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U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito hosts a West Virginia Girls Rise Up event at Calhoun County Middle High School in Mt. Zion, W.Va. on Monday, March 13.

Capito Takes Girls Rise Up Program to Calhoun County

Visit marks 28th Girls Rise Up event since Capito launched the program

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), brought her West Virginia Girls Rise Up program to Calhoun County Middle High School to promote female empowerment, education, fitness, and self-confidence. Fifth and sixth grade female students participated in the program, where they had the chance to hear from Senator Capito on her personal experience as a female leader. Today’s event marks the first Girls Rise Up in Calhoun County and the 28th event since the program’s launch in 2015.



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito at Calhoun County Middle High School.

my own independent person. I am so thankful that Senator Capito believes in the strength of that message and that she seeks to empower and encourage our next generation of outstanding women. Our own girl rising up, Emily Anderson, heard the message and made the contacts to bring Senator Capito and her message to us. Calhoun County Middle High School is honored to be part of the senator’s initiative,” Calhoun County Middle High School Assistant Principal Gina Stump said.

Senator Capito launched the West Virginia Girls Rise Up program in 2015 to instill confidence in young West Virginia women and empower them to be strong and kind female leaders. The program focuses on three areas: education, fitness, and self-confidence.

“Women in West Virginia and across the world should be inspired and encouraged every day to work toward their goals and achieve their dreams, and they should know that it’s never too early to start. That’s exactly why I started my Girls Rise Up program,” Senator Capito said. “I was so excited to bring my program to Calhoun County today where I met some amazing young women who have some very bright futures ahead of them. It’s my hope that Girls Rise Up will inspire them to pursue their goals and achieve them, and I can’t wait to see all of the wonderful things they accomplish in the years to come.”

“Growing up, I was encouraged by my mother to become

“& Me” Pageant entries now being accepted



By: Betty Holcomb

Got a mini me that loves to get dressed up? Need an excuse to be matching with your child? The Clay County Ag Fair has a pageant that is perfect for you! This pageant will be held on Saturday, April 1, at Maysel Park.

Dress up in your matching, coordinating outfits and hit the stage for a chance to be crowned in matching crowns and sashes with your child, grandchild, or relative.

You are urged to have fun with the attire and make it a fun-filled pageant day.

High Point Ultimate Supremes, Grand Supreme, and Mini Supremes will be awarded as well as Queen, Princess, King, and Prince titles. Divisions will be based on age of child (birth-18 yrs.) \$45 entry fee per child/relative duo. \$5 per each extra child competing. Overall will be awarded for Overall Most Look Alike, Best Dressed, Best

Duo, and Best Family Photo (please bring photo to pageant). Overall categories cost \$20 for entry.

Come out and show off your look alike and win a set of matching crowns and sashes. All proceeds go to the Clay County Ag Fair.

Please contact Betsy Keiffer at 304-618-2701 for information or an application. Deadline for entries are March 25, 2023.

Gov. Justice Announces Approval of his petition for the Designation of Boone, Clay, Hampshire, Monroe, and Preston Counties as HUBZones

Gov. Jim Justice is pleased to announce that his petition for Boone, Clay, Hampshire, Monroe, and Preston Counties to be Governor-designated HUBZones has been approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration. 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 10 states to petition for expanding access to this program through Governor-designated HUBZones.

Small businesses now have access to markets where they were previously excluded or where they suffered a competitive disadvantage. The U.S. Small Business Administration and Governor 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.

“This announcement will bring more opportunities to these counties, and we’re excited to see what the future looks like,” Gov. Justice said. “We are one of the first ten states that have expanded the HUBZone Program, and that’s really amazing. So, for Boone, Clay, Hampshire, Monroe, and Preston counties, a lot more good stuff is coming to your county, and we can’t wait to see how you take advantage of this

“Supporting small businesses and providing them the tools to succeed themselves is critical to the continued economic growth of our State,” Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce James Bailey said. “The Department of Commerce in collaboration with the Governor is working to make those programs and opportunities available and accessible throughout the State.”

Panther track teams take 2nd at Don Williams Memorial



Sawyer Dobbins sweeps the field. Allen Hamrick photo. See “Track” on Page 8

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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.



March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the

staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."

March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

March 26, 1851: Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.

March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.



March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University).

March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During

the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.



March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. In 1978, Vance was instrumental in the Camp David peace accord between Egypt and Israel and in negotiating the Panama Canal Treaty.

March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded a steamboat called *Mountain Boy*, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.

March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program *Hee Haw*.

Walter Freddie Bird



Walter Freddie Bird, 82, entered into rest at home surrounded by his family on March 16, 2023. He was born on December 13, 1940 to the late John Walter Bird and Gracie Gay Bird (Truman). He was born in Lizemores, WV, and was a lifelong resident of Nicholas County. He was a retired coal miner.

Preceding him in death were his brothers, James (Jane) Bird and Vencil (Sue) Bird; and is survived by his brother, Newton (Loretta) Bird; and sisters, Beth (Teddy) Samples and Rose Summers.

Freddie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Martha (Duffield); and his six children, Bruce (Pamela), Terry (Shirley), Laura (Rodney), Freddie (Lisa), Jodie (Scott), and Wesley. Freddie had 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 20, 2023 at 1 pm at Wilson-Smith Funeral Home in Clay, WV.

A viewing for the family and friends was from 12 pm to 1 pm. He was laid to rest at Sunset Cemetery in Fola, WV

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

Billy J Doughty

Billy J Doughty, 79, of Procious, WV went home to be with his father March 16, 2023.

He was born on November 14, 1943, to the late Earl C and Nora (Edens) Doughty. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Billy Jr., and grandson David.

"Bill" as everyone called him, was a retired mechanic who enjoyed scouting junkyards, camping, fishing, smoking cigars and a good drink of whiskey.

Billy is survived by his wife of 58 years, Judy; daughters, Bonnie, and Kay; eight grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren, whom he loved spending time with.

There will be no service at this time.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilsonsmith-funeralhome.com.

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Doughty family.

Randy Wallace Thompson

Randy Wallace Thompson, 67, of Maysel entered into rest on March 8, 2023.

Born on March 2, 1956, in Charleston, WV, he was the son of the late Robert

I. Thompson Sr. and Eunice (Rhodes) Thompson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandmother, Francis Melissa Rhodes; daughter, Jennifer Thompson; sisters, Geraldine King, Rose Ewing, Iris Brown, Linda White, Barbara Thacker and Sheila Pierce; brothers, John C (Jack), Gerald Mark, Robert I Jr. and Gary Thompson.

Randy is survived by his wife, Hope (Mesin) Thompson; daughter, Stephanie Thompson; sons, Aaron, Adrian and Luke Thompson; brother, Larry Thompson; 12 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV, with Minister Mathew Bragg officiating. A viewing for the family and friends was from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. He will be laid to rest at the Rhodes Family Cemetery in Maysel.

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

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



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STUDY OF GENESIS

Super Crossword

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- 1 Downhiller's headwear
8 Mexican beach resort
14 Island home of Odysseus
20 University of Wyoming's city
21 Moon-landing program
22 Had to have
23 They appear before a film's first scene
25 Viewed to be
26 Cakes of cornbread
27 Indy units
28 Bichon — (white dog)
30 Stitch's cartoon friend
31 Bleating females
32 Speedy plane
33 It turns a computer on
35 Always, to bards
36 Vintage auto
38 Active Sicilian volcano
39 Holders of emergency supplies
43 Women with babies on the way
47 Puccini work
51 Gala after a presidential oath
54 Cutting noise
55 Quadrillionth: Prefix
56 — epic scale
57 Musical insensitivity
59 Sets for viewing
60 Perfume by Dana
61 Lured
63 "You Gotta Be" singer of 1994
65 Graduation address deliverer
71 Keyless, musically
72 Many a Netlix show
73 — Dinka Doo" (Jimmy Durante tune)
75 Candy in collectible dispensers
76 "Mice" or "lice," but not "rice"
81 Blowout, e.g.
82 Look for prey, as a lion
83 Cyber-addresses
85 Membership ceremony
88 Phony: Prefix

- 90 Camera item for a long or short view
91 Down Under dweller
92 "Me? Never!"
94 — Cruces
95 Says "yes" to
96 Celebratory event for a rollout
102 Swung tool
103 Green gem
107 Prefix with directional
108 Cosmetician
109 Sainly
111 Birds-and-bees class
112 Stick together
114 Bible's first words (apt for this puzzle's theme)
117 Actress McNichol or Swanson
118 Quarterback great Dan
119 Flow out
120 Smallish sofa
121 Slip away
122 City in Arizona or Mexico

DOWN

- 1 Inclined land
2 "Bam!"
3 Singer Cara

- 4 Lion features
5 French buds
6 Moral failure
7 Bowler, informally
8 Koi, e.g.
9 Clumsy sorts
10 Signal "yes"
11 Actor Montgomery
12 Radical sort
13 GI's "Uh-uh!"
14 Owing money
15 PGA peg
16 Shoe lifts
17 Grant entry to
18 Singer/rapper Green
19 Attach
24 Purring pet
29 "Remington —"
32 Bach's —, Joy of Man's Desiring"
33 Mediocre
34 108-card game
35 Frozen waffle brand
36 Move in circles
37 "Lose Yourself" rapper
39 Natural ability
40 Many short plays
41 Hoodwink

- 42 One of the four seasons
43 Wildly excited
44 Blast stuff
45 Sapporo sash
46 Prohibit
48 Just between us
49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture
50 Church area
52 Horse color pattern
53 Fills with freight
58 Irish actor Stephen
61 Lawyer Melvin called "The King of Torts"
62 — Moines
64 Minis, midis and maxis
66 GPS display
67 Tetley competitor
68 Bridal gown features
69 Grain towers
70 Hammer's striking end
71 Since Hector was —
74 Everybody, in Essen
77 Starts to remove a jacket, say
78 — de Janeiro
79 — Z (total)

- 80 Fashion designer Phillip —
82 Name shared by 12 popes
84 Least cloudy
86 Join forces
87 Fall lawn tool
89 Rx writer
93 A flirtatious look
95 Element #8
96 Safe securers
97 Love, in Italy
98 Not stricken
99 — or two (on occasion)
100 Kidney-related
101 "Neon" fish
102 Schooner fill
103 One of the Bush twins
104 Around a line of symmetry
105 AI — (a bit firm)
106 Knife features
109 Birds sitting on clutches
110 Conical-bore woodwind
111 Hosiery flaw
113 GPS display: Abbr.
115 Trendy
116 "It seems to me," online

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike
should vote alike.

"DUNDON"
RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.

March, 1957

Widen High School Student Council Throws Big Party For 1956-57 Basketball Squad, Cheer Leaders



Although the Widen High School basketball squad didn't win any pennant, for their untiring efforts during the 1956-57 season, they did such a good job that the entire student body under the leadership of the Student Council held a "victory celebration" in the Legion hall at Widen to which an overflow crowd of students flocked, dressed in their prettiest clothes for an evening of social enjoyment and to let the squad know how highly they are regarded.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, to music provided by a section of the W.H.S. Band under the direction of Mr. Jackson Hamrick, the grand march ushered the principals to the "Throne," where Miss Lois Sigman reigned with her Court and their escorts for a brief ceremony during which she was crowned "Miss W.H.S.," by the team captain, Emmanuel Bego, while co-captain Johnny Henley looked on to make sure it was official and properly executed.

Cute Carol Paintiff carried the crown with becoming dignity on a beautiful satin pillow, and was properly and watchfully escorted to the throne by Master Mike Triplett. Principal Harry E. Baer then handed to Miss W. H. S. a beautiful bouquet, the band

struck up a tune and the participants soon paired off for some dancing; folk, square and ball-room.

Those pretty "twosomes" in the photo by **Widen News** are made up of the Princesses and their Escorts, and reading from left to right are: Jerry Hamrick and Joyce King, seventh grade; David Wilson and Dawne Carol Backus, ninth grade; Russell Butcher and Mary Alice Hamrick, 11th grade; the Queen; Jewell Ramsey and Bud Craft, 12th grade; Ruby Lee Holcomb and Kyle Barnette, 10th grade; Karen Mick and Ronald Hardway, eighth grade.

The Escort and Crown Bearer can be seen looking over the shoulders of Miss Hamrick and Miss Ramsey. Those two tall persons are captain Bego and co-captain Henley.

Members of the varsity squad honored include: Messrs Bego, Johnny Henley, Carl Ellis, Joe Hutchinson, Paul DeMoss, Karl Butcher, David Hamrick, Albert King, Gordon Butcher, and David Wilson. Coach A. R. Matheny says he is quite proud of these boys and of manager Ronald Cottrell and his assistant, Larry Sigman.

Cheer leaders for the season were: Patsy Gibson, Gayle Butcher, Jewell Ramsey and Lois Rapp.

The Monthly Hit Parade Tunes

By Delano and Larry

The top hits as the survey finds them this month are in this order as compared to last month.

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

1. Too Much
2. Poor Boy
3. Jim Dandy
4. Lucky Lips
5. Butterfly
6. Banana Boat
7. Marianne
8. Knee Deep in the Blues
9. Walkin After Midnight
10. Don't Forbid Me

LAST MONTH:

1. Young Love
2. Banana Boat
3. Too Much
4. Singing the Blues
5. Don't Forbid Me
6. Blueberry Hill
7. Since I met you, Baby
8. Love Me Tender
9. Don't Be Cruel
10. Jim Dandy

As you see, "Young Love," which was number one last month isn't on the Hit Parade this month and "Too Much" was number one this month and number three last month.

There is no use to point out how the Hit Parade changes when you can see for your self, that it is completely different.

Songs found to be popular among younger grades are, "Courtin in the rain" "Milk bucket Boogie" and "Sleeping at the foot of the bed."

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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 May 09, 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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DBE GOAL: 10% 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' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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.

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

In The Matter of Petition of Name Change of
Terrie Michele Moore Civil Action No.: 23-P-5
Current Name Terrie Michele Moore Judge Alsop
To
New Name Terrie Michele Drake

Legal Notice of Publication
Change of Name

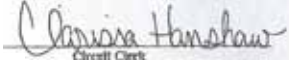
Order of Publication

Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of April, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Terrie Michele Moore 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 Terrie Michele Moore to Terrie Michele Drake 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 7th day of March, 2023.


Christa Henshaw
Circuit Clerk

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No.: 23-D-14
The Marriage of:
Daniel Craddock and Crystal Craddock
Petitioner Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.
THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.
To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Crystal Craddock is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Crystal Craddock serve upon Daniel Craddock, petitioner, whose address is 1255 Dyer Hill Rd., Sutton, WV 26601, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce filed in this action on or before April 27, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court - Clay County


Christa Henshaw
Clerk of the Court

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

In The Matter of Petition of Name Change of
S.L.D. Civil Action No.: 23-P-6
Current Name S.L.D. Judge Richard Facemire
To
New Name S.L.T.

Legal Notice of Publication
Change of Name

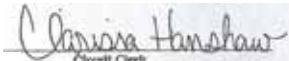
Order of Publication

Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of May, 2023, at 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Timothy Tryon 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 S.L.D. to S.L.T. 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 8th day of March, 2023.


Christa Henshaw
Circuit Clerk

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Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Clay County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the

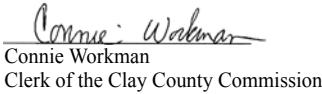
Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any. It considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, **March 16, 2023**

ESTATE NAME: Ruth Ann Parsons, 377 Commerce Ave., New Castle, VA 24127

ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: Sara Lynn Argabright, 1898 Oak Dr., Salem, VA - Daughter

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 6th day of March, 2023


Connie Workman
Clerk of the Clay County Commission

LEGAL

(2021-S-00000089 - Clay County - CKH LLC)

To: JAMES BIRD JR OR HEIRS AT LAW, JAMES BIRD JR OR HEIRS AT LAW, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT PLEASANT MAP 26 PARCEL 0117 0000

You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000089, 1 AC WTS SYC FEE, located in PLEASANT, which was returned delinquent in the name of BIRD JAMES D JR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 16th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023. | \$ | 695.34 |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023. | \$ | 1,071.40 |
| Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023. | \$ | 825.69 |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023. | \$ | 130.71 |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County. | \$ | 2,723.14 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. | \$ | 35.00 |

You may redeem any time before April 23, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the
WV State Auditor's Office,
County Collection Division
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

LEGAL

(2021-S-00000090 - Clay County - CKH LLC)

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

DISTRICT UNION MAP 9 PARCEL 0023 0000

You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000090, 1 AC QUEEN SHOALS SUR, located in UNION, which was returned delinquent in the name of GREATHOUSE LISA, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 16th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after May 3, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, May 2, 2023, will be as follows:

| | | |
|---|----|----------|
| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 2, 2023. | \$ | 264.93 |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 2, 2023. | \$ | 157.45 |
| Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023. | \$ | 838.64 |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023. | \$ | 43.57 |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County. | \$ | 1,304.59 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. | \$ | 35.00 |

You may redeem any time before May 2, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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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 May 09, 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 |
|------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| 005 | 2021000740 | S399-STR/IP-23. 02 | NHPP-2023(244)D | PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN, CLAY, DODDRIDGE |

DBE GOAL: 10% 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' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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.

Classifieds

WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY: Small log skidder with ppo winch. 540-395-2083.

WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY: 1940 up to 1954 Chevrolet car to restore. Call 540-395-2083.

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Tariff Form No. 8
(RULE 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

| | (\$) INCREASE | (%) INCREASE |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Residential | \$ 7.08 | % 7.85 |
| Commercial | \$ 10.26 | % 2.68 |
| Large Commercial | \$ 747.47 | % 0.70 |
| Industrial | \$ 293.54 | % 0.40 |
| Resale | \$ 100.00 | % 1.70 |
| Other | \$ - | % - |

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative Investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. 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 are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.



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Get Screened for Risks of Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease

5 Screening Package for \$149

Call 855-915-3562

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Clay County Commission proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Appraisal/Assessment Increase:

Total assessed value of property, excluding additional assessments due to new or improved property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of property by 8.31%

2. Lowered Rate necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:

The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property with the exclusions mentioned above, per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, would be:

| Lowered Tax Rates | | |
|-------------------|--------|--|
| Class I | 13.52¢ | |
| Class II | 27.04¢ | |
| Class III | 54.08¢ | |
| Class IV | 54.08¢ | |

3. Effective Rate Increase:

The Clay County Commission proposes to adopt a tax rate per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property as follows:

| Proposed | Rate | Effective Tax Rate Increase | Percentage of Increase |
|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Class I | 14.30¢ | 0.78¢ | 6% |
| Class II | 28.60¢ | 1.56¢ | 6% |
| Class III | 57.20¢ | 3.12¢ | 6% |
| Class IV | 57.20¢ | 3.12¢ | 6% |

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Revenue produced last year:

\$1,222,040

5. Revenue projected under the effective rate increases:

\$72,990

6. Revenue projected from new property or improvements:

\$6,949

7. General areas in which revenue is to be allocated: Regional Jail, old and new courthouse maintenance, utilities and judicial annex maintenance

A public hearing on the increases will be held on

March 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Courthouse, 246 Main St., Clay, WV 25043

the decision regarding the increase will be made on

March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Courthouse, 246 Main St., Clay, WV 25043

LEGAL

(2021-S-00000088 - Clay County - CKH LLC)

To: OCCUPANT, NATALIE COLE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR ASSIGNS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, COMPLIANCE DIVISION, AMU, LARRY COLE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT HENRY MAP 17 PARCEL 0036 0000

You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000088, 20 AC BIG LAUREL SUR, located in HENRY, which was returned delinquent in the name of COLE LARRY W ETUX, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 16th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after May 3, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, May 2, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 2, 2023. \$ 297.54

Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 2, 2023. \$ 176.71

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023. \$ 904.65

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023. \$ 244.28

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County. \$ 1,623.18

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before May 2, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office,

County Collection Division

1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114

Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2



CHURCH DIRECTORY



A

ALTA CHURCH OF GOD

Sunday Night Services
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Everyone is welcome!
Pastor: Paul E. Young

B

BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Dixie
Thursday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
with Services After
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Lee Holiday
(304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

of Adonijah.
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Porter Creek
Road, Bomont, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:30 PM
Thursday Night Service
7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH

located at Bickmore on Fola Road
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening services
7:00 PM
Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH

OF IVYDALE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday prayer service
and Bible Study 6:30 PM
Pastor: Danny Richardson

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:15 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service 1st,
3rd and 4th
Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer &
Bible Study 7:00 PM
2nd Sunday Communion
Service 6:00 PM
Pastor: Pete Shaffer

BLUE KNOB CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Everyone is Welcome!

BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM
Radio Broadcast, Sunday
Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV
Summersville
Everyone Welcome Pastor:
John Pruitt

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

in Prociuous. Across Camp Creek
Bridge on the left. Preaching
Every Sunday
9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Bible Study every Wednesday
7:00 PM Pastor: Jerry
Chandler

C

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE

Prayer Service and Bible
Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM
Regular Service Sunday
Nights at 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE

Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Come and worship the Lord
with us.
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.
CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00
PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 7:00
PM
Wednesday Worship
7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Upper Fall-
ing Rock, Clay County
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:30 AM
Sunday Evening Service
7:30 PM
Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM
Teachings from the King
James Bible
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

, Rt. 3, Newton
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00
PM
Wednesday Prayer Service/
Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM
Pastor: Roy Huffman

E

ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Saturday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Brace Cook

F

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Pastor: Bret Wiley

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dutch Ridge Laurel Road
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Tuesday Service 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans
Associate Pastor: Lee Roy
Anderson

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bomont, WV
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
and 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Nick Bird
Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Prayer & Bible
Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Adults Bible Study
& Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

G

GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM
Junior BYF/Senior BYF
6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship
7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM
Wednesday Kids/Children/
Youth 7:00 PM
GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Located on Rt. 119 at the
mouth of Gabe. All Sunday
night services begin at 7:00
PM. Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. David Smith
GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

H

HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:30 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00
PM

Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Service
7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM

Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Youth
7:00 PM

Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel,
WV (off Rt. 36)
Pentecostal/Full Gospel
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening 7:00 PM
Pastor: (304) 587-2996
(home), (304) 587-2703
(church)

Pastor: James R. Paxton

I

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH

Bentree
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Service &
Bible Study 7:00 PM
Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.
All ages welcome. Also
have crafts, etc., all children
welcome.

Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Class 11:00-12:30
Preaching Lunch
12:30-1:30 PM
Wednesday Service
6:30-7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Stepp

IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00
Everyone Welcome!
304-395-9990
Pastor: Freddie Elliott

J

JODIE BAPTIST CHURCH

Come Worship with Us!
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Vineyard Ridge
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH

103 Main Street, Clay
Sunday 11:00 AM & 6 PM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
For more info call 304-632-
1378

Pastor: Ann Huddleston

L

LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

of Adonijah
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Night: Bible
Study/Prayer Meeting and
Youth Group 7:00 PM
Pastor: John Barnhouse

LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:00 every
Sunday Morning
Sunday Night Services
7:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Come worship with us!
Pastor: Herb Vance

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Mark Dudley
Phone 304-286-5909

LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: David McLaughlin

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We invite you to come and
worship with us.
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Pastor: Cecil Lee

LIZEMORE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School 10-11:00 AM
Church Service 11-12 Noon
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Robert Thomas

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MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Monday Night Service
6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: Jim Hamrick

MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: John Osborne

MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting
Everyone welcome!

MUD FORK CHURCH

Sunday & Jr. Worship
Service 10:00 AM Sunday
School 11:00 AM Sunday
Night 6:00 PM Wednesday
Night & Jr.

NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching every Sunday
Morning at 10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Preaching, Prayer Meeting
Wednesday at 7:30 PM

NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting 7:00 PM
Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday
11:00 AM
Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meet-

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM
Pastor: Darius Walker
Pastor Emeritus: Ron
Fisher

NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Thursday 7:00 PM
Sunday 7:00 PM
Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

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O'BRIEN ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching after Sunday
School. Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 PM
Pastor: James L. Balser

OVAPA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching every Sunday at
9:45 PM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Sunday School on the 2nd
Sunday is at 10:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Phone 304-587-2955
Pastors: Cindy & Roger
Dunlap

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM
Bible Study Thursday
6:00 PM
Pastor: Gene Copen

OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday,
except 5th, 11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting Tuesday
Evening
Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

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PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Saturday Night Service
7:00 PM
Take time out for Jesus, he
took time out for you.
Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft

PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Bible Study
& preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: Dennis Vance

PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM
Wednesday night Bible Study
7:00 PM
Saturday Night Preaching
Pastor: Wayne Litton

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Wayne Smith

PROCIIOUS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcomes You!
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:15 AM
Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: David Walker

Q

QUEEN SHOALS E.G.C. CHURCH

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Thursday Night 7:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Scott Means

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RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

at Maysel
Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM fol-
lowed by Religious Education
9:30 AM
Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Father Matheus Ro
SYD

Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD

ROGERS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Saturday Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

SPORTS

Track teams take second in season opener



Evan Bass in the long jump. Photo by Ariel Dobbins

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther track team has run a long path in becoming a force on the track and in field events. This year, new faces have joined the team and are already making an impact. The Panthers, both boys and girls, traveled to Roane County for their season opener this past Saturday, March 17. It was cold and blustery day for an opening season meet, and it made the running and field events tough to say the least. That being said, they did the best they could under extreme conditions. The Panthers finished in second place overall with six teams competing and the Lady Panthers finished 2nd overall with seven teams competing. The boys finished with 158 points and the girls finished with 86.

Sawyer Dobbins swept



Evie Young in the distance runs. Photo by Ariel Dobbins.

the competition in the distance runs taking first in the 800, 1600 and the 3200 meter events. Sawyer is destined in the running world to be at the top of the food chain; when it comes to distance, he will be hard to beat. Brady Jones took 1st in the discus throw and 4th in the shot put event. Ethan Morris took 2nd in the shot put and Garrett Taylor took 3rd. Other individual standouts in the boys' events include Jacob



Lillian Langhorn in the relays. Photo by Ariel Dobbins

McCune in the 200 and 400 meter runs placing 4th overall. Ethan Quinn took 2nd in the 110 meter high hurdles. Evan Bass took 3rd in the 110 meter hurdles as well as 4th in the 300 meter hurdles and 3rd in the long jump. Daymian Stricker took 3rd in the high jump. In the relay events, the Panthers took 1st in the 4x200, 3rd in the 4x400, 2nd in the 4x800, 2nd in the 4x110 meter hurdles and 4th in the 4x100 relay.

The Lady Panther standouts were Evie Young who took 5th in the 800 meter run, 2nd in the 3200 meter run and 3rd in the high jump. Sarah Ligeralde took 2nd in the shot put and 4th in the discus. Xena Legg took 3rd in the shot put. Ashley Roberts was 5th in the long jump. Olivia Witt was 4th

in the 1600 and the 3200 meter runs. Destiny Mullins took 3rd in the 3200 meter run. In the relay events, the Lady Panthers took 1st in the 4x800, 1st in the 102.5 meter shuttle hurdles, 3rd in the 4x200 and 3rd in the 4x100 meter relays.

The Panther track team is well on the way to having a stellar season on the track. They will only get better as the season rolls on and stand a good chance at putting a few in the state championships; only time will tell. Their next meet will be at Roane again on March 21, so if you get a chance it is forecasted be a sunny day for a change.

In other news, the Panther baseball team dominated their season opener taking down Sherman High school in an away game 16-9. They locked horns with South Charleston and came out on the short end losing 5-15. This should be a good season for the Panthers. They have games lined up all next week starting with Midland Trail on March 20, Calhoun on March 21st and their home opener against Hoover on March 2d. Lady Panther softball will be in action on March 21 in an away game against Calhoun County, and their home opener will be on March 23 against Webster County.



Ethan Quinn in the relays. Photo by Ariel Dobbins



Sending it to the top. Photo Allen Hamrick

Bouldering West Virginia-one rock at a time

By Allen Hamrick

Bouldering is fast becoming one of the newest attractions for those that live on the edge of sanity verses adrenalin. Boulders, free rocks, or whatever you choose to call these behemoth rocks that have freed themselves from the mountain's grip have been a magnet for those who seek extreme adventure. Bouldering, unlike rock climbing, is just the climber, the rock face and a crash pad for when the inevitable happens. It is a rite of passage for climbers, ranging from youth to the gray years, to climb relying only on their nerve and sinew of arms and legs to get to the top of these giants.

It's a spirit within all of us to drive ourselves to the brink of disaster in one way or another, to conquer something much bigger than ourselves - far more than just getting out of bed in the morning. However, most people live and die never attempting anything more than what is in their comfort zone, which is an inconsiderate disregard for what drives us. Those that do can say that they have accomplished the unknown, beat the game so to speak and put the fear of pain and death where it belongs... on the back burner.

West Virginia has some of the best bouldering opportunities on the east coast. From Cooper's Rock to the New River Gorge area, little known rock formations inhabit many of the state's forests and parks. One of the best bouldering opportunities in our vicinity is when they drain Summersville Lake to winter pool. Some of the largest free boulders in the state make their home here in the depths of the lake. Only in the winter months are they revealed, and they make spectacular climbs. Some are super tough climbs that should only be attempted when you have the experience. There are many rock climbing gyms in the state where a person can hone their skills and develop the strength to start free bouldering. If you have been looking for a sport that will turn up the intensity and give your heart a good pump, you should try bouldering. It might be just what the doctor ordered.



Massive boulders are just waiting to be climbed. Photo Allen Hamrick

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