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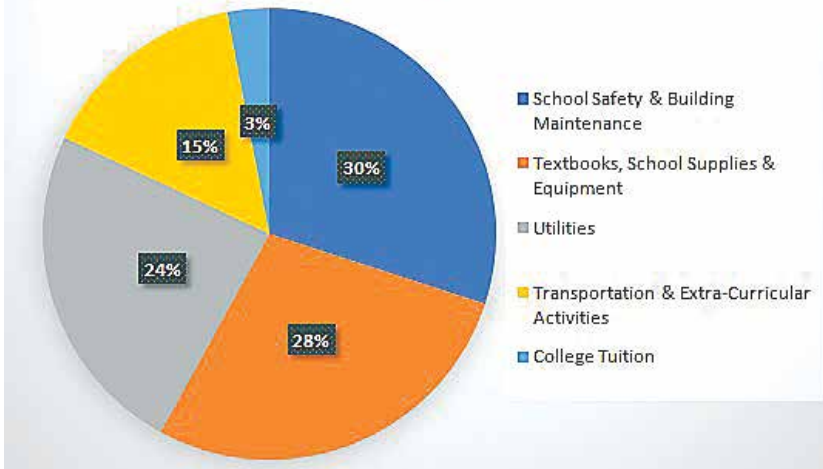
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### How Are Levy Funds Used?



## Impact of the Clay County Schools Excess Levy

Not only do excess levy funds support continuing operating expenses for the school system, but they also ensure key items are in place to support the learning environment for students. These include the following:

- School Safety & Building Maintenance
- Textbooks, School Supplies & Equipment
- Utilities
- Transportation & Extra-Curricular Activities
- College Tuition

## The Seven Bomont Brothers



Hubert Beecher Samples (1912-2004) US Army. Retired: Samples Barbershop, Boomer, WV



Berlie Edward Samples (1914-2004) US Navy. Retired: District of Columbia Jail, Washington DC.

By Deanna Samples Werner

In the 1940's, in a far corner of Clay County, West Virginia, in the small settlement of Bomont, and up in a holler, seven young brothers answered the call to fight for their country. From the oldest to the

youngest, they willingly and bravely chose to leave the family farm. Their names were Hubert, Berlie, Harry, Forest, Frear, Paul, and Fenton Samples.

We, the children and grandchildren, are in awe and so proud of these valiant brothers. They were so young... approximately the ages of what our own grandchildren are now.

Six of the brothers returned safely. The youngest, Fenton, perished in 1944 when one of our own ships collided with his ship, the battleship USS California (BB-44). Such an unnecessary accident.

The 40's were difficult for everyone in Clay County (and America!). At this time, their father (my grandfather), Howard Samples contacted tuberculosis and entered a sanitarium at Beckley. In early 1943, on the day before leaving San Francisco with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division for the Philippines, my father, Frear Samples, was recalled home to help the family who remained on the farm -- my grandmother and her daughter, Reba. We all wish now we had quizzed our parents about their lives during those worrisome days. How did they manage?

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Harry Cecil Samples (1915-2001) US Navy. Retired: Dupont, N. Augusta, SC.

## Warner Reminds Voters of Election Deadlines

The November 8 General Election is quickly approaching, and WV Secretary of State Mac Warner reminds registered voters of important election deadlines.

In-person early voting began on Wednesday, October 26. All 55 counties have at least one early voting location, and several counties have two or more. Voters can find a list and an interactive map of early voting locations, as well as sample ballots, at GoVoteWV.com.

Early voting is available all this week from Monday, October 31, until Saturday, November 5. There is no voting on Sundays. Weekday early voting hours are during business hours of each county, which can be found online at GoVoteWV.com, and weekend hours are from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

The deadline for eligible voters to apply for an absentee-by-mail ballot is November 2. Absentee applications must be received by the county clerk by the close of business on November 2. To view the eligibility requirements to vote absentee, visit GoVoteWV.com.

For voters who qualify for an emergency absentee ballot, the application period runs from November 1 until noon on Election Day, November 8. Eligibility requirements for an emergency absentee ballot are different than an absentee-by-mail ballot, and each county adopts different policies for emergency absentee voters. Voters are encouraged to call their county clerk to check the local policies before applying.

State law requires an absentee ballot to be postmarked on or before November 8, or hand delivered to the county clerk's office by

the close of business on November 7, in order to be counted. Military and overseas voters' ballots are accepted until the start of canvass on November 14 regardless of postmark.

"There is plenty of time and opportunity for voters to participate in this election," Warner said. "We encourage voters to make a plan and educate themselves on the candidates and ballot issues before they vote. All of that information can be found at GoVoteWV.com."

Voters are also reminded that they can review campaign finance reports for all statewide, legislative, and judicial candidates, as well as political committees, electioneering communications, and independent expenditures reports, which are available online at cfrs.wvsos.gov. County and local candidates file with the county clerk or the municipality, and the reports are available upon request. The last campaign finance report before the 2022 General Election is due by midnight tonight, Friday, October 28.

Finally, Warner reminds candidates, committees, voters, poll workers, and all citizens that election fraud, intimidation, or coercion will not be tolerated in any form or fashion.

"Those who attempt to cheat in any way will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Warner said. "Our Election Fraud Task Force, our team of professional investigators, and our Election Day workers will be in every county across the state on Election Day."

To report a possible election violation, call 877-FRAUD-WV.

You can also participate in Warner's "See Something, TEXT Something!" campaign to report possible election

fraud by texting the letters "WV" to 45995 and then sharing details which can include a photo of the possible violation.

For all things relating to the November General Election, please visit the WV Secretary of State's secure election website at GoVoteWV.com.

## Summers County was no match for the Panthers



Players of the game were (L-R) Ayden Brown and Zane Minger.

By Allen Hamrick

The Panthers are kicking butt and taking names on the grid iron. I could stop right there and it would be enough of a story; however, it would not do justice to the juggernaut that has stomped some major teams into the ground. The Panther football team has become a force to be reckoned with. The team is in good health and has upped their level of play to a seemingly unstoppable team. Their only loss this season so far was against Roane County, the #2 team in the state.

The Panthers have controlled the grid iron on defense and offense. The Summers County Bobcats are one of the best A Teams in the division, and they proved that against the Panthers Friday night. They had a good running game and nearly matched the Panthers TD for TD as the game progressed. However, the Panthers got the game underway with two quick TDS in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and lead the game 14-0. Noah Collins was back at the helm at QB and looked like he hadn't ever left. Panther defense dug in and held the

Bobcats to 0 until the second quarter of the game when they opened their first gift from the Panthers and scored, making it 14-7. That's the way it closed out the half - the Bobcats were within spitting distance of the Panthers.

When the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter started, the Bobcats came out swinging like they were in a bar room brawl, settling down to an all out running game. They scored again but failed the extra point as the defense dug in harder. The Panthers, not to be outdone, came back swinging and

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# BOOKED

## CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

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**Christopher Lee Nottingham**  
Booked 10/29/22  
Assault



**Dustin Lee Anderson**  
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Child neglect, DOR/DUI third, driving revoked third, prohibited person with firearm



**Haylli Morgan Blackwell**  
Booked 10/30/22  
Child neglect



**Joseph Daniel Drake**  
Booked 10/28/22  
Bailpiece



**Russell Glen Moore Jr.**  
Booked 10/29/22  
Possession of controlled substance (x3), driving suspended, DWS for DUI, no insurance, improper/

expired registration, no operators, no proof of insurance, no registration

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## Bomont Brothers

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Even though only three brothers graduated from Clay County High School, they went on to have successful occupations. Thankfully, all sons met wonderful women during those war years, married and had beautiful families. We (the 19 children of these brothers and their sister, Reba Samples Engle) love our Samples Holler heritage and our beautiful family cemetery. And we still gather together every other year to have our family reunion which began in 1951, and to visit the cemetery!

We are so thankful to our grandparents, Howard and Ethel Samples, who passed on family values, the love of God, family and country to all of us.

Note: Up in this same Hiram Samples Holler was one other family that sent their sons off to war: Roscoe Samples family, which included sons: Warner Samples, US Army; Buck (Denver) Samples, US Army; and Roscoe, Jr. Samples, US Navy.

One small little section of Clay County... ten young men signed up to protect and defend America. West Virginia alone suffered 5,830 killed in action, while Clay County had 49 lost in the war. So many heartbroken families.

The accompanying pictures of the brothers which were always displayed prominently on the mantle at the farm where grandpa lived until his death in 1971. Later our Aunt Reba



**Howard Forrest Samples (1917-1992) US Army – Air Force. Retired: Edwards Air Force Base, Lancaster, CA.**



**Frear Alexander Samples (1919-1992) US Army. Retired: Consolidated Natural Gas Co., Corton, WV.**



**Paul Revere Samples (1922-1982) US Army. Retired: Alloy Plant, Alloy, WV.**



**Fenton Warren Samples (1924-1944) US Navy. Died on USS California.**

had these photographs on her mantle until her death in 2020, along with a picture of her husband, Sidney En-

gle, who also served during WWII. We have a proud family heritage.

Written and submitted by *Deanna Samples Werner, Clay County High School Class of 1963 graduate.*

## Public Notices

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m. at the PSD office in Birch River.

**There will be a Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Clay County High School.** There will be over 20 vendors set up including wood work, jewelry, keychains, freshies, tarts, crafts, gourmet foods, and apparel. Admission is free. Donations are greatly appreciated. Sponsored by the Clay High Wrestling Team.

**The Sam Samples cemetery at Prociou is low on funds for maintenance.** In addition to regular upkeep, there are about six old trees that need to be cut. If you have loved ones in the cemetery, please consider an annual donation so that we can keep the grounds looking good. Any amount will be helpful. Contact Loretta Moore, 5008 Pequonia Drive, Elkview, 25071.

**Donations are being accepted for the Triplett Cemetery c/o Clay County Bank, P.O. Box 239, Clay, WV 25043 for mowing and maintenance.** Donations may also be made via PayPal. Please contact Rocky Nutter at 304-590-7680 for any questions about the cemetery or for PayPal contact information. If no answer, please leave a message or send a text. All inquiries will be responded to.

**The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

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## Protecting Your Vote: When Officials Follow the Law, Election Confidence Ensues

By Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State

Midterm elections are upon us. The US Constitution, first ratified in 1787, prescribed means by which we choose our leadership. On November 8th, this 235-year tradition continues and West Virginians will cast votes for fellow citizens to represent us at the local, state, and federal levels of government.

Article 1, Section 4 of the US Constitution expressly designates state legislatures as responsible for providing the time, place and manner of holding elections. Our Founding Fathers felt state legislatures – as opposed to governors, judges, attorneys general, or secretaries of state – were best situated to set the rules for holding elections. Thus, when a state legislature writes election laws, it is incumbent on officials to strictly adhere to such laws.

Here in West Virginia (WV), our Legislature has struck an appropriate balance between access to voting and security in the process. For example, eligible voters are allowed to vote absentee by mail provided they meet one of the many reasons the legislature authorizes for voting by mail. Similarly, WV has a voter ID requirement, but there are nearly 20 types of acceptable photo and non-photo identifications, along with several exceptions that make secure voting quite easy.

The checks and balances in place in WV – along with election officials following the law – have led to high voter confidence in our elections. In fact, MIT ranked WV in the top 10 states in voter confidence after the 2020 election. States whose voters have low confidence in election integrity have also found themselves in courts recently addressing procedures that are inconsistent with their state's election laws and rules. Several states have started to legally address the veering away of state law following the 2020 election.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has now declared the use of drop boxes, as used in the 2020 election, to be unlawful without the Legislature's approval. In Pennsylvania, the General Assembly has laws in place restricting the acceptance of absentee ballots received after an election without a postmark. This law has been challenged and left in place by a very recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling and by the State

Supreme Court, but state election officials are still acting in contravention of those rulings. Specifically, the Acting Pennsylvania Secretary of State has given guidance that such ballots shall be counted. One can see the confusion and resulting lack of confidence in such a situation.

Fortunately, clerks in WV have adhered to state law. Nevertheless, as the Chief Election Officer, I continue to implore county commissions and boards of canvassers to closely follow state law when counting votes. Absentee ballot envelopes must be signed and dated, voters' addresses must match voter registration records, and ballots must arrive on time. At the polls, voters must vote in the proper precinct and they must show identification. When everyone follows election laws, confidence grows in both the election results and the people we elect.

We should be concerned with any potential fraud. I'm bothered when I hear people remark, "Well, there wasn't enough fraud to change the outcome of the election." The remark insinuates that we can tolerate some fraud, or that irregularities are acceptable. In West Virginia's 2022 Primary Election, 23 races were decided by 10 votes or less. No amount of fraud or changing rules at the last minute is acceptable.

This commentary is to issue one final recommendation for every voter to know their rights, and to recognize the extent to which state and local election officials go to uphold laws made by the legislature. Anyone who has concerns regarding their eligibility to cast a ballot—whether in person or absentee by mail—should contact their county clerk immediately. Every vote does count, but only properly cast ballots can be counted.

I wish every voter a great experience with voting this election. And I wish every candidate, their families, and their campaigns the very best on Election Day as I know they have invested a lot of time, work, and financial resources.

You can educate yourself on all things election-related at GoVoteWV.com. By knowing and following the law, confidence in our elections grows, and we all win.

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# OBITUARIES



Rogers; her parents, Walter Evert West, and Lucy Maude (Beckett) West; and her brothers and sister.

Ines was a devoted Christian and a member of White Pilgrim Church in Wallback for over 60 years.

Ines was employed with the Clay County Bank and retired after 35 years of service.

Ines is survived by her children, Delford (Kathleen) West of Wallback, Wayne (Terri Pierson) Rogers of Clay, Homer "Bub" (Theresa Brownhill) of Melbourne, FL, Deborah "Debbie" Rogers of Little River, SC, and Dean (Annette) Rogers of Wallback. She has 17 grandchildren and many great grandchildren which all were very dear to her heart.

A funeral service for Ines was held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, at 2:00 PM with Minister Stewart Cottrell officiating and a one-hour visitation for friends and family from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

The family would like to thank Hospice for the wonderful care they took of their mother.

Online condolences

may be sent to the family at [www.carlwillsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlwillsonfuneralhome.com).

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Rogers family.

**Larry Mullins, 50**, of Maysel, entered into rest on October 24, 2022.

Born on March 21, 1972, in Kanawha County, he was the son of the late Dale Junior and Betty June (Wyant) Mullins. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Bob, Junior, and Jerry (Larry's twin) Mullins.

Larry is survived by his sons, Corey and Jerry Mullins; sister, Patty Mullins Ingram; and brothers, Kermit, Wayne, and Raymond Allen Mullins.

A graveside service was held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at the Wyant Cemetery in Lizemores with Minister Barry McCune officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carlwillsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlwillsonfuneralhome.com).

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Mullins family.

**William Benjamin Adkins, 52**, of Lizemores, entered into rest on October 23, 2022, in Montgomery, WV.

Born on February 16, 1970, in Albany, New York, he was the son of

the late Junior Lee Adkins and Evelyn (Stratton) Adkins. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, Dalton Benjamin Adkins.

William is survived by his mother, Evelyn (Stratton) Adkins; sons, Ethan Adkins, and Jacob (Zoey) Adkins; Michelle Adkins, and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

William was a disabled coal miner and worked several years at Shoney's in Kanawha City.

He loved spending quality time with his children and relaxing in the evening by the fire. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching Nascar, #9 Chase Elliot was his favorite, being around his fur babies, and had a special bond with three of his fur babies: Roxie, Bird, and Lillie.

He will be missed and loved by many great friends and family.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2022, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, with Pastor Shane Wynn officiating. Burial followed in the Sunset Cemetery in Bickmore.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carlwillsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlwillsonfuneralhome.com).

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Applications will be accepted January 2-20, 2023.  
Applications will be available online at [www.iuoe132.org](http://www.iuoe132.org) or by calling 304-273-4852.

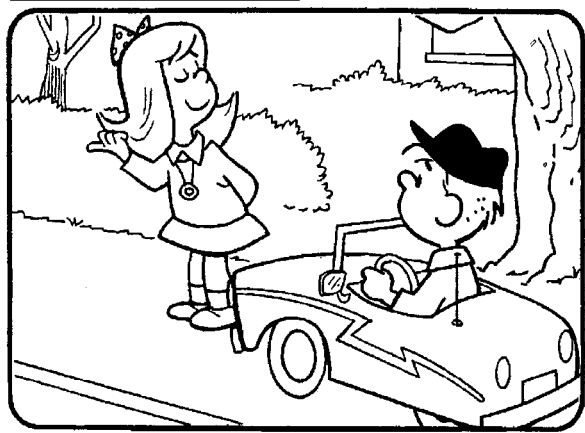
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a High School Diploma or equivalent and a valid WV drivers license. Applicant must also be a WV resident for at least one year prior to making application and live within the geographical boundary of one of the areas where applications are being taken.

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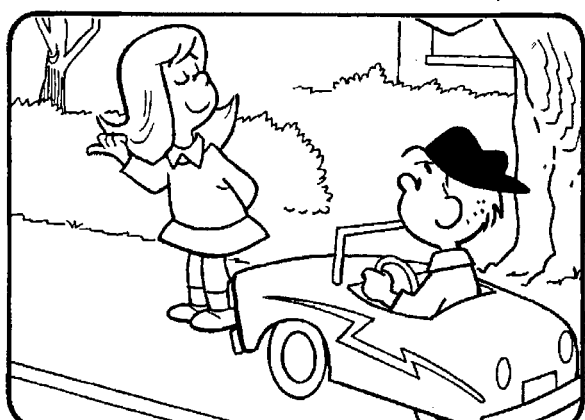
A copy of your Birth Certificate, High School Diploma or equivalent, and a copy of your valid WV Drivers License will be requested at a later date.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is missing 2. Locket is missing 3. Stripe is missing 4. Mirror is missing 5. Cap is reversed 6. Antenna is missing

**Ines Emogine Rogers, 84** of Wallback, WV left this earthly world on October 7, 2022, to go to be with the Lord.

Ines was born August 27, 1938, she was preceded in death by her husband William "Andy"

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## Super Crossword

SIGN LANGUAGE

- ACROSS: 1 Work force, 6 Swallowed up, 14 Beautiful, 20 Popular type option, 21 Wedlock, 22 Idolize, 23 Organ knob imparting a striking sound, 25 Napoli's country, 26 Quarterback Manning, 27 Boundless, 28 Suffix with 12-Down, 30 Jungle lairs, 31 Age, as cheese, 33 Hidden way out in a haunted house, 36 Orlando locale, 40 Singer Reba, 42 Ratio of a stock share's return to its price, 45 Shell games, 50 Persona, 51 Studio stand, 52 Hold in check, 55 Animation frames, 56 Neophytes, 58 Blackish wood, 60 Pisa's river option, 61 Actor Wilson, 62 Illinois town west of Chicago, 64 Worker finishing furniture, 68 Savage sort, 70 Deeply felt, 71 Popularity boost after appearing on satirist Stephen's old show, 73 Iris' layer, 74 Is in debt, 75 Fallback strategy, 76 Singer Mariah, 78 UPS deliveries: Abbr., 82 Did a 180, 84 Willy Wonka creator Dahl, 86 Capital of Egypt, 87 Kagan of the Supreme Court, 88 At a snail's pace, 91 Quark or pion, 95 "The Newlywed Game" host Bob, 96 PC program tool for automating batches of invitations, say, 100 Actress Irene, 102 Streamlined, in brief, 103 Africa's Amin, 104 "Canvas" for a tattoo, 106 Artificial cave, 111 Zoned (out), 113 Like people heeding seven key words in this puzzle, 117 Mongol invaders, 118 Brazilian rain forest region, 119 Make — for oneself, 120 Lace-receiving hole, 121 Crescentlike objects, 122 Plays spiritedly, 38 Track shape, 39 Road semis oven, 40 Fail to catch, 41 Passing mark, 43 "Wilson" actress Laura, 44 Basketballer Ming, 46 Shipping box, 47 Hitter Hank, 48 Negative attack, 49 Sleep sound, 52 "Backdraft" director Howard, 53 Salad green, 54 Biggest city in Australia, e.g., 56 Nudniks, 57 Turtle in a Dr. Seuss title, 59 Belfry dweller, 61 Small bill, 62 Hiatus, 63 Homer's H, 64 Win a point, 65 Sauna wrap, 66 Tyleneol rival, 67 "Peer Gynt" dramatist, 68 Sloppy Joe holder, 69 Hug, 72 Defective, 73 Pakistani language, 76 Walking stick, 77 '80s sitcom, 78 "Qué —?", 79 Brick-baking oven, 80 Totally understand, informally, 81 Plants seeds absorbed, 83 Absorbed, 85 OPEC liquid, 86 Big hack attack, 88 Sty dweller, 89 Mystery writer Deighton, 90 Sudden forward thrust, 92 In the thick of, 93 Cardinal, e.g., 94 Clan-related, 96 Sticky stuff, 97 Reimburse, 98 Hopping mad, 99 Like ultra-lite food, 100 Failed to, 101 Remove, as a 105-Down, 104 Medium, e.g., 105 Shoelace problem, 107 "How awful!" holder, 108 Cardinals, e.g., 109 Office fill-in, 110 Corrida calls, 112 Sooner than, 114 Big bush bird, 115 Flying Solo, 116 —-been

Crossword grid with numbered starting points for words.



# THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

## "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

December 1956

### WIDEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1956-1957

*Dec. 19	Sutton	Away
*Dec. 31	Sutton	Home
*Jan. 17	Troy	Home
Jan. 18	Sand Fork	Home
Jan. 22	Institute	Home
*Jan. 24	Charleston Reds	Home
Jan. 29	Institute	Away
*Jan. 30	Jr. High	Home
*Jan. 31	Burnsville	Home
*Feb. 4	Burnsville	Away
Feb. 8	Sand Fork	Away
Feb. 14	Troy	Away
*Feb. 21	Charleston Reds	Home

\*Indicates Jr. High Games

HOME GAMES — 8:00 P. M.  
CLAY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

HUBERT MOORE, COACH  
RONALD COTTRELL, MANAGER

### Sad Story

By Leonard and Willy

Boy! I hope how soon this is over! Jumpin' fences and creeks and dodgin' bullets is all I've got done for the past two days.

I'm a goin' down the creek just mindin' my own affairs, when I get the smell of man. Someone hollers, "There he is! get him."

Now folks I'm tellin' you that that tone of voice puts my nerves on edge or I know what is happenin'. I'm slippin' and slidin', creepin' and hidin', with that pack right behind me. Now there are six in the party of hunters and all of them are a-lookin' mean. I run in this Laurel thicket and think I'm hid good, but they're surroundin' me. There's no way out. It's impossible to escape them. I hear a shot. Well folk that's my story. That's why I'm hangin' on this wall holding up these shootin' "irons."

### Assemblies for December

The junior class had an assembly in the auditorium Friday, November 30. It was a Mystery — Comedy and featured the following cast:

- Emmaline — Joan Truman
- Mr. Handout — Paul DeMoss
- George (The Villian) — Bill Laxton
- Jack (The Hero) — Jim Manning
- Mary — Joanne Conner
- Lizzy (The country cousin) — Norma Persinger
- Lena — Alice Hamrick
- Jim (The Detective) — Russell Butcher

The F. H. A. had an assembly on December 12, and featured all Christmas music. Some of the songs were:

Away In The Manger  
Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
Silent Night  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joy To The World

Colorful and appropriate costumes added to the sacred atmosphere of the Christmas Story.

The Thanksgiving program was presented on November 21st.

Alice Hamrick gave the history of Thanksgiving and led the group in prayer.

Judy Shaffer read a Thanksgiving Story.

Joyce Workman read a poem.

Carolyn Samples read "Story of Thanksgiving Turkey."

Ruby Lee Holcomb read a poem. Dawne Carol Backus concluded the program with piano selections.

### Senior Stuff

The seniors held a dance at the Legion Hall November 30th. Refreshments were sold.

Senior pictures arrived December 3rd and caused excitement among all the students. They seemed well pleased with the results.

The seniors have received the Christmas cards and delivered them.

Plans are under way now for a minstrel, but no definite production date has been chosen.

### BEST WRITERS FOR NOVEMBER

- First grade, Mrs. Butcher
  - Mike Morris
  - Jimmy Dorsey
- First grade, Miss Graham
  - Bonita King
  - Kenneth James
  - Jimmy Haygood
- Second grade .... Steven Taylor
  - Teddy Rapp
- Third grade ..... Danny Wood
- Fourth grade .... Shirley Conner
- Fifth grade ..... Brenda King
- Sixth grade ..... Sandra Henderson

### Butcher, Persinger Win Best Actor, Actress

Russell Butcher and Norma Persinger were winners in the first "Best Actor-and-Actress-of-the-Month" contest which the "Foot-lighters" plan to conduct each month.

Both Russell and Norma were selected for their excellent performances in the junior class assembly. "Russ" was a clever detective; Norma, a little country cousin.

They were selected by the Foot-lighter's on the basis of a special point system devised by the club members.

Honorable mentions go to Johnny Kitzmiller and Joan Truman for their excellent performances in the eighth and eleventh grade assemblies.

### Who's-Who

The mystery students for last month were Judy LaCorte and Kyle Barnette.

#### Girl For December

Gaily smiling, singing strains of "Blueberry Hill", this pert young lass from the eighth grade goes cheerfully on her way. She is thirteen years old. She is five feet tall and weighs about eighty-seven pounds. Her hair is brown and her eyes are blue. She likes chicken and her favorite color is red. She wants to be a teacher after she graduates. Guess who?

#### Boy

Do you know this bundle of energy and mischievousness from the seventh grade? Let's learn something about him. He is at the ripe old age of twelve. He has attractive, black curly hair and brown eyes. His favorite food is turkey. He takes an active part in sports and he especially likes football. He is four feet and eleven inches tall. His favorite song is "Love Me Tender." He wants to join the army after he graduates. Guess who?

### Alumni News Of The Class of 1941

Mitchell Lykins is teaching journalism at Clay High School and lives at Dille, West Virginia.

DeForrest McMillion is now married to Noralee Young who was a member of the same class. He works in the electric shop at Widen. They have two boys and a girl. They live at Dille, W. Va.

Harlan Nettles is married to Wilma Jean Dobbins and works at Widen. He has a girl who is now in the 8th grade at Widen.

Kathryn Butcher is married to Buster Phillips and has one daughter. They live in California.

Betty Jo Williams is married to Norval Woods. They have two boys and three girls, and live in Widen.

Doris Carte lives on Keneer's Ridge. She is married to George Beam and has two boys and one girl.

Farrell Henderson is married to Goldie Eagle. He works in Widen. They have two girls.

Beulah Lewis is married to Eugene Cook and lives at Birch. They have three boys.

Irene Gibson is married now and lives in Florida. She has one girl. David Morris, his wife, Cleo, and his son live at South Charleston.

Frank Potasmik works in the Widen mines and is married to Coralee Frame. He has two girls.

Verelline Davis married to Orville Coffman. They have three children, and live in Richwood.

### P.T.A. Holds Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Widen P.T.A. was held in room 16 of Widen High School on November 19, 1956. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Ronald Brown. Mr. Reynolds led the group in prayer. The treasurer, Mrs. Conner, reported a balance of \$283.67 and a membership of 78.

After the business meeting Mrs. Lucille Butcher spoke on mental health and what Clay County is doing about it's problems. Those present saw two movies, "Mental Health" and "America The Beautiful."

Miss Bailes and Mr. Reynolds of the 12th grade won the parents' count. Refreshments were served in the home economics room by the "Home Room Mothers."

The December meeting was held in the YMCA Auditorium, Wednesday the 20th, at which time the grade school presented it's annual Christmas program.

### Class News

By Lois Sigman

The juniors sponsored a bake sale, Saturday December 4, at the Y.M.C.A. The busy workers started at 8 o'clock. They earned \$32.00 for the junior class. Miss Woods supervised it.

At the first meeting in December the sophomore class drew names to exchange gifts for Christmas. November 27, 1956, the class had a skating party at the Birch Skating Rink, from 7:00 to 9:00. Then the group drove to Birch for sandwiches and cakes. Everyone skated and those who had never skated before had plenty of expert advice.

### Big Otter PAX Students named



Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students. Students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the September 2022 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!

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# Annual Open Enrollment for health insurance begins

## New rules have greatly expanded who can qualify

The Affordable Care Act's annual Open Enrollment period is here, and new rules have made the program stronger than ever. Last year, a record number of people enrolled in healthcare coverage through the Marketplace. In West Virginia, more than 9 in 10 people that got their insurance on the Marketplace were eligible for a monthly subsidy that helps them pay for the plan they selected. New rules for this year's Open Enrollment have strengthened the program even more so that thousands of families in WV will likely qualify to get coverage as well. Open Enrollment began on November 1, 2022 and will run until January 15, 2023.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a record amount of grant funding to organizations that provide free help to consumers requiring health coverage enrollment assistance.

In West Virginia, First Choice Services was awarded \$1,050,000 to continue and expand their WV Navigator program. The program provides free assistance to people finding and selecting health care options through the Marketplace, Medicaid and CHIP. They can assist with enrollment applications and help consumers apply for financial assistance through HealthCare.gov. WV Navigator can assist people over the phone or in their offices in Charleston, Martinsburg, Fairmont, and Huntington. In addition, enrollment events will be held in around the state so that people can walk in and receive assistance without an appointment.

"Most people will be able to qualify for substantially lower costs this year if they get their insurance on the Marketplace," said Jeremy Smith, program director for WV Navigator. "We are really urging people to look at the new

plans and prices that are being released this year. In a lot of cases, the plans are more affordable than we have ever seen. Even if you have looked into insurance on the Marketplace in past years and were not very happy, you should definitely look into it again this year." Smith says getting help signing up is important, as many people are overwhelmed by the options or may not realize how to shop for affordable health coverage.

Consumers who come back to the Health Insurance Marketplace this year can expect to see some very important updates and expansions. New rules will expand eligibility to those that had previously been blocked from getting the coverage because they had an unaffordable offer of insurance through an employer. This fix to the "Family Glitch" will expand eligibility to thousands of families. Additionally, the signing of the Inflation Reduction

Act secured enhanced subsidies and locked in lower prices for Marketplace plans for three more years. It also kept in place that higher income earners can continue to enroll in subsidized coverage as well.

It is important that West Virginians pay attention to Open Enrollment deadlines. For January 1 coverage, sign up must be completed by December 15. Open Enrollment will completely end on January 15. People who already have a plan and need to re-enroll are encouraged to double-check the network and prescription drug coverage for any changes, and to update their information in case they qualify for any additional cost-savings. For free assistance the WV Navigator program is available by calling 304-356-5834 or visiting [www.ACANavigator.com](http://www.ACANavigator.com).

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# Gov. Justice announces over \$1.2M in Justice Assistance Grant awards

Gov. Jim Justice announced last week that he has awarded \$1,204,534 in Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funds to thirty-nine (39) projects statewide. These funds will be used to assist state agencies, local units of government, and private non-profit agencies in carrying out specific programs that offer a high probability of improving the functioning of the criminal justice system.

Special emphasis was placed on multi-jurisdictional projects and state-wide projects that seek to create and/or retain jobs in the criminal justice system in West Virginia.

"These grant funds will open up more possibilities for the incredible men and women working in our justice system," Gov. Justice said. "I'm incredibly proud to award this funding. I've always said we always need to do everything in our power to help make our criminal justice system better and better, and that's exactly what this funding does."

These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and are administered by the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services (DAS).

**Area projects include:**  
**Clay County Commission - \$25,000.** These funds will provide one or more uniformed officers to act as a mentor,

role model, and advocate for students at Clay County schools. The officer(s) will provide course instruction on topics such as drug and alcohol awareness, social skills, and conflict resolution.

**Statewide projects include:**  
**West Virginia State Police - \$219,284** These funds will provide for officer salaries to continue a statewide multi-jurisdictional drug and violent crime task force.

**Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia - \$45,000** These funds will be utilized to support the WVS-CA/WVDCR Collaborative Video Conferencing Project.

## LEGALS

**Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees**  
Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

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

Publication Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022  
Claim Deadline: Monday, January 2, 2023

- APPOINTMENT DATE 09/29/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **KATHRYN WANDA BOGGS**  
EXECUTOR **WILLIAM BRIAN BOGGS**  
3010 BIG OTTER HIGHWAY  
IVYDALE WV 25113-8216
- APPOINTMENT DATE 10/07/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **DOROTHY FACEMYERS**  
CO ADMINISTRATOR **MARY BOGGS**  
PO BOX 57  
INDORE WV 25111
- CO ADMINISTRATOR **MARGARET RAMSEY**  
803 FOLA RD  
BICKMORE WV 25019
- APPOINTMENT DATE 05/09/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **DARLENE F JACKSON**  
ADMINISTRATRIX **MAMIE COTTRELL**  
8471 COST AVE  
STONEWOOD WV 26301
- APPOINTMENT DATE 07/05/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **RICHARD EARL KINDER**  
EXECUTRIX **CONNIE LOU KINDER**  
7908 ELK RIVER ROAD  
PROCIOUS WV 25164
- APPOINTMENT DATE 04/18/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **NELLIE SUE MITCHELL**  
ADMINISTRATOR **WILLIAM C MITCHELL**  
1999 BOMONT RD  
BOMONT WV 25030
- APPOINTMENT DATE 06/21/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **ANITA HELEN EXLINE PROCTOR**  
ADMINISTRATOR **DAVID GLENN PROCTOR**  
708 S. ARLINGTON MILL DR, UNIT 103  
ARLINGTON VA 22204
- APPOINTMENT DATE 07/18/2022
- ESTATE NAME: **MARY LOU SUMMERS**  
ADMINISTRATOR **LORENZA K SUMMERS JR**  
1979 SUMMERS FORK OF SANDY RD  
WALLBACK WV 25285

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 10/28/2022  
Connie Workman  
County Clerk  
Clay County  
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Clay WV 25043-0190

## LEGALS

**NOTICE**  
THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR **SUBSTITUTE BUS OPERATORS, SUBSTITUTE COOKS, AND SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**

Applications are now being accepted for Substitute Bus Operators, Substitute Cooks, and Substitute Custodians and may be picked up at the Board of Education Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Mr. Jared Fitzwater at (304) 587-4266.

Position: Substitute Bus Operator  
Substitute Cook  
Substitute Custodian

Qualifications: All applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Selected applicants must successfully complete state required training

Terms of Employment: As needed  
Compensation: State Basic Salary  
Application Due Date: September 23, 2020 - October 23, 2020  
The Clay County School System is an equal opportunity employer. Employment opportunities are offered without discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability and retaliation.

## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING RATES, FEES AND CHARGES OF THE MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clay has received a favorable financial package recommendation consisting entirely of grant funding from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council for a project ("Project") to upgrade the Town's wastewater treatment plant and lift stations

WHEREAS, the Town needs to undertake the Project in order to adequately serve residents and businesses in compliance with regulatory standards;

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2022, the Town Council adopted a sewer rate increase ordinance ("August Ordinance") to bring the Town's sewer operations into compliance with financial obligations in the Town's existing bonds and state law;

WHEREAS, at the time of adoption of the August Ordinance it was believed that no further rate increase would be needed in order to implement the Project;

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2022, the Town filed an application to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia ("PSC") for a certificate of convenience and necessity for the Project;

WHEREAS, in the course of responding to a data request from the Staff of the PSC it was determined that the rates in the August Ordinance would not generate sufficient revenue to meet increased operating expenses upon completion of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Town Sanitary Board's accountant has prepared a wastewater rate increase proposal to enable the Town to meet the cost of operating the Town's sanitary sewer system upon substantial completion of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Board accountant's recommended rates would result in a charge to Clay residential customers using 3,400 gallons per month of \$68.71, which is less than the charges of 11 other sewer utilities in West Virginia for that volume;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLAY will hold a public hearing at its November 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Special City Council Meeting to be held at Clay Town Hall, 956 Main St., Clay, WV prior to considering the wastewater rate increase ordinance ("Ordinance") on second reading for final adoption. The Council will receive public comments on the Ordinance at the public hearing. Copies of the Ordinance are available at Clay Town Hall. The Ordinance, if adopted, will establish the following rates, fees and charges:

**EFFECTIVE UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND LIFT STATIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**APPLICABILITY**  
Applicable within the entire territory served

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE**  
Available for residential, commercial, governmental and industrial and wastewater service.

**RATES** (Customers with metered wastewater supply)  
First 2,000 gallons used per month **\$20.21** per 1,000 gallons  
All over 2,000 gallons used per month **\$20.21** per 1,000 gallons

**MINIMUM CHARGE**  
No bill will be rendered for less than **\$40.42** per month

**FLAT-RATE CHARGE** (Customers with non-metered water supply)  
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of **\$54.57** per month. (Equivalent to 2,700 gallons of water usage).

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY**  
The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**  
A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the Town or a maximum of **\$25.00** will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

**WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**  
Water service will not be restored until all past due wastewater bills have been paid in full. There shall be a **\$25.00** reconnection charge paid prior to restoration of water service which has been previously disconnected for any reason.

In the event that Town staff or agents collect money at the customer's residence in order to stop disconnection, an administrative fee of **\$25.00** shall be paid in addition to other charges to prevent disconnection.

**CONNECTION CHARGE**  
**\$325.00**

**SECURITY DEPOSITS**  
All new applicants for residential or other wastewater service shall make a deposit of (i) a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), or (ii) one-twelfths (2/12) of the annual estimated charge for wastewater service, whichever is greater. The Town shall not be bound to supply wastewater until this condition is fulfilled. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates and charges which were delinquent at the time of disconnection or termination of service, no reconnection or reinstatement of service may be made by the Town until another deposit, as described above, has been remitted to the Town. A refundable security deposit will be refunded with interest (at a rate provided annually by the Public Service Commission) after 12 consecutive months of on time payments.

**LEAK ADJUSTMENT**  
**\$3.50** per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

**EFT, ACH, CREDIT CARD AND DROP BOX PAYMENTS**  
A service charge will be imposed on EFT, ACH, Credit card or Drop Box payments. The amount shall be equal to the actual charges to the Utility from the financial institution for processing payment.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Assessors Office to be closed for system updates on November 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2022.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Full-Time Nutritionist I/Dietitian/RN: The Central WV WIC Program is hiring a Nutritionist I/Nurse I who will be based in the Greenbrier County office. This individual will be responsible for certifying and counseling WIC clients along with providing individual and group nutrition education to caregivers and other community organizations. Travel is required.

Qualifications: Graduation from a four-year college or university with a health-related degree including 12 hours of nutrition courses. Individual can also be a Registered Nurse. apply online at <http://www.personnel.wv.gov> for the Nutritionist I position. If you have questions about the position, or trouble with the application, you may email: [Canada.R.Fowler@wv.gov](mailto:Canada.R.Fowler@wv.gov) EOE

## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 1 p.m., pursuant to Section 46-9-504 of the West Virginia Uniform Commercial Code, Clay County Bank will sell at public sale, the following:  
 2008 GMC Sierra SLE XCAB 4x4 ..... Serial No. 2GTEK19J681132441  
 2005 Chevrolet Suburban ..... Serial No. 1GNFK16ZX5J125600  
 2007 Honda TRX450ER7 ATV ..... Serial No. JH2TE327X7K003536  
 The sale of the above described vehicles will be made without warranty. The vehicles to be sold may be inspected at Cunningham Motors, 10560 Ivydale Road, Ivydale, WV 25113. Terms of the sale will be cash at time of sale. Clay County Bank reserves the right to bid.

Clay County Bank  
 By: J. Gregory Gency, President/CEO

## LEGALS

### AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF CLAY DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, JULY 1, 2024, JULY 1, 2025, JULY 1, 2026, AND JULY 1, 2027

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COUNTY OF CLAY:  
 The Board of Education of the County of Clay, finding that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the West Virginia Code, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the current expenses of the Board of Education of the County of Clay, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, and that an election should be held to approve levies as provided for under the provision of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code, as last amended, it is hereby ordered:

- (1) That the purposes for which funds he needed are to maintain and improve the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Clay County including, but not limited to:
  - A. School Safety and Building Maintenance - including innovative safety measures and security upgrades to all school facilities to better ensure the safety of all students, remodeling and construction, fix, maintain and upgrade building systems and equipment such as roofs, heating and cooling, electrical, air quality, and other building systems and equipment \$ 159,471
  - B. Textbooks, School Supplies, & Equipment - including library books, workbooks, pencils, paper, and other materials and equipment needed within the classroom and student devices, including the repair and maintenance of classroom technology and student devices \$ 148,840
  - C. Utilities - including gas, water, electricity, garbage collection, and exterminating for all facilities \$ 127,578
  - D. Transportation and Extra-Curricular Activities - including curricular and extra-curricular buses, county library, 4-H, performing arts, transporting students to job sites, and any other PreK-12 school-sponsored activities and competitions \$ 79,736
  - E. College Tuition - including tuition for Clay County High School students enrolled in dual credit and dual enrollment coursework \$ 15,948
- (2) The approximate amount considered necessary for said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years is the sum of \$531,573 annually.
- (3) The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes is \$ 2,657,865.
- (4) That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within its jurisdiction is as follows:
 

Class I	\$ -----
Class II	93,218,057
Class III	167,020,594
Class IV	10,844,984
Aggregate	\$ 271,083,635
- (5) That the proposed maximum rate of levy in cents on each class of property per \$100 valuation within the Clay County School district shall remain as follows:
 

Class I	6.50 cents
Class II	13.00 cents
Class III	26.00 cents
Class IV	26.00 cents
- (6) That the years to which the proposed continuation shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027.
- (7) That no issuance of bonds is proposed in connection with this levy.
- (8) That the Board of Education of the County of Clay is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations to enrich, supplement, and improve the educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Clay. In the event that the amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the aforementioned purposes, the Board of Education expenditures may be reduced in any particular category or categories, as may be required.
- (9) In the event the Board of Education of the County of Clay shall obtain additional money, by grant or otherwise, from the state or federal government or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as said Board of Education of the County of Clay may from time to time determine.
- (10) That should any item in the aforementioned purposes be unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, affected funds will be distributed among remaining unaffected items.
- (11) That the Board of Education of the County of Clay may, if the Board deems it to be in its best interests, reduce these said rates in any given year or years during the term of this levy after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next ensuing taxable year.
- (12) That the question of such tax levies shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on November 8, 2022.
- (13) That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order once each week for two successive weeks before said election in the Clay County Free Press, a newspaper of general circulation in the Clay County School District. All the provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, with the exception of the provisions contained in Section 17, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code, as last amended.
- (14) That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in form as follows:

### OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVIES CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION November 8, 2022

A special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027, according to an order approved by the Clay County Board of Education, State of West Virginia, on August 8, 2022, for the purposes and in the approximate annual amounts, as follows:

- A. School Safety and Building Maintenance - including innovative safety measures and security upgrades to all school facilities to better ensure the safety of all students, remodeling and construction, fix, maintain and upgrade building systems and equipment such as roofs, heating and cooling, electrical, air quality, and other building systems and equipment \$ 159,471
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FOR THE LEVY

AGAINST THE LEVY


Given under my hand this 8th day of August, 2022.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF CLAY

Attest:  
  
 Joe Smith, Secretary

By:   
 Duane Nichol, President

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## LEGALS

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-0819-S-CN  
 TOWN OF CLAY,  
 Application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to Undertake a project to upgrade and repair its wastewater Treatment system.

### AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING

On August 31, 2022, the Town of Clay, West Virginia, acting by and through its Municipal Water Works and Sanitation Board (Board), filed an application, duly verified, for a certificate of convenience and necessity to undertake a project to upgrade and repair its wastewater treatment system (Project). The improvements associated with the Project include a replacement of a manually cleaned coarse bar screen with a mechanically cleaned coarse bar screen, conversion of two aeration basins to an intermittent cycle extended aeration system sequencing batch reactor unit, replacement of diffusers for the aerated sludge basin, installation of sludge dewatering, roll back, covered dumpsters specifically designed to dewater sewer solids, reconfiguration of the RAS pump flows, and upgrades to 5 existing pump stations. The application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia, at Clay Town Hall, 956 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia 25043 and online.

The Board will fund the Project with a \$5,000,000 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant and a \$925,000 grant from the West Virginia Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council. Additionally, the Project will be financed by a \$545,000 West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Design Debt Forgiveness Loan and a \$621,500 DEP CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan. The rates charged by the Board will not be affected by the Project.

The Town Council of Clay will be considering a sewer rate increase ordinance. The first reading occurred at the Town Council Meeting on November 1, 2022. The second reading, public hearing, and vote on final adoption will occur at the Town Council Meeting on November 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The Sewer rate increase ordinance would increase rates 25% across-the-board to go into effect upon substantial completion of the Project. The resulting rates would be the following:

- APPLICABILITY  
 Applicable within the entire territory served
- AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE  
 Available for residential, commercial, governmental and industrial and wastewater service.
- RATES (Customers with metered wastewater supply)  
 First 2,000 gallons used per month \$20.21 per 1,000 gallons  
 All over 2,000 gallons used per month \$20.21 per 1,000 gallons
- MINIMUM CHARGE  
 No bill will be rendered for less than \$40.42 per month
- FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)  
 Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$54.57 per month.  
 (Equivalent to 2,700 gallons of water usage)

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY  
 The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE  
 A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the Town or a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES  
 Water service will not be restored until all past due wastewater bills have been paid in full. There shall be a \$25.00 reconnection charge paid prior to restoration of water service which has been previously disconnected for any reason. In the event that Town staff or agents collect money at the customer's residence in order to stop disconnection, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be paid in addition to other charges to prevent disconnection.

CONNECTION CHARGE  
**\$325.00**

SECURITY DEPOSITS  
 All new applicants for residential or other wastewater service shall make a deposit of (i) a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), or (ii) two-twelfths (2/12) of the annual estimated charge for wastewater service, whichever is greater. The Town shall not be bound to supply wastewater until this condition is fulfilled. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates and charges which were delinquent at the time of disconnection or termination of service, no reconnection or reinstatement of service may be made by the Town until another deposit, as described above, has been remitted to the Town. A refundable security deposit will be refunded with interest (at a rate provided annually by the Public Service Commission) after 12 consecutive months of on time payments.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT  
**\$3.50** per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

EFT, ACH, CREDIT CARD AND DROP BOX PAYMENTS  
 A service charge will be imposed on EFT, ACH, Credit card or Drop Box payments. The amount shall be equal to the actual charges to the Utility from the financial institution for processing payment. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within 30 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your right to protest aspects of this certificate case, including any associated rate increases, or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All protests and interventions should be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. The Commission also accepts comments online. In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty days of this publication, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the application based on the evidence submitted with said application and its review thereof.

TOWN OF CLAY

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**Nov. 2, 1859:** John Brown was tried for murder, treason, and insurrection in the Jefferson County courthouse at Charles Town. Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise.

**Nov. 2, 1952:** Tri-State Airport in Wayne County was dedicated, with the first official landing made at 11 a.m. by Piedmont Airlines.



**Nov. 2, 1996:** Baseball player Toni Stone died. Born in Bluefield, she joined the Negro Major League in 1953, becoming the first woman to play professional baseball.

**Nov. 3, 1947:** Kanawha Airport (now Yeager International Airport) was dedicated. World War I ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker was among the dignitaries present.



**Nov. 4-5, 1985:** Heavy rains led to devastating floods in parts of West Virginia. Forty-seven people were killed, and several towns were severely damaged.



**Nov. 5, 1891:** Alfred Earle "Greasy" Neale was born in Parkersburg. He was one of West Virginia's greatest all-around athletes.

**Nov. 5, 1922:** Cecil Underwood was born at Josephs Mills in Tyler County. Underwood,



West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, served as the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.

**Nov. 6, 1863:** Confederate troops led by Brig. Gen. John Echols were defeated at Droop Mountain by a larger federal force led by Brig. Gen. William W. Averell. This was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

**Nov. 6, 1923:** A methane gas explosion killed 27 men inside the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County. The mine, which opened in 1921, became one of the state's largest. A total of 160 fatalities over a 31-year period occurred at the mine before it was closed.

**Nov. 7, 1775:** The historic Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church was organized about six miles north of Morgantown. It

is the oldest church with continuous records west of the Alleghenies in West Virginia.

**Nov. 8, 1936:** "It's Wheeling Steel," a half-hour musical variety radio program, debuted over WWVA in Wheeling, West Virginia. The program was an instant success with local audiences and later became a nationwide sensation.

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## LEGALS

### LOCAL NOTICE AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ANTENNA STRUCTURES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Clay County Commission is providing notice of its intent to construct and operate a telecommunication tower pursuant to Federal Communication Commission's Programmatic Agreement for telecommunication towers. The tower called **Pisgah Ridge 911** will be off Pisgah Ridge Road near Clay WV (38-27-01. IN and 81-04-37.7W). The height of the self-support tower will be up to 107 meters (including a lightning rod) above ground level (541 meters). The tower is anticipated to have FAA Style E (L-864/L-865/L-810 / E-1) - Medium Intensity Dual Lighting. Specific information regarding the project is available by emailing [David.a.schoolcraft@gmail.com](mailto:David.a.schoolcraft@gmail.com) during normal business hours. Interested persons may review the application for this project at [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A1226130. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest), but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams; 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

## LEGALS

### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until November 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

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

\*These are projects on which any contractor with a Category "W" Prequalification Rating may be eligible to bid. The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

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

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## LEGALS

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CLAY COUNTY, WV	GENERAL ELECTION	NOVEMBER 8, 2022
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b>		
1. To vote you must darken the oval ( ) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		
<b>NATIONAL TICKET</b>		
<b>FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)</b>		
<input type="radio"/> CAROL MILLER Huntington REP Cabell Co.		
<input type="radio"/> MR. LACY WATSON Bluefield DEM Mercer Co.		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		
<input type="radio"/> BELINDA FOX-SPENCER Parkersburg IND Boone Co.		
Write-in, if Any		
<b>STATE TICKET</b>		
<b>FOR STATE SENATOR 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)</b>		
<input type="radio"/> MARK HUNT Charleston REP Kanawha Co.		
<input type="radio"/> RICHARD LINDSAY Charleston DEM Kanawha Co.		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		
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Write-in, if Any		
<b>FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 62ND DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)</b>		
<input type="radio"/> ROGER HANSHAW Walbridge REP City Co.		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM		
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<input type="radio"/> LAURA MCGINNIS Nebbs ACT Clay Co.		
Write-in, if Any		
<b>BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</b>		
<b>Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment</b>		
Summary of Purpose: Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.		
Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".		
<input type="radio"/> FOR		
<input type="radio"/> AGAINST		
<b>VOTE BOTH SIDES</b>		

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CLAY COUNTY, WV	GENERAL ELECTION	NOVEMBER 8, 2022
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Instructions to voters: Those favoring renewal of the levy, fill in the oval next to "FOR THE LEVY". Those against the renewal of the levy, fill in the oval next to "AGAINST THE LEVY".		
<input type="radio"/> FOR THE LEVY		
<input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE LEVY		
<b>VOTE BOTH SIDES</b>		

State of West Virginia;  
County of Clay, to-wit:  
I, Connie Workman, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Chairman of the Ballot Commission for said county do hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the Sample ballot to be voted during the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Given under my hand and official seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2022.  
Connie Workman, Clerk of the Clay County Commission and Ex-Officio Chairman of the Ballot Commission.

# SPORTS



All Conference L-R Bryson Peters, Brody Scarbro and Seth Robinson

## The 2022 season ends for the Mustang football team

By Allen Hamrick

The Mustangs finished up their 2022 football season Thursday evening at the CWVAC Championship game against the Hawks of South Harrison. After a great season with just one loss, the Mustangs took a right cross to the chin, thereby ending the dream season. It was a game of squib kicks and defense for South Harrison as they gave no chance for the Mustangs to operate on offense. Each squib kick gave the ball back to South Harrison as the Mustangs just couldn't seem to get to the ball and get their hands on it. Each kick resulted in a TD for South Harrison, and the Mustangs had a tough time stopping the run. After the shellacking they gave Ravenswood in the play-off game, it looked as though the Mustangs had a good momentum going into this game with South Harrison. It wasn't to be, however, as the same magic they had in regular season was gone in this game; the rabbit

just didn't show up. The boys played hard, but the team seemed to take two steps back for every one gained, and it's tough to win at that pace.

On that note, the team had a great regular season and it boils down to sometimes you win sometime you lose – it's just that simple. All season the team has given our money's worth to be there, from great runs to passing to defense they have been a team worth watching. They will send some of their best players to the Panther team next season which will help their lineup for another four years. The Mustangs were in the hunt every game, and have tasted the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat; it's what a team does. Congratulations to the team and their coaches, you did a great job this year. Getting the All-Conference awards were Brody Scarbro, Bryson Peters and Seth Robinson. Congratulations to these players and to the team; it's been a fun season.

## Summers County was no match for the Panthers (cont. from page 1)



Gene Sams gets the no gain tackle.

knocked the defense of the Bobcats out the window by scoring another six points. The score stood at 20-13 for a while until the Bobcats added yet another TD to their numbers but again failed the extra point attempt, making the score 20-19. That was it for the Bobcats as they played their last set of kings on a full house hand while the Panther defense played a royal flush, and down the tubes went the Bobcat offense. The Panthers, however, had one more score in them as a good catch from Jacoby Nichols got them within potato throwing distance of the end zone.

When it was over, the Panthers defeated the Bobcats by the score of 28-

19. It was a good win going into the final game with the Eagles of Braxton next week. The Panthers, at 7-1, will be headed for the playoffs which will be announced later. The Panthers show no signs of letting up and are back to full strength. It was an awesome game for the Panthers and will give them momentum going into next week's game with the Eagles. Offensively, Noah Collins hit 15-21 for 257 yards with two TDs and one interception. On rushing, it was Matteo McKinney who rushed 13 times for 76 yards. Ayden Brown caught three passes for 76 yards and earned a player of the game recognition.



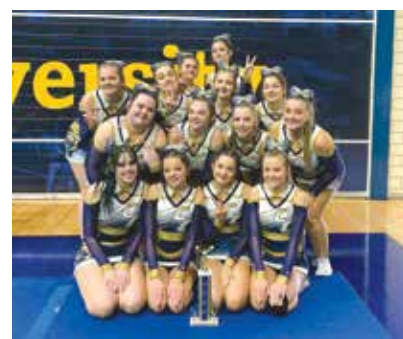
Salty Morton gains a behind the scrimmage tackle.



BJ Williams finds room around the end.

Another player of the game, Zane Minger, was the bad butt on defense with 14 solo tackles, followed closely by one of the "baddest" linemen in the state, Salty Morton, who had nine tackles and three more for a loss. The Panthers are set to go places this year; they are a good team that can hold their own with anybody. Congratulations to the CCHS Panthers on a great win - let's keep the wins coming.

## Lady Panthers compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Battle on the Mountain Top" Cheer Competition at Alderson-Broaddus University



The Lady Panther cheerleading crew. Photo Trey Corwell

By Allen Hamrick

The Clay High School cheerleaders competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Battle on the Mountain Top" Cheer Competition at Alderson-Broaddus University. The girls came out swinging and proving they are tough to beat.

Anyone who doesn't think that cheerleading is tough hasn't been to a competition. The girls were up against some tough competition in the event but it would be a good primer for the regional tournament on November 5.

Fans watched as hamstrings were being stretched to their limits with high flying kicks. Don't think a cheerleader is tough? Try spinning 360 degrees, flipping upside down, hitting a very hard gym floor with different parts of your body, bouncing up, and flipping your hair with a little attitude all with a smile on your face. Follow that up by muscling a girl high in the air on a stunt, catching her after sending her airborne without dropping her on the floor and never losing your composure. Do all this

for five minutes to some wild rock tunes loud enough to readjust your hairline and then tell me these girls don't have guts. It was great competition, the CCHS cheerleaders were runner up; this year but will be back next season ready to take the trophy. Congratulations to the Lady Panther cheerleaders.



Lady Panther cheerleaders were almost flawless. Photo Trey Corwell



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