cake L-R, Vickie Turner, Kitchen & Café Supervisor, and Zack Shaffer), provided a cake for the monthly birthday celebration of members in the Kinley Café. In addition to the cake, Zack brought informational brochures for the Genesis Salem Center and various flavored lip balms for the seniors to use.

Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department Provides Flu Shots



On October 1, 2026, the Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department brought the mobile flu shot clinic to the senior center. Pictured is senior center member Kris Anderson receiving his shot from Charlene Louk, RN. Lindsey Dunavant (not pictured) assisted with check-in paperwork.

HCSC Taking Names for the Golden Angel Program



HCSC In-Home Department is now taking information and participant names for the Golden Angel Program. HCSC started the Golden Angel Program for our local low-income seniors, with limited family support,

that would benefit from some Christmas presents. Caregivers, friends, family members or even the senior submit the name of a local senior or their name and three to four items the senior wishes Santa would bring them for Christmas. Submitters are asked to provide the senior's gender, age, address, phone number and specifics about the items requested (brand, size, color, etc.). Information for the delivery person is also requested. Seniors often request everyday items such as cleaning or bath supplies or paper goods. Submitters are asked to encourage the senior to also list something personal they really want such as an article of clothing or even a gift card to a favorite restaurant or store.

Please submit the name and information for a senior to be included on the Golden Angel Program by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026**. You can call Crystal at 304.623.6795, Ext. 209, at any time. If she is not at her desk or if it is after hours, please leave a message indicating it is about the Golden Angel Program, and your name and phone number and she will call you back to obtain the information. Golden Angels are not identified by name. A number is assigned to each one. The wish list with return tag is provided to the organization or individual adopting the Golden Angel from the program. A link with the Golden Angel list will be posted shortly after November 13, 2026.

Organizations and individuals wishing to adopt and shop for a Golden Angel or Angels please call Crystal as soon as possible at 304.623.6795, Ext 209, and advise her of your intent and the number of angels requested. Angels will be available for adoption by Tuesday, November 17, 2026. A book with the lists will be available at the front desk until all are adopted out. The list will also be posted as a Google document, and a link will be provided on our website and Facebook page with instructions. Gifts for all adopted angels are due to the senior center no later than Friday, December 11, 2026, this will allow time for volunteers to deliver the gifts to the recipients.

HCSC Team Participates Again in North Central Walk to End Alzheimer's



On Sunday, October 4, 2026, the North Central Walk to End Alzheimer's took place at Meadowbrook Mall, Bridgeport, WV. Prior to the opening ceremonies, HCSC Line Dancers (pictured) joined by Mountaineer Challenge Academy volunteers and walkers, performed two songs. Debbie Gaston led two songs for the Drums Alive demonstration. Both groups encourage staying active for brain health. Barbara Coberly (pictured) shared her personal



story about her daughter "Vonnie" who recently passed away at age 56 from Alzheimer's. Walkers (pictured), led by the Fairmont State University Drumline and Band members, raised donations for research for the cure. Donations are still being accepted through December 31, 2026 for this years walk. Use the QR code (pictured) or go to the 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's - North Central Walk to make a donation to benefit our area.



“Smoot”

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PSD board members are separated from local government and can make decisions without concern over the next election.

And also, some PSDs do a better job than others at maintaining fiscal discipline. That gets more difficult as time goes on, costs rise, and the number of rate payers declines without system extension.

People elected to town councils or chosen for PSD boards are just as concerned about their fellow townspeople as anyone. That is very important to remember. It is a good thing to be kind, but sometimes hard decisions are required. Over time, the costs of operating and maintaining water and sewer service go up. If funding does not rise with inflation, maintenance gets deferred. Problems build up. Failures start to happen.

And the people are left with poor service and nowhere to turn.

These bodies have the essential job of voting to raise water and sewer rates when the cost of running and maintaining the service rises. That said, they are kind people who are sensitive to the needs of their friends and neighbors. They don’t want to see people on fixed incomes or the single parent working two jobs to get by to endure more burdens.

In many localities, rates remained unchanged, funds to run the systems diminished relative to costs, and then the “bill” arrived for payment in unclean water, sewer line breaks, or other issues.

Some have proposed that West Virginia - American Water Company take over a number of these municipal and public service district entities. This would put the system under private control, but closely supervised by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Calhoun County Commission President Eric Lupardus last summer addressed that proposal in an official meeting and rejected it for that locality. His reasoning was logical in that he feared that a rural and remote county and its residents would get left behind if absorbed into a major corporation.

That is a reasonable point and most residents likely agreed that would not represent a good solution or outcome for the county.

That said, to put local water systems on more secure ground, decisions to raise rates cannot be

left in the hands of elected officials or the same problems will continue to pop up.

Another solution could lie in the West Virginia State Legislature passing a mandatory incremental increase in local public water and sewer rates to match the increase in inflation across the board.

That solution would address the problem of delayed rate hikes, but there is another issues here as well. A balkanized system of dozens of local government entities operating more or less independently puts them at a significant disadvantage in economies of scale. Larger organizations can absorb and spread rising costs more broadly across the system. Rates would not have to rise as quickly in such a situation for water and sewer. Also, larger entities have better capacity to obtain grant funding because of the “more bang for the buck” idea.

While that would seem to make the argument for consolidation under West Virginia - American Water, another option is possible.

Another option could lie in looking at the model of companies such as Hardy Telecommunications, Shentel, or Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks Telecommunications.

These companies date back to the 1930s at the very beginning of the extension of rural telephone service. Rural communities in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia (remote in the 1920s and 30s), Hardy County, and Pendleton County formed non profit cooperatives that function as private companies. The fact that they have to overcome the challenges of extending service in rural and mountainous areas prevents them from being able to operate on a for profit model.

Another similar model is seen in poultry production cooperatives that came into existence to provide alternatives to growers that help them compete for better compensation for their hard work.

West Virginia could look at the formation of county or even regional water and sewer cooperatives that separate decision-making from elected officials and merge town and PSD entities into a single cooperative. They could follow the telecommunications cooperatives as a model for corporate structure and business strategy..

Governor Morrisey Announces West Virginia Bid for United States Space Academy

FAIRMONT, W.Va. - Governor Patrick Morrisey today announced that West Virginia is officially submitting a state-sponsored response to compete for the United States Space Academy, an opportunity that could bring new jobs, investment, and educational opportunities to the Mountain State.

Watch Governor Morrisey’s remarks here.

“West Virginia helped write the history of America’s space program, and now we have an opportunity to compete for a role in its next chapter,” said Governor Morrisey. “This will be a tough competition, but West Virginia has a strong case to make. We are going to fight for every opportunity that can bring good-paying jobs to our state, grow our economy, and help make West Virginia more affordable for our families.”

President Donald J. Trump established the United States Space Academy through Executive Order 14423 on August 28. NASA’s Office of Strategic Infrastructure subsequently issued a national request seeking potential locations for

the new Academy.

NASA is seeking a location capable of welcoming an inaugural class of 300 students in 2028 and breaking ground on a permanent campus no later than 2027. The permanent campus would require at least 300 acres, accommodate 1,200 students by 2031, and have the potential to eventually expand to approximately 4,000 students.

Nearly every higher education institution in West Virginia has joined the effort, creating a statewide network capable of supporting the Academy’s curriculum while a permanent campus is constructed and accredited. Marshall University and West Virginia University’s joint grant resource centers are assisting with the state’s submission ahead of the October 26 deadline.

The state enters the competition amid record economic development. In less than one year, West Virginia secured approximately \$96 billion in announced private-sector investment and more than 19,000 projected jobs, approximately

nine times the level of announced economic development projects West Virginia had previously seen over a comparable one-year period.

“Economic development has to translate into something real for West Virginia families,” said Governor Morrisey. “That means more good-paying jobs, more opportunities for our kids to build their careers here at home, and a stronger economy that helps us keep taxes low and make West Virginia more affordable. Jobs and affordability are what this is ultimately about.”

“We know that it’s not easy to compete on space issues with states such as Florida or Texas, but West Virginia has our own unique space story to tell,” Morrisey added.

The Governor is encouraging communities across West Virginia with potential sites, concepts, or other assets that could strengthen the state’s submission to participate in the effort.

More information is available at wvspaceacademy.com.

When It Comes to Secure and Fair Elections, Trust Matters

As technology continues to evolve, so do the ways Americans seek information. Increasingly, people turn to social media artificial intelligence tools to answer everyday questions. From what started as a new type of search engine for planning a vacation or researching a school assignment, some AI users are now using these same tools to obtain information about voting and elections.

While these technologies offer tremendous potential, voters should exercise extreme caution when relying on AI-generated responses for election information.

A recent study cited by The Hill found that nearly one-third of election-related responses provided by popular AI chatbots were incomplete, inaccurate, or outdated. The researchers discovered examples of chatbots providing incorrect Election Day information, outdated voter registration requirements, inaccurate election deadlines, and even omitted details that voters need to be eligible to cast a ballot.

That finding should concern us all.

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental in the United States. Missing a registration deadline, misunderstanding ID requirements, or receiving incorrect location information for voting could result in a voter missing the opportunity to vote in an election.

So how can AI tools, with their seemingly endless potential and ability to adapt, get basic information wrong?

It’s because election information is not static. Deadlines change. Procedures vary from year to year. Laws are amended. Election deadlines differ

from state to state.

AI systems are only as reliable as the information they have available. Unlike trained election officials, AI tools may incorrectly rely on outdated sources, incomplete information, summaries instead of statutory text, and generalized data that does not accurately reflect current election procedures specifically in West Virginia.

As Secretary of State, I want every eligible West Virginian to have access to accurate, trustworthy election information.

That is why I encourage voters to treat AI-generated election information as a starting point, but never as the final authority.

If a chatbot provides information about voter registration, absentee voting, polling locations, ID requirements, or election deadlines, take the extra step to verify that information through official sources: the Secretary of State’s Office and your local county clerk’s office.

Election officials work year-round to maintain accurate voter registration records, update election calendars, administer voting procedures, and provide factual information to the public. These are the individuals charged by law with conducting elections and helping voters navigate the process.

Everything a voter needs to know about the upcoming November 3rd General Election can also be found on the WV Secretary of State’s Office official election webpage at GoVoteWV.com.

Unfortunately, we live in an era when misinformation spreads quickly. Sometimes, it is intentional. Sometimes, it is simply the result of outdated or incomplete information. Either

way, inaccurate election information can create confusion, undermine confidence in our elections, and even prevent someone from having the opportunity to vote.

The best defense against misinformation is verification.

Before sharing election-related information with family, friends, or on social media, ask a simple question: “Did this information come from an official source?”

If the answer is no, take a moment to verify it.

Start with GoVoteWV.com to check important election deadlines, register to vote, confirm voter registration status, locate polling places, review election resources, and find county clerk contact information. Or you can refer to a local election official’s website.

Official sources provide certainty that no chatbot, social media post, or online rumor can guarantee.

Technology will continue to shape how citizens interact with government, and our office welcomes innovations that make information more accessible. But no matter how sophisticated AI becomes, there is no substitute for information that comes directly from election officials.

As we approach the upcoming General Election, I encourage every voter to verify before they trust, confirm before they share, and rely on official sources for election information.

Secure and fair elections work best when voters have confidence that the information they receive is accurate. Together, we can ensure that every eligible West Virginian has the facts they need to make their voice heard at the ballot box.

Orange You Glad It’s Bisque Season

By Chef Matthew Welsch - Director of Culinary for W. Va State Parks and Resorts

October is when sweet potatoes, butternut squash, and pumpkin all hit their stride at once. They’re sweet, they’re cheap, they come in abundance, and every one of them is its own beautiful shade of orange, the color of autumn. Put all three in one pot for a delightful celebration of the season.

As much as I love this sweet fall bounty, it breaks my heart a little as a chef when I see people ramp up the sweetness to a full-on dessert level with candied pecans, brown sugar, and marshmallows. Each of these delicious vegetables has already got it going on. Please don’t cover up those beautiful flavors.

Now, I’m not one to mess with tradition, but do me a favor and try this recipe, as well. I think you’ll see that there’s more than one way to eat these ingredients.

I made a version of this bisque for the Riffle Farms Bison Roast last month, an annual event at the farm in Terra Alta. Riffle Farms is West Virginia’s only commercial bison farm, started in 2017 by Liz and Jimmie Riffle. You don’t need

to make 5 gallons, though. Here’s a scaled-down recipe to feed your family with some leftovers for lunch the next day.

Roasting is the key to this recipe. It’s where the real flavor comes in. I suggest roasting everything in bison tallow, if you can get it, but that reserved Mason jar of bacon fat next to your range will work great, too. Or a simple, neutral oil does the same job, and may be a little more heart-healthy.

Use a small sugar pumpkin, sometimes sold as a pie pumpkin, instead of the big carving kind, which runs stringy and watery. Roast it all hard at a high heat until the edges caramelize, and season the finished soup boldly. Squash soup needs more salt than you think.

A nice hunk of sourdough bread makes this a meal. I was fortunate enough at Riffle Farms to have Hinerman Hill on hand with their fresh-baked loaves. Hinerman Hill Farm is a family-run farm in Preston County that turns out artisan sourdough and small-batch granola, and they teach sourdough classes too. If you can’t get that, and you don’t have time to make your own, the heartiest, crustiest bread you can find will do in a pinch.

Here’s how we put it all in one pot.

“We’re gonna do everything we can to do what’s best for kids” Superintendent Van Meter Lays Out Financial Challenges

By Stephen Smoot

Last summer, Harrison County was shocked to see the West Virginia Department of Education announce a partial intervention into the school system based on finance concerns. The State tapped long-time Hardy County Schools Superintendent Dr. Sheena Van Meter to fill the same role for Harrison. It then gave her a team that includes a former long-time official with 40 years of public education experience in Pendleton County, Charles Hedrick.

Both have years of experience shoehorning the needs of school systems into tight budgets through fiscal discipline and restraint.

At the Oct 6 Board of Education meeting, Dr. Van Meter laid out the challenges facing Harrison County Schools. Her solutions lay in righting the ship according to the formulae and rules in place now, but also continue making the case in Charleston for an updated school aid funding formula.

She explained that “what we’re dealing with now in our schools and along with a huge enrollment decline and that formula was not designed for a system that had a decline in enrollment.” Van Meter added that “It was essentially built for you to be able to benefit from an increased enrollment, which is just not what’s happening across West Virginia.”

Population decline in schools has long been a West Virginia issue, but that is spreading nationwide as the birthrate has dipped below population rate in the United States in recent years. Los Angeles Unified School District, for example, dropped from 724,113 students in 2002-03 to 373,538 in the current school year. California also ties parts of its school funding to student population.

Dr. Van Meter opened her presentations by reaffirming that all West Virginia school districts must contend with “constraints that are in place.”

She then noted the financial problems that led to the intervention, stating that “When we ended the year last year, we ended it with, in Harrison County, 161 positions over the formula and at a cost of \$82,936 per position that equals 1\$3,362,648 for professional.” They also employed 78 positions over the formula in service.

Additionally, Dr. Van Meter stated that after recent position eliminations that “We currently employ approximately 153 professional and 71 service positions in excess of positions funded by the state. So that’s talking about what the state funds. That doesn’t include what the levy funds or other sources.”

Then the Board learned that “last year, statewide, only two counties exceeded the formula by more than Harrison County, which was 239 over the total last year.” She added that the bad news for the county continues in that “preliminary number indicate that enrollment has declined in Harrison County over 200 students for the 2026-27 school year.

This will lead to a further erosion of state school funding aid for Harrison County Schools.

The state school aid formula uses seven steps to

establish the financial condition and needs of the school system. Three more steps put the school system’s financial condition into local context. From that comes what a school system will receive from the state. Funding goes to cover the cost of a ratio of personnel to student population. Because of the inherent issues in sparse populations spread over a broad geographic area, school system in low populated areas receive extra support in the “1,400 Floor” clause that helps fill in the financial gap in those systems.

In 2018, House Bill 206 added tremendous flexibility for county school systems to use the state aid formula. It transformed a more tightly regulated aid regime into block grants. School systems did not have to return school aid formula money, but could use excess as needed. J. P. Mowery, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Pendleton County Schools, who created the definitive presentation explaining the formula, said that HB 206 allowed that “all basic state aid funds distributed to the county board shall be exempt from expenditure requirements” and also that “a county board may expend the funds in any authorized and allowable manner the county board deems appropriate.

“We get the money whether we employ the people or not,” Mowery explained. He then added that keeping each category of personnel “under the formula” level and “to the good . . . that’s how we balance the budget, keep all of our schools open” in Pendleton and other counties in a similar condition.

Dr. Van Meter illustrated that Harrison County Schools had for years paid for positions “funded from local sources of some sort.” Looking at employment and enrollment over about 10 years, she said “you see a significant drop there with our student enrollment, but you see everything else pretty close to where it was ten years ago.”

During a period where the system lost 1,800 students, it lost 30 professional positions, but gained 70 in service roles.

Also, out of \$30.5 million in personnel cost over the funding formula the excess levy only covers about \$17.8 million, leaving the remainder covered by local sources and reserves. The tapping of reserves was one major problem that the WVDE cited in their reasons to intervene.

“We’ve got to make some tough decisions,” Dr. Van Meter stated, turning to potential solutions. That started with eliminating positions when the person holding it leaves or transfers. That would only serve as part of the solution, however. She kept future school closings as an option, saying they would “examine school level enrollment, building utilization, determine if closures are necessary.”

“No one wants to close schools, she explained, “but if that’s something that would become a necessary step . . . that’s definitely something we’d have to look at.”

Savings could also come from maximizing use of resources, such as class sizes and “maximizing instructor utilization.” School systems have also found savings by redefining certain positions in such a way as to make them eligible for federal

Fall Bisque

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Time: 1½ hours

1½ lbs Sugar Pumpkin, peeled, seeded, and cubed (one 2½ to 3 lb pumpkin)
1½ lbs Butternut Squash, peeled and cubed
1 lb Sweet Potato, peeled and cubed
3 T Bison Tallow, Bacon Fat, or Oil
1 ea Yellow Onion, diced
3 cloves Garlic, minced
4 T Unsalted Butter
4 C Vegetable or Chicken Stock
½ C Apple Cider
1 C Heavy Cream
1 T Maple Syrup
1 t Dried Sage
1 t Dried Thyme
¼ t Nutmeg
¼ t Cinnamon
TT Kosher Salt and White Pepper
¼ C Hickory Nuts or Pecans, toasted and crushed (topping)
½ C Sour Cream, loosened with a splash of buttermilk (topping)

ROAST: Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Toss the pumpkin, butternut squash, and sweet potato with the fat and 1½ teaspoons salt. Spread across two sheet pans in a single layer and roast for 40 to 45 minutes, stirring once and swapping the pans halfway, until soft and caramelized at the edges. You want dark tan colors, not burnt, but squash has a lot of water in it and can take the abuse.

SWEAT AROMATICS: While the vegetables roast, melt the butter in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, until soft and fragrant but not browned.

SIMMER AND BLEND: Add the roasted vegetables, stock, cider, sage, and thyme. Simmer for 20 minutes. Blend until smooth with an immersion blender, or work in batches in a regular blender, leaving the lid vented so the steam can escape.

FINISH: Stir in the cream, maple syrup, nutmeg, and cinnamon. You’ll notice there’s just a touch of maple. One tablespoon complements the dish rather than overtaking it. Season with salt and white pepper, tasting as you go. Ladle into bowls and top each with toasted nuts and a spoonful of the buttermilk sour cream. Serve with plenty of bread.

Enjoy, friends. Save a bowl for the first really cold morning.

reimbursement or grant coverage. Dr. Van Meter noted that they will “review utilization of current employees, duties, or responsibilities, and the potential for combining roles. And that’s county wide in schools, and that’s at the central office.”

State law mandates that Dr. Van Meter and her team have a plan in place by May 1. She shared with the Board that she “along with this team of folks that you see sitting back here and some others, will be working hard to get a plan to you guys.”

“We’re gonna tell you what we think needs to happen, and we’re gonna try as hard as we possibly can to get us close to that number of reduction to keep us in good financial stability moving forward.”

A Board member noted that they had worked to not eliminate classroom positions until the last extremis, but the Superintendent replied about cutting employees that “at this point, they’re going to have to be so significant that I think everybody will feel it and feel it pretty intensely.”

She then turned to taking the offensive on the issue of school funding. Dr. Van Meter was outspoken on the issue as Hardy County Superintendent and frequently joined her Potomac Highlands colleagues for the three plus hour treks to Charleston to meet with elected and other officials.

“This is a legislative issue,” she stated “and this is something that we’re going to have to continue to fight really hard for in Charleston. We’re gonna have to work with our elected officials and explain the importance of public education and the things we need to keep our schools operating top notch and giving kids everything that kids need.”

“We’re gonna do everything we can, to do what’s best for kids, but we’re gonna have to fight for changes too, because we can’t keep doing this forever.”