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WVBOE approves Clay County Special Circumstance Report; Removes Lincoln County State of Emergency

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) addressed Special Circumstance Reviews in two counties during its January meeting in Charleston at their latest meeting. The state of emergency for Lincoln County Schools was lifted, and the county was granted full approval status. Additionally, the WVBE approved a Special Circumstance Review report for Clay County Schools, the result of an investigation late last year.

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) initiated the review of Lincoln County in March 2020 citing several areas of non-compliance. The WVBE declared a state of emergency in the county in November 2020 to provide additional supports to address persistent deficiencies.

After extensive involvement, the WVDE Office of Support and Accountability found, while work remains, corrective practices and procedures have been implemented in the county office and with the Lincoln County Board of

Education.

“We are returning the keys to Lincoln County and allowing them to drive the car and govern county operations independently,” said WVBE President L. Paul Hardesty. “However, I caution the County Board of Education to not resort back to the practices that caused State Board action because we will step in again if needed.”

The WVDE initiated a Special Circumstance Review of Clay County Schools at the request of the State Superintendent of Schools David L. Roach. The Office of Support and Accountability conducted the review beginning Nov. 30, 2022, to investigate Clay County Board of Education actions, complaints submitted to WVDE, and student performance as indicated by the West Virginia Balanced Scorecard.

The review outlines nine findings and three non-compliances in the areas of Central Office and Local Board Leadership; Principal Leadership; School Im-

provement Processes and Instruction; Financial Indicator and Purchasing Procedures; and Operation of Federal Programs.

“Clay County has been exceptional in the past, and I believe with the support of our team it will rise again,” said WVBE Member Debra Sullivan. “This area has suffered from the loss of jobs, increased poverty, and other challenges. Student achievement and the college-going rate have dropped precipitously, but I believe the county is committed to turning things around, and we can assist them to overcome the areas identified in the report.”

“The Special Circumstance Review is an important tool in our effort to ensure student achievement and well-being remains the focus of county school systems that operate efficiently, transparently, and within state and federal guidelines,” said Superinten-

dent David L. Roach. “We do not take this process lightly because we know student success is affected when counties are not operating at optimal levels. There is a lot of hard work involved, and the results benefit the students, families, educators and employees of the county ensuring better outcomes for all involved.”

Special Circumstance Review reports are available on the WVDE’s Office of Support and Accountability webpage.

The next regularly scheduled WVBE meeting is 9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8 in Building 6, Room 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

Gov. Justice announces petition for the designation of Boone, Clay, Hampshire, Monroe, and Preston Counties as HUBZones

Gov. Justice announced that he has petitioned for Boone, Clay, Hampshire, Monroe, and Preston Counties to be Governor-designated HUBZones.

The Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program gives participating small businesses access to exclusive federal contracting opportunities and preferential price evaluations when bidding on at-large federal contracts. West Virginia is one of the first ten states to petition for expanding access to this program through Governor-designated HUBZones.

“I am so happy to announce that I have spearheaded this petition,” Gov. Justice said. “Our great state’s small businesses deserve a fighting chance to show the nation the competitive advantage of West Virginia. We remain ready and able to compete for federal contracting oppor-

tunities and help revitalize our rural communities through continued hard work and dedication.”

If approved, small businesses would now have access to markets where they were previously excluded or where they suffered a competitive disadvantage. Gov. Justice’s designations are in addition to existing WV HUBZones where businesses are already bringing federal dollars into the state.

Three percent of all federal contracts are to be funded through this program. In 2020, West Virginia small businesses contracted for \$48 million worth of goods and services. In 2022, WV small businesses contracted for an estimated \$99.7 million.

“The Governor’s decision to seek HUBZone designation for five additional West Virginia counties is further evidence of the State’s com-

mitment to its small business community,” WV Department of Commerce Secretary James Bailey said. “The HUBZone program presents a great opportunity for businesses to not only increase revenue and diversify income streams but to also continue driving economic growth and job creation locally.”

“This petition demonstrates support from state and local leaders, economic development groups, and interested businesses – all of which shows our commitment to assisting and catalyzing our more rural communities,” said Mitch Carmichael, WV Department of Economic Development Secretary. “We are excited for this opportunity and think that this access to federal dollars would be incredibly beneficial to the continued economic growth of the Mountain State.”

WV Legislative Interims: 2022 flood appeals package soon headed to FEMA

By Autumn Shelton, WV Press Association

Just days before the start of West Virginia’s regular legislative session, members of the Interim Joint Committee on Flooding met to hear updates on various flood mitigation and recovery projects throughout the state.

G.E. McCabe, director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, was the first to speak before the committee.

He said that an appeals package will soon be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) following their denial of public assistance flood relief to certain counties. These denials came after a series of heavy rain events caused significant damage between July 12 to Aug. 15, 2022.

He explained that FEMA classified those storm events as four separate disasters. This prevented certain counties from receiving relief because they didn’t meet specific state and county monetary damage thresholds.

After an October review, McCabe stated the state threshold is now over \$3.1 million in damages while each county threshold varies depending on population.

The event from July 26-Aug. 1, which impacted Fayette, Mingo,

McDowell, and Wyoming counties was denied, as was the Aug. 10 storm event which impacted Doddridge and Jackson counties, he said. For the Aug. 15 event, which impacted Fayette and Kanawha counties, only Fayette County met both the state and county monetary thresholds for public assistance.

He said they are working with FEMA and the National Weather Service to classify those events into one single disaster.

He concluded that WV Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the state Department of Highways and others are continuing to assist those who need flood recovery while the state follows the appeals process.

West Virginia State Resiliency Officer Bob Martin spoke next.

Martin said that through the recent congressional passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, the city of Milton (Cabell County) flood risk management project may be moving forward.

The act increased the federal share of project costs from 65% to 90%, he noted, but it is a roughly 4,000 page document they are “still trying to weed through.”

Additionally, Martin said that after 18 years, the statewide Flood Protection Plan has been updated. It

will be submitted to legislators the first week of their session.

Martin also stated that a study to find ways of alleviating flooding throughout the 97-mile Kanawha River basin is ongoing.

“It’s a three year study, and it

FEMA cont. on page 3

Panthers compete in the Winners Choice tournament



L-R Zane Minger, Noah Casto and Ethan Morris. Photo Michelle Casto

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It’s so Fine to be a Lion!



Fifth grader Jocelyn Nichols is shown with the Clay County Schools Attendance Trophy which she helped Lizemore School win.

Jocelyn Nichols, a fifth-grade student at Lizemore School was perfect last year. Jocelyn is also perfect this year. Perfect – as in perfect attendance.

Jocelyn is also one reason why Lizemore School won the coveted Clay County Schools attendance trophy last school year with an overall attendance rate exceeding 94%. The trophy, given annually, is presented at opening ceremonies in August of each new school year.

Principal Britni Ramsey explained that students like Jocelyn are the reason Lizemore prevailed in the attendance race. “It’s been a tough year so far with the flu and other respiratory illnesses, but Jocelyn and dozens of other students with perfect or near-perfect attendance are keeping us in the running for a repeat first-place performance.”

Like all Clay County schools, Lizemore uses a variety of incentives to encourage students to pursue faithful attendance. Each teacher plans for weekly and monthly incentives that might include ‘treasure box’ prizes, popsicles or lunch with the teacher. Students with perfect attendance for the week are eligible to be randomly chosen to win a Hot Wheels car. Winners are announced every Monday. At the end of each grading period the 45 winners race their cars in heats on a six-lane racetrack. The final heats are run before the entire student body, where the winner walks away with a trophy.

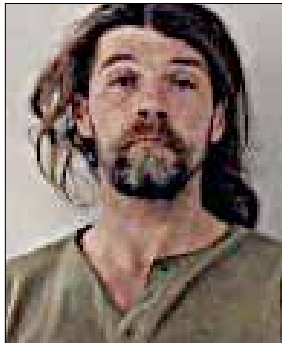
As for Jocelyn, she credits her grandparents for her accomplishments. “My grandparents want me to come to school every day to learn, so I’m here every day.”

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CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

BRAXTON COUNTY



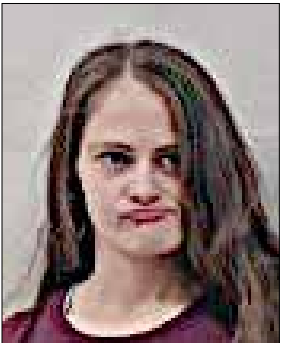
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Unlawful taking of vehicle



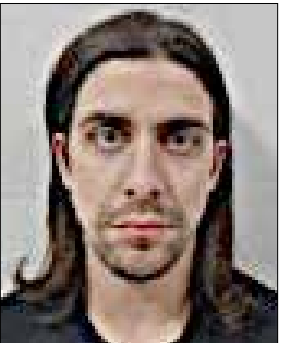
Paul Bernard George III
Booked 1/15/23
Possession of a controlled substance, felon in possession of a firearm



Haley Jeanine Gibson
Booked 1/15/23
Felon in possession of a firearm



Stephanie Dunbar Maze
Booked 1/9/23
Probation violation



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Booked 1/16/23
Grand larceny

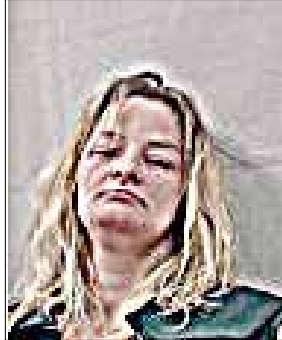


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Booked 1/14/23
Grand larceny

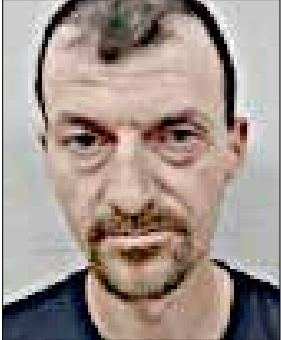
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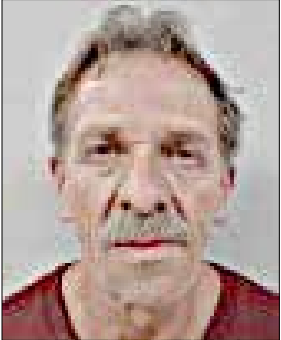
Nisa Maria Rose
Booked 1/12/23
No insurance, seat belt violation, defective equipment, driving suspended, no operators



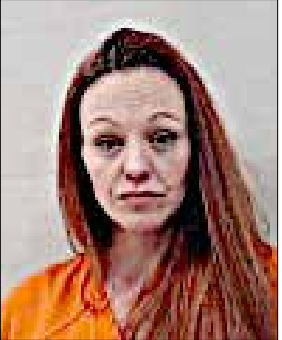
Heather Dawn Roush
Booked 1/13/23
Obstructing, trespassing asked to leave



Jeremiah James Armstead
Booked 1/10/23
DUI controlled substance, entering without breaking, expired MVI, expired registration, driving revoked for DUI third, no insurance



Wayne Eugene Barnett
Booked 1/15/23
Possession with intent



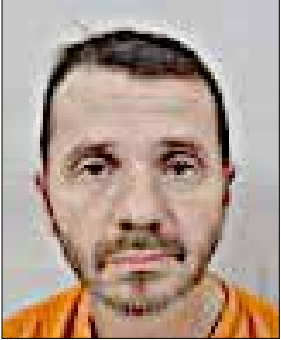
Christie May Griffith
Booked 1/12/23
Delivery of a controlled substance



Richard Lee Lafever
Booked 1/15/23
Capias

NICHOLAS COUNTY

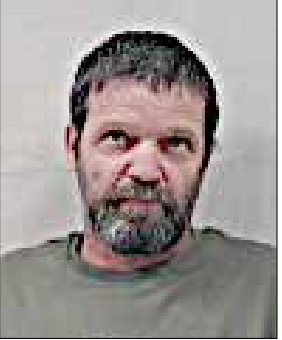
NICHOLAS COUNTY



James Allen Schoolcraft Jr.
Booked 1/10/23
Entering without breaking, permitting DUI



Rodney Layne Snodgrass Jr.
Booked 1/15/23
Capias



Lawrence Davis Stewart
Booked 1/14/23
Capias (family court)

Gov. Justice announces West Virginia Sexual Assault Services Program grant award recipient

Charleston, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced that he has awarded \$547,966.00 in West Virginia Sexual Assault Services Program grant funds to the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services. These funds will be used to provide and expand direct services to victims of sexual assault throughout the state.

The Sexual Assault Services Program was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 and provides grant dollars to states and territories to assist them in supporting

rape crisis centers that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. These funds are administered by the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services (DAS).

Funds were awarded to the following:

- West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information & Services
- \$547,966.00
- These funds will be utilized to identify, provide, and expand direct services to victims of sexual assault in the state. The sub-grantee

will provide monitoring and technical assistance to the eligible Sexual Assault Programs across West Virginia.

January is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

As part of National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health encourages women to schedule their Pap test or talk with their health care provider about being screened. WVBCCSP helps low-income, uninsured, or underinsured women receive free or low-cost Pap tests.

“No woman should die of cervical cancer,” said Charlene Hickman, Program Manager for WVBCCSP. “Pap tests can detect changes in the cervix before cancer develops, as well as detect cancer in its earliest stages when more treatment options are available. Cervical cancer is nearly 100% curable when found early.”

In addition to cervical cancer screening, knowing and understanding the various risk factors can reduce chances of developing cervical cancer. The most significant risk factor associated with cervical cancer is infection with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), which can be prevented by receiving the HPV vaccine. Other risk factors include smoking, infection

with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), giving birth to three or more children, using birth control for a long time (five or more years), or having multiple sexual partners.

WVBCCSP works with providers statewide to ensure women receive the services they need. An uninsured or underinsured woman with a family of four can have a total household income of \$69,372 and still be eligible for WVBCCSP services. To find out if you qualify, visit the WVBCCSP website or call 1-800-642-8522 for more information or to find a local provider.



Nisa Maria Rose
Booked 1/12/23
Possession with intent to deliver schedule III controlled substance, Possession with intent to deliver schedule IV controlled substance, Possession with intent to deliver schedule II controlled substance, Capias, failure to appear

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MEETING:

- Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley/Local Elected Officials
- Date: Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 - Time: 10 a.m.
- Place: St. Josephs Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg WV
- Contact Person: Robin Sterling 681-588-0415
- Comments: Agenda available upon request.

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. to 4 p.m.



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Body Aches and Tummy Grumbles

By Joseph J. Mazzella

It was early January and my stomach was grumbling at me. It had grown used to all the extra food I had been eating during the holidays and wasn't happy that I had gone back to my usual diet. "Hey!" it yelled. "Where is my extra serving of turkey? I want another glass of eggnog! How about some more Christmas cookies and peanut butter candy?"

While I tried to ignore the hunger pangs my back was complaining as well from all the extra work I had made it do over Christmas. The horrible arctic cold snap had caused our water meter to break so I had to haul water from my daughter's house for four days over the Christmas weekend. My back hadn't quite gotten over this and was still sore and achy. It made me miss those early teenage years when I could eat whatever I wanted and never gain an ounce. I could also jog two miles, swim all day, lift weights in the afternoon and never have a sore muscle in my body.

"Why is it that by the time we learn to really live and love in this life our bodies are already on the decline?" I thought. I would have enjoyed my earlier years so much more if I knew then what I know now and cherished my good health, energy, and youth instead of taking them for granted. As soon as I thought this, however, a wise little voice whispered in my mind. "You can't enjoy today by missing yesterday. You have to live in the NOW. God only gives us one day at a time. It is up to us to fill them with love and live them with joy." I thanked God for that reminder, rubbed my sore back until it felt better, then took pleasure in eating my simple bowl of morning oatmeal. I knew too that no matter how many more years I get in this life each day of them is a gift from God, achy body, hungry tummy, and all.

Don't let your own body aches and tummy grumbles get you down then. Live fully each day. Love fully each day. Life here on this world is short, but the love we create here is eternal.

THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

Pastor Doug Newell, IV

Unction



"That preacher's got unction!" I should hope so, and I hope that you have it too. What does the Bible say about "unction." It's in the King James Bible one time in 1 John 2:20. The Greek word translated unction is found three times in the same chapter. The other two times, it is translated as "anointing," which is what it means in any language.

In 1 John 2:18, John warns the church about the wickedness of false prophets and antichrists. John endearingly calls these Christians "little children" and says they had heard that the antichrist should come, but now, antichrists are running all around, spreading their false gospel. They went out from among the Christian community because they never were part of Christ to start with, and their leaving made it manifest they never knew Christ at all. But, he says in verse 20, you have an unction from the Holy One and know all things. To understand unction, we need

to recognize the function of the conjunction "but." He contrasts those who depart from Christ with the "little children" who don't. The believers who abide in Christ have something the antichrists and their followers don't. They have the truth, and they have Christ. They have this unction. As John goes on, it's evident that this unction or anointing is not only for preachers but for all those who abide in Christ. It is related to knowing Christ, knowing the truth, abiding in the truth, and not being deceived or seduced by false teaching. Nothing about working up a sweat behind the pulpit.

Unction, as used in the Bible, is God's gift to all believers. Any Christian, born of God and united to Christ, has this unction, the blessing of the New Covenant, indwelt, sealed, kept, and taught of the Spirit of God. All Christians abide in Christ and are safe in him. Unction isn't an emotional feeling, ecstatic fever, a second blessing, or subjective standard of a good sermon. It's

abiding in the Spirit of Christ, and it is the gift of God to all believers. Nowhere are we told to seek an unction, cultivate it, maintain it, pursue it, or that we are in danger of losing it.

We can talk about boldness, zeal, or passion in preaching, but to conflate that with unction doesn't make preaching better, but makes true unction worse. In 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5, the word came, not in word only, but "power and the Holy Ghost." Ironically, there was nothing in Paul's language that one would have particularly found powerful (1 Corinthians 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 10:10) except when the Holy Spirit came in power to the hearers. And this is by His sovereign grace and pleasure. Not all sermons are the same or are received because God does what He pleases with His Word and people. Rather than subjectively judging or trying to bottle the wind to use on Sunday morning (John 3:8), let's be faithful and pray for God's blessings on the work.

Home Country

Slim Randles

Down at the sale barn Saturday, the think tank had coagulated there with coffees to go. Doc and Dud had their dogs with them, while Bert and Dewey and Steve went stag.

Dud tried to start a conversation, but the loudspeaker soon drove them outside, where they arrayed themselves on dropped tailgates and waited to hear what Dud had in mind.

"I thought about it a lot," Dud said, "and I wondered what the favorite part of my job was, and wondered if you fellas ever gave that any thought, too."

They nodded. Yes, by mutual consent a worthy subject.

"With me," Dud continued, "it wasn't so much my job as it was my hobby. You know, writing that book. I'm claiming it as the best part of my job, anyway."

The assembled were still waiting to read "Murder in the Soggy Bot-

toms," as it had yet to see print, and was really a work in progress.

Then Bert picked up the conversation thread. "Of course I'm retired now," he said, "but when I was running the pawn shop, my favorite part of the job happened when a customer found something in there he really needed and ended up paying much less for it than he thought he'd have to."

Doc laughed "And you made more on it than you thought you would, too,"

Bert grinned and nodded.

"Yep. That was good too. And you, Dewey?"

Our accident-prone pharaoh of fertilizer got a serious look on his face. He finally said, "The best part of the fertilizer business is seeing the difference it makes in the flower gardens around town. Now maybe it's just my imagination, but I kinda like to take a little credit for a prettier town."

"You deserve it, Dewey," Doc said kindly. "Well now ... with me it's a little different. I have doctoring skills, of course, and it's good when I can help someone, but these days the most satisfying part of my job is to check someone out thoroughly and find there's absolutely nothing wrong with them. Now that's special."

They all looked over at the tall cowboy, Steve.

"Digging postholes," he said.

"What?" they said.

"You know," he said, "the favorite part of my job."

"Digging postholes?"

"Sure," he said, grinning. "That's the only job a cowboy has where he can start at the top and work down."

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new coun-

ty was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison, and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by

the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stone-

wall" for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed

north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Just three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and immediately launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

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will be half a million dollars a year as a non-federal share that the state would be picking up for it, and also Guyandotte starting a year later – on the upper Guyandotte," Martin said.

Next, Michelle Penaloza, program manager for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), WV Development Office, presented an end-of-year update on progress made from the \$150 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address recovery following the June 2016 floods.

So far, 99% of the housing projects have been completed as well

as 95% of bridge projects and 74% of the demolition projects, according to Penaloza. Also, construction on two multi-family housing projects, Joseph's Crossing in Nicholas County and Stockton Greene in Kanawha County is expected to be completed in April 2023.

Construction bids on 10 family units, as part of the Restore Riverview Program, in Clendenin are expected to go out soon, with construction complete by April 2024, she continued. Construction on Monarch Village rental units in Clendenin is expected to be complete in April 2023, and construction on the 30-unit Patriot Village in Elkview is expected to be complete

by April 2024.

The Town of Clay (Clay County) sewer treatment system, damaged in the 2016 flood, will now be rehabilitated using HUD grant funding, Penaloza continued.

"We are going to make that treatment facility more resilient. We are going to install permanent generators. We are elevating critical, mechanical components at least two feet above baseline elevation, and that also includes the five pumping stations to make sure that system stays working for any other future events," Penaloza said.

Construction should begin later this year, and the project should take about a year to complete.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA

Peter & Gordon's first recording went to #1 in June of 1964. It was written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney who gave it to their friend. It became the first Beatle song to go to #1 that wasn't recorded by the Beatles. Name that tune.

Answer to last week's Trivia: Dion's biggest hit was: "Runaround Sue" (#1 Oct. '61). "Ruby Baby" reached #2 in March of '63, followed by "Abraham, Martin & John" (#4 Dec. '68) and finally "The Wanderer" came in at #5, Feb. '62. All good stuff.

OBITUARIES

Gary “Lee” Workman, Jr.

Gary “Lee” Workman, Jr. of Hartland, WV, went to his eternal home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 6, 2023, in Charleston, WV after a long illness.

Born on August 7, 1965, he was the son of Gary L. Workman and the late Edith E. Workman.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his brother, Scott Workman, three daughters, and three granddaughters, and his best friend, Sam Nottingham of Heartland, WV.

He will be greatly missed and loved by all who knew him.

Graveside service for Gary was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Sunset Cemetery, Bickmore, WV, with Minister John R. Osborne officiating.

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

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

Wilbert Eugene Runion

Wilbert Eugene Runion, 68, of Newton, died Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Roane General Hospital, Spencer.

He was born April 4, 1954, at Clay, the son of the late Don and Marie Starcher Runion.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Runion and Donald Runion.

Eugene was a retired employee of the former Burke-Parsons-Bowlby Plant, Reedy.

Survivors include his best friend and companion, Terry Starcher of Newton; her children, Mike Starcher of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Luke Starcher of Spencer; her five grandchildren; two sisters, Geraldine Cummings of Culloden and Phyllis Cummings of Procious; four brothers, Frankie Runion, Johnny Runion, Jimmy Runion and Kenny Runion all of Procious.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Deems Cemetery, Procious. There will be no visitation.

John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com.



Derek Lee Smith

Derek Lee Smith, 28, of Ivydale, WV passed away on December 30, 2022. He was born on January 20, 1994.

Derek loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his nephews- Wesley, Walker, and Wilder Smith.

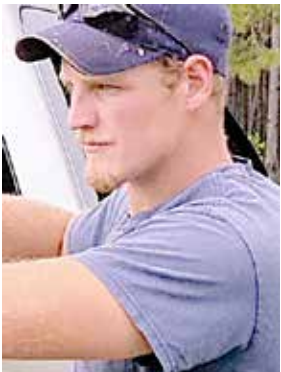
He was preceded in death by his father James “Jamie” Franklin Smith; two grandpas, Henry “Bud” Smith and Bobby Lee Runion; aunt, Debra Smith Thornton; uncle, Randy Lee Runion; and cousins Molly Francis Smith and James “JW” William English III.

He is survived by his mother, Rita Faye, and stepfather, Virgil Mullins, of Georgia; his brother, Justin Scott Smith; three nephews, Wesley, Walker and Wilder; two grandmothers, Mary Jane Runion and Joyce Hickman Smith; aunts, Kathy English, Molly Mullins and Jennifer Fugate; two favorite cousins, Jessica and Kristie; and many more aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved him dearly. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay with Minister Matt Waskey officiating. Burial followed in the Runion Cemetery on Blue Knob Road, Maysel, WV. Visitation was one hour prior for friends and family.

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

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Smith Family.



Carl Andrew Taylor

In loving memory of Carl Andrew Taylor of Bickmore, WV, who sadly left us January 7, 2023, after his struggle with cancer.

He was born on May 9, 1948.

Carl enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching westerns, and spending time with his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

He was a loving and caring father to his daughter, Mary Moore of Bickmore, WV; and Joe Taylor of Bickmore, WV. Addition to his two children and grandchildren and great grandchildren, he is survived by his sisters Linda (Kay) Stahl and Glenna Brandenburg of New York.

He is previously departed loved ones included his wife of 55 years, Debbie Taylor; his son, Harlan Taylor; and his brothers, Willie, Perk, Jimmy, and Johnny Taylor.

Special thanks to Clarence Ramsey (Grandpa Kelly) for his care with Carl. Special thanks also goes to the Hospice staff for his care in this time of need.

A visitation was held at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay on Friday, January 13, 2023, from 6 to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday January 14, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay. Burial followed in the Taylor Cemetery on Beechy Ridge.

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

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Taylor Family.

Amanda Schoonover Named to SNHU President’s List

Amanda Schoonover of Gassaway has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Fall 2022 President’s List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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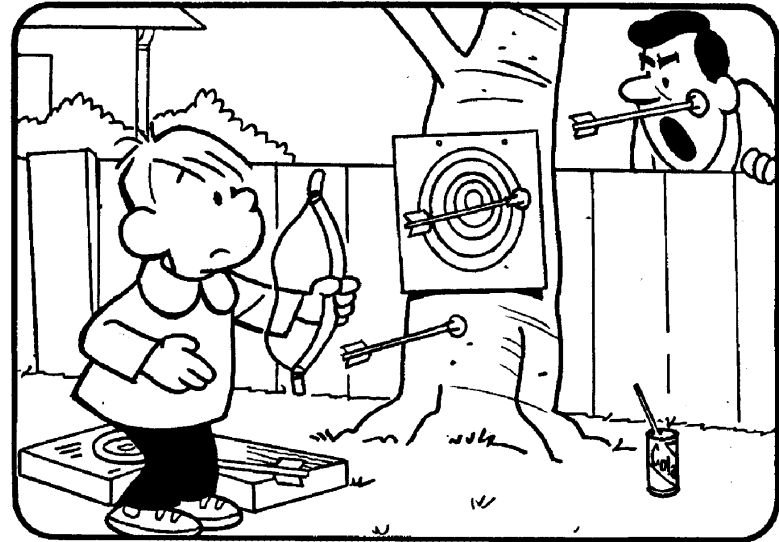
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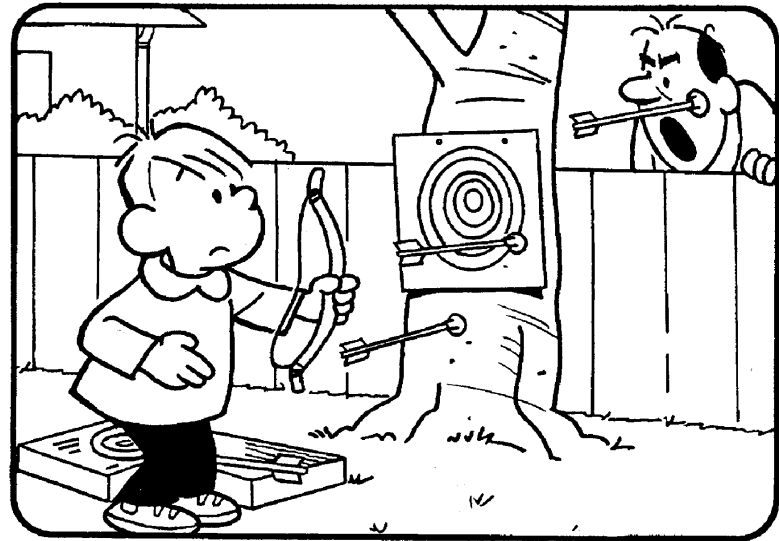
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- 4 Amtrak express
- 9 Sushi fish
- 12 Praise in verse
- 13 VIP on Air Force One
- 14 Tennis feat
- 15 Museum piece
- 17 Train lines (Abbr.)
- 18 Sprite
- 19 Holler
- 21 Word game with dice
- 24 Horseshoe site
- 25 Brit. record label
- 26 Not 'neath
- 28 Bolivian city
- 31 Wilson's predecessor
- 33 Observe
- 35 Castle
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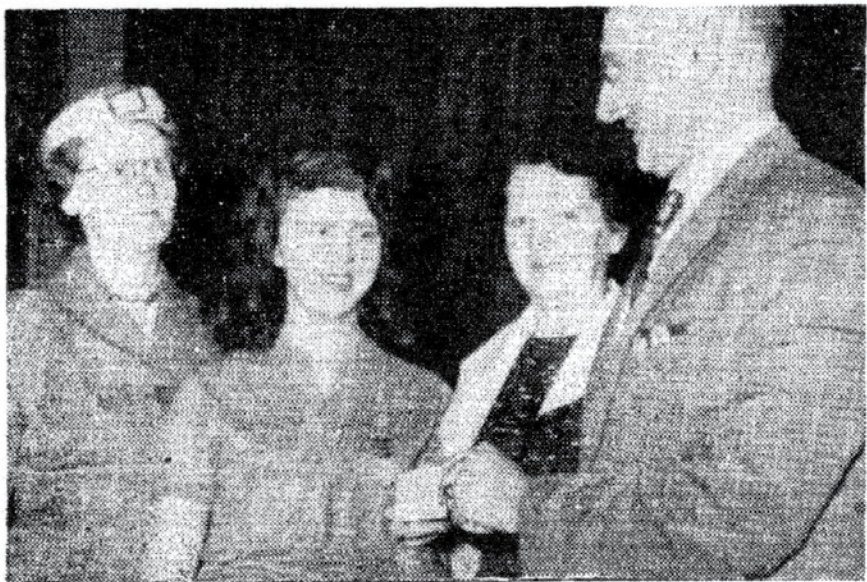
The people who think alike
should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.

March, 1957

Widen Girl First Person to Win Ten Year Attendance Pin



Miss Relda Jean Nettles of Widen is the first person in the town to earn a ten year Sunday School attendance bar in the Widen Baptist Church School, and is shown here wearing the other nine year bars on her blouse and receiving the tenth year bar from her father, Mr. Sherman Nettles, who has been superintendent of the Sunday School during that period. Two of the teachers who taught her during that time are shown from left to right, Mrs. W. Branty Hickman and Mrs. Ernie Butcher.

In addition to being a member of the church, Miss Nettles is also a member of the 1956-57 graduating class and the National Honorary Society of Widen High School, being the eighth and last member of her family to graduate from Widen Hl. She is a popular student, active in school, church and community affairs, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Nettles of No. 51 Nicholas street.

Her father is employed in the Widen mine on the mainline track crew, and enjoys the distinction of being one of the several workmen who have a 35 year continuous employment record at Widen.

On page three of this issue of Widen News will be found a picture of the two youngsters who were presented bars for their 5th and 6th year attendance records. Other pictures of those receiving awards for various years of uninterrupted attendance may be seen on the bulletin board at the YMCA.

Widen Rotary Reviews Explorer Program Here

Field Scout Executive William Halstead, supervisor of the Long Rifle and Clay districts in Scouting, was the guest of the Widen Rotary Scout committee and Scoutmaster E. C. George at the regular club meeting march 14. Mr. George spoke at length from illustrations shown by Mr. Halstead concerning Scouting, particularly the Explorer Scout (older boys) in a community.

Rotary appointed a new Scout committee as follows: Chairman E. R. Ketchka, B. E. Taylor, R. G. Elliott and Dr. E. D. Moyers. Darrell Wood was named assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 111, and

Scott Williams and Richard Manning as assistant leaders of the Explorer Scouts. Visiting Rotarian Don Jenkins of the Huntington club, and the Huntington director of the Crippled Children's Society of that city and district, was also a speaker and "make-up" member from his home club. Mr. Jenkins has a seventeen year perfect attendance record in Rotary. He painted a quick birds-eye view of the importance of the immediate use of Polio vaccine of which there is an ample supply for West Virginia, though 70 per cent of those entitled to its use have not yet availed themselves of its life saving qualities.

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Popular Radio-TV Entertainers To Play Here

The Sleepy Jeffers stage, radio and TV entertainers will play in Widen at the YMCA on Tuesday night, April 16th, curtain time promptly at 7:30 p.m. for one performance only. General admission of 50c will be charged for all seats.

A feature of the performers will be the personal appearance of "Honey" and "Sonny" the popular Davis Twins direct from Channel 4, Oak Hill, and WTIP, Charleston. Other laughable characters include "Little Willie," Wayne Moss, Bobby Cobb, and The Pioneer Pals.

This combination appeared here a few years ago and played to a capacity house. Their late radio and TV programs are heard currently over many sets in and around Widen, and it is expected that a full house will again greet them on their return.

Sixty-Five Make Grade School Honor Roll

Second Semester, First Period
1956-1957

First Grade: Miss Graham

"A"

Julia Dawn Acree
Marilyn Rapp

"B"

Gene S. Morris
Kathy Ashley
Yvonne Hamilton
Anna Sizemore
Nathan Hickman
Bonita King

First Grade: Mrs. Butcher

"A"

Danny Keen
Michael Triplett

"B"

Linda Adkins
Patsy Adkins
Jimmy Baughman
Michael Frame
Donna Gill
Teddy Hoover

Second Grade: Mrs. Elliott

"A"

Steven Taylor
Lois Gill
Judy Gibson

"B"

Bethel Frame
Steve Truman
Benny Connor
Jack Holcomb
Linda Hamrick
Connie Henderson

Freda Pearl Keen Weds Chicago Man

Miss Freda Pearl Keen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bib Keen of Widen, was united in marriage on February 16th to Mr. Roy Glenn Keyser of Chicago. Mr. Keyser is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Keyser of Birmingham, Alabama. He served with distinction in the U. S. Army for seven years, and was honorably discharged with the rating of Private First Class from 87 Engineer Construction Battalion, in December, 1955, and has been employed in Chicago. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. E. Burns in the Methodist parsonage at Clay.

Third Grade: Miss Parsons

"A"

Walter George
Linda Baughman
Bobby Dorsey
Lynn Mullins
Sharon Phares
Sharon Manning

"B"

Nancy Keen
Lois Keen
Mike Truman
Patty Conner
Judy Butcher
Warren Donohue

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Bragg

"A"

Shirley Connor
Ronald Dodrill
Janet Eagle
Richard Gibson
Garry Marple

"B"

Pamela Brown
Lois Casto
Roger Mick
Carolyn Salisbury

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Austin

"A"

Sandra Williams
Shirley McClain
Sharon Baughman
Brenda King

"B"

Janice Triplett
Jeanne Dodrill
Ronald Conner

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Reynolds

"A"

Sandra Henderson
Patricia Manning
Charlene McClain
Roger Baughman
James Connor

"B"

Phyllis Sigman
Joe Potasnik
Patsy James
Junior Hardway
Joanna Adkins
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If interested, please contact Patty Martin at 304-872-0810.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of M.T.D.L.
Current Name M.T.D.L.
to
New Name M.T.D.M. Civil Action No. 23-P-1
Judge Jack Alsop
Legal Notice of Publication
Change of Name

Order of Publication
Circuit Court of Clay County
West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of February, 2023, at 9:40 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioners Curtis Mullins and Alice Bowe Mullins will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of M.T.D.L. to M.T.D.M. at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 10th day of January, 2023.

Clarissa Hornshaw
Circuit Clerk of Clay county, WV

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of E.J.L.
Current Name E.J.L.
to
New Name E.J.M. Civil Action No. 23-P-2
Judge Jack Alsop
Legal Notice of Publication
Change of Name

Order of Publication
Circuit Court of Clay County
West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of February, 2023, at 9:50 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioners Curtis Mullins and Alice Bowe Mullins will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of E.J.L. to E.J.M. at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 10th day of January, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: The Petition of:
LORETTA GROSE FOR THE ADOPTION OF MINOR
CHILD FINLEY WAYNE STEPHENSON
ADOPTION FILE NO. 22-A-278
Honorable Maryclaire Akers

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Petition duly filed in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, West Virginia, seeking the adoption of FINLEY WAYNE STEPHENSON shall be held before the Honorable Maryclaire Akers, Judge of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, in the Courthouse located at 111 Court Street, Charleston, West Virginia, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard.

Further, notice is hereby given that your parental rights, if any, may be terminated in the proceeding, and that should any party appear and defend any such rights within **Thirty (30)** days from the date of the first publication of this notice. If you fail to respond within said **Thirty (30)** day period, you may not appear or receive further notice of these adoption proceedings.

PETITIONER IN KANAWHA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-A-278

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW TARIFF TERMS AND RATES FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS SUPPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope Gas or the Company), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, revised tariff sheets containing new terms and conditions for interconnections receiving unconventional gas supplies.

Hope Gas is proposing to make changes to its tariff to accommodate unconventional gas producers who desire to interconnect with Hope Gas's distribution and gathering pipelines. Hope Gas will need to blend gas from the unconventional gas producers to meet tariff specifications prior to delivery of the gas to customers. Unconventional gas is becoming more prevalent as a source of supply, and the Company needs to modify its tariff to accommodate additional sources of supply. Hope Gas will recover all costs to interconnect from the unconventional producers and charge them for gas blending and operation of the interconnect.

The Company provides resale service to the following customers: Standard Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Company, Southern Public Service Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC. The Company's proposed changes to its tariff will not impact its current rates and charges for natural gas service.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to January 25, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and 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 interventions may be mailed and addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address above.

Hope Gas, Inc.

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(Cert. No. 082273 Garnet Gas Corporation)

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 06/12/2023.	\$	225.86
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 06/12/2023.	\$	0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 06/12/2023.	\$	1020.80
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 06/12/2023.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen King, Sheriff of Clay County.	\$	1245.94

You may redeem at any time before 06/12/2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 1/12/2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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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) 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 March 14, 2023 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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REMARKS:

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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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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-1059-E-IDS

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY,

public utilities.

Application for Approval of a Written Plan for the Construction of
Utility Infrastructure at two West Virginia Business Ready Sites and
for Associated Cost Recovery Pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1n

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On December 14, 2022, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (together, the Companies) filed an application, duly verified, for approval of a written plan to construct utility infrastructure at two West Virginia business ready sites and associated cost recovery, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1n.

The Companies' plan will involve the construction of transmission and distribution facilities within and near the Mason County Industrial Park and the Harless Industrial Park, both located within APCo's service territory, which facilities will be capable of serving initial customer load at each site up to 30MW and potentially up to 60MW with additional investment. The goal of the Companies' plan is to retain existing industrial customers and attract new industrial customers to the benefit of the local and state economies. The Companies' application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. The Companies anticipate charging the following surcharge rates in connection with the construction described in their application:

Customer Class	Cents per kWh	\$ per kW
Residential	0.008	
Small Commercial	0.004 to 0.008	0.016
Large Commercial		0.004 to 0.026
Industrial Tariff		0.004 to 0.026
Industrial Special Contract	Various	Various

The average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a rate increase of \$0.08 monthly or \$0.96 yearly under the Companies' proposal.

These rates represent the following average project-related increases to become effective June 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered:

	Monthly		Yearly	
	\$ Increase	% Increase	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$33,546	0.055	\$402,556	0.055
Commercial	\$12,945	0.044	\$155,343	0.044
Industrial	\$7,728	0.018	\$92,735	0.018
Resale	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

The only resale customer in West Virginia is Black Diamond Power Company, Inc.

The proposed increased rates and charges related to the Project will produce approximately \$0.650 million annually in additional revenue, an increase of 0.041 percent, during the first rate period.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges among the various classes of customers are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of the Companies' filing.

The Commission has set a procedural schedule, including a hearing on the Companies' application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on March 23, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Companies' application is received, the hearing may be waived and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days of the application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the matter should file a written petition to intervene no later than February 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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SPORTS

Panther basketball news

By Allen Hamrick
The Panthers were at home this past week in a double header against Gilmer and Doddridge in a couple of barn burners. In the first game against Gilmer, the game started out fast paced and stayed that way until the last click on the clock. Gilmer, laying 1-9 on the season, was looking to improve their record. The Panthers had a little trouble with their air show and missed some key shots early on but kept up the pace, pulled away from Gilmer and never looked back. Gilmer didn't know what hit them as the Panthers pummeled them from hardwood. Once they got their range, fans knew they had no chance. The Panthers started

pressing their defense and bringing down the rebounds to keep the score out of reach. When the smoke cleared, it was the Panthers over Gilmer by the score of 68-48. Later that same week Doddridge came to town looking to knock off the Panthers on their own court. Doddridge is a fast paced team with plenty of height and can shoot from the perimeter sporting a 7-2 record. The Panthers just couldn't locate the bucket as consistently as Doddridge and were having a tough time holding onto the ball. Once the Panthers got down they just couldn't recover as Doddridge went onto win the game 75-47. The Panthers will be back in action in a three game stretch on

the road in Frankfurt on Monday, at home against Calhoun on Tuesday and on the road again on Thursday against the always tough Braxton County.
In other court news, the Lady Panthers lost a tough one to Hoover's Lady Huskies 29-51 and will be back in action on Wednesday against Webster and again on Friday at home against Calhoun. The Mustangs had a close win against Walton beating the Tigers 34-33 in a nail biter. Then, they turned around and lost a tough one against South Harrison 34-46. The Lady Mustangs also had no problems against Walton beating them by 32 points. Get out to the courts and enjoy a game.

Panthers compete in the Winners Choice tournament

By Allen Hamrick
The Panther wrestling team traveled to Fairmont High School to compete in the Winners Choice championship on Friday and Saturday. This was a good tournament for the Panther wrestling team, and even though they didn't place high as a team, three of the wrestlers placed in the top ten. In this tournament the best in this state and other states compete for the top spots in the north. This is one of the toughest tournaments next to the state tournament. Noah Casto went and showed them what a southern boy can do and took 2nd place in the tournament. Zane Minger took 4th place and Ethan "Spike" Morris took 6th. The Panthers continue to get better as the season moves on. They have new wrestlers who want to make CCHS wrestling great, and if fate has its way, within the next couple of years the CCHS Panther wrestling team will once again dominate every match as they once did. Even with the hand full of wrestlers that the Panthers have, the quality is through the roof. We look for great things out of this team as the season rolls on. They will be back in action on January 18th at Braxton for a quad match and South Charleston High School on Saturday, January 21. Come out and support the team.

WV Hunting and Fishing Show Returns to Charleston Jan. 20–22



SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Hunters and anglers who attend the West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show are in for a treat when the three-day event returns to the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center on Jan. 20–22 for its 35th year.
In addition to the popular White-tail Hall of Fame and free buck trophy scoring provided by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, this year's Hunting and Fishing Show includes a new show stage sponsored by Cabela's, which will feature more hunting and fishing demonstrations for hunters and anglers and their families to enjoy.
The event is sponsored by the West Virginia Trophy Hunters Association, a non-profit group dedicated to wildlife conservation and preserving hunting traditions and hunters rights. During the three-day show, hunters and anglers have a chance to interact with hunting and fishing outfitters, vendors and organizations.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$1

for kids 6–12. Children under 6 get in for free. For more information about the event, visit wvtrophyhunters.com.
WVDNR staff will be scoring trophies for free on a first come, first serve basis during the show's three days. Hunters may bring in as many mounts to be scored, but each mount requires a deer tag. A schedule for the scoring table is as follows:
• Friday, Jan. 20: 3–8 p.m.
• Saturday, Jan. 21: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
• Sunday, Jan. 22: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
In addition to the buck trophy scoring table, the WVDNR Law Enforcement Section will also attend the event with the agency's popular laser shot trailer and WVDNR and West Virginia State Parks staff will be in attendance to promote the agency's

programs and answer questions from the public.
For more information about hunting and fishing in West Virginia or to purchase a hunting or fishing license, visit WVDnr.gov.

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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WVDNR posts list of waters stocked

SOUTH CHARLESTON — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced on Monday that the following waters were stocked.
• Anthony Creek
• Barboursville Lake
• Chief Logan Pond
• Cranberry River
• Fitzpatrick Lake
• Gandy Creek
• Greenbrier River (Marlinton section)
• Howards Creek
• Hurricane Reservoir
• James P. Bailey Lake
• Larenim Park Lake
• Laurel Fork (Randolph)
• Laurel Fork Lake
• Little Beaver Lake
• Lost River
• New Creek
• North Fork Patterson Creek
• North Fork South Branch
• North Fork South Branch (Catch and Release)
• Pendleton Lake
• Shavers Fork (upper

section)
• South Fork Cranberry River
• Spruce Knob Lake
• Summit Lake
• Thomas Park Lake
• Trout Run
• Waites Run
• Williams River
Trout stocking updates are also posted online at WVDnr.gov/fish-stocking. For a complete list of stocking locations and frequency of stockings, anglers should consult pages 14 and 15 of the 2023 West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVDnr.gov/fishing-regulations.
All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at 175 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com.



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