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## Clay County boys run the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Canaan Valley race

By Allen Hamrick

It is getting that time of the year when distance races and endurance racing becomes the norm for a lot of people, people who for one reason or another find themselves gripped with staying in shape or just trying to live out their life with a bucket list. The idea of running a half marathon, 10K or a 5K race is not like diving into an apple Bundt cake swimming in melted ice cream; it's more like diving into the unknown world a person only dreams of reaching. Running takes grit, lungs, strength and a desire to be more than just a gas pusher. To each his own, it's said, and for many in Clay County, racing is a lifestyle - whether it's on two legs running over mountains and obstacles or in a seat pushing 90 over a mud caked trail. Some go for air on a tricked out mountain bike or mash the fuel on a humped up big bore bass boat trying to be the first to the best fishing hole. Even couch potatoes race when the dinner bell is hammered. To be the first spoon in the mashed taters and scoop out the pool of melted cow butter is a race worth winning.

It's in everybody's blood to race, but for some it is more. This time of year not only do you have a chance at running for miles but also running in a marathon, Tough Mudder, Spartan or Savage Races from now until fall. Now there are some races that leave a person scratching their heads. Why would anybody put themselves in a position that they would not only have to run for miles but subject themselves to ob-

stacles that have you diving and crawling through muddy water that a catfish wouldn't live in? The only answer I get is, "It's the challenge," or "It's for the fun." Racing has been a thing since time began; who could forget the run Daniel Boone had from Ohio to Kentucky? An endurance run of a little over 160 miles through dense forest and with Indians on his six; he made the run in three days to warn the fort of an up and coming attack. It was truly a race against time.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Canaan Valley half marathon took place this past weekend with people coming from all over to take part in the event. Local runner Geoff Hamrick and Pulmonologist Dr. Lucas Hamrick were among those that participated. The day was cold, and the wind made it colder. Dark clouds loomed on the horizon and left a person wondering if it would snow or rain. Runners hugged themselves as if that was a barrier to the freezing temperatures as they stood in shorts and running shirts. The starting gun sounded, and the runners took off as the half marathon began. Fifteen minutes later, the gun sounded for the 10K and then again for the 5K. Soon the clouds opened up, and the time for runners to get their butts in gear was upon them. The wind came like a tornado and blew most of the vendors' goods hither and yon, and the finish line tunnel was so active it nearly tossed people into the air as they tried to take it down before it became part of the landscape. On the trail, the runners were pasted with pea size hail and a steady combination of heavy rain and 30 mph wind; it was a



The calm came before the storm.

perfect day for a race. It was a race they will talk about over a hot cup of coffee for years, once they get over being sick and sore and the chill in their bones finally warms up. When the 13 miles was over and the sun was trying to fight through the clouds, Geoff Hamrick placed 20<sup>th</sup> in a field of over 150 and was 1st in his age division. Lucas Hamrick ran the 10K and had a personal best time in the six mile race. Both will run again in a June Savage Race with obstacles and welcome any other Clay County runners to join them. Again, racing is in the blood of every human being on this planet, and it's time to get out and give it a try if not just to say you did it. Don't live in the shadows; get out and do something this year and let us know about it. Clay County would like to hear your story.



Lucas Hamrick finishes with a personal best.



Geoff Hamrick finishes #1 in his class.

## Field Training Exercises held at Fola



From April 17 through April 21, DEVCOM CMI2, the 101st Airborne Division, Guard Unit - Adaptive Experimentation Force (AEF), academic institutions, and commercial partners gathered at Fola for training exercises.

These live force-on-force technology experimentation field train-

ing exercises (FTX) are designed for Soldiers to participate in realistic scenario-based training while assisting in the experimentation and evaluation of emerging technology from DEVCOM ARL and the FORCE and Pathfinder programs.

CMI2 DIRT Days are designed to engage Soldiers to participate in and lead the development and field testing of emerging tactics and technology while bolstering their operation skill sets through challenging, realistic exercises. DIRT Days 23-001 will emulate fu-

ture operational environments the Soldiers could experience in an age of intensifying technology and threats.

"This DIRT Days event is a generational training event for these Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division and the first of many for our CMI2 Adaptive Experi-

mentation Facility," said Walter Hatfield, AEF Director. "In the past six weeks, we have invested in the first of many permanent structures on the site and look forward to the continued growth of our facility," said Aly Gregg, VP and Director of Communications at CMI2.



## Gov. Justice issues proclamation banning outdoor burning

To reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires due to drought, Gov. Jim Justice has issued a proclamation that bans all outdoor burning throughout West Virginia, effective, April 17, 2023.

The ban, which is necessary due to dry and windy weather conditions expected in the coming days and an increasing potential for forest fires, will be in effect until conditions improve and the Governor rescinds the order by further proclamation.

This week, the National Weather Service - Charleston issued a Special Weather Statement for High Fire Danger Threat. The Governor's order makes it unlawful for any person in the state to engage in outdoor burning, includ-

ing fires built for camping, the burning of debris, or warming.

The following items are excluded from the restrictions:

Fires for the purpose of chemical production, where fire is essential to operation.

Fires for commercial land-clearing, such as mining, highway construction, and development: Provided, that a permit is obtained from the Division of Forestry prior to burning.

Training fires conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors at a training facility operated by a fire department or government entity: Provided, that a permit for such training fires is obtained from the Division of Forestry prior to burning.

Fires for outdoor cooking conducted for fund-raising events and charitable organizations: Provided, that a water source capable of extinguishing the fire must be present and a permit is obtained from the Division of Forestry prior to the operation.

Liquid fueled gas grills, lanterns or liquid-fueled gas fire stoves.

The Governor has instructed the Division of Forestry to enact a forest fire readiness plan and to enforce the ban on burning as outlined in W.Va. Code §20-1-1, et seq.

"This year, we have experienced a significant period of low humidity and below average rainfall," Acting West Virginia Division of Forestry Director and State Forester Tony Evans said.

"Since January 1, we have experienced 654 different fires in the state, and a current total of 4,121 acres burned. This ban helps ensure we are doing everything we can to protect the public, our forests, and private property from the damage that can occur from a forest fire."

The proclamation orders the Division of Forestry and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to provide continuous information to the Governor and the public regarding forest conditions.

Additionally, the proclamation orders the Division of Natural Resources, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Homeland Security, and the State Police to cooperate in the enforcement of this ban.

## Panther Invitational was held this past week



Ashley Roberts competes in the long jump. Allen Hamrick photo.

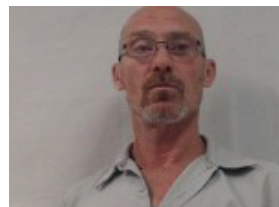


# BOOKED CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

**BRAXTON COUNTY**



**Justin Ray Chapman I**  
Booked 4/19/23  
Harassment, disorderly conduct, disruption of governmental process, obstructing an officer, battery on gov. rep./healthcare provider, trespassing, fleeing from officer, bailpiece

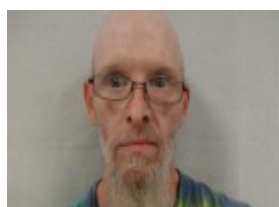


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Booked 4/17/23  
Domestic assault, probation violation, destruction of property

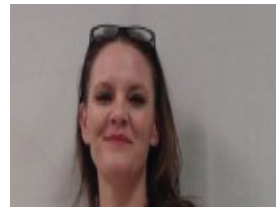
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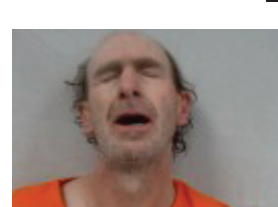
**Chad Lee Bishop**  
Booked 4/21/23  
Destruction of property, domestic assault



**Christopher Scott Lively**  
Booked 4/19/23  
Prohibited person with firearm, Capias (family court)

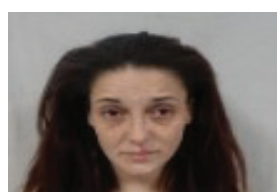


**Lisa Erin Vance**  
Booked 4/24/23  
Driving revoked for DUI



**Dave Allen Adkins**  
Booked 4/19/23  
Trespassing, obstructing an officer

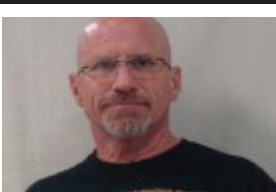
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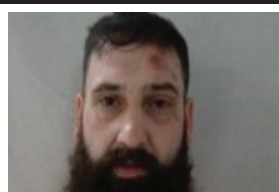
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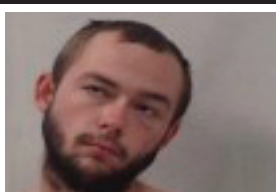
**Coye Wayne Gwinn Sr.**  
Booked 4/20/23  
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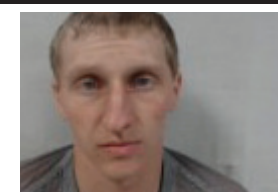
**John Thomas Mullins**  
Booked 4/21/23  
Capias



**Joseph Ray Parker**  
Booked 4/23/23  
Domestic assault, battery of officer w/o weapon, assault on officer, obstructing, domestic battery 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

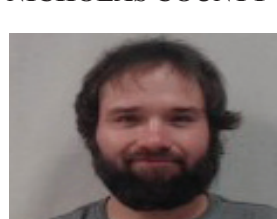


**Richard Lee Skinner**  
Booked 4/20.23  
Domestic battery

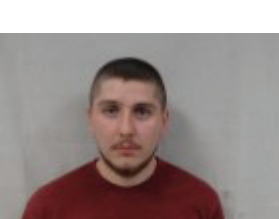


**Christian Kyle Thomas**  
Booked 4/19/23  
Domestic battery (second

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**



**Dalton Colt Webb**  
Booked 4/20/23  
Domestic battery



**Russell Wayne Young**  
Booked 4/19/23  
Fugitive from justice

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## Courthouse News



**Friday, May 19, 2023 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff:"**

09:00 AM, State v. Mary E Petry, Bench Trial, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate, No Proof of Registration

09:00 AM, State v. Mary E Petry, Bench Trial, Improper use of evidences of registration

09:30 AM, State v. Russell S. Schoolcraft III, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

10:00 AM, State v. Ronald Lee Payne, Bench Trial, Driving while license revoked – DUI, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate, Expiration of registration and certificates of title

10:30 AM, State v. Vincent Seth Ruggieri, Bench Trial, Domestic Battery, Misdemeanor Offense for violation of Protective Order Condition of Bail, Probation

11:00 AM, State v. Christopher J. White, Preliminary Hearing, Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes. (Life Registration) (x3)

11:30 AM, State v. Leslie A White, Bench Trial, Obtaining money, property and services by false pretenses; penalties. (Larceny)

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01:00 PM, State v. Danielle Nicole Cobb, Status Hearing, Trespassing after notice; exposing another's property

01:30 PM, State v. Robert Daniel Dennis, Bench Trial, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; No vehicle insurance

02:00 PM, State v. Samantha Michelle Brown, Bench Trial, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; Operation of vehicles with safety belts, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; Improper use of evidences of registration; No vehicle insurance; No Proof of Registration; Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (x2)

02:30 PM, State v. Willard B. Morris, Bench Trial, Driving while license suspended or revoked; No Insurance

02:30 PM, State v. Willard B. Morris, Bench Trial, No Seatbelt Driver, No Seatbelt Passenger Front

02:30 PM, State v. Willard B. Morris, Bench Trial, License to be carried and exhibited on demand; False Registration/Wrong Plates

02:30 PM, State v. Willard B. Morris, Bench Trial, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; Def Equip - Broken Rear Glass

03:00 PM, State v. Johnny Eugene Brown, Bench Trial, No Motorcycle Endorsement, Safety equipment and requirements for motorcyclists

03:00 PM, State v. Johnny Eugene Brown, Bench Trial, Required signals; Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles

03:00 PM, State v. Johnny Eugene Brown, Bench Trial, License to be carried and exhibited on demand; Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor)

03:00 PM, State v. Johnny Eugene Brown, Bench Trial, No Proof of Registration, No Insurance

03:00 PM, State v. Johnny Eugene Brown, Bench Trial, Driving while license suspended or revoked

03:30 PM, State v. Kathy Ann Gill, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (x2)

*Welcome to*  
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Clay County Schools is pleased to announce a one-day Kindergarten orientation program at each of its four elementary schools during the months of June and July. Taste of Kindergarten programs will take place from 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. on the following dates at each site:

**June 22nd – Big Otter Elementary (304) 286-3111**  
**June 22nd – Clay Elementary (304) 587-4276**  
**July 7th – Lizemore Elementary (304) 587-4823**  
**July 13th – H. E. White Elementary (304) 548-7101**

Parents/caregivers must attend with children. Participants will meet their child's Kindergarten teacher, receive free learning materials, and learn about expectations for Kindergarten students. Lunch will be provided.

Any child who will be entering Kindergarten in Fall 2023 is eligible to participate in Taste of Kindergarten. Please check with your child's school for a registration form, or contact program director Dr. Michelle Samples at (304) 587-4266 to obtain a form.

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## Puzzle Answers

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**Answers**

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## The Princess Hath Thus Spoken

By: Dr. James L. Snyder

In December of last year, our second great-grandchild entered our family. Our first great-grandchild was a boy, and this one is a girl.

Like all our children, grandchildren and great-grandson, this great-granddaughter was a blessing to our family. If only children would stay young for the rest of their life! I have learned that the thing is to enjoy them while they are young.

Being retired, we have more time to spend with our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I'm sure this is one of the great blessings that our Heavenly Father bestows upon us.

Because the mother of this great-grandchild, our granddaughter, is a working nurse, she went back to work following her maternity leave. That being the case, the grandma (mother) and great-grandma daycare operation kicked in.

These relationships get confusing, and I try to keep them separated. Still, the grandmother, our daughter, is also a working nurse and therefore does not have that much time for the daycare operation.

The great-grandmother, which is the Matriarch-Hierarchy, has more time for the daycare operation. That means the great-granddaughter is in our home quite often during the week.

I was pretty pleased with this arrangement and was glad to have a little great-granddaughter in our home as much as possible. Of course, you can never have too many of these little great-granddaughters.

After a few weeks I began to understand life as it is; I assumed things, but not always understanding, how they came into being.

At our family gathering, the new great-granddaughter was there and we were having our family dinner. Then something began to happen that at first, I did not quite understand, but later began to comprehend the whole issue in a different light.

The little great-granddaughter was sleeping in her bassinet in one of our bedrooms. We were chatting around the table, and then suddenly, we heard it.

Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa.

Being a man, I didn't quite understand what that noise was about. All of the ladies around the table got up and marched back to the bedroom with the little baby crying.

In a few moments, they all came out, and one was holding the baby while the rest were following. They all gathered in the living room, and I watched as they passed the baby around, and everybody had a chance to hold her.

It wasn't long before that little Princess stopped crying. And if I saw that right, if not smiling, at least she was snickering. At first, I did not quite understand what that was all about.

That was just the beginning.

Whenever The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage babysat the great-grandbaby, I noticed a similar routine.

The great-grandmother got the great-grandbaby settled down, fed her, then quietly take her back, and put her in the bassinet in the bedroom. She fell asleep, and the great-grandmother tiptoed out of the bedroom and went to the kitchen to resume her work.

Then came that familiar sound from the bedroom.

Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa.

Before the second "Waa" got out, the great-grandmother turned her back on the kitchen and scooted back into the bedroom to bow before the great-granddaughter.

As she brought the little baby out, the baby looked at me and gave me one of her snickers. I am not sure, but I think she winked at me. Just do not let this get back to the great-grandmother.

So the great-grandmother cared for the baby, rocked it, and did everything babies need at that stage of life.

She finally went to sleep, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage took the baby back to its bassinet to sleep for a little while.

When she came back, I was tempted, but I did not yield to that temptation, to ask her what all that crying was about. I was tempted, but I did not yield to that temptation, to tell her what I thought was going on.

It did not take long for the little Princess to do it all over again.

Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa, Waa.

Again, the great-grandmother dropped what she was doing and went back, got the baby out of the bassinet, brought her out, and fixed up a bottle for her lunch. So all the time, the little baby was smiling and giggling and then looking at me and winked; it seemed that way, at least from my perspective. What I saw was the little Princess taking charge of her environment. How someone that young could know how to manipulate her environment is well beyond me. I should take a few notes from her.

Then I began thinking that perhaps this was the little Princess preparing to be a wife and mother, with the emphasis on the wife. If that is true, she has a great start at that.

I wonder what it is going to be like when this little Princess graduates to a teenager. Those are going to be the days, and I'm looking forward to them.

As I was pondering this situation I could not help but think of what that wise old man, Solomon, said in, Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

That wise old man understood that what a child becomes is a result of training. Too often the child dominates the training chair which predicts what happens when that child is old.

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## THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

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# Church Confidence



Tadamichi Kuribayashi commanded the Japanese army at Iwo Jima. He was a brilliant strategist, and his fortification of the island was so well conceived it was only matched by the grit of the US Marines who took it. The Samurai mindset had given the Japanese a feeling of superiority in battle. As Fred Hayes wrote in The Lions of Iwo Jima, "the mystical Japanese "fighting spirit" -- the mantra of the militarist who ran the Imperial General Staff in Tokyo, would compensate for Japan's deficiencies in logistics, its limited industrial production capacity, and its inferior armor and artillery." The Japanese believed they couldn't be defeated and the Samurai fighting spirit would overcome any obstacle. We know, of course, that wasn't the case. The US Marine Corps knew a thing or two about fighting spirit themselves.

Jesus promised in Matthew 16:18 that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the church. I have great confidence in the truth of this promise. For nearly 2,000 years, Satan has opposed the church of Christ from the inside and from without. Even in the Apostle's own day, men tried to infiltrate the church and corrupt its doctrine. But they did not prevail. Governments tried to outlaw or banish the preaching of Christ and His church, but they did not prevail. The kings of the earth raged and counseled together against the Lord to put an end to the body of Christ, but they did not prevail. I'm confident that the church will not fall because of

the character of the one who promised. Jesus has never failed. He has always kept His word, and there isn't anything surer or worthy of believing than the promise of the King of kings.

Unlike Imperial Japan, my confidence is not the spirit of the Christian to overcome but the Spirit in the Christian who preserves. Christ will keep His church, but not every local church will overcome. Many local bodies have fallen and will still yet fall. Some hold to a mystical promise of perpetuity while ignoring the imperative to persevere. Indeed, the church is the "pillar and ground of the truth," but the man of God is to "preach the word" and is to "study to show himself approved." Through the preaching of sound doctrine, the church is built up, and that's our defense against every wind of false doctrine. Christ calls us to stand for the truth and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered.

This promise gives the church of Jesus Christ the confidence in the battle and the strength to fight, but not overconfidence in ourselves. It encourages pastors to preach the word and rightly divide the Scriptures, knowing this is how God's people grow, the truth is passed on to the next generation, and the church is built up and edified. Don't presume on the Lord's mercies. Any local church is only one generation away from apostasy or shutting the doors for good, if we think we cannot fail simply because we believe we cannot fail.

## To Love That Much

By: Joseph J. Mazella

When I was a young father struggling to get by I worked for a while in a lumber mill. It was hard, back-breaking work for little money. In the two years I worked there the job turnover rate was so high that only 4 of the people I started with were still there in the end. I did my best to make it through each day. I lived in my imagination and sang songs in my mind while my hurting body bent, lifted, and carried the heavy lumber over and over again.

One summer day I came home from work covered in sweat and sawdust. My back ached, my feet hurt, and my entire spirit felt drained and depressed. My wife brought me dinner on a TV tray, but I was too tired to eat, too tired to shower, and even too tired to watch TV. I just lay on the couch wondering how much longer I would be able to go on at this job that was weakening my body, hurting my heart, and eating away at my soul.

I glanced out the living room window and saw my young children playing outside. They were swinging on

an old swing set, chasing each other around the yard, and laughing with such joy. I kept watching them while my eyes misted over. I could feel my heart beating with love for them. I knew in that moment that I would give my life for them. And I also knew that I could continue on in this job for them, no matter how hard the work or how long I had to be there. With tears in my eyes I thanked God for giving me them and promised to love them, care for them, and be there for them forever.

Thankfully, I didn't have to stay at that job for much longer, but that moment did stay with me to this day. I think maybe one of the reasons God puts us in this difficult, often painful world is so we can learn to Love that much. Love conquers every fear, heals every hurt, and helps us become who we were meant to be. Love makes us more and more like the One who made us. May all your days no matter how difficult be filled with love then. May you spend them all loving God, yourself, and everyone else.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

As the recession played, and Reverend Jeff opened the church doors before shaking hands with his parishioners, he was surprised to discover he wasn't the first one there.

"Mornin' Rev!"

"Uh, good morning ... Alphonse."

Yes, it was Alphonse "Windy" Wilson, his boots cleaned and a bulldogger Western tie on his pearl-snap shirt, grinning broadly.

He stood next to the minister as the parishioners came past, one by one and shook Jeff's hand. Then they shook Windy's hand ... because there it was, outstretched and ready for a shake.

"Bless you," Windy said. "And a happy May Day!"

"Thank you, Windy," said Mavis.

"And ... you know why they call it May Day ...?"

But Mavis was already gone and Windy was already through three more handshakes. These folks were in a hurry.

"Yo Doc ... you know why they call it May Day?"

But Doc and Mrs. Doc were already halfway to their car.

"I don't know about you, Rev," he whispered, "but these folks are sure in a hurry. Fills me with a consternation at their respirational souls."

Reverend Jeff just nodded and kept shaking hands. Then they were gone, and it was just Jeff and Windy at the top of the steps.

"They sure move on out, don't they? Beats me how you can corral 'em long enough to sermonize 'em."

"That's easy, Windy," Jeff said. "I shut the door."

"Have to try that ... one of these days."

"So tell me," said the smiling minister, "why do they call it May Day?"

"Ah shoot! They got me so flusterated I plumb forgot."

**Check in with Windy and Doc and the gang in the Home Country book. <http://nmsantos.com/Book-store/Misc-Books/Home/Home.html>**

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**Answer to last week's Trivia:** The #1 Elvis single in which he paraphrases a line from a Shakespeare play is: "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" (Nov., 1960). "You know someone once said the world's a stage and each must play a part." That's from Shakespeare's comedy As You Like It: "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

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# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *toe-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**April 26, 1816:** General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate armies. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, which ruled Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.

**April 26, 1900:** Baseball great Lewis Robert "Hack" Wilson, whose 1930 single season runs-batted-in record stands today, was born in Pennsylvania. He started his pro career with the Martinsburg Blue Sox. He returned to Martinsburg after his retirement and is buried at Rosedale Cemetery.

**April 27, 1978:** An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending them plunging to the ground.



**April 28, 1884:** Musician Henry Reed was born in Peterstown, Monroe County. Reed was a legendary West Virginia fiddler whose repertory contributed to the old-time music revival in the last half of the 20th century.



**April 28, 1914:** An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam. Nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

**April 28, 1920:** The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.

**April 28, 1924:** An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

**April 28, 1948:** Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey L. Patten, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. Watt Powell Park was replaced by what is now known as GoMart Ballpark after the 2004 season, and the old park was demolished in 2005.

**April 29, 1863:** Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.

**April 30, 1871:** Coach Fielding "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County.

ty. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including a 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.



**April 30, 1927:** An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, the subsequent fire, and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

**May 1, 1788:** Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).

**May 1, 1930:** Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act "as a curse upon the nation" that violated her right to have a beer instead of water.

**May 2, 1900:** State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

**May 2, 1925:** Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffe, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

## Homer Lee Neal



Homer Lee Neal of Indore, WV, born on August 23, 1933, entered into rest on Friday, April 14, 2023, at the age of 89.

He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He will be missed by many friends and family.

Homer is preceded in death by his loving wife Hattie Ruth Neal, his parents George and Lula Neal, his siblings and step siblings.

Homer is survived by his son, Samuel and wife Angel Neal; daughters, Mary Neal and partner Stacy Nottingham, Elizabeth Brown, Dolly Brown, June Roberts and husband Rob McMillian, Tammy Strader and husband Greg Strader; many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews whom he loved.

A graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023, at the Neal Family Cemetery on Coon Hollow Road in Indore, WV.

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

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## Virginia Belle (Long) Rogers

Virginia Belle (Long) Rogers, 74, of Newton, WV entered into rest on April 19, 2023, in Charleston, WV.

Born on September 21, 1948, in Newton, WV, she

was the daughter of the late Alfred and Gracie (Parker) Long.

Virginia is survived by her husband Harley Rogers; daughters, Pam Rogers of Cleveland, Oh, Penny Rogers, Cleveland, Oh and Lisa Moore of Norwalk, Oh.; grandchildren, Christopher Lautzenheiser, Kayla Rogers, Kimberly Johnson, Kyle Rogers, Shannon Moore, Stevie Moore and Jalyn Roseborough and several great grandchildren; sister, Alice Noftz of Norwalk, Oh and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Parker Cemetery, Newton, WV, with Minister Rick Rogers officiating.

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

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## Opal Marie Taylor

Opal Marie Taylor, 78, of Indore, WV, passed away on April 20, 2023. Opal was a devoted wife, grandmother, and aunt to many. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Clark Taylor; son, Gary Taylor; brother, Rommey Nottingham; mother, Mary Morton; and father, Andrew Nottingham.

Many left behind to miss her, including her daughter, Linda, (Ronald) Adkins; sons, Troy Taylor and Terry Taylor; brothers, Ray and Leroy Nottingham; along with grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at Adkins Cemetery, (Payne Hollow Road) Indore, WV.

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Taylor family.

## Joey Kevin Bailey

Joey Kevin Bailey, 55, of Cannelton, WV was called home by his Heavenly Father on April 17, 2023, at home after a long illness.

Joey was born on August 3, 1967, he was a veteran who served his country during the Gulf War. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his daughter Kelsey, sister Shelia, and his protector Tiny, his dog. He also enjoyed hunting, working on cars and spending time with his many friends.

Joey is survived by his mother, Cora Neil, of Smithers, WV; father, Herman Bailey (deceased), Glen Neil of Smithers, WV; the only father he ever knew; daughters, Kelsey Bailey of Cannelton, WV; and Betty Jo of Indore, WV; brothers, James Brown of Lorain, Ohio, Dannie Bailey of Oak Hill, WV; Jon Bailey (Sharon) of Elizabeth, WV; sisters, Melissa Pugh (Bernard) of South Charleston, WV; Debraha Diggs (John) of Fayetteville, NC, Shelia Rhodes of Cannelton, WV, and Yvonne Graves (Willie) of Saint Albans, WV. Joey also leaves behind a host of nephews, nieces, and many friends.

Services will be held Monday, April 24, 2023, 11:00 AM, with visitation 1 hour prior to service, at Pennington Smith Funeral Home, 94 Main Street Gauley Bridge, WV 25085, with Minister Lee Holiday officiating. Burial will follow at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, 130 Academy Drive, Dunbar, WV 25064.

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

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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by Linda Thistle

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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.

April, 1957

### Cheer Leaders Contribute Much Toward School Spirit of Players, Student Body



Pictured above are the "unsung heroines" of the 1956-1957 basketball season at Widen High. While in the applause of the newspaper, the satisfaction of playing a good game, these peppy misses work their hearts out trying to get the students and boosters to come through with the school yells. The varsity squad is led by the three attractive cheerleaders in the above picture. From left to right they are: Patsy Louise Gibson, head cheerleader with five years experience; Barbara Gayle Butcher, a two year leader; and Lois Jewell Ramsey, also a two year leader. The junior high squad is led by Lora Lou Wilson. Joyce Ann King is a year of experience. The Varsity cheerleader through graduation.

### Student-Of-The-Month



MISS BETTY LOU CHAPMAN The Student of the Month for April is Miss Betty Lou Chapman, the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of Dille. Betty is a "B" honor roll student, has played a trombone in the band for two years, is a member of National Honor Society, and is President of Methodist Youth Fellowship at Walnut Grove Methodist Church. She has been an active member of the Footlighter Club, Library Club and Dancing Club. Betty plans to get married after graduation.

Lillian Dodrill, of the junior class, gave a speech on the behalf of Alice Hamrick, Alice Hamrick and Bill Laxton gave speeches for Joanne Conner and Lillian Dodrill, candidates for members-at-large from the junior class. Ruby Holcomb, of the sophomore class, gave a campaign speech in representation of all the candidates of the sophomore class. Other candidates from the sophomore class were: Dawne Backus and Victor Frame represented Lora Wilson and James Phares as members-at-large from the ninth grade. Eugene George, Jr. and Karl Mick, candidates for members-at-large from the eighth grade, were represented by Lillian Brooks and Jane Gibson. All the candidates promised to do their best to improve and cooperate with the council if they are elected.

### Best Writers - Widen Grade School

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| Gene Morris         | Sharon Phares       |
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| Yvonne Hamilton     | Janet Eagle         |
| <b>First Grade</b>  | Sandra Tinney       |
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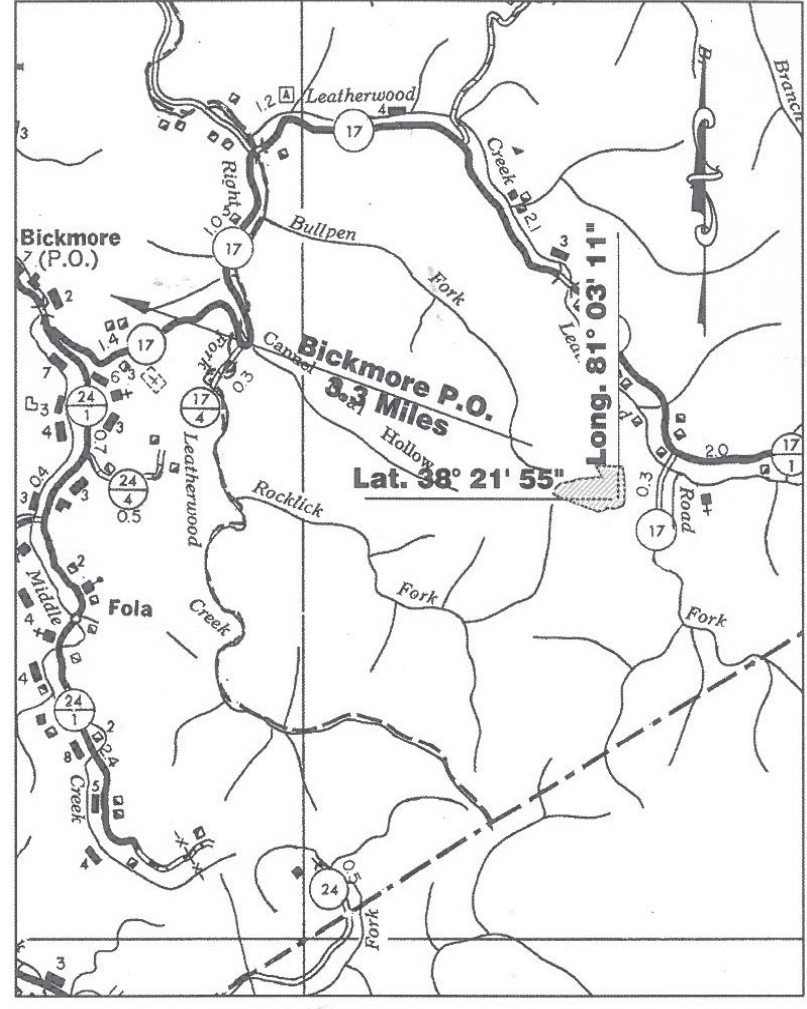
### Student Council Candidates

Candidates to be elected to Student Council for the following school year gave their campaign speeches at the high school assembly Wednesday, April 17. Candidates for president were Alice Hamrick of the junior class and David Hamrick of the sophomore class. Candidates for vice president were Joan Trueman of the junior class and Judy LaCorte of the sophomore class. Judy Schaffer and Rosa Gibson, candidates for members-at-large, of the sophomore class.

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Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD RD, BICKMORE WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 3 release on Permit Number U200405 issued for 29.7 acres. The permit is located in Henry District of Clay County, 3.3 miles northwest of Bickmore on unnamed tributary of Road Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River. WV RECLAIM CO, LLC completed final reclamation on 6/12/2015 and is requesting release of 100 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$58,800.00. Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until 6/19/23, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication.



### GENERAL LOCATION MAP

Taken From Clay County Highway Map  
Henry District Scale: 1" = 1 Mile Permit No. U-2004-05  
Lockwood No. 441 Quadrangle  
Receiving Stream - unnamed tributary of Road Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River  
Nearest Post Office - Bickmore, West Virginia

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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 June 13, 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   |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 007 2020000908 | S308-16-1.85 00 | STP-0016(291)D  | PEDESTRIAN/BIKE FACILITIES<br>MAIN STREET<br>MIDPOINT<br>COUNTY: CLAY |

**DBE GOAL:** 4% 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 contractor's 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 \$500,000 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.

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**TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE  
3339 Youngs Monument Rd, Dille, WV 26617**

In a Deed of Trust dated August 17, 2007, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 117, at page 676 Connie Cease-Bozzi did convey unto Gregory A. Tucker, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, Main Street, Clay, West Virginia 25043 on:

**June 22, 2023  
At 12:00 PM**

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

...all that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate, together with any buildings or improvements thereon, rights or rights of way incidental thereto, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Buffalo District, Clay County, West Virginia, and as more particularly bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING AT A BEECH TREE CORNER BY THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD FACING UP STRANGE CREEK, AND RUNNING THE REVERSE OF N. 63 E. 295 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE N. 30 E., 300 FEET TO A STAKE BY THE ROAD; THENCE FOLLOWING THE ROAD TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND BEING A PART OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF 2.7 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO FLEET CARTE BY OMER CATE AND ORA CARTE, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 1950, AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION (THEN COUNTY COURT) OF SAID CLAY COUNTY IN DEED BOOK 64, A PAGE 84.

Being the same real estate conveyed to Connie Cease-Bozzi by deed of Charlotte J. Adkins, widow, dated August 17, 2007 and to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, simultaneously with this instrument.

This deed of trust is made subject to the same exceptions, reservations, conditions, restrictions and easements contained in prior deeds of conveyance of record for the above described real estate, insofar as same are presently applicable and have not been released, abandoned or discharged by law or otherwise.

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Clay County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Purchaser must bring \$5000.00 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

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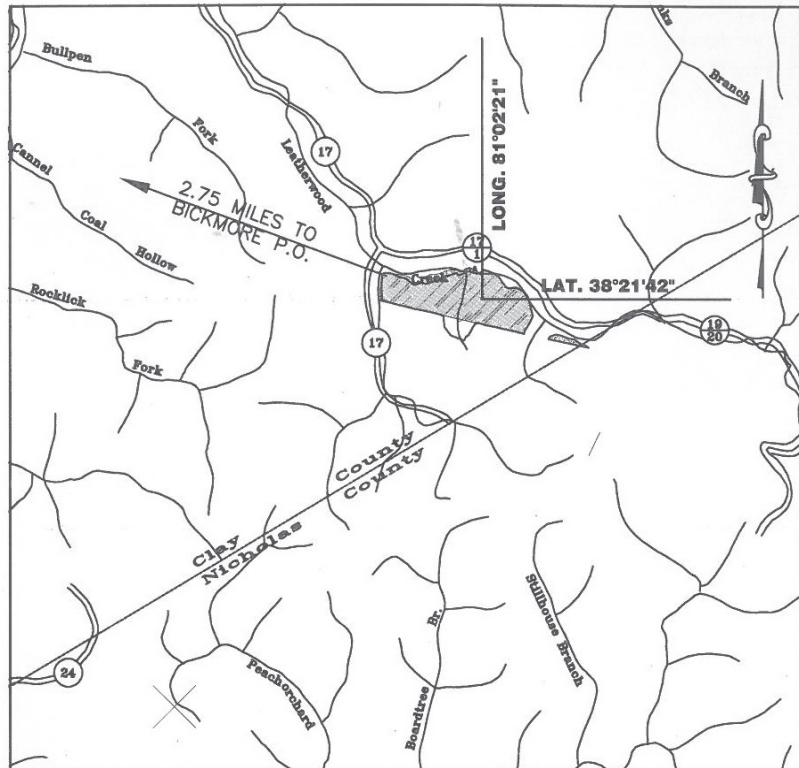
**ADVERTISEMENT**

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The permit is located in Henry/Grant Districts of Clay/Nichols Counties, 2.75 miles northeast of BICKMORE on Road Fork and Leatherwood Creek of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River.

WV RECLAIM CO, LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 4/12/2012 and is requesting release of 50 percent of the reclamation performance bonds currently in the amount of \$529,920.00.

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until 6/19/23, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication.



RECEIVING STREAM - ROAD FORK OF LEATHERWOOD CREEK OF ELK RIVER  
**GENERAL LOCATION MAP**

1" = 5280' (1 MILE)

ARTICLE 3 S-2014-96

CLAY COUNTY HENRY DISTRICT  
NICHOLAS COUNTY GRANT DISTRICT  
LOCKWOOD QUAD NO. 441

**LEGAL**

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA**

**THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY**

IN RE: State v J.A. and G.A. Case Nos. 23-JA-9-10  
In the matter of J.A. and G.A., and the unknown whereabouts of Gary Foor, Adult Respondent Father of said Infants.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

And  
**NOTICE OF ANSWER**

To: **Gary Foor**

(The object of this action is to notify the Adult Respondent Father of an abuse and neglect petition herein filed so that said Adult Respondent Father may answer the same to protect their interest).

You are hereby notified that an abuse and neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 4th day of April 2023, and assigned Case Numbers 23-JA-9-10, wherein it is alleged that the Adult Respondent Father of Infant Respondents J.A. (DOB: 3/8/23), and G.A. (DOB: 11/22/06), is Gary Foor, and that said Infant Respondents be placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, with said Infant Respondents remaining in the care, custody and control of the said Department since that time in accordance with WV Code §49-6-3. You are hereby notified that you have the right to answer said petition and you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Adult Respondent Father, Gary Foor, shall appear before the Honorable Jack Alsop on the **15th day of May 2023, at 2:50 a.m.**, at the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against them at any time thereafter, and termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia, at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay, West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION.

BY: Jim E. Samples, Prosecuting Attorney, Clay County, West Virginia. Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 18th day of April 2023.

*Christina Hamshaw*  
Circuit Clerk

**LEGAL**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 22-0949-PWD-19A

CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT,

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

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES**

On October 26, 2022, the Clay County Public Service District (CCPSD) filed Tariff Form 11 seeking increased rates for providing potable water under the process established by the Commission for small utilities. CCPSD also requested emergency interim rates.

On March 20, 2023, Staff recommended that the Commission increase CCPSD rates by 25.69 percent over the rates in effect before the filing of this proceeding or 17.91 percent over the interim rates. Staff noted a negative net income of \$41,066 at going level during the test year. Staff calculated revised leak adjustment rates, revised the delayed payment penalty and incorporated a working capital increment.

The tariff rates approved prior to this proceeding are as follows:

**RATES (Customers with metered water supply)**

|          |                               |                           |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| First    | 3,000 gallons used per month  | \$14.60 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next     | 3,000 gallons used per month  | \$14.00 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next     | 4,000 gallons used per month  | \$13.43 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next     | 10,000 gallons used per month | \$12.85 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over | 20,000 gallons used per month | \$12.29 per 1,000 gallons |

**MINIMUM CHARGE**

No bill shall be rendered for less than the following:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 5/8 inch meter   | \$40.44 per month    |
| 3/4 inch meter   | \$60.66 per month    |
| 1 inch meter     | \$101.10 per month   |
| 1-1/2 inch meter | \$202.20 per month   |
| 2 inch meter     | \$323.52 per month   |
| 3 inch meter     | \$606.60 per month   |
| 4 inch meter     | \$1,011.00 per month |
| 6 inch meter     | \$2,022.00 per month |
| 8 inch meter     | \$3,235.00 per month |

The above minimum charge is subject to an additional \$1.12 per 1,000 gallons used per month.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY**

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

**LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

\$6.71 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

The Staff-recommended rates are as follows:

|          |                               |                           |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| First    | 3,000 gallons used per month  | \$17.89 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next     | 3,000 gallons used per month  | \$17.60 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next     | 4,000 gallons used per month  | \$16.88 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next     | 10,000 gallons used per month | \$16.15 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over | 20,000 gallons used per month | \$15.45 per 1,000 gallons |

**MINIMUM CHARGE\***

No bill shall be rendered for less than the following:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 5/8 inch meter   | \$53.67 per month    |
| 3/4 inch meter   | \$80.51 per month    |
| 1 inch meter     | \$134.18 per month   |
| 1-1/2 inch meter | \$268.35 per month   |
| 2 inch meter     | \$429.36 per month   |
| 3 inch meter     | \$805.05 per month   |
| 4 inch meter     | \$1,341.75 per month |
| 6 inch meter     | \$2,683.50 per month |
| 8 inch meter     | \$4,293.60 per month |

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY\***

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

**LEAK ADJUSTMENT\***

\$7.75 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above 200% of the customer's historical average usage.

**8.47% CASH WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE INCREMENT**

8.47% of total billings at the indicated rates is required to be recorded as a credit to "Miscellaneous Operating Reserves" with related collections to be charged to "Other Special Funds" and deposited into a distinct CWCRC Bank Account.

The average increase for each customer class is summarized as follows:

|             | Percentage Increase | Avg. Monthly Increase | Avg. Monthly Usage |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Residential | 23.48%              | \$10.21               | 2,700 gal.         |
| Commercial  | 23.91%              | \$18.51               | 5,400 gal.         |

Anyone desiring to review the Staff Report may do so on the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to protest the changed rates and charges must do so in writing within ten days of the date of publication of this notice. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests must be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified. In addition, anyone desiring a hearing in this matter must demand a hearing in the written protest.

If no hearing is demanded, the Commission may affirm the proposed rates without hearing. The Commission may adopt rates and charges for CCPSD which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges.

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of CLAY have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of **Delinquent and Nonentered Lands** of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Big Courtroom on the 4th day of May, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

| CERT #        | SOLD | TICKET | NAME                          | NAME 2 | DESCRIPTION                    | DISTRICT  | AMOUNT DUE |
|---------------|------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 2022-C-000001 | 2021 | 1938   | KT PROPERTIES                 |        | ST RT 16 .25AC 83X138X82X134   | CENTER    | \$177.06   |
| 2022-C-000001 | 2021 | 2003   | TINNELL BEATRICE HRS          |        | 35 AC WTS GROVES               | BUFFALO   | \$525.35   |
| 2022-C-000002 | 2021 | 838    | GILL CORNELIA S               |        | 6 AC ROCK CAMP                 | BUFFALO   | \$480.69   |
| 2022-C-000003 | 2021 | 1072   | JEFFREY DAVID BRYANT          |        | LT 38 IVYDALE                  | BUFFALO   | \$178.19   |
| 2022-C-000005 | 2021 | 1336   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II           |        | 100 AC S S ELK & BIG RUN       | BUFFALO   | \$211.53   |
| 2022-C-000006 | 2021 | 860    | GRAHAM W H                    |        | 2300 AC SAND FORK              | BUFFALO   | \$365.24   |
| 2022-C-000007 | 2021 | 889    | HALL O L                      |        | LOT IVYDALE MIN                | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000008 | 2021 | 1066   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | LOT IVYDALE                    | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000009 | 2021 | 890    | HALL O L                      |        | 1400.75 AC S S ELK O&G         | BUFFALO   | \$197.69   |
| 2022-C-000010 | 2021 | 1067   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 1400.75 AC S S ELK             | BUFFALO   | \$217.32   |
| 2022-C-000011 | 2021 | 891    | HALL O L                      |        | 66 LAFRIN LAND O&G 2/3 OF 3/32 | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000012 | 2021 | 1068   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 66 LAFRIN LAND O&G 2/3 OF 3/32 | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000013 | 2021 | 892    | HALL O L                      |        | 56 AC GRACE ROSS LD O&G 2/3 OF | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000014 | 2021 | 1069   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 56AC GRACE ROSS LD 2/3 OF 1/32 | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000015 | 2021 | 893    | HALL O L                      |        | 5 ADJ IVYDALE O&G              | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000016 | 2021 | 1070   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 5 ADJ IVYDALE O&G              | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000017 | 2021 | 945    | HANSHAW TRACY A               |        | 98.75 AC S S ELK               | BUFFALO   | \$211.92   |
| 2022-C-000018 | 2021 | 1495   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC    |        | 11 AC STRANGE CREEK            | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000019 | 2021 | 1496   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC    |        | 5.64 AC STRANGE CREEK COAL     | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000020 | 2021 | 1497   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC    |        | 1 AC STRANGE CREEK             | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000021 | 2021 | 749    | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | LOTS 3-14 IVYDALE              | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000022 | 2021 | 1585   | REED JOE W                    |        | 56 AC S S ELK                  | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000023 | 2021 | 1586   | REED JOE W                    |        | 56 AC WTS DOG RUN & BUFFALO    | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000024 | 2021 | 1587   | REED JOE W                    |        | 82 AC FLAT FORK                | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000025 | 2021 | 1588   | REED JOE W                    |        | 50 AC BUFFALO                  | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000026 | 2021 | 1589   | REED JOE W                    |        | 66 AC S S ELK                  | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000027 | 2021 | 1590   | REED JOE W                    |        | 70 AC WTS DOG RUN & BUFFALO    | BUFFALO   | \$182.24   |
| 2022-C-000028 | 2021 | 1591   | REED JOE W                    |        | 167 AC WTS DOG RUN & BUFFALO   | BUFFALO   | \$186.23   |
| 2022-C-000029 | 2021 | 1592   | REED JOE W                    |        | 50 AC WTS GROVES & BUFFALO     | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000030 | 2021 | 1593   | REED JOE W                    |        | 60 AC WTS GROVES & BUFFALO     | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000031 | 2021 | 1594   | REED JOE W                    |        | 36 ACS WTS DOG RUN & BUFFALO   | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000032 | 2021 | 679    | DOWNES MARY W                 |        | 20 AC STANDING ROCK            | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000033 | 2021 | 1924   | STUCK NEVA W                  |        | 20 AC STANDING ROCK            | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000034 | 2021 | 1925   | STUCK NEVA W                  |        | 66 2/3 AC WTS BUFFALO          | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000035 | 2021 | 1926   | STUCK NEVA W                  |        | 200 AC WTS BUFFALO             | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000036 | 2021 | 1927   | STUCK NEVA W                  |        | 58.5 AC WTS BUFFALO            | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000037 | 2021 | 1985   | THOMAS BETTY                  |        | 98 AC WTS BUFFALO              | BUFFALO   | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000038 | 2021 | 2474   | BROCK RANDALL LEE             |        | FR PT LOT 101 CHURCH STREET    | CLAY CORP | \$346.47   |
| 2022-C-000039 | 2021 | 2768   | NEFF TREVOR MICHAEL ETAL      |        | LOT 134 MAIN STREET            | CLAY CORP | \$720.02   |
| 2022-C-000040 | 2021 | 2589   | FUGATE AQUAYLA                |        | LT 86-88 CARR ADD              | CLAY CORP | \$476.16   |
| 2022-C-000041 | 2021 | 2686   | MICHAU MARGARET W             |        | LOT 97 CARR ADDN SUR           | CLAY CORP | \$190.67   |
| 2022-C-000042 | 2021 | 2795   | PRITT DARRELL V II ETAL       |        | 1200 SQ FT MAIN STREET         | CLAY CORP | \$192.57   |
| 2022-C-000043 | 2021 | 2572   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | LOT EAGLE BEND (150X167)       | CLAY CORP | \$195.26   |
| 2022-C-000044 | 2021 | 2609   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 3 AC EAGLE BEND FEE            | CLAY CORP | \$212.49   |
| 2022-C-000045 | 2021 | 2642   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 3 AC EAGLE BEND FEE            | CLAY CORP | \$181.24   |
| 2022-C-000046 | 2021 | 2643   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 4 1/8 AC CHAPMAN TR            | CLAY CORP | \$181.24   |
| 2022-C-000047 | 2021 | 2610   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 4 1/8 AC CHAPMAN TR SUR        | CLAY CORP | \$196.60   |
| 2022-C-000049 | 2021 | 2573   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 3 AC SALISBURY TR              | CLAY CORP | \$181.24   |
| 2022-C-000050 | 2021 | 6527   | ROGERS TERRY RAY              |        | 110.88 AC WTS BIG LAUREL       | HENRY     | \$324.94   |
| 2022-C-000051 | 2021 | 4721   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 23 AC WTS SANDY FEE 2/3 OF     | HENRY     | \$188.94   |
| 2022-C-000052 | 2021 | 5012   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 23 AC WTS SANDY                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000053 | 2021 | 4208   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 23 AC GRANNIES CREEK           | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000054 | 2021 | 7306   | TRUMAN JASON L ETUX           |        | 2.23 AC LOWER TWO RUN          | HENRY     | \$347.41   |
| 2022-C-000055 | 2021 | 3521   | CAMPBELL GEORGE R ETAL        |        | 5 AC LOWER TWO RUN             | HENRY     | \$244.01   |
| 2022-C-000056 | 2021 | 5260   | LANE WILLARD FRANKLIN II ETAL |        | 91.5 AC WTS LAUREL             | HENRY     | \$434.56   |
| 2022-C-000058 | 2021 | 6578   | SAMPLES CARLOS F              |        | 2 AC WTS LAUREL                | HENRY     | \$179.97   |
| 2022-C-000059 | 2021 | 6843   | SMITH JONATHAN                |        | PT LTS 25X150 WTS LAUREL SUR   | HENRY     | \$195.68   |
| 2022-C-000060 | 2021 | 6844   | SMITH JONATHAN                |        | 1 LOT WTS LAUREL SUR           | HENRY     | \$215.99   |
| 2022-C-000061 | 2021 | 6845   | SMITH JONATHAN                |        | 5 AC BIG LAUREL SUR            | HENRY     | \$299.11   |
| 2022-C-000062 | 2021 | 4127   | EAGLE GLENDORA                |        | 4.60 AC WTS BLUE KNOB          | HENRY     | \$214.46   |
| 2022-C-000063 | 2021 | 4209   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 24.5 AC N S ELK                | HENRY     | \$292.01   |
| 2022-C-000064 | 2021 | 7515   | WELCH TRACI LEE               |        | 20 AC WTS BLUE KNOB            | HENRY     | \$470.66   |
| 2022-C-000065 | 2021 | 7516   | WELCH TRACI LEE               |        | 10.24 AC BLUE KNOB             | HENRY     | \$215.53   |
| 2022-C-000066 | 2021 | 4210   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 1 AC ROCK QUARRY               | HENRY     | \$179.42   |
| 2022-C-000067 | 2021 | 5299   | LEGG DENNIS                   |        | .74 AC WTS BUFFALO             | HENRY     | \$188.29   |
| 2022-C-000068 | 2021 | 5403   | MAGNOLIA LLC                  |        | LOT N S ELK                    | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000069 | 2021 | 4206   | ERSKINE JOSIE                 |        | LOT N S ELK                    | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000070 | 2021 | 4207   | ERSKINE JOSIE                 |        | LOT S S ELK                    | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000071 | 2021 | 6014   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC    |        | 76.75 AC WTS OTTER COAL        | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000072 | 2021 | 6015   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC    |        | 80 AC WTS RUSH FORK COAL       | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000073 | 2021 | 4888   | HILL TODD BROOKS ETAL         |        | 82 AC WTS LAUREL               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000074 | 2021 | 6090   | PATTERSON VIRGINIA            |        | 82 AC WTS LAUREL               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000075 | 2021 | 5708   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 50 AC UPPER TWO RUN            | HENRY     | \$190.76   |
| 2022-C-000076 | 2021 | 5709   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 58 AC LOWER TWO RUN            | HENRY     | \$198.66   |
| 2022-C-000077 | 2021 | 5710   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 100 AC N S ELK                 | HENRY     | \$223.06   |
| 2022-C-000078 | 2021 | 5711   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 62.66 AC N S ELK               | HENRY     | \$202.23   |
| 2022-C-000079 | 2021 | 5712   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 570 AC N S ELK                 | HENRY     | \$326.81   |
| 2022-C-000080 | 2021 | 5713   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 675 AC N S ELK                 | HENRY     | \$356.25   |
| 2022-C-000081 | 2021 | 5714   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 200 AC HORSE FK SANDY          | HENRY     | \$214.46   |
| 2022-C-000082 | 2021 | 5715   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 25 AC N S ELK & SPREAD         | HENRY     | \$181.06   |
| 2022-C-000083 | 2021 | 5716   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 50 AC BIG LAUREL               | HENRY     | \$181.06   |
| 2022-C-000084 | 2021 | 5717   | MOHLER WILLIAM E II ETAL      |        | 50 AC UPPER TWO RUN            | HENRY     | \$179.64   |
| 2022-C-000085 | 2021 | 4834   | HAYES ROBERT                  |        | 128 AC BLUE KNOB               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000086 | 2021 | 4722   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 76 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 2/3 OF    | HENRY     | \$182.34   |
| 2022-C-000087 | 2021 | 5013   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 76 AC WTS LAUREL               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000088 | 2021 | 4723   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 3.5 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 2/3 OF   | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000089 | 2021 | 5014   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 3.5 AC WTS LAUREL              | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000090 | 2021 | 4724   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 10 AC WTS SANDY MIN 2/3 OF     | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000091 | 2021 | 5015   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 10 AC WTS SANDY                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000092 | 2021 | 4725   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 125 AC WTS BIG LAUREL MIN      | HENRY     | \$178.91   |
| 2022-C-000093 | 2021 | 5016   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 125 AC WTS BIG LAUREL MIN      | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000094 | 2021 | 4726   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 5 AC BLUE KNOB MIN 2/3 OF 1/4  | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000095 | 2021 | 5017   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 5 AC BLUE KNOB                 | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000096 | 2021 | 4727   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 1 AC WTS LAUREL                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000097 | 2021 | 5018   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 1 AC WTS LAUREL                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000098 | 2021 | 4728   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 144 AC WTS SANDY & LAUREL O&G  | HENRY     | \$214.70   |
| 2022-C-000099 | 2021 | 5019   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 144 AC WTS SANDY & LAUREL      | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000100 | 2021 | 4729   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 13 AC WTS SANDY O&G 2/3 OF 1/8 | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000101 | 2021 | 5020   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 13 AC WTS SANDY                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000102 | 2021 | 4730   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 12 AC WTS SANDY O&G 2/3 OF 1/4 | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000103 | 2021 | 5021   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 12 AC WTS SANDY                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000104 | 2021 | 4731   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 1 AC BIG LAUREL O&G 2/3 OF 1/2 | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000105 | 2021 | 5022   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 1 AC BIG LAUREL                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000106 | 2021 | 4732   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 55 AC WTS SANDY O&G 2/3 OF     | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000107 | 2021 | 5023   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 55 AC WTS SANDY                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000108 | 2021 | 4733   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 27.25 AC SUMMERS FORK O&G 2/3  | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000109 | 2021 | 5024   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 27.25 AC SUMMERS FORK          | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000110 | 2021 | 4734   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 11 AC SUMMERS FORK O&G 2/3 OF  | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000111 | 2021 | 5025   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 11 AC SUMMERS FORK             | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000112 | 2021 | 4735   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 106 AC CHAPMAN TR O&G 2/3 OF   | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000113 | 2021 | 5026   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 106 AC CHAPMAN TR              | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000114 | 2021 | 4736   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 250 AC GRANNIES CRK O&G 2/3 OF | HENRY     | \$192.07   |
| 2022-C-000115 | 2021 | 5027   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 250 AC GRANNIES CRK            | HENRY     | \$190.02   |
| 2022-C-000116 | 2021 | 4737   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 90 AC N S ELK O&G 2/3 OF 1/4 & | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000117 | 2021 | 5028   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 90 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000118 | 2021 | 4738   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 27.5 AC WTS BIG LAUREL O&G 2/3 | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000119 | 2021 | 5029   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 27.5 AC WTS BIG LAUREL         | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000120 | 2021 | 4739   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 111.6 AC N S ELK COAL 2/3 OF   | HENRY     | \$200.05   |
| 2022-C-000121 | 2021 | 5030   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 111.6 AC N S ELK               | HENRY     | \$178.03   |
| 2022-C-000122 | 2021 | 4740   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 649 AC WTS BUFFALO COAL 2/3 OF | HENRY     | \$202.80   |
| 2022-C-000123 | 2021 | 5031   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 649 AC WTS BUFFALO             | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000124 | 2021 | 4741   | HALL O L HRS                  |        | 95.17 AC N S ELK COAL 2/3 OF   | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000125 | 2021 | 5032   | JARVIS JOHN K                 |        | 95.17 AC N S ELK               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000126 | 2021 | 4799   | HANSHAW LEAMON W              |        | 12 AC WTS SANDY                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000127 | 2021 | 4800   | HANSHAW LEAMON W              |        | 6.25 AC TWO RUN                | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000128 | 2021 | 6016   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC    |        | 142 AC SANDY COAL              | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000129 | 2021 | 5363   | LOCKE ALFRED L                |        | 62.5 AC WTS SANDY & LAUREL     | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000130 | 2021 | 4211   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 82 AC WTS LAUREL               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000131 | 2021 | 4212   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 82 AC WTS LAUREL               | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000132 | 2021 | 4213   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 332 AC CAMP CREEK              | HENRY     | \$216.95   |
| 2022-C-000133 | 2021 | 4214   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 219 AC CAMP CREEK              | HENRY     | \$200.11   |
| 2022-C-000134 | 2021 | 4215   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 75 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY     | \$181.06   |
| 2022-C-000135 | 2021 | 4216   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 84 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY     | \$179.64   |
| 2022-C-000136 | 2021 | 4217   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 12 AC TWO RUN                  | HENRY     | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000137 | 2021 | 4218   | ERSKINE JOSIE L               |        | 22.5 AC LAUREL & OTTER         | HENRY     | \$177.     |



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| 2022-C-000148 | 2021 | 5738   | MOORE JOLENA               |        | LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND       | HENRY    | \$239.86   |
| 2022-C-000149 | 2021 | 5739   | MOORE JOLENA               |        | 4.5 AC E HARTLAND              | HENRY    | \$239.86   |
| 2022-C-000150 | 2021 | 6357   | REED JOE W                 |        | 100 AC WTS LAUREL              | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000151 | 2021 | 6358   | REED JOE W                 |        | 32 AC LAUREL                   | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000152 | 2021 | 6359   | REED JOE W                 |        | 8 AC LAUREL                    | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000153 | 2021 | 6360   | REED JOE W                 |        | 41 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000154 | 2021 | 6361   | REED JOE W                 |        | 41 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000155 | 2021 | 6362   | REED JOE W                 |        | 20 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000156 | 2021 | 6363   | REED JOE W                 |        | 69 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000157 | 2021 | 6364   | REED JOE W                 |        | 41 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000158 | 2021 | 6365   | REED JOE W                 |        | 133 AC LAUREL                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000159 | 2021 | 6366   | REED JOE W                 |        | 96.5 AC LAUREL                 | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000160 | 2021 | 6367   | REED JOE W                 |        | 94 AC BLUE KNOB                | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000161 | 2021 | 6417   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 1/6 AC LAUREL & OTTER          | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000162 | 2021 | 6370   | REED KATHI A               |        | 1/6 AC LAUREL & OTTER          | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000163 | 2021 | 6418   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 229 AC LAUREL & SANDY MIN      | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000164 | 2021 | 6371   | REED KATHI A               |        | 229 AC LAUREL & SANDY MIN      | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000165 | 2021 | 6419   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 70 AC WTS SANDY MIN            | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000166 | 2021 | 6372   | REED KATHI A               |        | 70 AC WTS SANDY MIN            | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000167 | 2021 | 6420   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 161 AC RUSH FORK MIN           | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000168 | 2021 | 6373   | REED KATHI A               |        | 161 AC RUSH FORK MIN           | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000169 | 2021 | 6421   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 290 AC WTS LAUREL MIN          | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000170 | 2021 | 6374   | REED KATHI A               |        | 290 AC WTS LAUREL MIN          | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000171 | 2021 | 6422   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 13 AC LEATHERWOOD MIN          | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000172 | 2021 | 6375   | REED KATHI A               |        | 13 AC LEATHERWOOD MIN          | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000173 | 2021 | 6017   | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC |        | 13 AC LEATHERWOOD COAL         | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000174 | 2021 | 6423   | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 50 AC WTS BIG LAUREL MIN       | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000175 | 2021 | 6376   | REED KATHI A               |        | 50 AC WTS BIG LAUREL MIN       | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000176 | 2021 | 6368   | REED JOE W                 |        | 16 AC N S ELK                  | HENRY    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000177 | 2021 | 4716   | HAGER WILLIAM ETUX         |        | 6.43 AC LEATHERWOOD            | HENRY    | \$181.84   |
| 2022-C-000178 | 2021 | 11514  | ROBINSON MARVIN            |        | 28.21 AC WTS WEST FORK         | OTTER    | \$234.93   |
| 2022-C-000179 | 2021 | 11515  | ROBINSON MARVIN            |        | 9.36 AC WTS WEST FORK          | OTTER    | \$340.03   |
| 2022-C-000180 | 2021 | 10132  | HILL TODD BROOKS ETAL      |        | 86 AC MCCUMBERS TR             | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000181 | 2021 | 11324  | PATTERSON VIRGINIA         |        | 86 AC MCCUMBERS TR             | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000182 | 2021 | 8996   | CLEVINGER L MAE            |        | 15 AC LOG SHOALS               | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000183 | 2021 | 9902   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 13.5 AC WTS ELK & OTTER        | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000184 | 2021 | 9903   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 331 AC WEST FORK               | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000185 | 2021 | 9904   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 69.5 AC WEST FORK              | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000186 | 2021 | 9905   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 50 AC WEST FORK                | OTTER    | \$190.38   |
| 2022-C-000187 | 2021 | 9906   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 30 AC WEST FORK                | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000188 | 2021 | 9907   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 5 AC WTS OTTER                 | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000189 | 2021 | 9908   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 3682 AC NS ELK                 | OTTER    | \$484.40   |
| 2022-C-000190 | 2021 | 9909   | GRAHAM ELIZABETH HRS       |        | 22 AC WEST FORK                | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000191 | 2021 | 9910   | GRAHAM W H                 |        | 13.5 AC ELK & OTTER            | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000192 | 2021 | 9911   | GRAHAM W H                 |        | 69.5 AC WEST FORK              | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000193 | 2021 | 10018  | HALL ELIZA TRUSTEE         |        | 247 AC WTS STINSON             | OTTER    | \$183.56   |
| 2022-C-000194 | 2021 | 10019  | HALL ELIZA TRUSTEE         |        | 82.5 AC WTS OTTER MIN          | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000195 | 2021 | 10032  | HALL O L                   |        | 109 AC RUSH FORK MIN 2/3 OF    | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000196 | 2021 | 10271  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 109 AC RUSH FORK               | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000197 | 2021 | 10033  | HALL O L                   |        | 1 AC RUSH FORK MIN 2/3 OF      | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000198 | 2021 | 10272  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 1 AC RUSH FORK                 | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000199 | 2021 | 10034  | HALL O L                   |        | 12 AC GOULD MIN 2/3 OF 1/4 &   | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000200 | 2021 | 10273  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 12 AC GOULD                    | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000201 | 2021 | 10035  | HALL O L                   |        | 1 AC RUSH FORK 2/3 OF          | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000202 | 2021 | 10274  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 1 AC RUSH FORK                 | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000203 | 2021 | 10036  | HALL O L                   |        | LOT 26-27-28 GOULD MIN 2/3 OF  | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000204 | 2021 | 10275  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | LOT 26-27-28 GOULD             | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000205 | 2021 | 10037  | HALL O L                   |        | 1/4 AC RUSH FORK MIN 2/3 OF    | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000206 | 2021 | 10276  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 1/4 AC RUSH FORK               | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000223 | 2021 | 10046  | HALL O L                   |        | 3 AC UNDERWOOD LAND O&G 2/3    | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000237 | 2021 | 10053  | HALL O L                   |        | 12 AC WTS WEST FORK O&G 2/3 OF | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000239 | 2021 | 10054  | HALL O L                   |        | 106 AC WTS WEST FORK O&G 2/3   | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000240 | 2021 | 10293  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 106 AC WTS WEST FORK O&G       | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000242 | 2021 | 10294  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 22 AC WTS WEST FORK O&G        | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000248 | 2021 | 10066  | HAMRICK EMERSON JR         |        | 144 AC WTS OTTER               | OTTER    | \$181.20   |
| 2022-C-000249 | 2021 | 10067  | HAMRICK EMERSON JR         |        | 78 AC N S ELK                  | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000250 | 2021 | 9954   | GUZMAN RONA KAY            |        | 75 AC WTS O'BRION              | OTTER    | \$196.92   |
| 2022-C-000251 | 2021 | 9738   | ERSKINE JOSIE L            |        | 200 AC LAUREL FORK OTTER       | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000252 | 2021 | 11467  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 200 AC WTS OTTER MIN           | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000253 | 2021 | 11409  | REED KATHI A               |        | 200 AC WTS OTTER MIN           | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000254 | 2021 | 9739   | ERSKINE JOSIE L            |        | 54 AC WTS BIG SANDY            | OTTER    | \$182.14   |
| 2022-C-000255 | 2021 | 11168  | MURPHY VIOLET              |        | 54 AC WTS STINSON              | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000256 | 2021 | 11169  | MURPHY VIOLET              |        | 3 AC WTS STINSON               | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000257 | 2021 | 11405  | REED JOE W                 |        | 75 AC SNAKE CREEK              | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000258 | 2021 | 11406  | REED JOE W                 |        | 183AC & 57 PLS WTS O'BRION     | OTTER    | \$186.82   |
| 2022-C-000259 | 2021 | 11407  | REED JOE W                 |        | 183 AC WTS O'BRION             | OTTER    | \$186.82   |
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| 2022-C-000261 | 2021 | 11468  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 70 AC RUSH FORK MIN            | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000262 | 2021 | 11410  | REED KATHI A               |        | 70 AC RUSH FORK MIN            | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000263 | 2021 | 11469  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 30 AC WTS OTTER MIN            | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000264 | 2021 | 11411  | REED KATHI A               |        | 30 AC WTS OTTER MIN            | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000265 | 2021 | 11248  | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC |        | 30 AC WTS OTTER COAL           | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000267 | 2021 | 11250  | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC |        | 8 AC WTS WEST FORK COAL        | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000268 | 2021 | 11470  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 48.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY     | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000271 | 2021 | 11413  | REED KATHI A               |        | 43 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY       | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000272 | 2021 | 11472  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 13.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY     | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000273 | 2021 | 11414  | REED KATHI A               |        | 13.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY     | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000275 | 2021 | 11415  | REED KATHI A               |        | 12.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY     | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000276 | 2021 | 10016  | HALL ELIZA                 |        | 336 AC WTS OTTER               | OTTER    | \$191.12   |
| 2022-C-000277 | 2021 | 10133  | HILL TODD BROOKS ETAL      |        | 370 AC WTS OTTER               | OTTER    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000278 | 2021 | 10017  | HALL ELIZA                 |        | 343.90 AC WTS OTTER            | OTTER    | \$234.57   |
| 2022-C-000279 | 2021 | 13736  | FITZWATER KARL K ETUX      |        | 21.13 AC BIG SYC               | PLEASANT | \$482.43   |
| 2022-C-000280 | 2021 | 14695  | MOORE JOLENA               |        | 1 AC MID CRK                   | PLEASANT | \$282.99   |
| 2022-C-000281 | 2021 | 15804  | TANNER KATHLEEN EST        |        | 102.55 AC BIG SYCAMORE         | PLEASANT | \$654.94   |
| 2022-C-000282 | 2021 | 15805  | TANNER KATHLEEN EST        |        | 3 AC WTS BIG SYCAMORE          | PLEASANT | \$761.75   |
| 2022-C-000283 | 2021 | 15433  | ROAT LISA DAWN             |        | 1 AC BIG SYC                   | PLEASANT | \$252.87   |
| 2022-C-000284 | 2021 | 15434  | ROAT LISA DAWN             |        | 7/16 AC BIG SYC                | PLEASANT | \$640.66   |
| 2022-C-000285 | 2021 | 15279  | RAMSEY DAVID W II ETUX     |        | .39 AC WTS BIG SYC             | PLEASANT | \$438.37   |
| 2022-C-000286 | 20   |        |                            |        |                                |          |            |



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| CERT #        | SOLD | TICKET | NAME                       | NAME 2 | DESCRIPTION                    | DISTRICT | AMOUNT DUE |
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| 2022-C-000300 | 2021 | 16153  | WYANT ORVILLE ROCKY        |        | 10 AC GRASSY FORK              | PLEASANT | \$261.84   |
| 2022-C-000304 | 2021 | 12947  | BIRD DOW W                 |        | .50 AC SYC                     | PLEASANT | \$186.16   |
| 2022-C-000305 | 2021 | 15260  | PRITT TERRI ELLEN          |        | 16.9 AC WTS BIG SYC            | PLEASANT | \$257.52   |
| 2022-C-000306 | 2021 | 14651  | MILLER JERRY L II ETAL     |        | LOTS 1-2 BC MOORE SUB DIV      | PLEASANT | \$328.30   |
| 2022-C-000307 | 2021 | 12816  | ATHA JARED ETUX            |        | 1.61 AC SYC                    | PLEASANT | \$358.48   |
| 2022-C-000308 | 2021 | 14884  | MULLINS DENVER             |        | LOT 2 SANGAMON                 | PLEASANT | \$192.91   |
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| 2022-C-000311 | 2021 | 14507  | MAGNOLIA LLC               |        | 100 X 116 BENTREE              | PLEASANT | \$186.44   |
| 2022-C-000312 | 2021 | 13704  | FIELDS CONNIE              |        | 70 AC BELL CREEK               | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000313 | 2021 | 13881  | HALL O L HRS               |        | 17.96 AC WTS SYC MIN 2/3 OF    | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000314 | 2021 | 14194  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 17.96 AC WTS SYC               | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000315 | 2021 | 13882  | HALL O L HRS               |        | 30.77 AC BIG SYC O&G 2/3 OF    | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000316 | 2021 | 14195  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 30.77 AC BIG SYC O&G           | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000317 | 2021 | 13883  | HALL O L HRS               |        | 39.32 AC BIG SYC O&G 2/3 OF    | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000318 | 2021 | 14196  | JARVIS JOHN K              |        | 39.32 AC BIG SYC               | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000319 | 2021 | 14531  | MAXEY HERMAN ETUX          |        | 106 AC WTS BIG SYC             | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000320 | 2021 | 15350  | REED JOE W                 |        | 50.96 AC WTS BIG SYC & MID CRK | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000321 | 2021 | 15351  | REED JOE W                 |        | 82.47 AC WTS BIG SYC           | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000322 | 2021 | 15352  | REED JOE W                 |        | 62 AC WTS BIG SYC              | PLEASANT | \$200.71   |
| 2022-C-000323 | 2021 | 15353  | REED JOE W                 |        | 100.55 AC MID CRK              | PLEASANT | \$181.51   |
| 2022-C-000324 | 2021 | 15369  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 39 AC BIG SYC O&G              | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000325 | 2021 | 15354  | REED KATHI A               |        | 39 AC BIG SYC O&G              | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000329 | 2021 | 15092  | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC |        | 99 AC WTS SYC COAL (LESS       | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
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| 2022-C-000331 | 2021 | 15371  | REED THOMAS B III          |        | 77.5 AC BIG SYC COAL           | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000332 | 2021 | 15356  | REED KATHI A               |        | 77.5 AC BIG SYC COAL           | PLEASANT | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000334 | 2021 | 18959  | TACKETT ANTHONY N ETUX     |        | .50 AC & ROW N S ELK           | UNION    | \$300.15   |
| 2022-C-000335 | 2021 | 17198  | DEEMS CECIL J              |        | .60 ACS WTS BIG LAUREL         | UNION    | \$390.08   |
| 2022-C-000336 | 2021 | 17407  | EPLING TERRY E             |        | .75 AC S S ELK                 | UNION    | \$414.48   |
| 2022-C-000338 | 2021 | 16802  | BURDETTE ROBERT ETAL       |        | 3.104 AC N S ELK               | UNION    | \$730.43   |
| 2022-C-000339 | 2021 | 19152  | WEST JOAN D ETAL           |        | 6 AC TWISTABOUT                | UNION    | \$515.10   |
| 2022-C-000340 | 2021 | 19153  | WEST JOAN D ETAL           |        | 1 AC TWISTABOUT                | UNION    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000341 | 2021 | 19154  | WEST JOAN D ETAL           |        | 7 AC TWISTABOUT                | UNION    | \$924.77   |
| 2022-C-000343 | 2021 | 18931  | STONE PAUL R               |        | 15 AC WTS QUEEN SHOALS         | UNION    | \$326.45   |
| 2022-C-000344 | 2021 | 18855  | SIMMONS THOMAS EUGENE      |        | 1.5 AC PORTER                  | UNION    | \$382.66   |
| 2022-C-000346 | 2021 | 17812  | JARVIS CHARLES W ETUX      |        | 1.071 AC N S ELK               | UNION    | \$439.90   |
| 2022-C-000347 | 2021 | 16556  | ATKINSON JAMES HRS         |        | 100 AC N S ELK                 | UNION    | \$1,057.69 |
| 2022-C-000348 | 2021 | 19203  | WOODY CARL G               |        | 6 AC S S ELK                   | UNION    | \$177.82   |
| 2022-C-000349 | 2021 | 18397  | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC |        | 2 AC S S ELK COAL              | UNION    | \$177.82   |

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Given under my hands this 5th of April, 2023.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of CLAY County

# West Virginia's foster care crisis: Lawyers representing children say new legislation falls short of fixing the system

*New documents offer a rare opportunity to see inside settlement discussions and show why legislation passed this year falls far short of what lawyers suing the state seek to help fix West Virginia's foster care crisis.*



Del. Amy Summers, R-Taylor, during a meeting of the House Health and Human Resources Committee this year. Photo by Perry Bennett/WV Legislative Photography.

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The out-of-state facilities with histories of child abuse. The unwillingness to match kids with the medical treatment they need. The placement of children in situations with high risk of sexual assault.

These are some of the many allegations brought by West Virginia foster children against the Department of Health and Human Resources, a massive state agency that runs the child welfare system. Lawyers representing the kids have been suing the agency for nearly four years, alleging DHHR repeatedly breaks state law and, in the process, endangers children.

"I think it's safe to say that West Virginia has one of the worst systems in the country for foster children," said Marcia Lowry, a lawyer on behalf of the kids and one who has litigated similar cases seeking systemic reforms in 10 other states.

In recent months, U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston, who was presiding over the case, pushed to use pending legislation – largely the split of DHHR – to settle the case. After these efforts and closed-door meetings with lawmakers came to light, Johnston recused himself over concerns that his impartiality could be questioned. Ultimately, the settlement talks failed and the case remains ongoing.

Settlement talks are usually conducted behind closed doors and a lot of the documents are supposed to be kept confidential. However, because the Legislature was involved, Mountain State Spotlight obtained emails and letters between stakeholders in the case through a public records request.

One of those documents offers a rare opportunity to see inside settlement discussions and why the legislation that passed during this session falls far short of what lawyers representing the children are seeking to help fix West Virginia's foster care crisis. It could involve, they write, a settlement where the court enforces current laws, more data reporting from the agency, new legislation and additional funding.

Not all of these fixes fall to state lawmakers, but several do. And while legislators have touted some bills they say will address the foster care crisis, most of the proposals outlined as important by Lowry have not been implemented. She and local experts worry kids will continue to be put in high-risk situations.

### Potential changes to current law

In a January letter to Johnston, the judge presid-

ing over the lawsuit at the time, Lowry listed action she believes is necessary to keep kids in the child welfare system safe. The most important action, she has said in interviews, is court-mandated oversight to make sure the state health department follows existing laws.

"The judicial branch is there to make sure that the laws are followed," Lowry said.

Despite that, her letter outlined steps West Virginia's Legislature could take in the 2023 session to improve the foster care system.

Some of Lowry's suggestions became law. State senators and delegates completed a bill to increase pay for and change the distribution of child protective services employees.

Lawmakers also passed a bill to clarify the role of the foster care ombudsman, an office tasked with investigating complaints in the system. And they touted their efforts to pass a major bill that split up DHHR into three separate agencies, which legislative leaders said was intended to fix long standing issues in the department, including the child welfare system.

"The fact that the Legislature now thinks it's better to divide it is fine, is good," Lowry said. "The Legislature, though, has not passed laws that say things have to be improved for children."

Some of those laws, as outlined in Lowry's letter, were provisions that foster kids receive medical screenings within three days of entering the child welfare system, that no one under the age of 10 be placed in a group living facility except in special circumstances and no one over that age be placed in a facility for more than a year.

A law clerk for Johnston sent Lowry's letter to an attorney for House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, and House Health and Human Resources Chair Amy Summers, R-Taylor. Both declined to be interviewed for this story.

In a February radio interview, Summers, the lead sponsor of the split bill, said separating DHHR into three agencies will allow each to focus on issues – such as the foster care crisis – that had previously been neglected. She said the agency split is the "first step of many" changes needed to improve the state's foster care system.

"We, the Legislature, are going to be required from this day forward to give this our utmost attention," Summers said. "Some of these programs have failed too many people and we've got to do better."

### Court oversight is the biggest ask

Now that the settlement talks have stalled, Lowry and the lawyers continue to litigate the case. They're pressing for court-ordered oversight that forces the health department to comply with its own rules and terms outlined in a potential settlement or ruling.

A February draft of

a settlement, one that DHHR's lawyers ultimately walked away from, would have required the health department give the ombudsman and lawyers representing the former foster children "all reasonable requests for additional data and information." DHHR lawyers did not respond to requests for comments.

Marissa Sanders, a West Virginia foster care advocate and a foster adoptive parent, said that with currently available data she fears the severity of many problems remains unknown, like whether the state has enough foster parents for the number of children.

"We don't even know how to make things better for kids until we know what's happening," Sanders said.

Senate Bill 273, the child protective services worker pay law, also requires DHHR to post federal child welfare system indicators on its existing data dashboard. But it doesn't require the state to report the number of available foster parents, nor the number of foster parents willing to take in children with special circumstances like behavioral disabilities or medical needs.

The key piece of oversight requested in Lowry's letter is an independent overseer, one she described as a "neutral fact-finding entity." That unit, through court-order, would be able to conduct random testing to make sure the health department was following the settlement terms every six months.

During the 2023 legislative session, lawmakers expanded the investigative powers and protected the autonomy of the foster care ombudsman. While January court transcripts indicate Johnston believed the ombudsman would address oversight of DHHR, Lowry's team said it falls short.

"It doesn't feel like it has the teeth that we're looking for to actually hold them accountable," said Richard Walters, an attorney representing the children with Lowry. "And 10 years from now we'll be in the same boat."

Correction: A previous version of this story incorrectly said a completed bill added new credentials for state social workers. The enrolled version does not add new credentials, and in fact weakens existing ones in some circumstances.

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# SPORTS

## Panther Invitational was held this past week



Daymian Stricker competes in the high jump.

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther track team took their act on the road this past week to Roane County for the Panther Invitational. It was a six team matchup that was going to be a tough road. Wheaties would have had to been ate that morning to have any chance to survive. Like a 56 T-bird, the CCHS track team only gets better with age. Roane County is home to several meets throughout the year. It is a good place to work out the bugs in the pistons, and they have done just that to get ready for the last matchups of the season. Both the girls' and the boys' teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the meet.

At the top of the food chain for the boys were Sawyer Dobbins and Evan Bass who both racked up the points for the Panther team. Sawyer placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 meter, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3200 meter. Evan was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 110 meter hurdle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 hurdles and 4<sup>th</sup> in the long jump. Ethan Morris was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the discus and Garrett Taylor was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the shot put. Elijah Holcomb took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump. The 4x400 relay team took 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4x100 team took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jacob McCune took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 meter dash, and Brady Jones took 4<sup>th</sup> in the shot and the discus. In the spotlight on the girls' team it was, Claudia Vera taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 meter and Evie Young taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800 meter run. Olivia Witt took 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1600 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 3200. Lilli Langhorn was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 meter hurdles and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 300 hurdles. Destiny Mullins was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 hurdles and Ashley Roberts was 5<sup>th</sup> in the event and



Evan Bass was smokin' the hurdles.

second in the long jump. The 4x800 team took 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4x102.5 meter hurdle team took 1<sup>st</sup>. Sarah Ligeralde was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the shot put and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the discus, and Xena Legg was 5<sup>th</sup> in the shot put.

I will admit some of the events were tougher than sticking potato chips on a dart board, but they

will put it all on the line this Tuesday at the Philip Barbour Invitational. The season is nearing its end, and the Panthers stand a good chance of sending some runners and throwers to the state meet in the near future. Go Panthers!



Sawyer Dobbins runs the 1600.



Claudia Vera runs the 400 meter.

## Lady Mustangs rule the diamond



Rylee Murphy brings the smoke.



Lainey Nichols throws the runner out at home.



Brooklyn Morton gets under the tag.

By Allen Hamrick

To say the Lady Mustangs are taking the softball diamond by storm this season is an understatement. The Lady Mustangs, now 11-4, have only been really tested by two teams - Ravenswood and South Harrison. The Lady Mustangs were on the road and at home this week against Spencer, South Harrison, and the anticipated rematch with Summersville. First up was the grudge match with Spencer. The game was over before it started, or so it seemed. Rylee Murphy was once again tasked with the lead on Lady Mustang defense. Rylee allowed just two hits and smoked five batters before the refs said that was enough. Then the beast was let out of the cage and the Lady Mustangs racked up 13 runs before cooling their heels on the bus home.

When the field day was over, the Lady Mustangs beat Spencer once again, 13-4. Then it was South Harrison's shot at the title. South Harrison is no slack team but they brought out the voodoo dolls on the Lady Mustangs. It was

Brooklyn Morton that the Lady Mustangs set on the hill in defense of their honor. Brooklyn pitched a game that, for all intent and purpose, would have beaten any team on the field, but then again, there was voodoo about. Brooklyn pitched nine heated innings, striking out a whopping 17 batters. Folks, that's over five innings with no response offense by South Harrison. However, the game went into double overtime and when the smoked cleared, the Lady Mustangs somehow were beat by the buzzer 10-12. It was a great game; both teams did a great job and gave the fans their money's worth. A rematch is set for Monday. Jaedon Delwarte had the hot bat going 4-5 at the plate with, count 'em - two homeruns, the four RBI's and five stolen bases. Brooklyn Morton, Payton Johnson and Rylee Murphy went 2-5 at the plate. Next up, the Lady Mustangs, with the bad taste of a loss in their mouths, took their show on the road to Nichols County for the rematch with the Lady Bears on their home turf. Call the fire depart-

ment! Bats were bursting into flame for the Lady Mustangs in the first inning as they began to hold class on how to play softball. However, the Lady Bears decided to hold one of their own and started racking up the runs.

The Lady Mustangs were having a tough time getting outs as a pep talk from the Lady Bears coach gave them a major boost. Just like a cheap pair of shoes, though, their run for a win didn't last long. Bases became dance floors, and home plate was crossed like a busy set of railroad tracks. The Lady Mustangs sent Rylee Murphy to the hill to chill the bats of the Lady Bears. She had a tough time finding her range in the beginning but soon mellowed into a throwing machine. The Lady Bears managed to scatter enough hits to score six runs against the Lady Mustang defense but that was it. The Lady Mustang offense went to work and got the job done, scoring a jaw dropping 25 runs in the game against some pretty good pitching.

The scoring was led by several batters who

just simply couldn't be stopped. Brooklyn Morton went 5-5, Jaedon Delwarte, Rylee Murphy and Skiley Wilmoth went 4-5 at the plate, combining for a home run, a double and 11 runs. Lainey Nichols went 3-5 with a double and a triple. Lilly Nichols went 3-4 with a double and knocked in three runs. Addison Taylor was 2-5 with a double, and Taylor Workman was also 2-5 with a RBI. The Lady Mustangs will have a tough week with South Harrison away on Monday, Midland Trail at home on Tuesday, a team that is undefeated, and ending the week at Valley on Wednesday. Come out and catch a game; there are not many left. Go Lady Mustangs.



Jaedon Delwarte bats the home run shot.