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Clay County Gardening Club Installs Raised Garden

By: Betty Lee
Sunshine, rain, warm days, cool country nights- all perfect summer conditions for gardening. The Clay County Gardening Club is in full swing with projects underway for Clay County. This past week with the help of CAT Trucking, a space was cleared, gravel laid down, and an 8x12 raised garden was put in place on the Community Garden site. The group is awaiting the arrival of soil so more raised beds can be set and planter boxes finished. Look for more information on the Clay County Gardening Club on Facebook. You can keep up with meetings, upcoming events, and much more. Join in and help make Clay County beautiful through gardening.

2022 Vandalia Gathering Contest Winners Announced

West Virginia's champion old-time fiddle, bluegrass banjo, mandolin players competed for top honors on Saturday, May 28, during the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History's 45th annual Vandalia Gathering. On Sunday, May 29, old-time banjo, lap dulcimer, flatpick guitar musicians and liars vied for awards.

Senior Old-Time Banjo (age 60 and over)

- 1st place – Bob Smakula, Montrose
- 2nd place – Gerry Milnes, Elkins
- 3rd place – John Morris, Ivydale
- 4th place – Jim Mullins, St. Albans
- 5th place – Dennis Bills, Huntington

Flatpick Guitar (all ages)

- 1st place – Dan Kessinger, St. Marys
- 2nd place – Jakob Thomas, Clendenin
- 3rd place – Jarrod Saul, Sumerco
- 4th place – Matt Lindsey, Culloden
- 5th place – Hazel Riley, Hillsboro

Liars (all ages)

- Biggest Liar** (1st place and *Goldenseal* magazine's Golden Shovel award) – Kally Hall, Hurricane
- Bigger Liar** (2nd place) – David Long, Keyser
- Big Liar** (3rd place) – Jeff Johnson, Scott Depot
- Youth** (age 15 and under, and *Goldenseal* magazine's Golden Shovel award) – Zane Wilkinson, Ovapa

The annual Vandalia Gathering is a free celebration of the traditional arts, music, dance, stories, crafts and foods of West Virginia. The Culture Center and State Capitol Complex grounds host this expanding family-style gathering each year on Memorial Day weekend. The unique blending of ethnic and cultural heritage combines an atmosphere as comfortable as a family reunion with the excitement of a state fair. The statewide folk festival, named for the proposed 14th colony, pays tribute to the state's ethnic heritage through a variety of exhibitions and programs.

Vandalia Gathering is a program of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. For more information, contact Andrea Nelson, public information specialist for the department, at (304) 558-0220 or Andrea.E.Nelson@wv.gov.

Clay County Students Named to Glenville State University Honor Rolls

The names of Clay County students who attained the Glenville State University President's and Provost's Honor Rolls for the Spring 2022 semester have been announced.

Lori K. Ray of Wallback has been named to the GSU President's Honor Roll. To be named to the President's Honor Roll, students must have a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Katie D. Nutter of Clay, Tempest R. Loyd, Chloe E. Richardson, Katthlene M. Rose, Heather B. Sears, and Adison S. Woods, all of Duck, Grant M. Krajieski of Maysel, and Andrew G. Belt of Nebo have been named to the GSU Provost's Honor Roll. To be named to the Provost's Honor Roll, students must have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

June Clay County Landmarks Commission and Historical Society Meeting Held

The monthly meeting of the Clay County Landmarks and Commission and Historical Society was held on June 2 shortly after 6 p.m. at 520 Main St., Clay. The meeting was attended by Jerry Stover, Jeanine Samples, Janet Koch, Sandy Claybrook, Danny Dawson, John Miller, Lolita Nutter, and Katelin Hall.

President Jerry Stover called the meeting. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Old Business: A motion and second to approve additional printing of the Cemetery Book as needed. There was a short discussion. Motion carried. Karen Burdette

volunteered to take on this project. Jerry Stover will be responsible to have our new sign installed.

New Business: It was suggested to raise the price of our newsletter "Now and Then" to cover the printing and postage. Right now we are operating in the red on the printing and postage costs. Jerry Stover appointed a committee to look into the price increase. The committee will consist of Janet Koch, Jannette Douglas, Jeanine Samples, and Sandy Claybrook.

Katelin Hall, the editor of the newsletter, needs a key to our rooms at the old Clay Courthouse. This situation will be resolved. We discussed the following:

We need new officers. Jannette Douglas volunteered to be the secretary. No one objected.

We talked about asking Fran King to help us write grants for the society. We decided to talk to her once her term as a County Commissioner ends.

We discussed lowering the price on the book "Ringing of the Bells" to promote sales.

We would like to know what our subscribers to "Now and Then" would like printed in the newsletter.

Dream Host still needs renewed. The next meeting will be on July 7 at 6 p.m. at 520 Main St., Clay.

DMV issues expiration extension on mobility impaired placards to August 31

Due to a supply issue, the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles has announced this week that they will extend the expiration dates of all mobility impaired placards to Aug. 31, 2022.

Renewal of a permanent mobility impaired placard occurs every five years, and the new cycle historically begins on July 1. However, with supply chain issues, and in an effort to provide seamless, convenient customer service, DMV

Commissioner Everett Frazier announced the extension to Aug. 31 to make sure new placards are ready for customers.

"I believe in making sure our customers are taken care of. Unfortunately, due to COVID and other supply chain issues, some of our materials are not available. We don't want our customers to be inconvenienced, so extending the expiration date, on my authority, makes the best sense," he said.

For more information, please visit the DMV website at dmv.wv.gov, and view the informational brochure on mobility impaired license plates and placards here:

<https://transportation.wv.gov/DMV/DMVFormSearch/Mobility-Impaired-Brochure-4-2014-wf.pdf>

Customers need to follow the same application and renewal process. The only change is the current expiration date being extended.

Lew and Zeb- Don't teach yer chickens to play dead



Being near sighted can get you in big trouble.

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BOOKED

CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL - 06.16.22

BRAXTON COUNTY



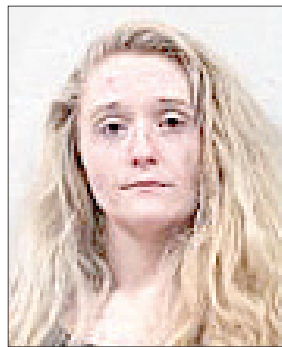
Christopher Matthew Blake
Booked 6/2/22
Capias (family court)



Larry Lee Freeman
Booked 6/12/22
Domestic battery



Ryan David Jarvis
Booked 6/8/22
Probation violation



Brandie Michelle Miller
Booked 6/9/22
Expired registration, possession of a controlled substance, no insurance



Joshua Slade Bradford
Booked 6/12/22
Domestic battery

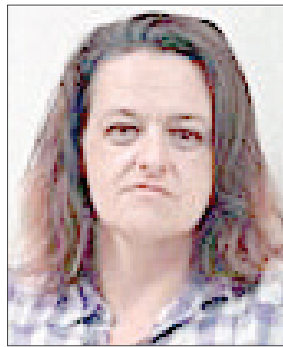


Douglas Mark Cook
Booked 6/7/22
Domestic assault, obstructing an officer, domestic battery

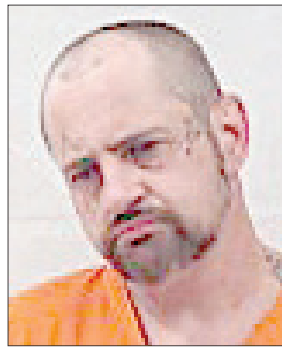
NICHOLAS COUNTY



Charles Everett Coulter
Booked 6/10/22
Receive/transfer stolen goods



Cindy Liliann Gilbar
Booked 6/10/22
Receive/transfer stolen goods



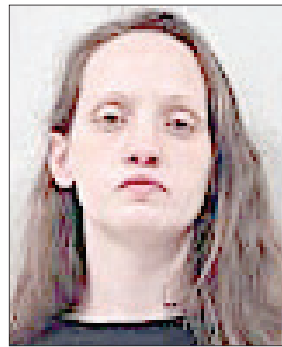
Timothy David Graham
Booked 6/7/22
Fugitive from justice



Christopher Joel Greathouse
Booked 6/11/22
Fraudulent use of credit cards



Clarence Benjamin Neal
Booked 6/11/22
Domestic battery



Felicia Selman
Booked 6/9/22
Capias

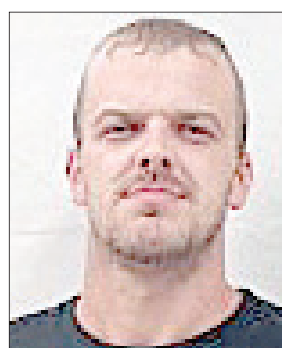
NICHOLAS COUNTY



David Wayne Trescott
Booked 6/10/22
Domestic battery



Lacey Rae Williams
Booked 6/7/22
Probation violation



Jerry Travis Wright
Booked 6/12/22
Probation violation

Courthouse News



Monday, June 27, 2022 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff"

09:00 AM, State v. Trenton Jaron Moore, Bench Trial, Misdemeanor, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

09:30 AM, State v. Terry Dencil Blankenship, Bench Trial, DUI 2nd Offense

10:00 AM, State v. Leslie Wayne Adkins, Bench Trial, Domestic Battery, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (x2)

11:00 AM, State v. Jesse J Gibson, Bench Trial, Registration card to be signed, carried and exhibited on demand (Regist. Unsigned), No Seatbelt

11:00 AM, State v. Jesse J Gibson, Bench Trial, Speeding, Driving while license suspended or revoked

11:00 AM, State v. Jesse J Gibson, Bench Trial, No Insurance, Failure to Produce Operators

11:00 AM, State v. Jesse J Gibson, Bench Trial, Defective Equipment, Window Tint

11:00 AM, State v. Jesse J Gibson, Bench Trial, Interference with officers or members (WVSP), false information

01:00 PM, State v. Eric James Dobbins, Bench Trial, Petit larceny: penalties

01:15 PM, State v. Rachelle Dawn Duffield, Preliminary Hearing, Burglary, Grand larceny

01:30 PM, State v. Sandra Bishop, Preliminary Hearing, Grand larceny,

02:00 PM, State v. Christopher Richard William Burke, Bench Trial, Driving a vehicle while in an impaired state

02:30 PM, State v Gary

Lee Ramsey, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

03:00 PM, State v. Jeremiah John Taylor, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

02:30 PM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Bench Trial, Child passenger safety devices required, No Registration

03:30 PM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Bench Trial, No Insurance, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate

03:45 PM, State v. Crystal Gale Craddock, Bench Trial, Driving while license suspended or revoked, No Insurance

03:45 PM, State v. Crystal Gale Craddock, Bench Trial, No Operators, Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor)

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A Rock in the Road

By Joseph J. Mazzella

Driving the curvy, mountain roads where I live can be both a delight and an adventure at times. In the summer the beauty of them is amazing. Buttercups, daisies, dandelions, and Queen Anne's Lace line the hills along them. Majestic trees full of lovely, green leaves hang over them. It is such a sight. Yet, you are also constantly on the lookout for potholes; deer, skunks and squirrels crossing the road; as well as fallen tree limbs and rocks that have broken loose and rolled down the side of the hill.

I came upon one of those rocks just the other day. I saw a sedan swerve around it and the truck just ahead of me straddle it. I swerved too and then quickly pulled over to a wide spot. I knew a rock that size would rip the guts out of a low riding car like mine if the driver didn't see it in time to move. I walked over and picked up the mini-boulder. It must have weighed 50 pounds but with a few grunts and groans I got it into the ditch and walked smiling back to my car.

The incident reminded me too of an old Zen story I had read once. "In

a far away land a King had placed a huge boulder in the road leading to his palace. Many nobles walked by and around it complaining that the king didn't keep the roads up better. Finally a poor peasant arrived hauling a cart of vegetables. He stopped and using all his strength rolled the rock off the road. Then he saw underneath of it was a bag of gold coins that the king had left for the one who cleared the path for those who came after."

Now while there wasn't any bag of treasure under the rock I moved, my heart did feel a little more golden as I walked back to my car. I think maybe God puts these rocks in our roads so we can strengthen ourselves by moving them. Maybe the real reward is the Love we feel, the good we do, the joy we scatter, and the kindness we share. Maybe each rock we move, moves us a little closer to Heaven. Maybe each path we clear makes our souls clearer as well. I hope you travel your own rocky road then with strong arms, a smiling face, and a happy heart.

"I don't know what to do. I don't know God's will for my life. I wish God would show me a sign." Have you ever felt like that, faced with a choice and trying to make a decision and figure out God's will?

What you mean by God's will for your life might not be what the Bible means by it. God has a decretive will, which is what He has ordained to come to pass (Isaiah 46:9-11). It's also referred to as His secret will. The second category is the preceptive will of God, where God tells us what to do, and it's His will for us to do it. God's decretive will must always come to pass while the preceptive can be disobeyed. When trying to make a decision, make sure you are looking to know God's revealed will and not try to figure out His secret will.

Romans 12:1-2 tells us we can know and test "what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," revealed in Scripture. When

faced with a decision, ask, "What does the Bible have to say about this specific situation?" Do what the Lord said, and that's His will for you. If you are trying to decide if you should move in with your girlfriend, you could read 1 Thessalonians 4:3, which says, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." That's God's will for your life in that situation.

Most Christians want guidance in situations where the Bible doesn't tell us one way or the other, but you have to make a choice. What job should I take? Should I buy that car? Christians don't want to be "out of the will of God." I believe that's thinking about the issue in the wrong way. God's will for your life is not like a road; every time you get off the road, you are further and further from happiness. God's will for your life is to live and walk by faith in every situation He has put you in,

following His preceptive will (Romans 8:5), knowing we are in His decretive will (Romans 8:28).

Make sure you have the categories right in your mind. God gave the Christian His revealed will as our guides as we live our life in Christian liberty. When faced with a choice, search the Scriptures, pray for guidance, ask wise people in your life for their opinion. When you have determined that you are making the best choice based on what God has said, what is best for you and your family, and even what you want to do, proceed by faith and don't spend your life wondering what might have been. Sinful decisions will undoubtedly lead to pain, but wise decisions don't always lead to perfect happiness. Every choice will lead to other problems and bumps in the road, even wise decisions. That's not being out of God's will. That's living life in a fallen world.



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God's Will

A Trip Around the Whirlwind

Dr. James L. Snyder

Recently, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were able to take a well-earned vacation. One of our grandsons graduated from high school in Ohio, and we decided to go and celebrate with him. It is amazing what you learn when you go on a vacation.

I learned some things about the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. You would think by this time I would have discovered everything there is about her. But I was to be delightfully surprised. Up to this point, she is known as the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage as well as the BOGO Queen. If that isn't enough I was to learn a lot more about her. As soon as we started our vacation, I realized she had a new identity. She is the Travel Princess, and she sits on her throne behind the wheel of her Sissy Van.

This new identity caught me off guard, but the longer on the road, the more I understood this new identity.

As we drove along, I could not help but smile as I thought about this. Before us was a 9 1/2-hour drive to our destination. We planned to cut it in half and spend the night at some motel along the way.

Our second day was rather interesting. I think there were at least ten trucks on the highway for every car. I have never seen so many trucks in all my life. Despite all the trucks, the Travel Princess was able to maneuver around them, and I was rather impressed.

Then a certain situation developed. There was a truck in front of us, a truck behind us, a truck on the right side and a truck on the left side of us. We were blocked in by four different trucks.

I noticed that the situation was getting a little stressful for the Travel Princess.

Then the situation took on a somewhat different attitude. The truck on the left side was in line with the Sissy Van, and someone was sitting on the passenger side looking out towards us and waving defiantly at the Travel Princess. I am sure he did not know what kind of mess he was getting involved in.

The Travel Princess looked at him with one of her looks that I'm sure he never saw before. Then I glanced at the guy sitting on the passenger side, and all of a sudden, his chin dropped down, his eyes bulged like he had seen a ghost, and I'm sure he had never been as scared before in all his life.

At that moment, the truck he was in slowed down and allowed us to change lanes, go around and get ahead of the trucks. Then, as we changed lanes and passed the truck in front of us, I could see her face was still carrying that defiant attitude and look that she gave the guy driving the truck next to us.

Passing the truck in front of us, the driver looked at us with one of those looks hard to explain but the kind of look that you know he had been surprised. When encountering the Travel Princess, none of those truck drivers realized whom they were dealing with. I certainly would not want to have been one of those truck drivers at that time. Believe me; I've been in their shoes.

I was so glad to be riding with the Travel Princess at the time, knowing I was in good hands.

A week later, we drove through some rather bumpy roads when we were coming back. I am not sure how we got into that situation, but I was very comfortable knowing that the Travel Princess was in charge, and I had nothing to worry about. That is until something changed.

As we were bumping along, I heard the Travel Princess sigh

deeply and then heard her say something very alarming.

"Something needs to be done with these roads. Somebody needs to fix it."

What I heard made me drop my jaw, and my eyes bulged. I said to myself, "Did I hear what she said?" I knew that when she saw something that needed to be fixed, she would do everything within her power to stop and fix everything. So now, I thought she wanted to fix the road.

Very carefully, I explained to her, "To fix this road, you have to have a state contractor's license and then permits from the county to do it. And those things will take an awful lot of time, which we don't have."

Without even looking in my direction, she slowly said, "Well, I think you're right, and I really don't have time to stop and fix this road."

I cannot tell you how relieved I was to dodge that bullet, which does not happen to me very often. But I sighed very deeply and could not wait until we got off this kind of road.

As we were finishing our drive home, I could not help but think one of my favorite verses of Scripture. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:4-6).

Like many other people, I sometimes get all caught up in the weeping stage and forget about the joy stage. No matter how bad the weeping might be, there is down the road for me joy and that is great anticipation of my life.

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THE FREEPRESS

'50's and '60's

ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA

In the Beatles' "Penny Lane", there is a guy who keeps his machine clean. What is his machine?

Answer to last week's Trivia: Johnny B. Goode lived in a log cabin made of Earth and wood, deep down in Louisiana, close to New Orleans.

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Home Country

Slim Randles

Dud was heading home in his pickup truck when he saw the strange goings-on at the Bahdziewicz place. Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz was out in the family's large garden with a full complement of kids who were

happily hopping around. Some of the kids came from the neighborhood, but most of them were homegrown Bahdziewicz kids.

The Bahdziewicz family had a great garden, and went at the whole thing scientifically and in great fun, because this is one family that runs short on cash but long on kids.

Dud pulled over and watched for a minute as Abe laughingly directed the family dancers doing the vegetable boogie through the various rows of the huge garden.

"What's going on, Abe?" yelled Dud.

"Squash bug stomping

time," Abe said, turning over another board lying next to the vegetables. As soon as the board was flipped over, a plethora of Bahdziewicz kids stomped the bugs flat. "It's the kids' favorite time in the garden."

The third-grader, John Kennedy Bahdziewicz, said, "Flip another board, Dad."

"Hold it!" Dud yelled. "Not another move until I get back, okay? I'll be back here in five minutes. Five minutes!"

Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz looked at his oldest son, Woodrow Wilson Bahdziewicz and they both shrugged. The

rest of the family stopped, too. Dud peeled out in the pickup and was back in less than two minutes.

"Okay," Dud yelled. "Let's do the squash bug stomp the right way!"

And he strapped on his accordion and fired up a grand polka as boards were flipped over and the exposed squash bugs were dispatched in record polka time.

Sometimes just living here can be an awful lot of fun

Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress.com.



OBITUARIES

Isaac Frank Murphy, 27, of Clay, WV gained his heavenly wings and went to be with his brother Michael Keiffer and the Lord Jesus Christ on June 4, 2022. He was born on September 7, 1994, and he was a member of the Clay First Baptist Church



He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Keiffer; maternal grandmother, Beverly Coen; and aunt, Melissa Drake.

He is survived by his parents, Joseph "Joe" Murphy of Clay and Stacy Murphy of Chloe, WV; maternal grandfather, Jerry Drake of Virginia Beach, VA; paternal grandparents, Frank and Betty Murphy of Clay; aunts, Jerri Drake of Gassaway, Shonda Tanner of Lakeland, FL, Dwana Murphy of Clay, Bredga Neal of Beckley, WV; Uncle Samuel "Sam" Murphy of Lize-more, WV; cousins, Isaiah Murphy, Jennifer and Jack Cummings, Chelsie Drake, Lacey, Macee, Christopher "CJ" Samples, Andrea Jarrett, Mykia and Davi Linkinogor, Landon Tanner, Avery Lanham, Dylan Bryant, Wesley and Walker Smith, Silas Chaney, Evalynn and Dean Jarrett and River Short-Linkinogor.

Isaac was a hard-working young man who enjoyed the fishing, hunting and spending time with his family and friends. He was the sweetest, kindest person with the biggest heart who loved God and his family very much. He was generous, compassionate and a peace maker. He had a heart of gold, and he was known for his kindness, and he touched so many lives. He was a bright spark in this world and will be deeply missed by many. He was loved by so many people, and he leaves behind so many memories to cherish and he will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace.

The grave side service was held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Clay Memorial, Clay WV with Minister Gary Drake officiating. Visitation for friends was held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com.

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Murphy family.



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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

June 15, 1876: Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born. The first African-American delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and crafted an anti-lynching law.

June 15, 1880: Musician Blind Alfred Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

June 17, 1813: General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

June 17, 1961: A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The condition of the bridge had become a

news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony to officially name it the "Brinkley Bridge."

June 18, 1937: Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He became West Virginia's 29th governor in 1977, and in 1984, he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

June 18, 1944: *It's Wheeling Steel* aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

June 19, 1905: Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname "Boy Senator." Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.

June 19, 1909: Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown, and helped to fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

June 20, 1861: Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia

entered the Union two years later.

June 20, 1863: West Virginia became the 35th state. Arthur Boreman was the state's first governor.

June 20, 1932: The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.

June 20, 1963: On the 100th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do."

June 21, 1920: Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation's third-largest steelmaker.

June 21, 1959: Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. In junior high school she learned to play the guitar, and in high school she practiced her vocal skills singing classical music in choir class.

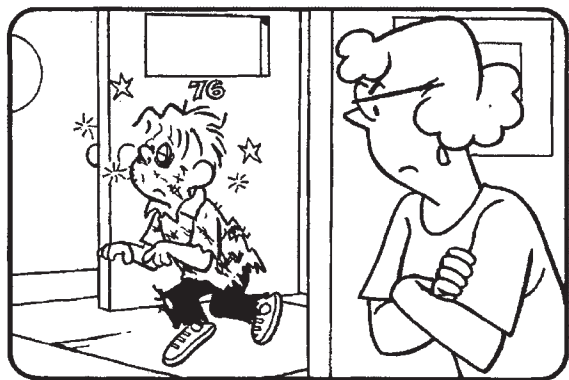
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Frame is missing. 2. Gloves are missing. 3. Fringe is missing. 4. Number is changed. 5. Earrings are different. 6. Bracelets are missing.

King Crossword

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- 1 Embassy VIP
- 4 Apple tablet
- 8 Mexican money
- 12 Scratch
- 13 "It can't be!"
- 14 Eve's man
- 15 Finished
- 17 Latvia's capital
- 18 Gusto
- 19 Neptune's realm
- 20 Pale
- 22 "Of — and Men"
- 24 Kite flier's need
- 25 Affectionate sign-off
- 29 Flamenco cheer
- 30 Bedouins
- 31 Arthur of "Maude"
- 32 Tennis shut-out
- 34 Taxpayer IDs
- 35 Polite query
- 36 Scarlett's Butler
- 37 Bottom
- 40 "Love — Leave Me"
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- 9 Ms. Falco
- 10 Long story
- 11 Yemen neighbor
- 16 Clarinet insert
- 19 Phil of folk music
- 20 MP's quarry
- 21 Missile shelter
- 22 Dolphins' home
- 23 "Let —" (Beatles hit)
- 25 Fay of "King Kong"
- 26 Saw
- 27 Air outlet
- 28 Right on the map
- 30 Petri dish gel
- 33 New citizen, perhaps
- 34 "Scram!"
- 36 Film spools
- 37 D.C. baseball team
- 38 Turkish title
- 39 Unhappy destiny
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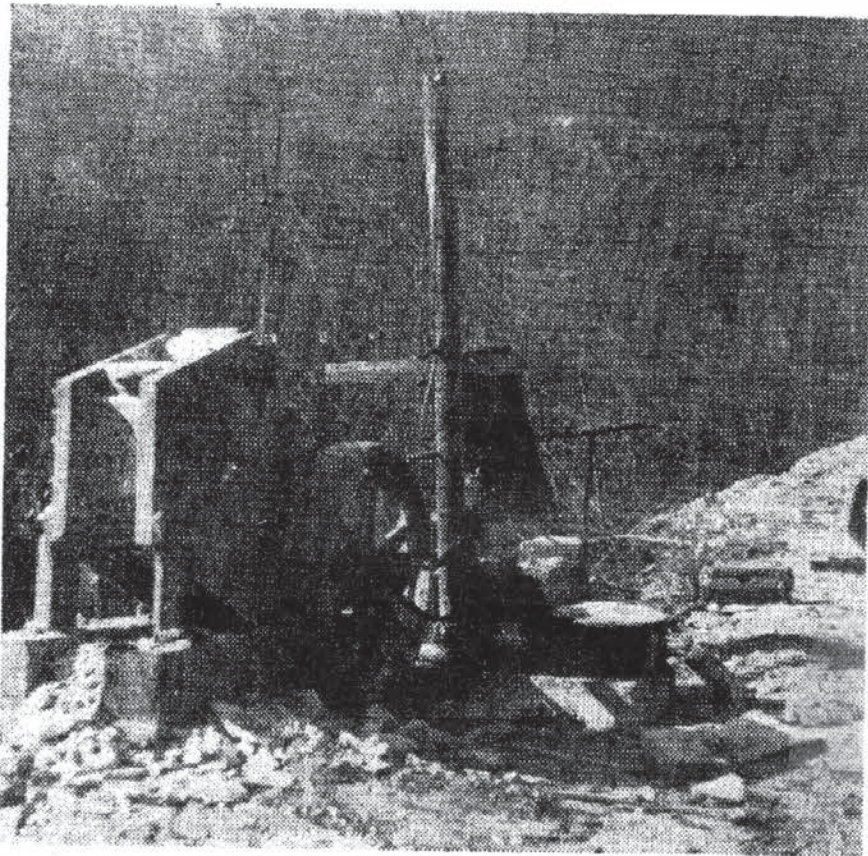
The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

November 1956

Modern Machinery Makes Man's Work Easier



Here are two pieces of rugged machinery now being used to prepare and load the crushed rock for Widens streets. Additional sections of streets have been rocked and rolled since Widen News was printed last month, in keeping with Vice President Harold L. Beattie's "progress program," in bringing the town's streets and homes up to a high standard of excellence.

Crushed rock and slag was recently laid from the Baptist Church to the Bank of Widen, covering the street from walk to fence

lines in this important area where both traffic and parking is a "must."

Previously, part of Nicholas Street was rocked; and the entire length of Kanawha Street from the bank bridge to the triangle.

The native rock is being prepared in the first hollow up Mud Lick road, and hauled from there to its destination by company trucks. W. Branty Hickman and his "Bird Gang" is sparking the project. The crusher is on the brink of a high hill, and the natural grade to the loading machine enables workers to quickly handle the output.

The Red and White Review

Widen School News
School Term — 1956-57

New Staff Setup
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Editorials . . .

What Am I Thankful For?

By Joanne Conner
 "What am I thankful for?" is the question that we should ask ourselves at this time of year. Do we understand that we have too much now, and we never stop to thank anyone? Have we stopped and looked around at the world and said, "What have I to be thankful for?"

We have a town in which we don't have to worry about something awful happening. The people in the town are always willing to help in all kinds of trials and

troubles. The school is a growing thing. We soon will have a band we can be proud of. The school will be having more honor in the school with the up-coming basketball team.

The nation is working at peace and we know all will be well. The past election went over with out strife or malice.

The home is where we produce love and happiness and from there it spreads to this nation of ours, which we all love and hope to keep in peace with the world and God.

Grade School News

The second graders are very proud of the fact that the King and Queen of the Halloween Carnival were both members of their group. Judith Gibson and Steve Taylor were elected to this honor by the popular votes of their fellow students.

The second grade is working hard on a Thanksgiving program to be presented soon.

All the boys and girls feel happy, safe and proud now that their polio shots are safely behind them.

The fourth grade announces that they are working hard on the annual Christmas program.

SANDMAN VS TEACHERS

Some people think "Mr. Sandman" comes only at night but he's in W. H. S. every day. He throws sand in everyone's eyes, those with glasses, and those without. There are a number of boys, and girls too, that "Mr. Sandman" especially picks on. He visits some at the second and third periods, but he saves most of his ammunition to throw during fifth and sixth period.

Now how can the teacher expect us to be alert about our work with "him" on the prowl? Can we help it if we're asleep when assignments are made? How can we get ~~zzzzzzzzzz~~?

PICTURES ARE TAKEN

By Charlotte Smith
 How do I look? This was asked by all the students of Widen High School, Friday, November 9, 1956 as they went to get their pictures taken. The pictures were taken this year by Mr. Davis of Alston Studios from Weston, W. Va. Mr. Davis was very nice, and very patient with every one.

UNIFORMS ON WAY

By Reba and Mossy
 The order for Widen High School band uniforms was sent out the last week in October. Mr. Raymond Hamrick received a letter from the company stating that he will receive the uniform during the first week in December. The band is planning to give a concert in December.

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Lew and Zeb- Don't teach yer chickens to play dead

By Allen Hamrick

Well folks, Lew here to tell ya about troubled times on the ridge. The price of everything from fishin' supplies to huntin' supplies and all the non-essentials like food and water are stretching the ol' sawbuck like a politicker does the truth. Most of us on the ridge have taken to new ways to get from point A to point B without the use of gasoline. Those ol' rusty bike-a-cycles have been taken out of the barns and given new life. We used to ride when them when we were kids, so how hard could it be? We freshened 'em up a little with a touch of oil and a little spit shine. There never was brakes or chains on 'em when we used to ride, so, again, how hard could it be? We would simply start at the top of a hill and let er' go then push it back up at the end of the ride.

There has been a rush at the horsepital ER's for busted limbs ever since Pap went

through a barbwar fence and nearly cut his head off and would have if he hadn't pulled the posts out of the ground. Seein' as Zeb is so big, the strain on his already dry rotted tires was too much for the ol' red flyer, and they blew out first time over the hill sendin' Zeb cartwheelin' and tearin' everything down in his path. By the time he stopped spinnin' he took out two chicken houses, an acre of corn and Granny Izzle's clothes line full of her daily wash. Several others took the plunge over the hill and fared in the same manner. Others who did make it couldn't push it back up the hill for a second run. If parts were available, they would be as hard to get as green onions in January and three times higher. People are buckling down though and pinchin' coins a little tighter than normal. Granny Izzle has been working on an alternative to a gallon of gas but hasn't got the right mixture yet. Not sure


what the ingredients are, but she plans on saving the country with her new elixir for motors she calls Pep-n-Poo. So far she has blown up three trucks, five lawnmowers, two weed eaters and a boat motor. She assured me that my boat motor would run great when she was done, but now it's scattered all over the hillside. She will get it right; we are sure of that.

Our food supply has gotten a little thin in our cupboards, so most people have introduced themselves to being hunters and gatherers. That's a problem round here cause those who knew the right weeds to eat are already pushin' up daises, so we are left to trial and error, mostly errors. So, some decided to follow the animals and see what they were eating and scarf up what was left, but greed took over and there ain't a nut, mushroom or blade of grass that the gatherers didn't pick. Being the self proclaimed Daniel Boone of the

hills, Pap went and picked a bunch of wild red berries and mixed them with plants he knew would make a great tasting wild salsa. He made plenty for all statin' that it was more healthy than what they could get down at the local grocery. He was right, but the only ones that could eat it were snakes and lizards. That salsa nearly caused a panic as those who partook of the mixture were knocking the doors off the out-houses. Granny Dingle was providin' eggs for the community as her 35 head of chickens were working overtime keepin' up with demand. She woke up one day to turn them out and only counted 30 chickens; the eagles had landed and took their fill of chicken meat. Her rooster named Rambo was wounded in the leg tryin' to defend his hen brood and was lickin' his wounds when Granny found him. So Granny mends Rambo and teaches him how to play dead when the eagles cir-

led. Everybody knows that an eagle likes to kill what it eats and won't eat anything already dead. Rambo, in turn, teaches his hen brood to play dead so every day the hens would go in the yard roll over on their backs and point their claws to the sky. It worked! The eagles left the hens alone for awhile, but the hens kept up the masquerade. One day they went out and saw the eagles circling again to their surprise, so on their backs they went. Problem was chickens are nearsighted and started playing dead to a bunch of buzzards, now Granny only counts 11 hens one wounded rooster. Anyway folks, if ya have chickens, don't teach them to play dead or yer egg supply will suffer. Well, folks my pen is nearly out of ink for this time and ink is hard to come by so keep a tight line in the water, yer sights sharp, yer survival skills even sharper and, above all, help those who can't help themselves. LEW

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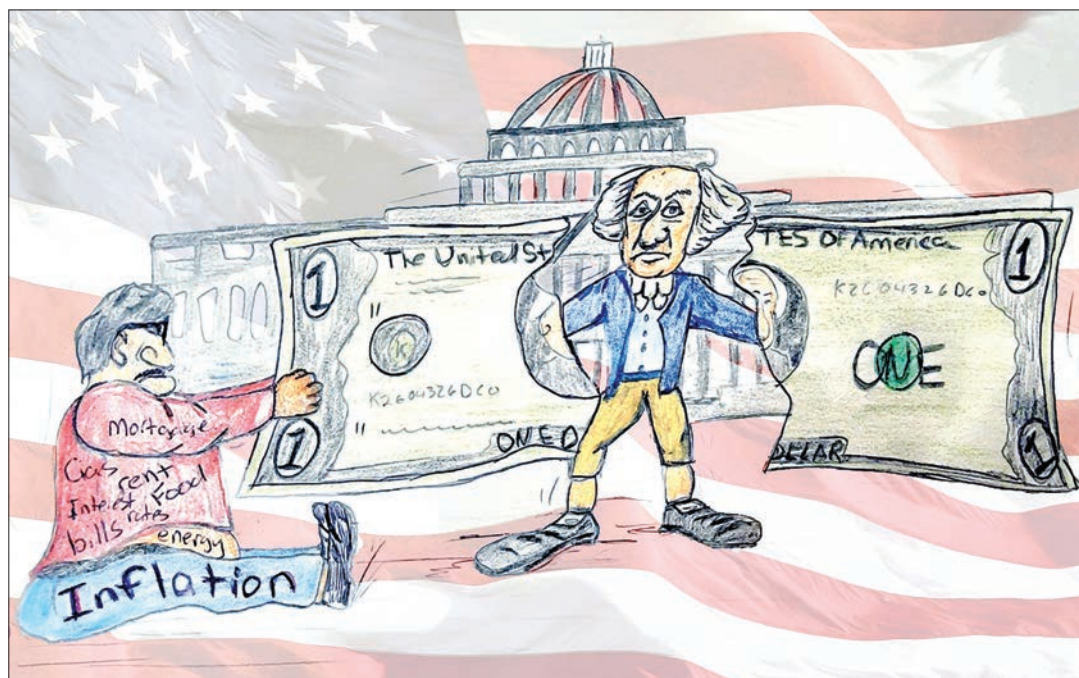
By Allen Hamrick

Like the old song goes: *"There's a shortage on beans and there's a shortage on meat; things that we are needing we just can't hardly buy. Soon we will be asking if we are all gonna die... There's a shortage on fuel oil, there's a shortage on gas; there's a shortage on wood and there's a shortage on glass. Things that we have wasted are now precious to buy; you know there's even a shortage on the air in the sky."* -The Imperials

Are there truly shortages or is it what we are led to believe? From where I sit, there is no shortage of wood yet the prices continue to rise. Mills are full of timber and continue to cut every day, yet the price of building materials is higher than ever. At one time, it was blamed on the pandemic and a worker shortage, yet plywood and wood still hit the stores on time. They say its supply and demand; short supply and big demand, but how could it be? A common working family can't afford to build a set of steps to their bathtub without cutting back on food. Common sense says that demand with a shortage of materials equals high cost because of the lack of materials; however, demand with no shortage of materials should equal fair pricing.

Now it's the 2022 "gasdem" that's blamed for all the problems. My question is this - Is there truly a shortage of gasoline? What kind of vaccine or stimulus package will it take to get us out of this disease? Is it really the war between Russia and the Ukraine that is driving everything up as they would

lead you to believe? If so, why did everything start going up way before their war? These are questions that are not hard to answer, yet politics make it a very complicated subject due to a lack of empathy for the American people. Here is the common sense truth - every individual that still has the ability to think for themselves looks at the political theatre as a stage, a stage full of millionaires who use their position to benefit themselves or those that fuel their passion for money and power. We have elected officials who we, the people, put in power to make good decisions that benefit all people. They are to attend to this country's need for food, water, a supply of energy and to make fair laws so that the future generations that follow will have the same opportunities for success. All other opinions on many subjects play second fiddle to survival of this country. We must survive, and to do so requires everybody to understand the fundamental principles of survival from the politician to the mom and dad to the individual. We must have hope, and we must have dreams and the ability to accomplish them. Without these, we die as a nation and so does the future for our children. We work and pay taxes so that the bodies of the government can use the funds to help make sure that there is a country for future generations. When that money is misused over time and those that are elected spend it on their own personal agendas or either party use it to benefit their own ideals instead of the survival of the country, we will die. This country is first; fix our troubles



We have to keep George from getting ripped.

and then help other countries.

Gas is one of those energies that help keep this country moving. Diesel is a byproduct of the process of making gas that, in a bigger way than gas, keeps the supplies of food and materials flowing. Both of these products are controlled by the super rich companies that hold the very life of a country in their grasp. Oil and gas companies have made profits in the billions in the last quarter; there is no shortage of oil or gas, otherwise how could their profits be in the billions? The shortage of oil is that these companies are just not producing as much and therefore make huge profits while crippling the world with high gas and diesel prices. Pipelines have been shut down, and the cost of leasing land to produce our own oil in our own country has so much governmental red tape that companies

simply can't afford to get the oil out of the ground. Therefore, political policies in this country have crippled the United States ability to produce its own oil. Where does that make any sense? Look these facts up, they are common knowledge. The fact is there is enough oil within the U.S.A to provide fuel for centuries, and without it, the cost of everything will go up and up. Companies will shut down, and people will no longer be able to wake up, go to work, raise a family and be free from dependency on anybody else.

Who will all this affect? Not those in power who are set for life thanks to the American taxpayer. So what is the answer? Common sense dictates that there is a simple answer to all the problems- set aside differences on policy and ideals and realize that if prices continue to

rise, it will rain on everybody: the rich, the blue collar worker and the poor. It will eventually drive this country into a downward spiral of inflation and high gas prices that doesn't end. Where will the taxes come to pay for programs if business shuts down, if the work force can no longer get to work? It will be utter chaos. Some scream buy electric cars instead of gas, but if you pay as much for a car as you pay your home, something is wrong. What if in the White House, Congress and Senate all millionaire life-long politicians were replaced with common folks who cared more for the country than the dollar bill. If this doesn't get fixed and soon, like Lynard Skynard said in a song, *"Life as we know it could be gone in a minute."* A person doesn't make stupid decisions unless there is a force behind it.

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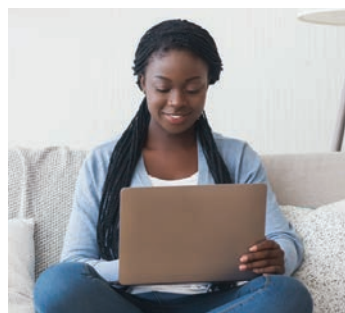
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