



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.

"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 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

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.

"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

news."

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 HUB-Zones 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.

"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."

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.

you take advantage of this

"& 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. Overalls 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.

Panther track teams take 2nd at Don Williams Memorial



Sawyer Dobbins sweeps the field. Allen Hamrick photo.

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Mitigation Measures after Historic Flooding in West Virginia Prove Effective in **Recent Storms**

Officials in Lincoln County, W.Va., say mitigation projects in this community prevented further damage this past February when the area experienced heavy rains.

Following severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred throughout much of the state in June 2016, FEMA approved \$1.5M through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that was matched by the state of West Virginia with an additional \$500K for the acquisition and demolition of nineteen (19) residential structures in flood-prone areas of Hamlin, Lincoln County.

Mitigation. Funding. Acquisition. Demolition. It can all be very confusing. So, let's break it down. The program begins with families who are offered the opportunity to receive money for their badly damaged properties, so the buildings can be destroyed, and the families can start fresh, in areas less likely to flood. That opportunity affords them a better and safer life. But it also helps those homeowners that remain. Picture a football field with 40 homes on it and the rain comes down hard while severe flooding occurs. With all those structures in the way, the water has little room to run off and the floods get higher, and the saturation causes more damage. Now picture that same football field with only four homes

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on it. There is much more land space for the water to flow, at lower levels and less saturation. In addition, by removing the floodprone structures, the open space restores the natural vegetation in the floodplain further reducing the flood risk to the area. As a result, it is projected that more than \$14M in future damages to former and current homeowners were avoided by this mitigation project - a critical part of FEMA's mission.

"It's always gratifying to see how this program can help communities build their resilience after flooding occurs," said FEMA Region 3 Administrator MaryAnn Tierney. "Reducing the severity of floods helps save lives and protects homes, as well as, local infrastructure, like roads and bridges."

"The projects prevented additional homes from flood damage during this storm. I'm proud to report mitigation projects in other areas worked as intended as well, making a real difference in preventing damages," said WVEMD Director G.E. McCabe. Learn more about the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant program at www. fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation For information about WVEMD Hazard Mitigation, go to https://emd. wv.gov/MitigationRecovery/Pages/Hazard%20Mitigation.aspx.

Police stop over 120 speeders on first day of WVDOH work zone safety campaign; operation continues



On the first day of a targeted speed enforcement operation in the work zone on Interstate 64 between 29th Street and the Huntington Mall on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, police stopped over 120 vehicles exceeding the posted 55 mph speed limit or otherwise disobeying traffic laws.

Additionally, the WVDOH is increasing signs and radar speed detectors in work zones to remind drivers to slow down, poring over work zone crash data for information to help make our work zones safer, investing in new equipment and technology to place in work zones, and reaching out to the public to get the message out to slow down and pay attention

while traveling through road work areas.

At Gov. Justice's direction, and in partnership with public safety officials and police organizations throughout the Mountain State, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WV-DOH) is cracking down on drivers speeding through work zones. West Virginia State Police, the Cabell County Sheriff's Department, and police departments from Huntington, Barboursville and Milton took part in a targeted speed enforcement operation Wednesday morning on I-64 between Huntington and the Huntington Mall, where the posted speed limit is 55 mph.

was clocked at 81 mph, 26 mph over the posted speed limit.

The speed enforcement operation continues today, with over 120 vehicles stopped so far for exceeding the posted 55 mph speed limit.

"Work zone safety is about keeping every worker, every driver, and every passenger safe in every work zone," said Randy Damron, Work Zone Safety spokesperson for WVDOT. "We each

portation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E., has vowed to do whatever it takes to lower the number of work zone deaths in West Virginia to zero.

First step in our multifaceted work zone safety campaign is targeting speeders in work zones throughout the state. Law enforcement will be cracking down on speeders in work zones all along the I-64 corridor and other work zones.

"It's easy to get in a

One vehicle traveling through the work zone play a role in getting everyone home safe at the end of the day."

In 2022, there were 800 crashes in West Virginia work zones, killing eight people and injuring 276. All crashes were avoidable.

hurry or become distracted in a work zone," said Damron. "But we need every driver to work with us and remain alert each time they get behind the wheel."

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 There will be a Spring Craft Bazaar at Maysel Ball Park on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft vendor tables are available for \$15. Please contact Brian Moore at 304-546-7214 for more information.

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!

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Learning what "Me-Time" is all about

By: Dr. James L. Snyder

Several months ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said she and her daughter and granddaughter were going to St. Augustine for a week and wondered if I wanted to go along.

I said, "Let me think about it for a while, and I'll get back to you."

I then overheard a conversation between my wife and her daughter concerning their trip to St. Augustine. One phrase that kept coming up in that conversation was "thrift stores." That caught my attention.

If there's a place I do not like to be, it is a thrift store. However, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is an expert in everything thrift store.

The week before she went, she asked me if I wanted to go along with them. She smiled and said, "After all, we will be spending a lot of time at the thrift stores in the area."

I was not too fond of her smile on this occasion; I knew exactly what it meant.

Thinking about how to get out of the situation, I told her, "No, I don't think I want to go; there are some things I need to do here, so you girls go and have a great time."

"What is it that you need to do?"

I said as seriously as possible, "I need to spend some Me-Time here by myself."

"Me-Time," she said as she laughed. "Do you need any advice on how to do that activity?" I could return to what I was doing.

At suppertime, it was the same routine. As I ate my supper, I couldn't help but think that this "Me-Time" wasn't worth the time. But I was in the middle of it, so there was nothing I could do, but it did help me with an excuse not to go to St. Augustine.

I put in a lot of hard work and finally went to bed.

I must've slept very well that night because before I knew it, morning arrived, and time to get up and have breakfast. I noticed it was empty on the other side of the bed, and I just thought that she had gotten up ahead of me and was getting everything ready for breakfast.

I walked out to the kitchen, and there was nobody in the kitchen. So I wondered where she could have been and how soon she would have breakfast.

Looking out the front window, I noticed her Sissy Van was missing, and then it dawned on me.

She's not here, and I'm on my "Me-Time" misadventure. I'm on my own for today.

The first thing I had to do was to make the coffee. So how can you start a day without coffee?

Looking around, I could not see any coffee, only an empty coffee pot on the counter. Now, I had to figure out how to work that coffee pot.

I found the coffee grounds

Pastor Doug Newell, IV Clocks Striking Three

THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

In Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, Cassius replies to Brutus, "The clock hath stricken three." That's called an anachronism. Cassius talked about clocks striking three 1500 years before mechanical clocks were invented to strike three. Shakespeare put something from his day in a story of Caesar's day. But, unless you were closely paying attention, you might have never picked it up because clocks and watches are such a foundational part of our lives. It's difficult to imagine life without a clock.

When we study the life of the early churches, we must be careful not to read what we do today, as a matter of course, back into the Book. For example, Acts 1 tells us the disciples met together and chose someone to replace Judas. Peter read the Scriptures, expounded the text, and showed that they should replace him with someone else. They nominated two men, the group cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias.

It would be easy for a Baptist to say they had a business meeting, someone made a motion, it was seconded, and the church voted, i.e., cast lots. Did they meet? Yes. Did they take care of business? Yes. But to say this was a "business meeting" brings everything one might think of in a business meeting back to the text. Roberts Rules of Order are not found in the Scripture.

What time of day did the church meet for Sunday morning worship? How do you know they met in the morning? Are we assuming first-century Christians had the first day of the week off work? The Jew's Sabbath was on Saturday and they worked 6 days a week (Exodus 20:8-10) and the Romans were not Christians. There would be no concept of "days off on the first day of the week, especially for servants. It's more likely that Eutychus fell asleep while Paul was preaching late into the night because he worked all day, and they started late in the day because that was the only time they could meet (Acts 20:9).

Anachronisms typically happen when we are defending a practice or trying to prove our approach to be Biblical. The danger, however, is going to the Bible to justify what we do rather than going to the Scripture to follow what we are commanded to do.

Some passages describe an event, but that doesn't mean we must do the same thing. Just because Paul preached well into the night doesn't mean we should. Sometimes descriptions lay down a pattern we follow. We can see from Acts 1:12-26, Peter didn't make a decision and tell the others they would abide by it because he was in charge. He showed what the Scripture said and led the church in moving forward. Just because we don't exactly know what it is to cast lots doesn't mean the principle of the church making a decision together isn't there. Peter said it was the "third hour" in Acts 2:15 but it wasn't because the clock struck three.

the sun for over 50 years. His beard was scrag-

gly and looked like someone had spilled salt and

pepper on his face at the same time. When he

stretched his back popped and his eyes bulged.

His aging face and aching body seemed strange

to the soul living inside of them. That soul was

eternal, vibrant, and forever young. And when I

looked in the mirror I could still see it there, hid-

ing behind the wrinkles but shining through the

Time truly is a funny thing. We can't switch

it. We can't change it. It flows ever onward and

carries our bodies along with it. Yet it is forever

foreign to us. We are Children of God. We are be-

ings of eternity. We are only here for a temporary

time and the souls inside of us know this. Maybe

we should worry less about our clocks and our

bodies then. Maybe we should focus instead on

our souls and all the love we can share. These are

the things that last forever.

eyes. And I knew that was who I really am.

Switching Time

By: Joseph J. Mazella

I was feeling a little off when I woke up this morning. At first I wasn't sure why but then I remembered that we had set the clocks forward an hour the night before, which meant I was running on an hour less sleep than usual. Of course, I knew it wasn't affecting time at all. It was just forcing my body into a new schedule again just as it had last fall.

It's become a lot harder to do this as I've gotten older. My body doesn't seem to enjoy having any changes sprung on it. It was already getting achier as it aged and forcing it up an hour early didn't make it any easier. Finally, I got up and stumbled into the bathroom. I turned on the light and blinked back the harshness of it. After my eyeballs adjusted to it I glanced in the mirror and wondered who this old man was staring back at me. He looked so tired. His hair was thin on the top and gray on the sides. His forehead wrinkles and laugh lines were permanently etched into his face. He had a lot of age spots from being out in

Home Country

By Slim Randles

One of the advantages of gaining wisdom (it ain't polite to say "getting old") is that incredible earth-shaking ideas occur to a guy that make his grandchildren look at him funny.

Now this one I can't claim any original credit for because it was thrust upon me many decades ago when I was working for a veterinarian and going to college and majoring in girls, preferably slow girls (not show girls). It was fun working for the vet. Nice guy and great sense of humor ("Sometimes I feel like beating every (name of popular breed) with engineer's overalls so they'll chase trains.") Occasionally we'd get in an animal that was beyond help and it was time to "put him to sleep." Sounds better than ... well, you know. So when the young mother with three small children and a cardboard box walked in, all of them crying like the end of the world, we hustled to see what the problem was.

Inside the cardboard box was a still-barelyalive jackrabbit that this woman had accidently hit with her car. But the rabbit looked more like he had tried to cross the race track for the Indy 500 and no one had missed.

The doctor looked at me solemnly and said, "Slim, can you bring me about this much K.H.O. please?" I went to fill the syringe while he broke the terrible news to this family. The real name for K.H.O. was Euthasol, and was a permanent pain ender, right? But our vet referred to it as K.H.O., which was vet speak for Knock Him Off. Life seemed so much simpler then. And we only laughed when we were alone.

The week of the "girl's trip" had arrived, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had her Sissy Van packed for the trip. I noticed a large empty spot in the back, but I didn't say any-thing to her about it. I knew exactly the purpose of that space.

Finally, she said goodbye, kissed me and was out the door to begin the trip to St. Augustine.

Early the following day, I began doing some of my projects for the week. I had some books that needed reading, and started my work.

A little after noon, I checked my watch and wondered where lunch was. Usually, by this time, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has lunch ready. So I got up and went into the kitchen to see what was holding her up.

When I got into the kitchen, it dawned on me that I was involved in "Me-Time" for the week. I'm not sure I had included lunchtime in my preparation for this week.

I opened the refrigerator, picked out some things for lunch, and enjoyed my lunch. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had prepared many things in the fridge for this week, so I took advantage of her generous preparations.

As I was munching on my lunch, I was thinking about this "Me-Time" that I thought was wonderful. But at least I had lunch, and then for the coffee pot. I didn't know how much to put in, so I put in a lot because I like a nice hot cup of coffee. Then I put water where it was supposed to go and thought I had everything well done.

With my fingers crossed, I pressed the start button and the coffee pot, and nothing happened. Now, what was I supposed to do? As I moaned over this, I noticed that the coffee was unplugged. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage seems to unplug the coffee pot every night before bed.

I sighed a deep sigh and plugged it in and pressed the button in the coffee pot started to work.

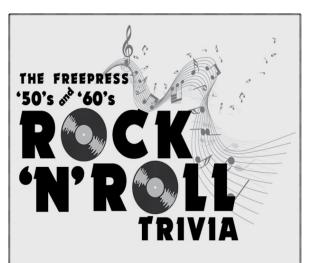
That was just the beginning of "Me-Time," and much more was happening.

After two days of this, I realized all the work that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage did that I was unaware of.

Giving this a lot of thought, I was reminded of the verse of Scripture. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

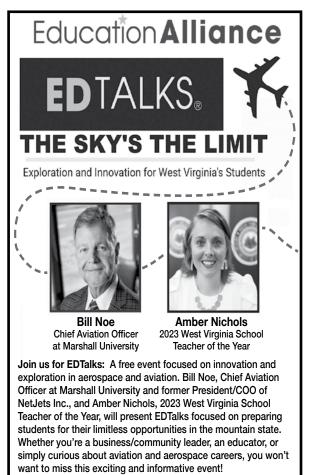
Maybe instead of focusing on "Me-Time," it would be much better to focus on "We-Time." There is much more advantageous to this.

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Anybody remember this #1 single of 1966, done in the 1930's style with the lead singer's vocals sung through a megaphone, sounding much like Rudy Valee?

Answer to last week's Trivia: The first American group to have three #1 hits off of one album and the only American group to have five consecutive #1 hits is: The Supremes. (Where Did Our Love Go?-Aug. '64, Baby Love- Oct. '64, Come See About Me-Dec.'64, Stop! In The Name Of Love-March '65, Back in My Arms Again-June '65. Remember homeless bunnies in your will. Contact the Eternal Carrot Society at membership@rabbit.org, to learn how easy it is. This is not a joke.



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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 toe-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 highlevel 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.

)BITUARIES

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 greatgrandchildren.

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.carlwilsonsmithfuneralhome.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, Thompson; Stephanie sons, Aaron, Adrian and Luke Thompson; brother, Larry Thompson; 12 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

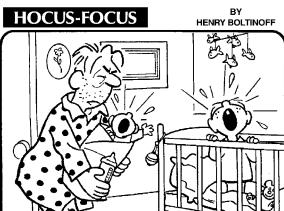
A funeral service was held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV, with Minister Mathew Bragg officiating. A viewing for the family and friends was from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. He will be laid to rest at the Rhodes Family Cemetery in Maysel.

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

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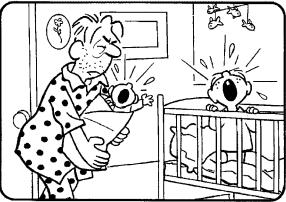
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March, 1957

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

The Monthly Hit Parade Tunes

By Delano and Larry

The top hits as the survey finds them this month are in this

| | R THE MONTH OF MARCH | | ST MONTH: |
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| 1. | Too Much | 1. | Young Love |
| 2. | Poor Boy | 2. | Banana Boat |
| 3. | Jim Dandy | 3. | Too Much |
| 4. | Lucky Lips | 4. | Singing the Blues |
| 5. | Butterfly | 5. | Don't Forbid Me |
| 6. | Banana Boat | 6. | Blueberry Hill |
| 7. | Marianne | 7. | Since I met you, Baby |
| 8. | Knee Deep in the Blues | 8. | Love Me Tender |
| 9. | Walkin After Midnight | 9. | Don't Be Cruel |
| 10. | Don't Forbid Me | 10. | Jim Dandy |

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.

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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6 - CLAY COUNTY FREE PRESS, Thursday, March 23, 2023

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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):

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| Call Co | ontract | State Project | Federal Project | Description |
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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 Guararty 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.

Civil Action No.: 23-P-5

Judge Alsop

IN RE:

The Marriage of:

Daniel Craddock

Petitioner

LEGAL IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA

Legal Notice of Publication

Change of Name

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 Ter-

rie Michele Moore will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay

County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, chang-

ing name of Terrie Michele Moore to Terrie Michele Drake at which

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 7th day of March, 2023

time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

In The Matter of Petition of Name Change of

Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia

Current Name Terrie Michele Moore

New Name Terrie Michele Drake

Terrie Michele Moore

Order of Publication

at his office

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S399-STR/IP-23.02 NHPP-2023(244)D 005 2021000740

PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN, CLAY, DODDRIDGE 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN

DBE GOAL: 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 ac-cordance 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 Guar-anty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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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.

Charissa Hanshaw

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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 Walanan

Clerk of the Clay County Commission

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(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 notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him r her on or after An

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA Civil Action No.: 23-D-14 Crystal Craddock and Respondent

LEGAL

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

Clerk of the Court

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(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 Invest-ment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

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The Clay County Clerk's office will be accepting resumes for the position of Deputy County Clerk. Main duties will be bookkeeping and payroll. Please send resumes to Clay County Clerk at PO Box 190, Clay, WV 25043. If you have any questions, please call 304-587-4259. The Clay County Clerk's office is an equal opportu-

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 | \$ | 695.34 |
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| interest, to April 23, 2023. Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, | \$ | 1,071.40 |
| with interest to April 23, 2023. | φ | 1,071.40 |
| Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served | \$ | 825.69 |
| and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, | | |
| following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023. | <i>•</i> | 120 51 |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's | \$ | 130.71 |
| sale to April 23, 2023. Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified | \$ | 2,723.14 |
| check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff | φ | 2,723.14 |
| and Treasurer of Clay County. | | |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified | \$ | 35.00 |
| check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Audito | or. | |
| You may redeem any time before April 23, 2023, by paying the above | e tota | 1 |
| 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 | | |
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(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:

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| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with | \$ | 264.93 | |
| interest, to May 2, 2023. | | | |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, | \$ | 157.45 | |
| with interest to May 2, 2023. | | | |
| Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served | \$ | 838.64 | |
| and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, | | | |
| following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023. | | | |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's | \$ | 43.57 | |
| sale to May 2, 2023. | | | |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified | \$ | 1,304.59 | |
| check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff | * | -, | |
| and Treasurer of Clay County. | | | |
| | ¢ | 25.00 | |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified | \$ | 35.00 | |
| check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Audi | | | |
| You may redeem any time before May 2, 2023, by paying the above | ve 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 | | | |

| | (\$) 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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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:

| 5, | 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:

| | Effective Tax | Percentage of |
|--------|----------------------------|---|
| Rate | Rate Increase | Increase |
| 14.30¢ | 0.78¢ | 6% |
| 28.60¢ | 1.56¢ | 6% |
| 57.20¢ | 3.12¢ | 6% |
| 57.20¢ | 3.12¢ | 6% |
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Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage \$1.222.040

4. Revenue produced last year:

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- 5. Revenue projected under the effective rate increases:
- 6. Revenue projected from new property or improvements:
- General areas in which revenue is to be allocated: Regional Jail, old and new courthouse 7.
- maintenance, utilities and judicial annex maintenance A public hearing on the increases will be held on
- March 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Courthouse, 246 Main St., Clay, WV 25043 at the decision regarding the increase will be made on
- March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Courthouse, 246 Main St., Clay, WV 25043 at

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

To: OCCUPANT, NATALIE COLE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINIS-TRATION 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

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| WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division | | |
| Return this letter and both certified funds to the | | |
| less any unearned interest. | | |
| You may redeem any time before May 2, 2023, by paying the al | bove total | |
| check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Au | ditor. | |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified | \$ | 35.00 |
| and Treasurer of Clay County. | | |
| check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified | \$ | 1,623.18 |
| sale to May 2, 2023. | Ψ | 2.1.20 |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's | \$ | 244.28 |
| following the sheriff's sale to May 2, 2023. | | |
| 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, | \$ | 904.05 |
| with interest to May 2, 2023. | \$ | 904.65 |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, | \$ | 176.71 |
| interest, to May 2, 2023. | | |
| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with | \$ | 297.54 |
| ay on the last day, May 2, 2023, will be as follows. | | |

1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Α ALTA CHURCH OF GOD Sunday Night Services 6:00 PM Wednesday 7:00 PM Everyone is welcome! Pastor: Paul E. Young

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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

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.

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Pastor: George Stickland COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Falling 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

Н HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Sunday 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

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

LICKFORK BAPTIST

Pastor: Herb Vance LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Mark Dudley Phone 304-286-5909

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Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Pastor: David McLaughlin LIVING GOD WORSHIP

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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Pastor: Cecil Lee

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Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

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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!

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Worship Service 11:00 AM Everyone Welcome

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7:00 PM

Dunlap Sunday School 10:00 AM OTTERLICK COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

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Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

LIZEMORE CHURCH

Pastor: Robert Thomas Μ

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STRANGE CREEK

Preaching 10:30 AM

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AT ELKHURST

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Thursday Service 7:00 PM

THE AMERICAN CHAPEL

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Pastor: Clifford Samples

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 6:00 PM

WednesdayService 7:00 PM Everyone welcome Pastor: Don Dobbins

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Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Geoff Hamrick

V VALLEY RIDGE

CHURCH Bible Study Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Evertyone is welcome to attend.

U 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

PEOPLES COMMUNITY

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Take time out for Jesus he

Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft

Saturday Night Service

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PISGAH FREEWILL

BAPTIST CHURCH

& preaching 6:00 PM

Pastor: Dennis Vance

PLEASANT DALE

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM Pastor: Danny Richardson

Preaching 11:00 AM

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Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville Everyone Welcome Pastor: John Pruitt

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

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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

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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/Chilren/ 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

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

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

JODIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

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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

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

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COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Everyone welcome!

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NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH Preaching every Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM

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

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OUEEN SHOALS F.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 followed by Religious Education 9:30 AM Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Father Matheus Ro SVD Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD

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Come see us in church Pastor: Harry Dobbins



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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 Virginiaone 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 ac-



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

complished 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.

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