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## Manchin Visits Gassaway Kroger, Braxton Senior Citizens Center



Last week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) visited the Gassaway Kroger with Kroger CEO, Rodney McMullen, after Kroger leadership and UFCW Local 400 leaders announced in November that that Gassaway location would remain open. Kroger had previously announced the store would close this month. Senator Manchin also visited the Braxton Senior Citizens Center for lunch.

“Today I visited the Gassaway Kroger with CEO Rodney McMullen, his team, and community members and talked with employees after Kroger leadership announced in November that the store would remain open,” said Senator Manchin. “I greatly appreciate Kroger leadership’s willingness to consider the impacts of this closure for the community and work with UFCW Local 400 to prevent the store closure. The Gassaway Kroger will continue to serve Braxton County residents, and I look forward to seeing this community thrive for years to come. I appreciate that Rodney also spent time with community members at the Braxton Senior Citizens Center that provides essential services for so



many of our fellow West Virginians.”

The Gassaway Kroger store employs 52 associates. Throughout West

Virginia, Kroger employs approximately 2,900 associates in its 29 stores statewide.

## USDA Seeks Applications to Support Rural Entrepreneurs and Create Jobs for People in Rural West Virginia

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is accepting applications to support economic development and create jobs for people in rural West Virginia.

USDA is making this funding available under the Rural Business Development Grant program to support business opportunities or business enterprise projects in rural West Virginia communities. Eligible entities are rural towns, communities, state agencies, authorities, nonprofits, federally recognized Tribes, public institutions of higher education and nonprofit cooperatives.

Business opportunity projects are used to identify and analyze business opportunities that will use local rural materials or human resources. These projects must be consistent with local and area-wide community and economic development strategic plans. Projects must also support other economic development activities in the project area. They may include establishing business support centers or financing job training and leadership development in rural areas. Enterprise projects include the repair or modernization of buildings, technical assistance such as feasibility studies or business plans, or equipment purchases for leasing to small or emerging businesses.

In fiscal year 2023, USDA anticipates that part of the funding may be set aside for federally recognized Native American Tribes, Rural Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities/Rural Economic Area Partnerships, projects located in persistent poverty areas (including those of Native Americans), and Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) projects. Eligible applicants for the persistent poverty and SECD set-aside funds must demonstrate that 100% of the benefits of an approved grant will assist beneficiaries in the designated areas.

Applications for grants, including all set-aside funds, must be submitted in paper or electronic format to the USDA Rural Development West Virginia State Office by 4:30 p.m. local time on Feb. 28, 2023. For additional information, visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or see page 71571 of the Nov. 23, 2022, Federal Register.

USDA Rural Development encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help rural America build back better and stronger. Key priorities include creating new and better markets, addressing the impacts of climate change and advancing equity in rural America. For more information, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>.

To subscribe to USDA Rural Development West Virginia updates, visit [GovDelivery](https://govdelivery.com) subscriber page.

## WVDEP awards nearly \$2 million in Recycling Assistance Grants

*Grants were awarded to state solid waste authorities, county commissions, municipalities, private industries, and non-profit organizations*

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) approved nearly \$2 million in Recycling Assistance Grants to 29 recipients through the agency’s Rehabil-

itation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) program on Tuesday.

Grants were awarded to state solid waste authorities, county commissions, municipalities, private industries, and nonprofit organizations.

Funding for the grant program is generated through a \$1 assessment fee per ton of solid waste disposed at in-state landfills, pursuant to WV Code 22-15A-19(h) (1).

Local grant recipients include the Clay County Health Department

in the amount of \$25,185 to assist with recycling bags, portable steel tilt dumpsters with lids, commercial recycling containers with lids, canopy recycling containers, a dump trailer, and transportation contractor services to support a new recycling initiative.

## Public Notices

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

### NOTICE OF MEETING:

Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley/Local Elected Officials

Date: Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 - Time: 10 a.m.

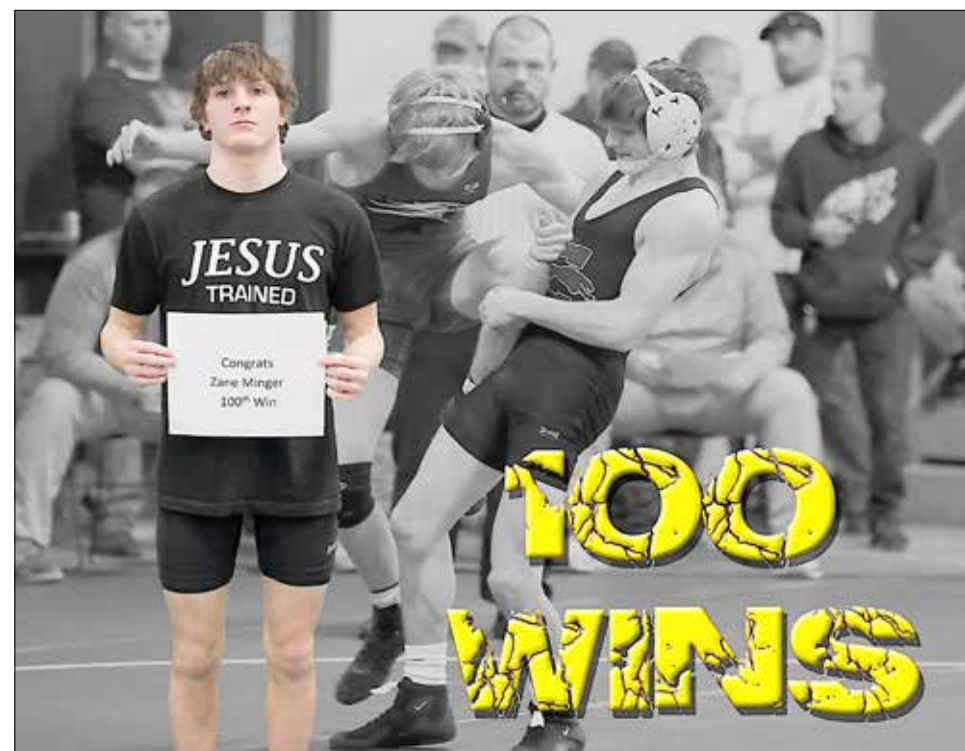
Place: St. Josephs Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg WV

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.

## Zane Minger notches 100<sup>th</sup> win!



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BOOKED  
CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

BRAXTON COUNTY



Larry Lee Freeman  
Booked 1/17/2023  
Capias-1



Samantha Brooke Starcher  
Booked 1/18/2023  
Bailpiece-1



Dustin Joe Brantley  
Booked 1/22/2023  
Burglary-1, Conspiracy-1



Dustin Brice Stewart  
Booked 1/22/2023  
Conspiracy-1, Burglary, Probation Violation



Terry Lee Brown, Jr.  
Booked 1/18/2023  
Possession with Intent -1



Robert Wesley Spinks  
Booked 1/18/2023  
Simple Possession-1

CLAY COUNTY



Seth Randolph Legg  
Booked 1/19/2023  
Destruction of Property-1



Samuel Todd Murphy  
Booked 1/19/2023  
Bond Violation-1



Larry Ray Patton  
Booked 1/19/2023  
Driving Revoked for DUI, No Operators, No Insurance



Jeremy Scott Ward  
Booked 1/19/2023  
Obtaining Money/Property/Services by false pretense



Johnny Eugene Brown  
Booked 1/20/2023  
Brandishing a deadly weapon, Assault



Vincent Seth Ruggieri  
Booked 1/20/2023  
Destruction of Property, Domestic Battery, Prohibited Person w/Firearm

CLAY COUNTY



Jonathon Paul Boggs  
Booked 1/23/2023  
No Insurance



Robert Allen Kinser  
Booked 1/23/2023  
Possession of Meth-1, Obstructing

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Jack Benny Price, II  
Booked 1/18/2023  
Capias-1 (Family Court)



J.W. Shortridge  
Booked 1/18/2023  
Probation Violation



Penny Lee Browning  
Booked 1/19/2023  
Capias-1, Circuit Court Capias



Christopher Matthew Conard  
Booked 1/19/2023  
Bond Revocation-1

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Douglas Williams Bruce  
Booked 1/20/2023  
Family Court Capias-1



Mavin Timothy Campbell  
Booked 1/22/2023  
Assault on Healthcare Worker, Obstructing EMT, Possession of Meth, Battery on Emergency Service Personnel, Trespassing/Asked to Leave



Karen Marie Balas  
Booked 1/21/2023  
Capias-2



DHHR Awarded Grant to Support Early Childhood Services

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance (BFA), Division of Early Care and Education was awarded \$2.6 million by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support early childhood services for children from birth to age five.

The Preschool Development Birth through Five grant focuses on infants and toddlers, vulnerable children, children transitioning to kindergarten, migrant families, children with special needs, and Early Care and Education (ECE) workforce.

“DHHR’s Division of

Early Care and Education, in collaboration with the West Virginia Early Childhood Advisory Council and other early care and education partners throughout the state, is committed to building an equitable and sustainable ECE system,” said Janie Cole, Interim Commissioner for DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance. “This funding will support ongoing policy development, strategies and programming that ensure all children have access to high quality settings and services.”

Funding from this grant will allow DHHR to support the development of additional professional development opportunities; target efforts to

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## Potato Pancakes


By Joseph J. Mazzella

When I was a boy growing up we didn’t have much. Most of the clothes I wore were hand-me-downs from my two brothers. The books I read were old, worn, and dog-eared with stained, yellow pages. My toys were few and came only at Christmas or my birthday. We didn’t even buy that much at the grocery store because we raised so much of our food at home. We raised pigs for meat and had four HUGE vegetable gardens.

The largest of these gardens was dedicated entirely to potatoes. I remember my Mom, brothers, and I hand planting them after my Dad had tiled the soil. Each year the crop was enormous. We had potatoes with almost every meal. There were fried potatoes for breakfast, oven cooked potatoes with chicken for dinner, potatoes slow cooked in my Nana’s special, spaghetti sauce, and mashed potatoes with just about everything.

Nothing in our house ever went to waste either. Whenever Mom had made too much mashed potatoes for dinner one day, the next day we had potato pancakes. Mom would take the left over mashed potatoes out of the fridge, add egg, flour, salt, pepper, and just a bit of garlic and we would all sit down to a table full of delicious little pancakes. I can still taste them even now though I have never been able to duplicate her recipe. Mine always taste a little bland compared to hers. Maybe she added a secret ingredient that I don’t remember or maybe it was just the love with which she cooked them. It flavored all her meals. Each time I ate one I felt warm not just in my belly but in my heart as well. What I wouldn’t give to sit down to just one more meal with Mom, give her a hug, and tell her how much I love her and miss her now that she’s in Heaven.

Like Mom may you always flavor your meals with love. May you always flavor your lives with love. May you become a gourmet for God filling hearts wherever you go.



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'50's and '60's  
**ROCK  
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TRIVIA**

True or False: Nino Tempo & April Stevens (Deep Purple-Whispering-Stardust) were husband & wife.

Answer to last week’s Trivia: Peter & Gordon’s #1 song in June of 1964, was the first Beatles song to go #1 that wasn’t recorded by the Beatles was: “A World Without Love”.



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## THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

Pastor Doug Newell, IV

### A Poultry Piece



Baptist preachers like to eat chicken on Biblical and moral grounds. As my former pastor James Hobbs used to say, since that rooster told on Peter, we’ve been waging war on them ever since. It’s just a bonus that fried chicken is finger-licking good. You don’t read about any chickens in the Old Testament unless you are counting the men of Israel looking at Goliath or the twenty thousand of Gideon’s army looking at the Midianites. Now that I think about it, there are quite a few chickens in the Old Testament. An article at Grammarphobia.com says that “the cowardly sense of the noun “chicken” ultimately comes from the use of “hen” for a fainthearted person, contrasted with “cock” (rooster) for a dominant person.” What if you are such a chicken you are afraid of chickens? You have alektorophobia. Alektorophobia comes from the Greek word for rooster *alektor*. Thayer said that Greek word is from *aleko*, which means to ward off, giving a nod to the rooster protecting the hens. A

## Home Country

#### Slim Randles

There was Steve, our resident cowboy, sitting at the round table in the Mule Barn truck stop, doodling on paper. Other members of the world dilemma think tank gravitated to Steve’s table.

Steve appeared to be oblivious of the rest of us. “Downspout,” he mumbled.

Doc nodded at Herb. “Downspout, Herb.”

“I thought so, too,” Herb said.

“Oh hi guys,” said Steve.

“So Steve ... downspout?”

“Hot tub,” Steve said, as if that cleared everything up. “For the cabin. You know. I’m going to put in a hot tub.”

“And you need a downspout for this?” Herb said.

“For the rain,” Steve said.

We looked at him.

“No water,” Steve said. “You know, at the cabin.”

rooster is no chicken, if you get my drift.

But I digress. According to the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, the chicken is thought to have first been domesticated in India from the red jungle fowl. There are records from China circa 1400BC mentioning importing the birds. From there, they were exported to Greece, then Italy, eventually becoming popular in the Middle East. By the time you get to the New Testament days, the beloved birds were so common, they reckoned time during the night by the rooster crow. Jesus used a mother hen as an example of love and care in Matthew where He said, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!”

What did Peter think when he heard a rooster crow? Jesus foretold that Peter’s cockalorum would lead

“Let’s see if I have this right,” Dud said. “You want to put a hot tub in at your cabin and you don’t have water.”

“Exactly.”

“So you need a downspout...?”

“For when it rains,” Steve said. “To fill the hot tub.”

“Okay. So how will you get it hot?”

“Going to wrap copper tubing around the stovepipe in the cabin, you see, and then send it on out to the hot tub. The tub will be outside on the porch.”

“You don’t have a porch.”

“But I will by the time I get the hot tub built,” Steve explained. “I’ll bet that copper tubing will heat that water right up and then I can have a good soak up there any time I want.”

“Not quite,” said Doc. “Not the way I figure it.”

Steve looked at him. “Why not?”

“If the water comes down the

to him denying Jesus three times before the cock crowed, and when Peter heard that caw, he remembered what Jesus said, and it broke his heart (Matthew 26:74-75). Sometimes I’ll hear a song playing, and I’m immediately taken back to a moment that I forever associate with that song. Often, it’s something I’d like to forget. I don’t know if roosters made Peter cringe, but I often think about Peter when I hear one crowing. Then I think of Jesus, who died for his sins, cleansed and made him whole. Not only did Jesus forgive Peter, but he restored him to the ministry, and Peter spent the rest of his life telling people about the marvelous grace of Jesus, reminding Christians of the gospel and strengthening them, so they would not fall (2 Peter 1).

And think, all this because someone, long ago, caught a bird in the woods and decided they’d take it home and try to raise them. God’s providence is marvelous, ordaining a jungle bird’s domestication for his glory.

downspout, around the stovepipe through the copper tubing and then outside to the hot tub, it looks to me like the only time you can soak in the tub is in a rainstorm.”

Steve thought about that for a minute. Then sipped his cold coffee. Loretta heated it up.

“And Steve,” said Doc, “you ever been on that mountain when the lightning’s popping? If you’re in that hot tub, with your moustache flopping around in the wind while you watch the surrounding countryside explode, well ...”

Steve wiped out what he was drawing with the pencil and started in on a fresh napkin.

He looked up after a few minutes. “Pool table,” he said.

It’s a good thing dreams are free.

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## What Would My Life Be without a Cookie

#### Dr. James L. Snyder

This past week was about as crazy as they get. When I think it can’t get any crazier, somebody hears me and makes it crazier just for me.

One morning I had to go across town to get some office supplies and other things. I try to ensure that when I go, it’s for several things, not just one.

The traffic was somewhat crazy. Everybody was driving as though trying to escape some danger behind them. I don’t like it when the traffic gets like this. I’m not sure why people drive the way they drive.

I must say, one of the craziest drivers seemed to be somewhat religious. He stuck his hand out the window and pointed toward heaven. Unfortunately, he got the wrong finger. It’s the thought that counts.

Hearing a roaring noise behind me; I looked in my rearview mirror and saw a little red convertible zooming up past me, and behind the steering wheel was an older man looking like my grandfather. He had the biggest smile as he was roared past me. I guess he was living out his teenage years before he died, which could be soon.

Then there was a motorcycle zinging in and out and crossing the double line several times, and he whizzed by me, laughing like he was having the time of his life.

Carefully driving home to avoid getting hit, I began to think about this. Where do these people get their driver’s licenses? Perhaps it’s an on-line service, and they don’t have to take any driving test. So I would like to get a hold of the person that gave them a driver’s license, and shake my finger in his face.

Then I asked myself, who in the world sold a vehicle to these people?

Before I got home, I passed an accident along the way. I guess people don’t know that there’s a consequence in driving like an idiot. So again, where do idiots get driver’s licenses?

The fact that I got home without any accident was a real blessing.

I was frustrated with all the nonsense on the highways. I come from Pennsylvania, and the most traffic is horse and buggy. So what would it be like if all vehicles, both gas and electric, were banned in our country and everybody had to drive a horse and buggy?

It ain’t ever going to happen, but it was at least worth thinking about, as nervous as I felt at the time.

I finally arrived home, parked my vehicle, and went inside. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage met me as I walked in and said, “What happened? You look terrible.”

Well, I did look in the mirror that morning, so I did look terrible, but that wasn’t what she meant.

I told her about all the crazy drivers I had to deal with driving across town.

“Who,” I said to her most frantically, “gave these people a driver’s license?”

She looked at me sympathetically and smiled.

Then I said, “Who in the world sold them a vehicle thinking they could drive?”

She knew I was frustrated and tense with all of this nonsense on the road.

It wasn’t anything new, but sometimes things have a way of building up.

I went into the living room, sat in my easy chair, and decided to watch a little TV to calm my nerves. I’m not sure what I was watching; I just wanted to take some time and unwind from the crazy day I had.

Then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me a nice hot cup of coffee.

“Here,” she said. “Maybe this will calm you down a little.”

I smiled and thanked her because nothing calms me down like a nice hot cup of coffee. Whoever invented coffee should get a Nobel Peace Prize.

I took one sip, and I could feel my nerves starting to unravel. How I love a cup of coffee!

Then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage did something unexpected. She came in and brought me some cookies.

“Here, these cookies may help you calm down a little more.”

She handed me not one but two cookies. This was something that had never happened in my life before.

I sat in my chair, sipped some more coffee, and then gently smelled those cookies. That morning my wife was making cookies for somebody, so the kitchen was full of the cookie aroma. Walking in, I was so stressed that I did not smell those cookies.

The aroma of that cookie seemed to fill me with good vibes, like it was 1969.

I took one bite and began slowly and delicately munching on that cookie. Nothing so wonderful in all the world as a freshly baked cookie. So I leaned back, closed my eyes, and enjoyed that cookie. I

In no time, the first cookie was gone. Then I picked up the second cookie, looked at it with admiration, and began nibbling it.

As I was chewing that cookie, I thought to myself, what would life be without cookies?

In a rather relaxed mode, I remembered what the apostle Paul said. “The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain” (2 Timothy 1:16).

It’s amazing how God sends people into our lives to refresh us when we seem to be under some kind of stress.

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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 to *WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Jan. 25, 1814:** Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

**Jan. 25, 1878:** Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettsville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage movement and the temperance movement.

**Jan. 25, 1889:** Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

**Jan. 26, 1850:** Wyoming County was

formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

**Jan. 26, 1960:** Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.



**Jan. 27, 1925:** Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.



**Jan. 27., 1933:** Folk artist George-Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

**Jan. 27-28, 1998:** Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

**Jan. 28, 1902:** Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had passed a law requiring the building of state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals were built in different sections of the state.

**Jan. 28, 1937:** In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood, and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.

**Jan. 29, 1903:** The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by students in the public schools.

**Jan. 30, 1818:** Nicholas County was

created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

**Jan. 30, 1895:** Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

**Jan. 31, 1878:** Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.



**Jan. 31, 1922:** Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.

**Jan. 31, 1945:** Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

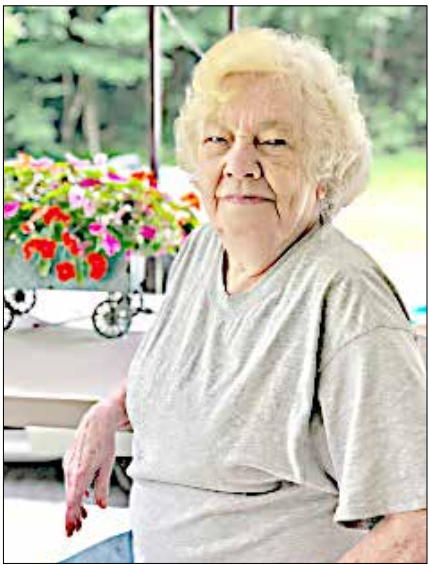
## OBITUARIES

### Christina LeAne Koch

Christina LeAne Koch, 32 of Clay entered into rest January 11, 2023. Born on March 9, 1990, to John Koch and Donna Koch, she was proceeded in death by her stepfather Todd Woods. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her daughter Gabby Koch, 5; sons Tyler, Wesley, Jakob, Hunter and Carter Bird; her wonderful fiancé, Timothy Titus; sisters, Patricia Blankenship (Chris) and Brittany Woods; brothers, Louis Koch, Dennis Koch (Telenia), Jacob Koch, and John Koch; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She will be missed dearly; she was an amazing person once you got to know her, she would've done anything for her kids and the people she loved. She loved to draw and tattoo on herself; she loved to drive and listen to music that would burst her eardrums. She was caring, loving, and always made me laugh no matter if I was bawling my eyes out or what. We miss her so much. The Visitation service will be 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Thursday January 19, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV, with Minister Shane Wynn officiating. A graveside service at 1:30 pm will follow at the Sunset Cemetery, Bickmore, WV. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carl-wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carl-wilsonfuneralhome.com). Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Koch family. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Christina LeAne Koch, please visit our floral store.



### Beulah Marie Holcomb



Beulah Marie Holcomb, 85 of Indore, West Virginia passed away at her home on January 18, 2023 surrounded by her family. Beulah was born to the late Okey and Jessie Walker on August 25, 1937 in Vaughan, West Virginia. She was a loving mother, wife and homemaker. Along with her parents, she was proceeded in death by her husband Jewel Allen Holcomb Sr. Surviving are children, Randy (Anita) Holcomb of Bickmore, WV, Tinker (Lora) Holcomb of Indore, WV Robin (Della) Holcomb of Indore, WV Sherry (Dwayne) Walker of Lizemore, WV, and Wendy Skidmore (David) of Ivydale, WV. 13 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday January 21st at the Holcomb Family cemetery, Glen, WV. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carl-wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carl-wilsonfuneralhome.com). Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Holcomb family

## DHHR

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promote successful partnerships among early learning providers, community agencies, and school districts for successful transition from early learning programs to kindergarten; and improve the alignment and coordination of services and programs that serve migrant

children (ages 6 weeks to 5 years) who participate in preschool.

More information on the federal Preschool Development Birth through Five grant program can be found on the Office of Child Care website.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Choir voice
- Right angle
- Dallas team, to fans
- Check
- Sheep call
- Out of the storm
- Rub with an emery board, perhaps
- Speck
- Author Fleming
- T-shirt fabric
- Primitive
- Spartan
- Hamilton-Burr showdown
- Criticize again and again
- Nabokov novel
- Two-tone cookies
- Ms. Thurman
- Road marker
- Help a crook
- Temporary calm
- Steinway product
- "With any luck"
- Fragrant tree
- 2004 on a cornerstone
- Color akin to turquoise

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- French river
- Wildebeest
- Cold War initials
- Getz of jazz
- Kenny G's instrument
- Litigates
- Guinevere's lover
- Rum cocktail
- Oodles
- Presidential power
- Penn or Astin
- Calendar box
- Praiseful pieces
- Dutch cheese
- German car name
- Authentic
- "The Sound of Music" teenager
- Drags out
- Hefty horn
- Portent
- Peacekeeping org.
- Piece of work
- Football team
- Boeing rival
- Chart format
- Med. plan options
- Skip
- Tower city
- Change
- pickle
- Baton Rouge sch.
- Exploit
- Hosp. parts

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# THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike  
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thinks very much.

March, 1957

### League And Company Sign New Contract



The Bargaining Committee of the League is seated on front row and includes from left to right, Secretary Harold Dawson, Ernie Aeree, Attorney John Ray, Vice President H. L. Beattie, League President Lanty S. Facemire, Lloyd Butcher, Jr., Atty. Victor Ross, Doyle Waggoner and Treasurer Joe Truman.

In a joint announcemet by a new wage agreement between agreement. Incorporated in the Lanty S. Facemire, president of the company and the labor organization. the new contract are the increased the Employees' League of Widen Miners, and H. L. Beattie, vice wage benefits agreed to during the president of Elk River Coal and life of the old pact, including the Lumber Company, Widen News ten cents (10c) per hour increase has been advised of the signing of also the term specified in the new effective April 1, 1957.

### Twenty-Five Make High School Honor Roll

Second Semester, First Period  
1956-57  
Seventh Grade: Mrs. Sizemore  
"A"  
None.

"B"  
Kathaleen Miles ..... 3.25  
Gary Graham ..... 3.06  
Ronald Holmes ..... 3.00  
Eighth Grade: Mr. Matheny

"A"  
None

"B"  
Margaret Shaffer ..... 3.31  
Eugene George, Jr. .... 3.31  
Karen Mick ..... 3.25  
Virginia Nettles ..... 3.19  
Robert Baughman ..... 3.06  
Ninth Grade: Mrs. Osborne

"A"  
Lillie Mae Nash ..... 3.75

"B"  
Karen Donohue ..... 3.20  
Tenth Grade: Mrs. Griffith

"A"  
None

"B"  
Carolene Miller ..... 3.25  
David Hamrick ..... 3.25

Eleventh Grade: Miss Woods

"A"  
Lillian Dodrill ..... 3.82  
Joan Truman ..... 3.56

"B"  
Helen Ellis ..... 3.25  
April Manning ..... 3.08  
Twelfth Grade: Miss Bailes

"A"  
Dorothy Ashley ..... 4.00  
Gayle Butcher ..... 3.80  
Karl Butcher ..... 3.068  
Relda Jean Nettles ..... 3.68  
Lois Rapp ..... 3.67

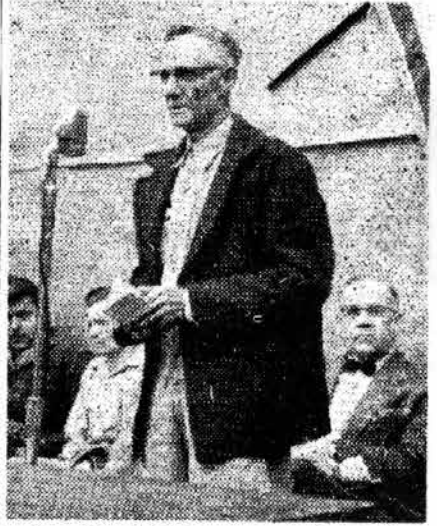
"B"  
Mary Hellen Mullins .... 3.45  
Betty Chapman ..... 3.40  
Helen Mae Sigman ..... 3.40  
Charlotte Smith ..... 3.35  
James Given ..... 3.26  
Lois Sigman ..... 3.08  
Patsy Gibson ..... 3.07

### FOURTH OF JULY COMING

Scott Williams, general mine foreman, has been appointed general chairman for the annual Fourth of July celebration at Widen this year, according to an announcement from H. L. Beattie, president of Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club, co-sponsor of the affair. Assisting Mr. Williams as sub-chairman will be Mr. E. R. Ketchka, chief mining engineer.

More complete details, with other appointments to the various committees, will be published in the April issue of Widen News.

### League President Is Pleased With Contract



Employees' League of Widen Miners President, Mr. Lanty Facemire, spoke to the men briefly, declaring his belief that the bargaining committee had helped write the best contract ever written, paying the highest wages in the history of bituminous coal mining.

### IRA EAGLE RETIRES



At the conclusion of Mr. Beattie's address, he presented Mr. Ira Eagle, who was celebrating the occasion by beginning retirement after nearly 35 years employment with the Company.

### Randall E. Strickland

SUMMERSVILLE—Randall Emmlt Strickland, 41, a lifelong resident of Dille, Clay County, died late Friday in a Washington, D.C. hospital of Bright's disease. He had been ill about six months.

Mr. Strickland was an employe of Elk River Coal and Lumber Company at Widen for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two sons, Gene E. of Birch River and Roger at home; two daughters, Janet and Norma, both at home; his stepmother, Mrs. Rosalie Strickland of Akron, Ohio; one brother, Buell of Dille; four sisters, Mrs. Bernice Jarrett of Charleston, Mrs. Audra Blankenship of Barberton, Ohio, Mrs. Katherine Bruce and Mrs. Lucille Sears, both of Windham, Ohio.

### Bill To Close Beer Joints On Sunday

On January 22, Delegate Luke E. Terry of Berkley County and Delegate J. C. Cruikshank of Clay County introduced jointly House Bill Number 134, which has for its purpose the closing of all beer establishments from midnight on Saturday night until seven o'clock on Monday morning.

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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. 082272 Garnet Gas Corporation)

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DISTRICT HENRY MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 01313004

You will take notice that Garnet Gas Corporation, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 082272, located in HENRY District, 70 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 1/5 OF 3/9 INT which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HAYES ROBERT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 10/19/2022. Garnet Gas Corporation requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 06/12/2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 06/12/2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 06/12/2023.	\$	229.61
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.	\$	1020.08
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 <b>The Honorable Allen King, Sheriff of Clay County.</b>	\$	1249.69

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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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440, TDD: (304) 926-0493, and VOICE-TO-TDD RELAY: 1-800-422-5700.

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 5 UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT  
Public Notice No.: JKL-04-23 Public Notice Date: January 26, 2023

Paper: Clay County Free Press

The following has applied for a Class 5 Underground Injection Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Application No.: 1135-07-015  
Applicant: Clay First Baptist Church  
1594 Triplett Rd  
Clay, WV 25043

Facility: Clay First Baptist Church/Christian Academy, 1594 Triplett Rd, Clay, WV 25043  
Latitude: 38:28:14 Longitude: 81:02:57

Business conducted: Church

Activity: Discharge solely sanitary waste to a large-scale septic system

The State of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 14.24 issued pursuant to Chapter 22, Article 11 and Article 12.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345  
ATTN: Judy Lupson, Permitting

The public comment period begins January 26, 2023 and ends February 25, 2023

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is a significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit. Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit or factsheet may be inspected by appointment at the Division of Water and Waste Management, 601 57th St SE, Charleston, WV 25304 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Copies of documents may be obtained upon request. Individuals requiring Telecommunications Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 800-422-5700 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information contact the person identified above at (304) 926-0495, or judy.k.lupson@wv.gov

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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 Civil Action No. 23-P-2  
New Name E.J.M. 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.

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

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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 Civil Action No. 23-P-1  
New Name M.T.D.M. 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.

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BIDS FOR CERTIFIED SEWAGE SYSTEM INSTALLER

The Clay County Commission will be holding a pre-bid meeting for the purpose of hiring a Certified Sewage System Installer to modify the sewage system at Clay County Park located in Maysel, West Virginia. Project is to be completed by April 1, 2023. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the Clay County Commission Courtroom at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043 on February 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

The Clay County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will be accepting applications for examination for entry level Deputy Sheriff. Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for employment.

- Be at least 18 years of age nor more than 45 years of age
- Physically capable of passing agility test
- Score at least 65% on the written examination
- All applicants subject to background investigation
- All applicants subject to psychological evaluation
- Provide copy of Valid Driver's License
- Authorization for Release of Information and Statement of Consent must be notarized

Applications may be received by contacting the Clay County Clerk's Office (304-587-4259). Applications may be returned by mail; however, they must be RECEIVED in the Clay County Clerk's Office by February 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Applications may be mailed to the Clay County Deputy Sheriffs Civil Service Commission, c/o Clay County Clerk, P.O. Box 190, Clay, WV 25043. No Fax copies will be accepted. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your valid Driver's License and copies of certification of any special training you may have had. If you are a veteran, a copy of your DD 214 must be attached to the application. If the application is not completed, you will not be eligible to test. Testing will be in person at the Clay County Clerk's Office at 246 Main St., Clay, WV 25043.

Application is also available at www.claycountywv.us

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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 <b>The Honorable Allen King, Sheriff of Clay County.</b>	\$	1245.94

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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
014	2022810002	S381-REC/AL-23 00	STBG-2023(007)D	ContWrkTyp D-1 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: BOONE, CLAY, MASON, KANAWHA, PUTNAM

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence 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.

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. 22-1048-PWD-19A

GAULEY RIVER PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Rule 19A application to increase water rates and charges and request for emergency interim rates.

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY INTERIM RATE INCREASE

On March 7, 2022, the Gauley River Public Service District (District) filed an application requesting a water rate increase. To qualify for the optional rate procedure for small utilities established by Rule 8.2 (Old Rule 19-A) of the Public Service Commission Rules for the Construction and Filing of Tariffs (Tariff Rules). 150 C.S.R. 2, the annual gross revenue of the utility must not exceed \$3,000,000.

On the recommendation of Commission Staff, the Commission approved an emergency interim rate increase of 3.36% for the District effective immediately. The specific rates approved are as follows:

RATES (Customers with metered water supply)			
First	3,000 gallons used per month	\$19.53 per 1,000 gallons	
Next	3,000 gallons used per month	\$18.55 per 1,000 gallons	
Next	4,000 gallons used per month	\$17.43 per 1,000 gallons	
Next	10,000 gallons used per month	\$16.32 per 1,000 gallons	
All over	20,000 gallons used per month	\$15.18 per 1,000 gallons	

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No bill will be rendered for less than the following, based on meter size:

5/8	inch meter	\$ 54.54	per month
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1-1/2	inch meter	\$ 272.70	per month
2	inch meter	\$ 436.32	per month
3	inch meter	\$ 872.64	per month
4	inch meter	\$ 1,363.50	per month
6	inch meter	\$ 2,727.00	per month
8	inch meter	\$ 4,363.20	per month
10	inch meter	\$ 6,272.10	per month

This emergency interim rate increase is applicable to all customers of the District.

The emergency interim rates are subject to refund if not justified by an ongoing Staff audit and final decision in this matter. Customers may review the specific emergency interim rate changes at the District's office.

These rates are interim rates only and may be increased, decreased or left unchanged at the conclusion of this rate case. During the course of this proceeding the Staff of the Commission will recommend final rates for use by the District. Those rates will be published at a later date and may be protested at that time.

GAULEY RIVER PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

LEGAL

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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### Answer

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## King Crossword

### Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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# Girl Scout Cookie Season kicks off across region

## The 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Season has arrived.

The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council kicked off cookie season on Jan. 19 with the classic lineup of Thin Mints, Samoas, Tag-alongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Lemon-Ups, Girl Scout S'mores, Toffee-tastics, Adventurefuls and new this year: Raspberry Rally.

The Raspberry Rally is a crispy cookie with a pink raspberry flavored center and dipped in the same chocolate coating as the popular Thin Mint Cookie. The online-exclusive cookie will be available beginning Feb. 27.

"Cookie season is a wonderful time of year when Girl Scouts learn how to operate their own business and our community rallies together to support them and enjoy treats at the same time," said Beth Casey, CEO for the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond.

"These girls have big goals to

travel, take on service projects and help their communities - and you can help get them there simply by ordering cookies to enjoy. All the while, they're learning key skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics and people skills."

To purchase Girl Scout Cookies this season:

If you know a Girl Scout, reach out to her to find out how she's selling cookies - whether that's in person or online.

If you don't know a Girl Scout, email us at [cookies@bdgsc.org](mailto:cookies@bdgsc.org) so we can connect you with one in your area.

Later this spring, cookie booths will be available outside all of your favorite big box retailers and you'll be able to find troops selling near you using your zip code on our website.

Don't need cookies for yourself? No problem! Consider ordering a few boxes as part of the Gift of Caring program, which are donated

to military members, veterans and their families.

The Cookie Program began in 1917 as a way for troops to finance activities. Today, the program encourages girls to discover their inner leadership potential and use their earnings to create experiences for themselves and their troop—including travel, outdoor adventure, and science, technology, engineering and math programming.

Proceeds from the sale stay local and have led to support for animal shelters, food banks and more in communities - all while teaching girls crucial skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

Every Girl Scout Cookie purchase fuels local Girl Scouts' adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions, and taking action on issues they care about.

For more information, visit [bdgsc.org](http://bdgsc.org).

# USDA's Farm Service Agency program Assists WV Livestock Producers Impacted by Winter Storms

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) West Virginia Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director John Perdue is reminding the state's producers who suffered livestock losses due to the recent adverse weather, they may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to an adverse weather event, which can include blizzards and extreme cold, among other weather events, or reduced sale prices for owned livestock due to injury from an eligible loss condition. The payment rate is based on 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock.

"West Virginia's livestock producers battle winter's adverse weather conditions of ice, snow and frigid temperatures to raise their calves, lambs and goats," says Perdue. Typical livestock losses in West Virginia include newborn calves, lambs and goats being born during an adverse weather event, a night with temperatures below zero degrees, including wind chill."

A livestock producer must file a Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is first apparent. For 2022 losses, producers also must file an application for payment by March 1, 2023.

Livestock producers must provide evidence that the death of livestock was due to an eligible adverse weather event or loss condition.

In addition, livestock producers should bring supporting evidence, including documentation of the number and kind of livestock that died, photographs or video records to document the loss, purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, and other similar documents. Owners who sold injured livestock for a reduced price because the livestock was injured due to an adverse weather event must provide verifiable evidence of the reduced sale of the livestock.

Producers should contact their local FSA office for additional program details, to submit a Notice of Loss, and to apply for LIP benefits.

FSA will use the information furnished by the LIP applicant to determine eligibility. Furnishing the required information is voluntary; however, without all required information, program benefits will not be approved or provided.

To learn more about LIP visit Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) ([usda.gov](http://usda.gov)) or contact your local USDA Service Center. To find your local USDA Service Center, visit [Farmers.gov](http://Farmers.gov).

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# SPORTS

## Zane Minger notches 100<sup>th</sup> win!

**By Allen Hamrick**  
The mats were so hot Wednesday evening at the Braxton Quad meet that a wrestling fan could smell the rubber burning a mile off. The Clay High Panther wrestling team, with a tough core of wrestlers and some new to the mats, was in the house delivering pain and taking names. Anytime the Panthers come into a match most every team represented wants to beat them, and as they found out, it's not easy and never will be. Bottom line is, Clay may not have taken first place, but for a wrestler skilled enough to beat one of the Panthers, they do so by taking a considerable beating. There were plenty of Kleenex to go around for those that got beat. With the team

in a rebuild season, the boys did pretty well. In a duals meet, it is tough to win as a team when your team doesn't have all the weight classes filled. Teams will have to bring all they got to the mat to beat the Panthers no matter the odds. The teams participating at this event were Braxton, Clay Lewis and Roane.  
The Panthers took on Roane first and beat them like a rug. Up next was Lewis County and due to a lack of wrestlers, the Panthers had to forfeit weight classes and needed a pin to win the match. They just couldn't get it and lost by three. Braxton was up next, and to beat them a team better bring a lunch because they are stacked with talent. The Panthers gave it



Noah Casto rolls out for the escape. Allen Hamrick photo

a whirl but came up short on the win. However, in the match Zane Minger recorded his 100<sup>th</sup> career Panther win and will no

doubt be a contender for the state title. He knows what he is doing around a mat; congratulations to Zane on his 100<sup>th</sup> win.

The Panthers will hit the mats once again this weekend in Huntington at the WSAZ tournament, so come out in support.

This county may have lost much, but these youth give one hundred percent to their sport and haven't lost their zeal to win.

## Panthers get back on track against the Red Devils

**By Allen Hamrick**  
The CCHS Panthers basketball team continues to play all out basketball on the road and at home; however, a win this week was tough as nails to get. In most of the games this season, the boys have been in the hunt for the win but seem to come up a paddle short in the boat at the end of the game. The boys had three games on the maple this week, and first up was Frankfurt. The Panthers needed a big win after their loss to Doddridge. They went at it tooth and nail and the score

went back and forth, but Frankfurt pulled ahead and never looked back to win the game 59-28. It was a tough loss for the Panthers as baskets were harder to get than a gold silver dollar.  
Next up was Calhoun, and here is where the Panthers would get back on track, or at least they hoped their luck would change. The game started out with Calhoun swinging for the chin to take an early lead in the first period. Down by five points, Micah Osborne went to work under the boards and started a run for top

shot. The Panthers took a slim one point lead at the half as the defense also picked up their game; at the half it was 28-27 Panthers. Afterwards, the game progressed as both teams went nearly basket for basket, but the Panthers still kept the lead by six at the end of the third. Calhoun read a new play book in the fourth period and came out looking like the bulls. The Panthers offense hung in there nearly basket for basket, and in the end, the Red Devils scored 21 points in the period. But, it wasn't enough as the Panthers held on to win by the score of 61-58. Micah Osborne hit for 20 points in the game while Ayden Brown had 13. The Panthers took that win to Braxton on Thursday night, and it wasn't a game the Panthers wanted to follow up with. The Panthers played catch up ball the whole game and just simply ran out of time as they lost to the Eagles 46-65. It was a tough loss after beating Braxton in the first game of the season. The boys will be in action again and will take to the hardwood on the road at Sissonville this Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and back at home against Buffalo on Thursday. If you get the chance, come out and catch a Panther game.



Aiden Brown hits for three from deep range.

## Lady Panthers are back in the winner's circle

**By Allen Hamrick**  
The Lady Panthers have had a couple of tough weeks of basketball, dropping three games in the lost and found box. On the courts, they play all out, in your face basketball but the baskets are like finding food in the desert. However, it was time to exterminate the bugs and get back to the business of winning. Calhoun brought in the best of the best to hand the Lady Panthers their fourth loss in a row, but it was not to be this time. Paris Williams and Evie Young got their groove on and were burning the net from inside the paint and the perimeter. Calhoun took their shot at the Lady Panthers, and every play went down hard. The Lady Panthers came to play. They led the Lady Red Devils for the whole game, and it looked as if the Lady Panthers were going to lift the roses in the winner's circle. That they did in Lady Panther style. The Lady Panthers led the game 20-14 at the half and only got better from there.

When the dribbling stopped, it was the Lady Panthers with the win 47-30. Paris Williams was the ace with 18 points followed closely by Evie Young with 12 and Ilyau-na Evans with 10. The Lady Panthers are closing in on the final games of the season with just six games left to play. The Lady Panthers will take their win on the road in action against the tough Braxton team on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The girls have some tough games ahead




Paris Williams gets 2 points the hard way.



Evie Young gets the job done on defense and offense.

of them. It will be interesting to see if the Lady Panthers will stay on the fast pace they have set for

themselves and win this season out. They have the ability and the skill; it's time to get it done.

  
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