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## Clay County FFA Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> in Nation

By: Betty Holcomb

Clay County High School FFA students headed off to Oklahoma this past week to compete in the National Land & Range Judging Competition. Out of 500+ students, making up more than 100 teams, Clay County tied for first in the nation in land judg-

ing and third in Homesite Evaluation.

Hundreds of high school students from across the country showed up to compete, and Clay County had several students place in the Top Ten in both Land Judging and Homesite. In Homesite, Haley

Murphy placed 8<sup>th</sup> and Ethan Morris placed 9<sup>th</sup>. In Land Judging, Haley Murphy placed 10<sup>th</sup> and Elijah Armes placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

This group of kids was advised by Mrs. McFarland and coached by Bob Morris and Mike Shambelin. This group of teachers worked hard with

these students to provide them the knowledge and opportunities to accomplish this win for Clay County High School.

Congratulations to all the winners and their amazing work representing Clay County in Oklahoma!

## Darren Ray Initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

Darren Ray, a native of Wallback, was recently initiated into the University of Richmond Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 787 new initiates from 32 universities during March 2023.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the ODK Idea-the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK's leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America. The Society's national headquarters are located in Lexington, Virginia.

## Lizemore School Student Earns State Championship



Regional Champion Kendall Neal has her project judged at the Lizemore School Social Studies Fair.

It's not often that elementary school teachers have the opportunity to coach and prepare students to compete in state level academic competitions, but that's exactly what happened to two teachers at Lizemore Elementary recently. The results were heartening – two regional champions and one state champion in the annual West Virginia State Social Studies Fair.

It started late this winter when fifth grade teacher Stephanie Gauding decided that she wanted to involve her 18 students in project-based learning activities. After some research she found the perfect vehicle in the upcoming State Social Studies Fair. Gauding learned that Clay County had not participated in that competition for a number of years but got the go-ahead from the Central Office to run a school level fair as a possible launching pad for the school system to begin competing again annually.

Gauding enlisted the help of her colleagues in the third and fourth grade classrooms at Lizemore, and soon students were beginning research for over 30 separate projects. Students chose a category ranging alphabetically from Anthropology to World History and then decided on a research question. Help came from third grade teacher Brittany Gibson, fourth grade teacher Nellie Elliot, and a dozen or so parents to get the projects completed by mid-March.

An all-day Social Studies Fair was conducted at Lizemore on March 24, with the school's cafeteria lined with projects and nervous students being called individually and in groups to do a five-minute oral presentation regarding the research and the display board they had prepared.

Late in the afternoon the students reported to the gym to hear the results of the judging. To advance to the Regional Social Studies Fair students had to earn a score of at least 90 from the local judges. Scores were based on a written abstract and bibliography describing the project, a 36"x 30" trifold display, and the student's oral presentation. After announcing first, second and third place winners it was determined that six projects would advance to Regional Competition at the Cultural Center in Charleston on April 4.

Lizemore's region consisted of Kanawha, Putnam, and Boone counties – all school systems that have significantly more students than Clay – but when winners were announced two of Lizemore's individual projects were named champions and were invited to the State Social Studies Fair. Brittany Gibson's third grade student Israel Holcomb and Stephanie Gaud-

ing's fifth grader Kendall Neal left the Cultural Center with their Regional Championship ribbons.

Other students who placed at the Regional Fair included Bryson Duty and Levi Hughes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ayva Holcomb and Anni Dorsey – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hailey Neal and Neveah Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: and Aubree Legg, Trystan Burdette and Kayle Holcomb, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

All participating students enjoyed a tour of the Cultural Center and the State Capitol as well as a picnic on the grounds as they waited for the projects to be scored.

On Friday, April 18, Israel and Kendall arrived early at the Convention Center (with their escorts) for the State Fair. Their projects were among 309 projects from scores of counties across the state.

Kendall's project dealt with the surge in popularity of board games during the pandemic. She concluded that while board games sales did grow substantially during the pandemic, the growth was largely among adult gamers.

Israel's world history project centered on the medical treatment of wounded soldiers during World War I. He concluded that compared to modern medicine, treatment during the war was rudimentary and was often administered by soldiers to themselves.

Late in the afternoon winners were announced by category and division. Divisions included students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. That was when Israel's parents, Rebekah and James Holcomb, as well as Mrs. Gauding and Ms. Gibson learned that in addition to two Regional Champions, Lizemore School had produced one State Champion. While Kendall's project was among hundreds that didn't place, she said that she enjoyed the experience and was proud to be chosen as a finalist.

Ms. Gibson, who is first-year teacher, said she felt gratified to be a part of a State Championship, and praised Israel for the work he did preparing for competitions. "Israel loved his topic and became an expert in the field," she said.

Lizemore Principal Brittany Ramsey was also thrilled to have a State Champion among her student body. "I hope we can continue with the Fair next year. It was a wonderful learning experience for the staff and students, and I'm so pleased with the results."



State Champion Israel Holcomb is shown with Social Studies Fair Coordinator Stephanie Gauding.



Heather Sears



Lori Ray

## Clay County Residents Complete Student Teaching for Glenville State

Two Clay County residents have recently completed their student teaching internships for Glenville State University (GSU).

Lori Ray of Wallback completed her student teaching at Geary Elementary/Middle School in Elementary Education (K-6) with Jackie Higginbotham and in Multi-categorical Special Education (K-6) with Regina Jurkovich. Dr. Gerda Kumpiene was her GSU supervisor. She is the daughter of Charles and Lisa Ray of Wallback. Ray graduated from the Cross Country Christian Academy in 2019.

Heather Sears of Duck completed her student teaching at Gilmer County Elementary School in Elementary Education (K-6) with Erica Dennison and in Multi-cat-

egorical Special Education (K-6) with Tamera Moore. Dr. Shelly Ratliff and Dr. Gerda Kumpiene were her GSU supervisors. She is the daughter of Sara and Jamie Sears of Duck. Sears graduated from Clay County High School in 2019.

Senior teacher education students take part in an internship during their final semester at GSU. At the conclusion of their internship students must complete a presentation illustrating their mastery of the Interstate New Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards as well as the standards of their particular area of study.

For more information about the Teacher Education Program at Glenville State University, contact 304-462-4119.

## Lady Mustangs season ends in second round of playoffs.



Brooklyn Morton fires the heat against the Lady Bears. Allen Hamrick photo.

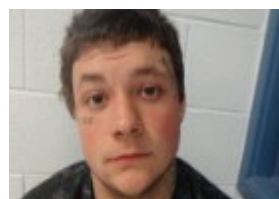
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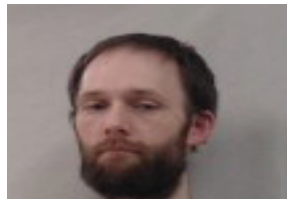
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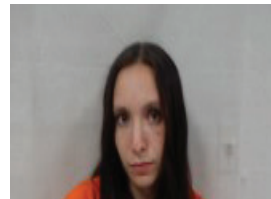
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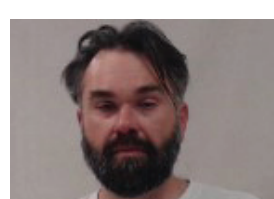
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probation violation



Shawn Wesley Jarvis  
Booked 5/6/23  
Domestic assault, domestic battery

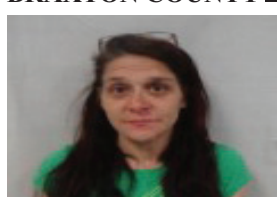


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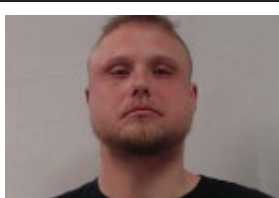


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Possession with intent

**BRAXTON COUNTY**

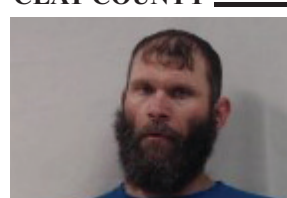


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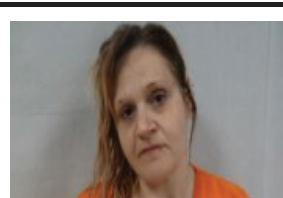


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**CLAY COUNTY**

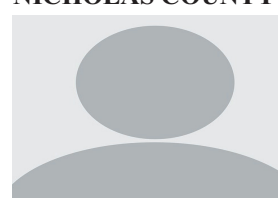


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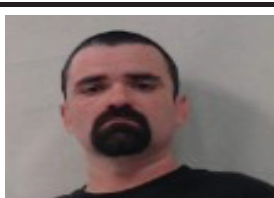


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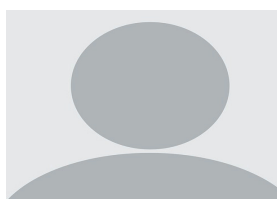


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domestic battery, domestic assault

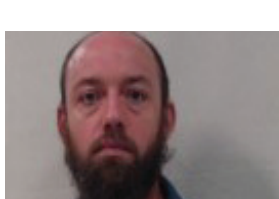


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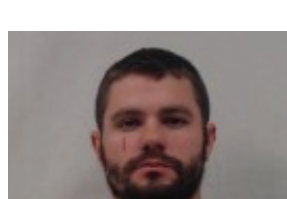
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Timothy Lee Holland  
Booked 5/6/23  
Trespassing, obstructing



Robert Eugene Spencer II  
Booked 5/2/23  
Probation violatio



Jacob Daniel Young  
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Capias

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## Clay County 4-H Camp Provides Summer Food Service Program

The Clay County 4-H Camp announces its sponsorship of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. The camp will be held at Camp Sheppard, 78 Camp Sheppard Lane, Gandeenville, WV on June 18 through June 22. Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential camp or an enrolled program, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced price meals in the National

School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced price meals by family size are listed below.) Children who are part of households that receive SNAP and/or TANF assistance are automatically eligible to receive free meals. Eligibility is based on the following income guidelines: (Guidelines to determine student eligibility in the 2023 Summer Food Service Program. Annual family income before deductions)

Federal Income Chart For School Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024		
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248
2	36,482	3,041
3	45,991	3,833
4	55,500	4,625
5	65,009	5,418
6	74,518	6,210
7	84,027	7,003
8	93,536	7,795
Each additional person:	9,509	793

For more information about the Clay County 4-H Summer Food Program, please call Nila Cobb at 304-720-9883.

**Clay County High School**

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Weekly SUDOKU      Super Crossword

Answer

4	9	7	1	2	3	5	6	8
6	2	1	5	4	8	3	9	7
5	3	8	6	9	7	1	2	4
2	7	3	8	6	4	9	5	1
9	5	6	7	1	2	4	8	3
1	8	4	3	5	9	2	7	6
3	1	5	2	7	6	8	4	9
8	6	9	4	3	5	7	1	2
7	4	2	9	8	1	6	3	5

Answers

BATHGATE	ISOBAR	CUPID
FLOORWAX	SHARPE	ANIME
LINCOLN	MEMORIAL	TREAT
ATEUP	SEW	DCIV
IAGO		
TOSS	ED	MESSIAH
COMPLEX		
	APB	SABLE
IDEA		
JULIAN	LENNON	RDS
MAX		
OLORD	ARE	FBI
POPE		
UNDEALT	EMPIRE	BUILDER
RAE	IDI	ARNAZ
BREEDS		
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**My Reward; I'll Eat It If I Want To***By: Dr. James L. Snyder*

One day last week, I was up early working in my office as I normally do. I happened to pause what I was doing for a moment and smelled this wonderful aroma.

I know it wasn't me because I hadn't taken a shower yet. The aroma was coming from the kitchen area.

I got up from my desk, walked out into the kitchen and the closer I got the stronger that aroma was. It was so wonderful and I just could not get enough of it.

When I got to the kitchen there was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage baking cookies. Oh, how delicious those cookies smelled.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"I'm baking cookies for some friends who are having a party tonight. They asked if I could bake them some cookies and I just couldn't refuse."

I smiled and just stared at all those cookies in the kitchen. There were molasses and peanut butter cookies, two of my favorites.

As I was looking at them, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said to me rather sternly, "These cookies are not for you, they are for my friends. Do not eat them."

She saw me staring at those cookies and said, "Did you hear me?"

Then she told me that she had to go across town to pick up some things. So, she would be out of the house and I will be with the cookies all by myself. I can't think of a better scenario.

There's just no way I can be left alone with all those cookies in the kitchen and not eat some. I think my wife realized that and thought she could negotiate with me and solve the problem at hand.

Looking at me she said, "If you are a good boy today I will allow you to eat one cookie. Just one."

That brought me to quite a dilemma. What is her definition of "a good boy" and most importantly, how did she define "one cookie?"

I walked back to my office as she prepared to leave for the morning and I got back into the project I was working on. At least I tried to get back into my "saddle" for the morning, but it sure wasn't working for me.

No matter how hard I tried to concentrate on my project all I could think about was those delicious cookies out in the kitchen which I could smell in my office. I don't think it's fair that I should be put in such a situation.

After all, it's really not my fault. It is the fault of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage who makes cookies so delicious that I cannot refuse them. If it wasn't for that, I could ignore those cookies in the kitchen. So whatever happens, it is not my fault! And I am unanimous in that.

I then remembered that she said if I was a good boy I could have one cookie. That thought just ruminated through my mind and I couldn't handle it any longer and I had to go out into the kitchen and deal with it.

I think I'm a good boy, but that's only my evaluation. I sat for a moment at my desk and tried to think of anything bad I did that morning and I couldn't think of one thing. Therefore, with the evidence on the table, I have been a good boy today.

The next thing I had to deal with was the word "one." What does that word mean?

Looking at the cookies in the kitchen there were only two cookies: one was molasses and the other was peanut butter. So, in my understanding of the situation the word "one" means that I have to choose between the molasses cookie and the peanut butter cookie. That made sense to me.

So, according to my rationality, when I pick "one" cookie I can eat as many of them as I want to. I just can't eat the other one or I will be eating two cookies.

I can't tell you how happy I was in coming to this wonderful conclusion. I'm doing two things. I'm doing what my wife said to do and I am only eating one of the cookies. I love it when a plan comes together.

Going to the kitchen I made up my mind that the "one" cookie will be the peanut butter cookie. Oh, how I love her peanut butter cookies.

Picking out five cookies I joyfully skipped back to my office to enjoy these scrumptious treats. I earned these treats and therefore I'm going to eat them with a great deal of satisfaction.

I had finished those cookies and was working at my desk when I heard the front door open and expected it was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I then heard her voice, "Did you eat all these cookies? When I told you to eat only one?" Now I have some "splainin'" to do.

A Bible verse came to mind that refreshed me concerning rewards. 2 John 1:8, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

There are times when I convince myself that I deserve a certain reward. All I need to do is twist certain words to my benefit thinking I deserve something when in fact I am not being honest.

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**THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM***Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Mind Your Step, Not Your Dreams**

"Watch your step." Be mindful of where you are walking and going; you don't want to trip and fall. That's what's going on in Ecclesiastes 5:1-7. When you go to the house of God, keep your foot, and be mindful of where you are going. And when you get there, mind your mouth. Go, being more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools.

When a fool comes to God's house, he does so without watching his step, thinking, or discernment of where they are going and to who they are praying to. This kind of offering is not pleasing to God (Isa 1:1-13). Instead, come to the house of God in a humble spirit, ready to receive God's Word. Prepared to receive God's instruction with an open heart, a pliable heart, humble heart to listen to God's Word and be corrected, instructed, blessed, or encouraged. Be mindful that it's God we are worshipping and speaking to in prayer. Ecclesiastes 5:3, "For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words."

I read an interesting article published by The Cleveland Clinic on Dreams: What they are and what they mean, which offered several theories about why we dream. Some doctors say that REM sleep dreams are associated with consolidating memories of the day. "Brain activity that occurs when we're dreaming is similar to the memory-processing brain activity we experience when we're awake...When you're experiencing more stress or anxiety, you tend to

dream more, too. The types of dreams you have also change. Dr. Michelle Drerup says that nightmares or stressful dreams — for example, about being chased or being in a frightening situation — are also common when you're stressed. "That's one of the theories of why we dream," she says. "Our dreams might help us process and manage our emotions."

Solomon could have told us that. A busy, stressful day might result in dreams, and it might also result in offering rash and hasty vows. Here, the preacher compares dreams to a fool's voice, often nonsensical, jumping from one thing to another. Dreams may be terrifying, whimsical, or ridiculous. Likewise, a fool's voice is known by the multitude of words. Most times, the fool does not know when to stop talking. Don't be rash in your prayers when the day is full of care, worry, and anxiety, and make foolish vows. Think about what you are saying when you pray.

And those dreams? Adam Clarke wrote, "If, by the disturbed state of thy mind during the day, or by Satanic influence, thou dream of evil, do not give way to any unreasonable fears, or gloomy forebodings, of any coming mischief: - Fear God. Fear neither the dream nor its interpretation; God, will take care of and protect thee. Most certainly, he that fears God need fear nothing else. Well may an upright soul say to Satan himself, I fear God; and because I fear him, I do not fear thee."

**Watching the Rain***By: Joseph J. Mazella*

It was a summer afternoon a long time ago. I was a little boy watching my favorite rerun on our tiny little television set. All that was about to change, however. CRACK! BOOM! The lightning and thunder sounded. Suddenly my Mom ran into the living room, unhooked the antenna wire and dropped the metal claws into a glass mason jar by the TV. I started to complain but knew better. Mom wasn't going to risk lightning hitting our antenna, running through the wire, and blowing up our only TV set. There was no way she was going to let me go outside and play either, so I settled into my chair and reread a book for the tenth time while she placed empty coffee cans under the leaks in the roof my Dad hadn't had a chance to fix yet.

Later after the lightning and thunder had passed and only a gently falling rain remained I saw my Mom walk out onto our back porch, sit down on our old porch swing and watch the rain. She loved watching it water the flowers, forests and gardens. She enjoyed seeing it swell the river down the hill from our house. She knew it would

be providing water to drink and wash and clean and live. She had told me all this many times too, but my young mind was too selfish then to take in all in. All I knew was that rain storms meant no TV and no playing outside.

This time, though, I took the time to watch it fall. I saw the peace on my Mom's face as she did too. Quietly I walked out on the back porch and sat down next to her. We didn't say a word. We just watched the rain, water the world. We just listened to its tap tapping music on our roof. We just breathed in the sweetness it brought to the air. I couldn't explain why then but I was so happy to just be there with my Mom. And I was happy that it was raining too.

The next time it rains turn off your TV, computer, and phone. Take someone you love by the hand, walk out on your porch, and just watch the rain. I guarantee it will bring you closer to this world you live in, closer to the loving God who created it, and closer to the one sitting next to you. May the rains of this life always water your soul and help your Love to grow.

**Home Country***By Slim Randles***Slim Randles**

When Harley Jacobsen came into Doc's office the other day for his physical it was a treat for Doc.

Harley is one of Doc's favorite people. Harley is a farmer. A 24/7 farmer. Ol' Harley can make hair grow on a bald head and wheat grow on rocks.

When he'd been thumped and bumped and listened to and pumped up and partially drained, Harley asked Doc for the verdict.

"Not bad at all for someone your age, Harley," Doc said, grinning. "But you look tired. Take some time off and go fishing or take Gladys to the beach. "

"Can't right now, Doc," Harley said. "Plowing summer fallow."

"Well, how about later on?"

"There's harvest you know, and the trees will have to be pruned before winter, and then the winter wheat will go in. Have to overhaul the wheel tractor this winter and by then it'll be time to plant."

"Harley, you need two weeks with nothing to do. Get someone to help with the farm and go do something fun."

"I just can't do it in two weeks, Doc," Harley said. "Took 60 years of farming to get this tired."

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**THE FREEPRESS '50's and '60's ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA**

Bobby Goldsboro had a #1 single on the country charts with "Honey." Did he ever have a #1 single on the rock & roll charts?

Answer to last week's Trivia: The first #1 hit for this group was actually recorded by sessions musicians Leon Russell, Glenn Campbell, Hal Blane, and Larry Knechtel even though the vocals were recorded by the original members: Jim McGuinn, David Crosby, and Gene Clark. The group was The Byrds. The song was "Mr. Tambourine Man." (June '65)

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Table with 2 columns: Parcel ID and Owner Name. Lists various property owners including ELTON ENERGY, GRAY MICHAEL & ANGELA, GROSE JESSICA & OR JONES JOSHU, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, and Amount. Lists various property owners including HAYS & CO INC, HODGE JONAS, HOLCOMB CHELSEA RENA, etc.

\*\*\* Any person holding a West Virginia business registration certificate under the authority of article twelve, chapter eleven of this code who does not pay all delinquent personal property taxes shall have his or her license to do business in this state suspended until the delinquency is cured. 11A-2-11 I, Allen King, sheriff (or deputy sheriff or collector) of the County of Clay, do swear that the foregoing list is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, complete and accurate, and that I have received none of the taxes listed therein. May 1, 2023

REAL ESTATE DELINQUENT LIST FOR CLAY COUNTY

The following is a list of Real Estate in the County of Clay delinquent for the non-payment of taxes for the year 2022. The amount due listed is the amount owed if paid during May 2023.

2023 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE

Table with 4 columns: TICKET, PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, TOTAL, and additional details. Lists delinquent real estate with details like ASBURY JOHN W, BURNSIDE PHILLIP ALLEN, etc.

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Table with columns for parcel ID, owner name, and address/lot details. Includes entries for 9447 CUNNINGHAM ROY, 9448 CUNNINGHAM ROY, etc., up to 13521 DEBOARD MITCHELL.

Table with columns for parcel ID, owner name, and address/lot details. Includes entries for 13525 DEBOARD PEGGY, 13526 DEBOARD STEVEN W, etc., up to 16130 YOUNG JOHN ETUX.

Table with columns for parcel ID, owner name, and address/lot details. Includes entries for SUR 1 AC WTS BIG SYC, SUR 7 AC BIG SYC, etc., up to SUR 20.09 AC BIG SYC.

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Table listing property details for Pleasant District, including owner names (e.g., YOUNG JOHN ETUX), acreage, and tax amounts.

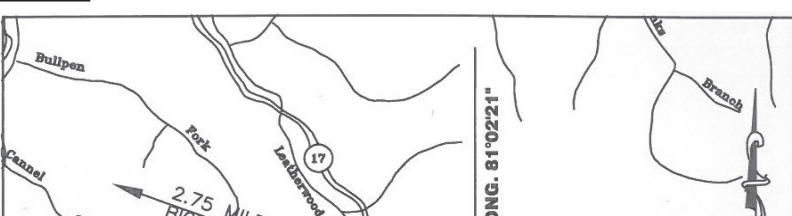
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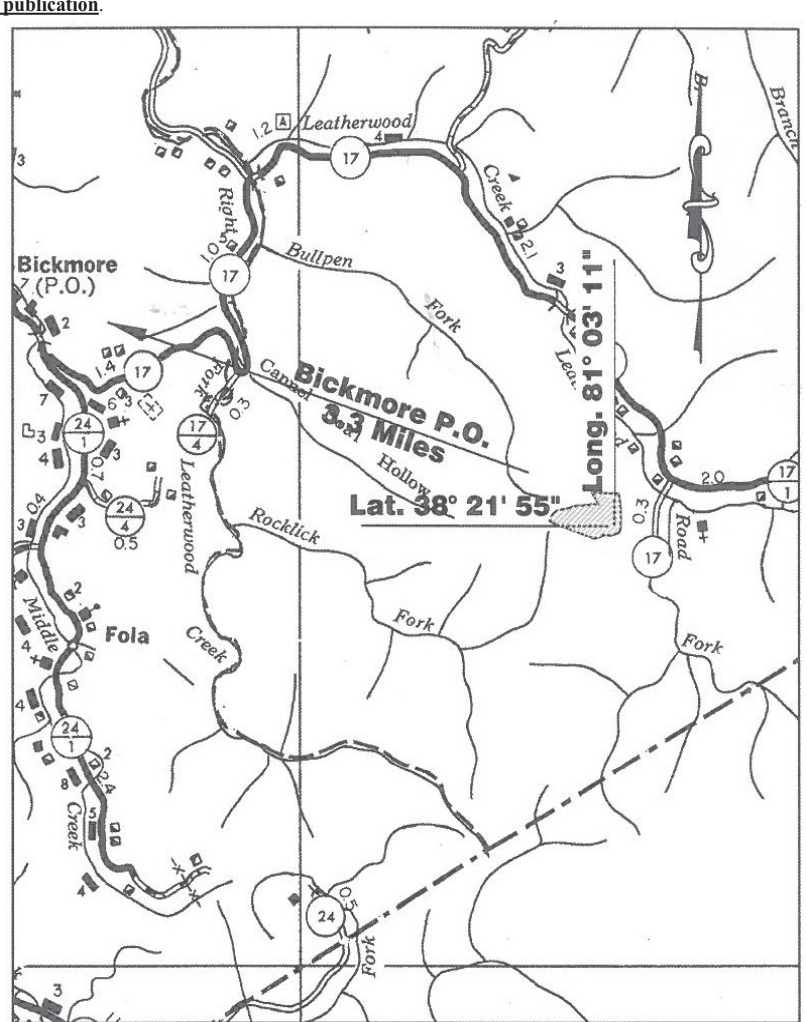


RECEIVING STREAM - ROAD FORK OF LEATHERWOOD CREEK OF ELK RIVER
GENERAL LOCATION MAP
1" = 5280' (1 MILE)
ARTICLE 3 S-2014-96
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LOCKWOOD QUAD NO. 441

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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
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES (Tariff Form 8) WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA a tariff containing a requested increase in rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 168,000 customers in Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mercer, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, and Webster Counties.

The tariff filing will also directly or indirectly affect those customers of the following public service districts, regional development authorities, municipalities, or other governmental subdivisions who, under agreements approved by the Public Service Commission, are charged water rates that are in whole or in part based on the rates of the Company:

- Boone County Public Service District
Cumberland Public Service District
Flatwoods Canoe-Run Public Service District
Jumping Branch-Nimitz Public Service District
Kanawha County Regional Development Authority
Lashmeet Public Service District
Lewis County Economic Development Authority
New Haven Public Service District
Oakvale Road Public Service District
Putnam County Building Commission
Salt Rock Public Service District
Webster County Economic Development Authority

Some of the customers receiving service from these entities under Operation and Maintenance Agreements with the Company also pay a surcharge in addition to the metered water rates. These surcharge amounts were approved by the Public Service Commission in prior cases, and those surcharges will not increase or otherwise be affected by this filing.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective February 25, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$41,175,752 in additional annual net water revenues over present rate revenues, or an overall increase in revenues of approximately 22.5%. The \$41,175,752 consists of an increase in base rates of \$51,308,960 in annual revenue and a decrease in the Company's Distribution System Investment Charge ("DSIC") of \$10,133,208 in annual revenue, with such revenues being collected from customers as more fully described herein.

The Company's proposed low income tariff for water and wastewater service that includes multiple tiers of discounts based on different levels of household income stated as multiples of Federal Poverty Level ("FPL"). The driving principle behind the Company's proposed low income tariff is to provide all participating customers discounts such that the expected bill for basic water or wastewater service will be no more than 3% of their annual household income.

The proposed tariff discounts are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Low Income Tariff Discount, % Discount. Rows include 0%-50% Federal Poverty Level (65%), 50%-100% Federal Poverty Level (50%), 100%-150% Federal Poverty Level (30%), 150%-200% Federal Poverty Level (15%).

The Company expects that the Commission will order the suspension of the new rates and charges for the full 300-day suspension period under W. Va. Code §24-2-4a, or until February 25, 2024.

The following schedule shows the change from rates currently in effect based on representative levels of consumption and the monthly dollar and percentage changes including the Company's proposed allocation of the revenue requirement between water and wastewater customers and the impact of its proposed new low income tariffs. The modification of any of these components will impact this schedule. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: WEST VIRGINIA (except Cumberland, Glasgow, and Cedar Grove) AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS, (\$) INCREASE, % INCREASE. Rows include Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal), Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal), Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal), Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal), Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal), Sale for Resale (4" meter; 5,652,000 gal).

Table with 3 columns: CUMBERLAND (all Customers) AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS, (\$) INCREASE, % INCREASE. Rows include Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal), Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal), Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal), Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal), Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal).

Table with 3 columns: GLASGOW (all Customers) AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS, (\$) INCREASE, % INCREASE. Rows include Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal), Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal), Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal), Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal), Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal).

Table with 3 columns: CEDAR GROVE (all Customers) AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS, (\$) INCREASE, % INCREASE. Rows include Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal), Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal), Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal), Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal), Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal).

This increase will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the Company's Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) program that was (or is projected to be) placed into service between March 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the DSIC component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

The Company's sale for resale customers include Bluefield Valley Water Works Company, Lavalette PSD, Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD, Aqua Ohio Water, Jane Lew PSD, Lincoln PSD, City of Milton, and the City of Hurricane.

The rate increases shown above are based on averages for customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

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

West Virginia-American Water Central Division 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Charleston, WV 25302

West Virginia-American Water Western Division 4002 Ohio River Road Huntington, WV 25702

West Virginia-American Water Southern Division 12 Mile Road @ Route 460 Princeton, West Virginia 24740

West Virginia-American Water Northern Division 1243 U.S. Highway 19 South Weston, West Virginia 26452

Copies of the tariffs have also been delivered to representatives of the aforementioned public service districts and entities for public inspection at their respective offices.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in either of these cases should file on or before July 29, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code §11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: REVENUE SOURCE, Amount. Rows include Unassigned Fund Balance, Property Taxes - Current Expense, Gas & Oil Severance Tax, Excise Tax on Utilities, Wine & Liquor Tax, Licenses, Building Permit Fees, Miscellaneous Permits, IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan), Gaming Income, Interest Earned on Investments, Video Lottery (LVL), Miscellaneous Revenues, TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND).

Table with 2 columns: COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND REVENUE SOURCE, Amount. Rows include Assigned Fund Balance, Coal Severance Tax, TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND).

Table with 2 columns: ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES, Amount. Rows include Mayor's Office, City Council, Recorder's Office, City Clerk's Office, Regional Development Authority, City Hall, Public Works Department, Street Lights, Parks & Recreation, Capital Projects - General Government, TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No.: 23-D-20

The Marriage of: Bo Shamblin and Tori Walker. Petitioner and Respondent.

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

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Tori Walker is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Tori Walker serve upon Bo Shamblin, petitioner, whose address is 7518 Widen Ridge Rd, Clay, WV 25043, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce filed in this action on or before June 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court - Clay County

Signature of Clarissa Hanshaw, Clerk of the Court

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date Thursday, May 4, 2023

Claim Deadline Monday, July 3, 2023

APPOINTMENT DATE 04/11/2023

ESTATE NAME: LEE ROY ANDERSON EXECUTRIX DENNIS STEVE BOGGS JR 3836 WESTBURY LAKE DR RALEIGH NC 27603

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 4/26/2023

Connie Workman County Clerk Clay County P.O. Box 190 246 Main Street Clay WV 25043-0190

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The Clay County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Central Office on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The proposed budget will be available for public review May 12 through May 22 at the Central Office during normal business hours.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Mustangs season ends in the second round of playoffs



Jadeon Delwarte gets in under the tag.

**By Allen Hamrick**

The season also ended for the Lady Mustangs this past week when they butted heads in tournament play against Summersville Middle School and Ravenswood. The first was a game that left you scratching your head a little. The Lady Mustangs were facing the Lady Bears of Summersville for the third time this year in the first game of a single elimination CW-VAC tournament. They sent

“Smokin’ Brooklyn Morton to the mound to face them. She lived up to her title; as the Lady Bears sent batters to the plate Brooklyn set fire to them with her fast balls. The Lady Bears couldn’t hit anything she pitched. For them it was like trying to swat yellow jackets with a log chain. On the other hand, it was a feeding frenzy for the Lady Mustang bats; there wasn’t anything they threw that the

Lady Mustangs couldn’t hit. At the end of the very first inning, the Lady Mustangs made them wish they hadn’t spent the gas money to come. It was 15-0 as jaws hit the dirt. It made a person wonder if a white towel would have been a good choice at the time. When it was over mercifully in the third inning, the Lady Mustangs won the game 17-0. Brooklyn Morton had once again pitched a no hitter, striking out four batters in three innings. Skiley Wilmoth had the hot bat going 3-3 with a double and 3 RBI’s. Jadeon Delwarte was 2-2. Lainey Nichols was 2-3 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI’s. Rylee Murphy was 2-2 with 2 RBI’s. Addison Taylor was 2-3 and Layla Parker was 2-2 with an RBI. Lily Nichols was 1-2 and had 3 RBI’s.

It was on to play the undefeated Ravenswood Middle in the second round. To Ravenswood the Lady Mustangs were just a stepping stone to the championship. For the Lady Mustangs it was stomp the mud hole dry



Rylee Murphy digs it up.

or at least get your feet wet. The game was a nail biter, an all out assault on the fans’ clogged arteries. Rylee Murphy was given the task of bringing down the mighty Ravenswood Lady Red Devils. The Ravenswood hitters are some of the best in the league but Rylee Murphy pitched as good as any pitcher could for six innings, holding them to just three runs. The Lady Mustangs managed two runs in the game against one of the best pitchers anywhere; the game was locked at Mustangs 2 Ravenswood 3. It was then in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning the Lady Mustangs lost a little focus and started committing errors. When the inning was over, Ravenswood scored seven runs.

The Lady Mustangs couldn’t get the wind back in the sails in the 7<sup>th</sup> and lost the game 2-10. The score may look like a rout, but it was far from it. However, all great things come to an end and for the Lady Mustangs, it was one of the best seasons they



Skiley Wilmoth gets it done at short stop.

have had. They have done a great job giving a hundred percent in the pursuit of a championship, and in the end that’s all one can ask. Brooklyn Morton and Jaedon Delwarte were named All Conference, and Lainey Nichols was named All Tournament.

They will lose some great players to the Lady Panthers next season, but the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on this team, if they stick together through high school, may just take a run at the state championship. The Lady Mustangs will be forced to reckon with next season.



Lainey Nichols loads the gun.

## Season ends for the Lady Panthers



Gracie Johnson teaches English from the hill.

**By Allen Hamrick**

The Lady Panther softball team ended their season last week in a double elimination sectional tournament. In their first game against Braxton, the Lady Panthers and the Lady Eagles battled back and forth with neither team gaining the upper hand. That was until the Lady Eagles scored another run in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning to make the score 5-7. The Lady Panthers were running out of time - they needed some runs quick. They decided to break out the whipping stick in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning and started rounding the bases. Once the inning was over, they collected another run to make the game, 6-7 going into the final inning. With some great defense and some great pitching by Gracie Johnson, the Lady Eagles couldn’t advance any dust across home plate in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning and were shut down. It was time for

the Lady Panthers to decide whether to advance or go home. The Lady Panthers started off the inning on fire but got down to two outs with a runner on board. It was time for the moment

that all batters dream of. With a runner on base, Rylee Burkhamer stepped up to the dinner plate and did one of the things she does best - hit a ball. She doubled the ball into center scoring Gracie Johnson and put herself into position to score.

With the game all tied up, Jalynn Robinson stepped up and with nerves of steel took a fastball through the gap for a single driving in the winning run. It was a textbook game that all fans appreciated on the edge of their seats. The Lady Eagles played a great game but were sent home. Final score was Lady Panthers 8, Lady Eagles 7. Hoover was up next, and one could see from the start that it would be a long but short game for the Lady Panthers. After

winning the first game, the Lady Panthers just couldn’t get their game on track and their bats were silenced by the pitching of the Lady Huskies. The Lady Panthers couldn’t get the runs as the Lady Huskies were swinging for the fences. Errors in the field caused some of the game’s decay, but there were moments in the field that the Lady Panthers shined. However, it wasn’t bright enough, and they lost their game 0-13.

The Lady Panthers were not out yet and took their show on the road to Lewis County. They played a good game but just couldn’t get the runs in. They lost their second game by the score of 1-5. Madison Morton was named to the LKC 1<sup>st</sup> team, and Rylee Burk-

hammer, Makenzie Edwards and Jalynn Robinson received honorable Mention LKC. It was a tough season, but the team is young and will be back next season to rule the dia-

mond. There’s no doubt they will be stronger, and perhaps next year will yield a completely different result. Go Lady Panthers!



Chloe Blanton blasts the out from 3<sup>rd</sup>



Rylee Burkhamer (left) showcases her game tying double.



Madison Morton (right) digs it up at short.