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Fighting a different kind of battle

Retired WVSP and Army Veteran is back in the field; but it's not what you think.



Mr. Scott Bass

Scott Bass is a familiar face in Clay County, West Virginia. He has lived a life of service including 19 years in the United States Military. For 12 years, he wore a West Virginia State Police uniform by day, and it was not uncommon to see him in a coaching uniform by the end of the night. Trooper Bass is known for his commitment to his community, for going above and beyond to care for children.

For the past year, Mr. Bass has sported a new kind of attire, a suit and tie. He can be found in the halls and classrooms of Clay County Schools. His new mission? Joining forces with educators and parents to find ways to help our young people understand the dangers of vaping. Mr. Bass plays a critical role in the county's vaping prevention efforts as the In-Depth Intervention Coordinator.

The Intervention

In-Depth is an evidence-based program that teaches

signs of addiction, the brain science behind addiction, and equips students with tools for stopping. Students can be referred to the program by administrators as an alternative to more punitive options such as out-of-school suspension and fines.

Armed with a keen understanding of the value of relationships, evidence-based substance abuse programming, and a determination to help students, Mr. Bass uses the In-Depth curriculum to have meaningful conversations with students about their reasons for vaping. He seeks to understand the students' individual situations and provide the encouragement, information, and skills for them to make desired changes. Sessions are held afterschool, in individual or small group sessions depending on the need, and Mr. Bass helps the students prepare presentations to present to family and administrators at the end of the program.

Results

This spring, multiple students have successfully graduated from the In-Depth program. While students begin the program out of necessity, it is not uncommon for them to complete the program with a congratulatory handshake and picture with Mr. Bass to celebrate their accomplishments. The connection established during the sessions is evident, post-intervention, as many students continue to check-in with Mr. Bass when he comes to the schools on another mission (the prevention side of things- more on that below.) We have also had students self-refer to the program after learning about the long and short-term implications of using vapes.

Lessons Learned

It is easy to use the "teenagers will be teenagers" assumption when discussing the vaping trend, but when we listen, really listen, to students, they can teach us some profound lessons. Mr. Bass shared some of his top "lessons learned":

Many of our students have said they started using vapes as early as 5th and 6th grade (and many of the parents indicated they had no clue.) Students may not realize some of the symptoms they have when they try to stop are from addiction. The nicotine found in these products can be as addictive as heroin and cocaine. When the reality sets in, that "I may be addicted," it can be a catalyst for the desire to change. The term "vapes" is misleading. Many people (including adults!) do not know that E-cigarettes and vapes/juules do not contain or use water vapors. The "vapors" are chemicals vapors that contain nicotine and many other harmful chemicals like Carbon Monoxide, Ammonia, Arsenic, Cyanide, and Formaldehyde. Kids are saying that since they began using these products, they are having

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WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners Adopt-A-Spot

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners continue their community project in Duck, WV. On April 22, 2023, Earth Day, master gardeners and trainees gathered in Duck. The group has been working with the Clay County Department of Highways to Adopt-A-Spot in Duck. The group cleaned the area beginning at the intersection to Rt. 4 traveling toward the Nottingham Bridge that crosses Elk River. Members gathered bags of trash and debris. This program will be an ongoing effort with additional cleanups of the "spot." Master Gardener program information is available at your local WV Extension offices. The group appreciates your support.



Dept. of Education Releases Golden Horseshoe Winners

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) will recognize 226 eighth grade students from middle schools across the state as Knights of the Golden Horseshoe. Once again, the WVDE will host three separate ceremonies, and a complete list of winners can be found on the WVDE website.

Local winners from Clay County Middle School include Jaylyn Holcomb, Presley Shamblyn, and Matthew Wood.

The first ceremony begins at 9 a.m. and recognizes recipients from the following counties: Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Putnam, Roane, Wayne and Wirt.

The second ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. and recognizes recipients from the following counties: Gilmer, Greenbrier, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pleasants, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Summers, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wood, Wyoming and West Virginia Public Charter Schools.

The third ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. and recognizes recipients from the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Brooke, Doddridge, Grant, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Jefferson, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Taylor, Tucker and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

This year marks the 307th anniversary of the Golden Horseshoe legacy, and it remains the longest-running program of its kind in the country with the annual state recognitions dating back to 1931. The program's legacy dates back to 1716 when Governor of the Virginia Colony Alexander Spotswood organized and recognized a delegation of men who explored the land west of the Allegheny Mountains (most of which is now West Virginia). He presented each of them a small golden horseshoe to commemorate their bravery for crossing the mountain.

Clay County Schools Special Circumstance Review Update

The WVDE Office of Accountability conducted a Special Circumstance Review of Clay County Schools beginning November 30, 2022, at the request of the State Superintendent, to investigate Clay County Board of Education actions, official complaints submitted to the WVDE, and student performance as indicated by the West Virginia Balanced Scorecard. Areas reviewed during the visit included instructional leadership, executive leadership, school improvement processes, financial indicators and purchasing procedures, and the operation of federal programs in the district.

At the time of the review, three members of the local board were recently elected, first time board members. The local excess levy had failed, leading to concerns about the financial stability of the district and possible school closures. Additionally, the former superintendent had been removed from that position abruptly during the November 2, 2022, meeting of the local board. The interim superintendent, Joan Haynie, had been in her position for approximately three weeks. The review team interviewed members of the central office staff, county board of education members, all principals, and the majority of teachers in each school building in the district. Additionally, a team visited each school in the district to observe instruction and make recommendations to support school improvement.

A report of the findings and recommendations was prepared and presented to the WVBE at the January 11, 2023 meeting. The five focus areas included: Central Office and Local Board of Education Leadership, Principal Leadership, School Improvement Processes and Instruction, Financial Indicators and Purchasing Procedures, and Operation of Federal Programs.

Next Steps:

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Morrissey Announces Winners of 'Kids Kick Opioids' Design Contest

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced eight students from central and southeastern West Virginia as regional winners of the office's seventh Kids Kick Opioids contest, a competition designed to spur creativity and raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Regional winners are Samantha Kennedy of Clay County Middle School in Clay County; Brookelynn Neel, Sarah Arthur and Haylee Surface, of Mountain View Elementary & Middle School in Monroe County; Autumn Hively, of Hillsboro Elementary School in Pocahontas County; Mitchell Koerber, of Marlinton Middle School in Pocahontas

County; and Lailyn Yost and Emma Crawford, of Ridgeview Elementary School in Raleigh County.

"Drug abuse needlessly claims too many lives, and our hope is the entries from these artistic students will bring greater awareness and change—these entries really showcase the tremendous talent of our elementary and middle school participants," Attorney General Morrissey said. "These artworks underscore the impact of the opioid epidemic on our young students. They are growing up in a time when drug abuse runs rampant. Our hope is their artwork will bring about greater awareness and a renewed commitment to change." The

Attorney General received a total of 2,347 entries from 2,450 students at 66 middle and elementary schools across West Virginia. The submissions included a mix of drawings, poems and other designs aimed at promoting awareness.

Judges recognized winning entries from 65 students overall. Those designs will be displayed in the State Capitol in the fall.

The statewide winner and runner up will be announced soon. That winning entry will appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the Attorney General's next public service announcement.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives

through which the Attorney General has sought to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system. The Attorney General also has fought the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education. The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.

Mustang track season ends at CWVAC Championship



Shuttle hurdle champions L-R top row Natalie Tanner and Audrey Paxton, Bottom row L-R Ivy Beard and Jayda Stricker.

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BOOKED CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

BRAXTON COUNTY



Cynthia Dawn Ellis
Booked 5/8/23
Possession with intent,
conspiracy



Roger Thomas Mullens
Booked 5/8/23
Domestic battery (second
offense)

CLAY COUNTY



Mavin Timothy Campbell
Booked 5/13/23
Possession of a controlled
substance, obstructing



Christopher Lynn Duffey
Booked 5/8/23
Assault on police of-
ficer, fleeing in vehicle,
fugitive from justice,
obstructing an officer

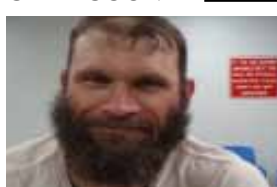


Kaylie Shay Hamilton
Booked 5/12/23
Grand larceny



Victor Allen Jarvis
Booked 5/9/23
No insurance

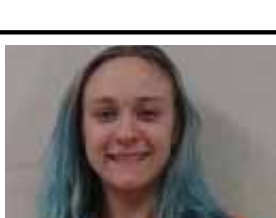
CLAY COUNTY



Louis Richard Koch
Booked 5/13/23
Prohibited person with
firearm, no registration,
no seat belt



Tyler Scott Anderson
Booked 5/10/23
Bailpiece



Haley Christina Barnett
Booked 5/12/23
Domestic battery second
offenses



David Eugene Bennett
Booked 5/10/23
Capias



Heather Dawn Bowling
Booked 5/8/23
Worthless checks



Anna Mae Buckner
Booked 5/12/23
Shoplifting third offense

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Ryan Wayne Reckell
Booked 5/11/23
Capias



Jerrod M. White
Booked 5/13/23
DOR/DUI, possession
with intent, reckless
driving

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Courthouse News



Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff:"

- 09:00 AM, State v. Jennifer Lively, Bench Trial, Brandishing deadly weapons; threatening or causing breach of the peace
- 09:00 AM, State v. Jennifer Lively, Bench Trial, Misdemeanor Offense for violation of Protective Order Mandatory Provisions
- 09:30 A, State v. Bobby Ray Hanshaw, Bench Trial, Unlawful injury to or destruction of property, Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance
- 10:00 AM, State v. Thomas L Short, Bench Trial, No vehicle insurance, Acts prohibited by operator. (Road)
- 10:00 AM, State v. Thomas L Short, Bench Trial, Acts prohibited by operator. (Exceed Specs), Acts prohibited by operator. (>25 mph)
- 10:00 AM, State v. Thomas L Short, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (x2)
- 10:30 AM, State v. Jeremy Scott Wyant, Bench Trial, Driving while license suspended or revoked; Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription
- 11:00 AM, State v. Chad Lee Bishop, Bench Trial, Domestic Assault, Unlawful injury to or destruction of property
- 11:30 AM, State v. Roger Dale Rogers, Bench Trial, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; Driving while license suspended or revoked
- 11:30 AM, State v. Roger Dale Rogers, Bench Trial, No vehicle insurance
- 01:00 PM, State v. Derek Robert Glasser, Bench Trial, Driving Suspended, Improper Tint
- 01:30 PM, State v. Amanda Dawn Harris, Bench Trial, Unlawful disposal of litter - Public highway/Waterway

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Super Crossword

Answer

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

Answers

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BONEUPON	RATIO	MANAGE	
WHATISTHENICKNAMEFOR			
MED	YANG	IER	
AFOODCONNOISSEURWHOIS			
MAC	IDEST	HES	HOMME
ACTUATE	SIR	BRENNAN	
NEARBY	KNOWNFOR	BAKING	
DUNNE	RAISA	ZEIT	
APES	HIS	POTATOES	TEAR
COTE	SPENDS	SAMBA	
INACREAMYSAUCE	PURISM		
BOTHERS	OAT	CUBANOS	
ELIOT	ASS	BBGUN	ERE
TOPPEDWITH	BREAD	CRUMBS	
WAR	LORN	TAN	
THESCALLOPINGGOURMET			
HALTER	IDONT	SCREENER	
ITSELF	FORGE	THESTILT	
SHAWLS	TREYS	ASST	DEE

Commentary

Putting 'West Virginia First': Agreement Will Help All West Virginians

The opioid scourge is one of the greatest challenges West Virginia has ever faced. The vast oversupply of prescription opioids caused or contributed to too many senseless deaths, and too many broken families, over many, many years.

We have fought hard—and we're still fighting—to bring a sense of healing to the state. While litigation and settlements will not bring back the lives lost from the opioid epidemic, our hope is that the monies garnered will provide much needed help to those affected the most.

Gov. Jim Justice recently signed into law Senate Bill 674, which codifies the West Virginia First Foundation in statute. We now have the platform desperately needed to manage the nearly \$1 billion in opioid settlements available to our state and political subdivisions. This represents a major step forward in the fight against this devastating epidemic. Far too many lives have been lost to this epidemic—enough is enough.

Pursuant to SB 674, the Governor will appoint members to the Foundation's board of directors, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The West Virginia First Foundation is a private, nonstock, nonprofit entity created to distribute opioid abatement funds throughout six regions of the State. The Foundation will operate pursuant to Articles of Incorporation that will soon be filed as well as the terms of the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding.

The MOU created the first plan of action to address the opioid crisis, and was the first step toward healing the battered communities in this state. Standing together, the State, all 55 counties, and 220 of 229 cities and towns signed onto the MOU.

The MOU details the allocation method for any settlement funds or judgments received as a result of the various lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors and other parties in the pharmaceutical supply chain. As the central entity dedicated to addressing the opioid crisis throughout our state, the Foundation will receive 72.5% of all settlement and judgment dollars. Another 24.5% will go directly to local governments, while 3% will be held in escrow by the state.

Importantly, the MOU sets forth a basic framework of opioid abatement strategies that both the Foundation and local governments will use to help insure that all monies received are put to good use. This framework along with the allocation mixture will help maximize the impact of every opioid dollar throughout the six regions of the state in a manner that helps families and funds projects most in need.

Between 1997 and 2018, drug companies shipped 4.9 billion pills to our state, which at that time had a population of roughly 1.84 million. That equates to 2,679 pills for every West Virginian.

Comparatively, New York and California during that same period received 1,457 and 1,168 pills per resident, respectively.

The communities of our state have been ravaged by the wrongdoing of those within the pharmaceutical supply chain. With this MOU, West Virginia has dramatically improved its ability to take actions to protect all the citizens of our state from this epidemic.

The severity of this problem and the harm done to West Virginians cannot be overstated nor ignored. And that's especially true in light of the proliferation of fentanyl coming in from China, into the Mexican drug cartels and across the border, eventually making its way to West Virginia. Given this fentanyl threat, the creation of this structure and plan couldn't come at a better time.

We must prevent another generation from falling prey to senseless death. The West Virginia First Foundation will be a major step forward on the path to recovery.

Patrick Morrissey is the Attorney General of West Virginia.

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I'd Rather Kiss a Goat

By: Dr. James L. Snyder

There are very few things in my life I regret; at least that I can remember. One of the good things about getting old is that you can forget many things. The important thing is to forget the right thing, which is a challenge. You can be sure I work on this all the time. It takes a really good memory to forget the right things.

What I regret the most is that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage never met my good old Uncle Fred. If she had met him, she would understand me more than she does today. She would understand why I am as crazy as I am. The problem is, she still would want to try to fix me.

One phrase I remember the most about Uncle Fred is, "I'd rather kiss a goat." I cannot tell you how many times I heard him say this. Where he got this phrase is a mystery to everyone who knew him.

If someone invited him to an activity he did not want to attend, he usually would respond by saying, "I'd rather kiss a goat."

People would smile because nobody had any idea what he was saying.

A friend once asked him, "Fred, will you watch the football game tonight?"

Looking at him as seriously as possible, Fred said, "I'd rather kiss a goat."

Knowing him as I did, he was not antisocial; he just liked to get under people's skin. Everything was a joke to him, and most people did not realize it. So they always took Uncle Fred seriously, which he wanted.

As a teenager, I spent time with him working in his garden one summer. He had a fantasy for garden work. If it could be planted, he would plant it. He had the best garden in the whole neighborhood at the time. Some plants in his garden I could not identify. Years later, much to my dismay, I found what some were, which explained a lot.

While spending time with him, I asked, "Uncle Fred, what do you mean when you say, I would rather kiss a goat? Do you really mean that?"

I had been thinking about this question for a long time, and at this point, I had the opportunity to ask him.

"Well, son," he said rather slowly, "it's a very interesting thing. I have no idea what it means, and the people I say it to have no idea what I mean." He finished by laughing hysterically.

Then he explained that it was better to confuse people sometimes than try to explain something.

"For instance, if somebody wants you to do something and you don't want to do it but don't want to hurt their feelings, it's best to confuse them. That's where I come in and say, I'd rather kiss a goat."

According to him, he got out of many sticky situations by saying that.

"Just don't tell anybody I said that." He looked at me and then winked. I wondered if he was telling me the truth or just what he wanted me to know.

It was his way of getting along with people he liked but not doing what they wanted him to do.

It was the summer before Uncle Fred died that we had our family reunion. Just about everyone was there, and it was the last one that I got to go to.

Everyone was there except my grandfather. He was Fred's brother. Nobody knew where he was and was concerned because he never missed a family reunion.

Then, out of nowhere, my grandfather drove in, and in his truck was a goat. So he got out of the truck, brought the goat out, walked over to Fred, and said, "How about kissing this goat?"

Of course, Uncle Fred was stunned by the action, and everyone except Uncle Fred broke out in almost uncontrollable laughter.

Only my grandfather could pull one on Uncle Fred. I'm unsure how long it took him to put this kind of plan together, and he surely deserves credit.

I sure do miss Uncle Fred and wish The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would've had an opportunity to meet him. I'm afraid, though, she might've given him a goat to kiss but not what he had in mind.

Sometimes you don't really appreciate a person until after they're gone. The more I think of Uncle Fred, the more I appreciate his phrase, "I'd rather kiss a goat."

It all came to a head when the other day, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into my office and said, "Would you like to go shopping with the girls and me?"

Trying not to smile, I looked at her and said, "I'd rather kiss a goat."

Glaring at me with one of "those glares," she said, "What did you say? Did you just call me a goat?"

Oh boy, do I have some 'splainin' to do?

As I was trying to figure out my defense, I was reminded of what Jesus said in Matthew 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

The most important thing is to understand that God will hold me accountable for every word I speak, even those idle words.

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THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

Pastor Doug Newell, IV

Lying for the Truth

It's not ok to lie about or mischaracterize the people you disagree with, even if they are wrong (or you think they are wrong). It's a sign of a weak argument when you must make stuff up to defeat them. Why should I believe you'll tell me the truth if you lie about your enemies? If a man will lie about his opponents to gain favor with his side, then why wouldn't he lie to his side to stay in the good graces with them? It seems to me keeping your people happy is the goal, by any means necessary, rather than truth. If truth is essential and the main thing, it will always be the main thing, not just when you are fishing for compliments from people who already agree with you. Willfully misrepresenting people you disagree with to make them look bad is bearing false witness. But people like red meat, and more than enough preachers and politicians will gladly throw it. And you aren't doing your side any favors.

In Mark 1:21, Jesus went to Capernaum and taught in the synagogue. The people were amazed at his doctrine because he taught like one with authority, not like the scribes. The scribes were the scholars of the day. They spent their time not only in the law of Moses but also in the traditions, interpretations, and commentaries on the law. Jesus spoke for himself. He taught the Scripture and taught it truly and faithfully. But

He taught not a system of a scribe or a theology of another man but expounded as one with authority. And the people noticed. He taught as He knew. Here was someone who got their authority from God, not from a school of the scribes.

We next find the scribes in chapter two, listening to Jesus tell a man his sins are forgiven. The scribes said it was blasphemy for a man to say he could do only what God could do. Jesus said he could forgive sins, and only God can forgive sins, therefore, blasphemy. Logic. But there was another option. The Son of Man does have the authority to forgive sins, and the Son of Man is God (Daniel 7:13-14). A little later, the scribes wondered at Jesus, who ate with sinners, which went against the tradition. They attributed sin to the great physician, who came to save sinners.

What do the scribes think about Jesus? They've heard him preach and seen him heal incurable diseases, proving He is the Son of Man. They have challenged Jesus and been proven wrong. The words and works of Jesus showed their tradition was powerless, but Jesus had come in power. Rather than submit to the Lord, they lie about him. They could not overcome his arguments or explain to people how he cast out demons. So they slandered Jesus with lies and said Jesus was demon-possessed. And all their friends and followers said, "amen."

A Tale of Two Coats

By: Joseph J. Mazella

It was early winter several years ago. I had pulled out my old winter coat for another year's use. It was still in pretty good shape although it was looking dingy from so many winters wear. I didn't really need a new one but I wanted one and casually mentioned it to my daughter one day. She is such a sweet, loving soul that I should have guessed what would happen next. A few weeks later she gave me a gift of a bright red, brand new, winter's coat.

I put the old one in my closet and started to wear the new coat every day. Each day, though, when I opened my closet something bothered me. It seemed a shame that my still good, old coat should just sit there keeping no one warm during the cold, winter days. After a few weeks I took it out and drove to a local charity thrift shop. I knew that there someone who couldn't afford a coat otherwise could get my old one. I dropped it off, chatted happily with the staff for a bit, and walked out the door. As I did so I saw a shivering man in

only a thin jacket walking in. I wondered if he would end up in my old coat. Then I smiled and went home with a warm heart.

My new coat is my old coat now. It too is getting a little dingy and worn. It has black stains on the sleeves from where I patched the roof last winter. It is in too bad of shape to even donate to charity. I wonder if I should buy a new one soon but I think I will wait a while. I don't really need a new one and maybe I can find a few more things to give to the charity thrift shop instead.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "Want is a growing giant whom the coat of Have was never large enough to cover." Perhaps the best way to deal with our wants then is to give of ourselves instead. Love, after all, brings us the most joy. And the more of it you give away, the more of it you have. It is our gift from God and our gift to God as well. May all of your days be full of warmth. May all of your days be full of giving. May all of your days be full Love.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend," Dud said.

The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him.

Doc put it gently. "Dud, was this so he could get some inspiration on looking good?"

Duckworth was a medium-sized dog that found Dud while Dud was walking and thinking about the novel he's writing. No one answered the ad he put in the Valley Weekly Miracle, so he was henceforth known as Duckworth, for some reason Dud seemed to want to keep to himself. To be honest, Duckworth looked like he fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.

"No, I was going to enter him in the dog show," Dud said. "Took him right up to the registration table and tried to get him in a class. The lady there looked at ol' Duck and asked to see his papers."

Dud grinned. "I told her they were back home on the floor of the laundry room. She didn't think it was funny."

Now Duckworth had been introduced to the other dogs in the group at the sale barn, as is the custom, and Dud's pals had been hesitant to ask much about him. Duckworth looked like something put together by a committee with a sense of humor. Oh, he was a dog ... no doubt about that. But what kind of dog was he? It made for interesting coffee speculation, that's for sure.

"You know," Dud said, "Anita was against me getting any kind of dog until Duckworth came along. When I explained to her that Duckworth was a bird dog ... a duck dog, actually, and that he'd help me bring more birds home, she finally gave in."

"He's a bird dog?" Steve said. "What kind?"

"Now that's what that dog show lady asked me, you know? I had to explain to her about canardly terriers, because she wasn't familiar with them." "Canar..."

"Canardly terriers, you betcha," Dud said, grinning, "why, I'll bet you canardly tell what kind of terrier he is!"

For the best friend a human being is able to have, please consider adopting a dog or cat from your local shelter.

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

True or False: "My Girl" was the Temptations only #1 hit of the 1960's.

Answer to last week's Trivia: Yes. Bobby Goldsboro did have a #1 hit on the pop charts. His #1 single on the country charts ("Honkey"), also reached #1 on the pop charts. (April '68)

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

This Week in West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.



May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in a shootout sometimes referred to as the Matewan Massacre. Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families, but Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law.



May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was born in Beckley. When Rahall first entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest member.

May 21, 1853: William M. O. Dawson was born in Bloomington, Maryland, just across the Potomac River from what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. In 1905, he became the 12th governor of West Virginia.

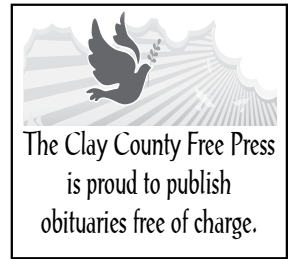
May 22, 1947: Supreme Court Justice Margaret "Peggy" Workman was born in Charleston. In the election of November 1988, she became the first woman on the

West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the first woman to be elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

May 23, 1862: In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding 66, while losing only 13 men.



May 23, 1941: Rod Thorn was born in Princeton. Declared by the legislature a state "natural resource," Thorn attended West Virginia University, where he was an All-American guard. Thorn had a distinguished NBA career as a player and executive, which included drafting Michael Jordan.



Erica Alaina Schoonover

Erica Alaina Schoonover, 44, went home to be with the Lord on May 11th, 2023.

Erica was a very special gift from God. She was loved by her family and everyone who knew her. She always had a smile and kind words for everyone.

She is survived by her parents, Marty and Patty Schoonover; brother, Seth (Amy) Schoonover and sister, Jenny (Jeremy) Holcomb; nephew, Noah; and nieces Abigail, Grace, Makayla, and Charity Faith.

Erica was faithful to stand and testify to the Lord: "I am thankful that I am saved."

Graveside service was held at 1:00 pm Monday, May 15, 2023, at Sunset Cemetery, Bickmore, WV, with Jeremy Holcomb officiating.

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

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

Franklin D. Rose



Franklin D. Rose, 84, of Leroy, died Thursday, May 11, 2023, at WVU Medicine Jackson General Hospital, Ripley.

He was born November 5, 1938, in Clay County, the son of the late Raymond and Hettie Rose.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Rose; stepdaughter and

son-in-law, Carletta and Dave Johnston of Mineral Wells; stepson and daughter-in-law, Homer and Karen Bonnett of Daniels; four step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren; three sisters, Elvira Holcomb of Millersburg, Ohio, Onie Gray of Clay County and Mildred Bullard of Charleston; one brother, Garland Rose of Cool Ridge; several nieces and nephews.

Frank was a retired farmer and former employee of Ron Haynes Bridge Company. He was a Christian. Frank was a well-known gospel singer and had sung at the Nebo Gospel Sing for the past 69 years.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 15, at the John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer, with the Rev. Larry Jones officiating. Burial followed at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Gay.

The family received friends from 3-5 p.m. Sunday and one hour before the service Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com.

Sarah Eliza Samples



Sarah Eliza Samples, 89, of Parkersburg, WV, formerly of Broadview Heights, Ohio, passed away on May 4th, 2023 at the Wyngate Senior Living Facility.

She was born on October 10, 1933 in Wallback, WV, one of five children of the late Harrison and Alice Summers.

Sarah graduated from Clay County High School and was

salutatorian of her class. She was assertive and hard working, starting her career as a secretary at United Fuel and retiring as an executive from Dominion Gas after more than 30 years service. She was a devout Christian, active in the United Methodist Church of Macedonia, and the Salvation Army. She is remembered for her love of family, especially her Mom and Dad, her dogs, and driving fast cars. After the death of her husband Jim, she moved back to West Virginia to be closer to family.

Sarah is survived by seven nieces and nephews: William Summers Jr., Richard Summers, David Loughery, Mary Alice Lang, Mary Alice Mychek, Nancy Orosz, and Theresa Stransinger.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James Emerson Samples, three sisters Helen Marie Summers, Virginia Arbaugh, Delva Hanlon, a brother William Summers, and two nephews Jack Schultz, and Terry Loughery.

A committal service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Sunset Memorial Park 6265 Columbia Road North Olmsted, OH 44070. A celebration of life was held on Thursday at 5 to 7 p.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg.

The family would like to thank Lynn Summers for her personal care and comfort, the Wyngate Senior Living Facility, and Amedisys Hospice for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers the family would recommend donations to the Parkersburg Salvation Army 534 5th Street Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.LeavittFuneralHome.com.

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 10 Intro studio course | 48 Catering coffeepots | 76 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned |
| 1 Salary limit | 53 In the vicinity | 11 Secular | 49 Vigoda of "Fish" | 77 Waist wear |
| 4 Reputation, on the street | 54 Riddle, part 3 | 12 Range of the Appalachians | 50 Trips to hit, as an insect | 78 Pokes a hole in |
| 8 Two-team wrestling competitions | 58 Old-time actress Irene | 13 Actress Hedy | 51 Cat variety | 81 Chew the — |
| 13 Gave high praise to | 59 She was Mrs. Gorbachev | 14 Composer Khachaturian | 52 Sluggers' stats | 83 Helicopter rescue, say |
| 19 Pesticide compound | 60 German word before "geist" | 15 — Reader (magazine) | 54 DJ Casey | 84 Three 19th-century literary sisters |
| 21 The "A" of James A. Garfield | 61 Donkey Kong and others | 16 Turn a — ear | 55 Fall chill | 85 Arctic chunk |
| 22 Aorta, for one | 62 Riddle, part 4 | 17 Hence | 56 Bear, in Baja | 86 Subgenre of rap music |
| 23 Study hard | 65 Lacerate | 18 Hair colorer | 57 Gas in an atmospheric layer | 89 Friends of Snow White |
| 24 Proportional relation | 69 Dove shelter | 20 "I love you," to Juanita | 59 Hayworth and Moreno | 90 Mart start |
| 25 Supervise | 70 Use all of | 27 — Christian Andersen | 62 Certain garden worker | 91 Like flashy jewelry, informally |
| 26 Start of a riddle | 71 Afro-Brazilian dance | 28 Opposite of old, in Germany | 63 "The Simpsons" storekeeper | 92 Least frequent |
| 29 Thing a doc prescribes | 72 Riddle, part 5 | 32 Plummer of "Pulp Fiction" | 64 Sleuth, in old slang | 93 Not fulfilled |
| 30 Yin and — | 78 Scrupulous insistence on traditional rules | 33 How cards are sometimes dealt | 65 Lipinski on ice | 97 — and that |
| 31 Suffix with hotel or cash | 79 Disturbs | 34 Gasoline rating | 66 Rapper aka "Slim Shady" | 98 Possesses, in Shakespeare |
| 32 Riddle, part 2 | 80 Source of some bran | 35 Exalting verse | 67 Sop up | 99 Bride of Lohengrin |
| 43 Apple on a desk | 81 Havana natives, to Havana natives | 36 Lower leg part | 68 19th-dynasty pharaoh | 100 Crockpot dish |
| 44 Latin "that is" | 82 Novelist George | 37 Feudal toiler | 69 Greek island | 101 Beehive unit |
| 45 "— So Fine" | 83 Braying beast | 38 Source of some bran | 71 Deli hero | 102 Scent |
| 46 French for "man" | 84 Shooter of small balls | 39 Goose sound | 72 "Oh, ri-i-ight" | 103 Sweat outlet |
| 47 Set into motion | 87 Bard's "before" | 40 1980s Dodge | 73 — contendere (court plea) | 104 Singer Phil |
| 50 Charles Chaplin's title | 88 End of the riddle | 41 Supermodel from Somalia | 74 "Take — from me ..." | 105 Blyton of kids' books |
| 51 Eileen of "Clue" | 94 Huge battle | 42 Hong Kong's Hang — Index | 75 Take an ax to | 106 Prefix with marketing |
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

We Proudly Present The Twenty-One Members Of The '57 Graduating Class

The Widen High School Faculty and Widen News proudly present the following twenty-one members of the 1956-1957 graduating class pictured on these pages, together with a brief thumb-nail sketch of the achievements of each graduate, who will receive his or her diploma at commencement exercises in the YMCA auditorium on Thursday night, May 16, at eight o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to witness this important ceremony, and to hear the address of the commencement program speaker, as well as to encourage graduates.

EMIL DEAN ASHLEY
Emil is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin L. Ashley of Widen. He was born in Swandale on April 15th, 1939. He has attended Widen Schools for twelve years.

He was a member of the Student Council for three years and was president of his class in his junior year. This year he is president of Library and Art Clubs; and was chosen in his junior year to go to Charleston for "Know Your State Government Day." He was Sports Editor for the school paper, and took part in the senior play "His Name Was Aunt Nellie". He has no plans for the future.

LOIS ANN SIGMAN
Lois is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Sigman, 72 Nicholas St. She was born at Widen, April 11, 1938. She is five feet, six and one-half inches tall, weighs 130 lbs. She has medium blond hair and blue eyes.

She was secretary and treasurer of her freshman class and a member of the Chorus Club; member of Student Council for two years; reporter for the Student Council in her junior year; vice president of the sophomore class and reporter of F.H.A.; reporter for the senior class; class editor of the school paper; and is on the B Honor Roll in her senior year. She took part in the senior minstrel and played the part of "Mabel" in the senior play.

PATSY LOUISE GIBSON
Patsy is the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenner Gibson of Wilson Ridge. She was born June 11, 1939 in Charleston. She is four feet and eleven inches tall, has blond hair and blue eyes.

Patsy attended the seventh grade from Dille Grade School. She is a member of the National Honor Society; was a member of Girl Scouts for three years and was president of the troop for two years. Her interests are playing the piano and dramatics.

She made the honor roll every year, has had perfect attendance the last two years; has been a member of the following clubs: West Virginia Club, Chorus Club, Art Club, Dancing Club, Science Club, Library Club, Dramatic Club; and was a bandanna boy in the senior class minstrel. She was cheerleader for the Junior High Basketball team for two years; cheer leader for the High School in her sophomore year and head cheerleader in her junior and senior years; has been a member of the W.H.S. band for two years; and is also a majorette.

BARBARA GAYLE BUTCHER
Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Butcher of Dille. She was born December 28, 1939 in Widen. She is five feet and two inches tall, has blue eyes and brown hair.

She entered Widen High School from Dille Elementary in 1953; was vice president of the freshman class; member of the Girl Scouts since 1953. In her sophomore year she was enrolled in the National Honor Society, and was a substitute cheerleader for the basketball team; vice president of the Student Council in her junior year; regular cheerleader on the varsity squad. She attended Rhododendron Girls' State at Jackson's Mill in 1956, sponsored by the Widen Woman's Club.

All through High School she has been active in chorus work; attended the Student Council conference at Jackson's Mill and a Student Leadership Conference at West Virginia University in her junior year. She is vice president of the senior class this year and received the Betty Crocker Homemaker's Award, took part in the senior class minstrel and played juvenile lead in the senior class play. She attends church at the Big Union Baptist Church in Dille. Gayle plans to enter nurses training at Charleston General Hospital in September.

LEONARD EAGLE
Leonard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Eagle of Widen. He was born at Dille on January 10, 1939. He is five feet, three inches tall, has brown hair and blue eyes.

He attended school in the first grade at Akron, Ohio, second and third at Dille and entered the Widen School in the fourth grade. Leonard is a member of the Library Club and the Athletic Club; he was manager of the basketball team in the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades; played High School baseball 1955-56; and was manager of Widen High School football team. He was also Sports Editor of the Red and White Review. He plans to attend school after graduation.

BETTY LOU CHAPMAN
Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of Dille. She was born on May 10, 1928 in Widen. She is five feet, 3 inches tall; and has brunette hair and dark brown eyes.

Betty attended grade school at Dille and high school at Widen. She is a member of the National Honor Society; reporter for Dramatic Club; was named Student-of-the-month for April; she has played trombone for two years in the band; member of Literary Club 1953-56; was secretary of the club in 53 and treasurer in 54; member of Dramatic and Dancing clubs in 1955; was in the plays "Never Trust A Man" and "Look Before You Leap" in 1957; has obtained a B average for 1957 and had perfect attendance for 1954-55-56. She has been Assistant Editor, Class Editor, Circulation Editor of the Red and White Review. She attends Walnut Grove Methodist church where she is president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She plans to get married after graduation.

Her father has been employed by the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company for twenty-two years.

JOE WILSON HUTCHINSON
Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hutchinson of Widen. He was born in Richwood on May 15, 1938. He is six feet tall and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Joe attended Summersville High School in the ninth grade and the first semester of the tenth grade; then enrolled in Widen High for the last semester of sophomore year; member of the Literary Club and the Red and White Review. He played two years of basketball; was a member of the cast "His Name Was Aunt Nellie" and manager of "Bandanna Babies". He plans to work after graduating.

DAVID CARL CRAFT
David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland D. Craft. He was born at Dundon, November 1, 1938; attended school at Widen from the first through the twelfth grades.

Dave was a member of Dancing Club; Athletic Club and was in the cast of the senior minstrel, "Bandanna Babies". He was vice president of Dancing Club, and was one of the stage directors for the senior play. He played basketball two years. David is the third member of his family to graduate here. He plans to work at Widen after graduation. His father is the Outside Superintendent of the Company here.

RElda JEAN NETTLES
Relda Jean was born in Widen on January 5, 1940. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Nettles. She is five feet, six inches tall and weighs 127 lbs. has brown hair and blue eyes.

Relda Jean was a member of the chorus in 1953-54-55 cashier of the Hot Lunch Program for two years member of the cast of "His Name Was Aunt Nellie" also on the A Honor Roll.

She has been the pianist of the Widen Baptist Church for two years and was the secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School for a year, and the first person in Widen to attain 100 per cent attendance record in Sunday School for 10 consecutive years. She is the eighth member of her family to graduate from Widen High. She plans to work after graduation.

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Consumer Confidence Report - 2023 Covering Calendar Year - 2022

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the office at 29 S. Swiss Road, Swiss, or call RALPH ARTHUR at 681-230-2572.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional information chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from:

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GAULEY RIVER PSD	KANAWHA FALL PSD
GAULEY RIVER PSD	SUMMERSVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Our water system has an estimated population of 3944 and is required to test a minimum of 5 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1 - December 31, 2022. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: GAULEY RIVER PSD				
Microbiological Source	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022							

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	11062 Turnpike Rd	2022	43	19-37.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	29 South Swiss Rd	2022	46	19-38.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Swiss Tank Tite	2022	33	27.4-27.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	11062 Turnpike Rd	2022	39	12-38.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	29 South Swiss Rd	2022	49	14-38.9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	Swiss Tank Site	2022	29	13.5-13.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2017-2019	0.254	0.0015-0.452	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2017-2019	12.4	0-91.8	ppb	15	2	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

GAULEY RIVER PSD is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at GRPSD Office. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact RALPH ARTHUR at 681-230-2572.

Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
2022-2022	1.3000	MG/L	1.2	MG/L

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
10/20/2022	TANK 1	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 2	The storage tank is not adequately secured (64CSR77-9.1.d).
10/20/2022	TANK 3	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 4	The storage tank is not adequately secured (64CSR77-9.1.d).
10/20/2022	TANK 5	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 6	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 7	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 8	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	WATER SYSTEM	The system has an improper number of certified water operators on staff to sufficiently operate the system (64CSR4-5.4.b and 5.6).
10/20/2022	TANK 10	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 11	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 12	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).
10/20/2022	TANK 13	The storage tank is not adequately secured (64CSR77-9.1.d).
10/20/2022	TANK 14	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened (64CSR77-9.1.f.2).

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022s							

During the 2022 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.		
Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
1/11/2022-1/18/2022	STATE RESIDUAL CHLORINE	AUTOMATED BWN CERT
8/12/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
12/1/2021-2/28/2022	HALOACETIC ACIDS	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800426-4761)

There are no additional required health effects violation notices. Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2022 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	8/29/2022	Kanawha Falls PSD	0.03	0.03	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CARBON, TOTAL	8/1/2022	Kanawha Falls PSD	2.9	0.93-2.9	ppm	10000		Naturally present in the environment
CHROMIUM	8/29/2022	Kanawha Falls PSD	5.2	2.3-5.2	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	2/9/2022	Summersville Municipal Water	0.78	0.78	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	2/12/2019	Summersville Municipal Water	0.079	0.079	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	12/2/2019	Kanawha Falls PSD	1.47	1.47	pCi/L	4	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
NITRATE	2/9/2022	Summersville Municipal Water	0.43	0.43	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Water System	Highest RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022								

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	8/1/2022	Kanawha Falls PSD	54	24-54	MG/L	10000
CHLORINE	11/10/2021	Kanawha Falls PSD	1.96	1.96	MG/L	4
CRYPTOSPORIDIUM	6/15/2020	Kanawha Falls PSD	1	0-1		
GIARDIA LAMBLIA	12/18/2020	Kanawha Falls PSD	1	0-1		1
NICKEL	2/9/2022	Summersville Municipal Water	0.00068	0.00068	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	2/9/2022	Summersville Municipal Water	3.9	3.9	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	8/1/2021	Kanawha Falls PSD	16.5	16.5	MG/L	250

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.

During the 2022 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
Summersville Municipal Water	Failure Address Deficiency (IESWTR)	TT	IESWTR	11/14/2021-2/10/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine Major	MON	Sodium	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Automated BWN Cert	RPT	State Residual Chlorine	1/11/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Failure to complete or submit MOR	MON	Chlorine	4/1/2022-4/30/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine (DBP) Major	MON	Chlorine	4/1/2022-6/30/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, RTN/RPT Major (SWTR-FILTER)	MON	Chlorine	4/1/2022-4/30/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Chlorine	4/1/2022-6/30/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Failure Address Deficiency (IESWTR)	TT	IESWTR	4/30/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Failure to Complete or Submit MOR	MON	Chlorine	5/1/2022-5/31/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, RTN/RPT Major (SWTR-FILTER)	MON	Chlorine	5/1/2022-5/31/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Public Notice Rule Linked to Violation	PN	Public Notice	7/16/2022-12/12/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Qualified Operator Failure	TT	DSP Stage 1	8/25/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Public Notice Rule Linked to Violation	PN	Public Notice	11/16/2022-12/12/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Haloacetic Acids	1/1/2022-3/31/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Haloacetic Acids	4/1/2022-6/30/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Trihalo-methanes	1/1/2022-3/31/2022
Kanawha Falls PSD	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Trihalo-methanes	4/1/2022-6/30/2022
Summersville Municipal Water	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Haloacetic Acids	3/1/2022-5/31/2022
Summersville Municipal Water	Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	MON	Trihalo-methanes	4/1/2022-6/30/2022

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Physical Verification

Gauley River PSD will also verify "unknown" service lines during service interruptions; in-houses meter box inspections. A spreadsheet will be created to track these locations and record the actual material observed, such as lead, copper, plastic, galvanized steel or other. To do this, the Gauley River PSD will perform visual inspections of meter pits and collect customer information including pictures of where the service line enters the property. The visual inspections will include a scratch test on all metal piping. Lead is a dull gray color and very soft. If scraped with a key, it will turn a bright silver color. Even a very strong magnet will not stick to lead.

Types of water pipes

Follow the guidance below or contact a licensed plumber to determine the material of your water pipes. To identify the material of your service pipe material on private property, check your household water service connection, typically located in the basement. Homeowners should identify and replace old household pipes, particularly galvanized plumbing and sources of lead. The type of household plumbing can vary throughout your household.

Lead

A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will not cling to lead pipes.

Galvanized

A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.

Copper

The color of a copper penny.

Plastic

White, rigid pipe that is joined to water supply piping with a clamp.

Your CCR is available at www://gauleyriverpsd.myrruralwater.com. To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

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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. This increase includes an allocation of the wastewater revenue requirement to the water revenue requirement to support the same percentage increase in rates for both water and wastewater customers. The Company is further proposing a new set of low income tariffs, and other rate mechanisms, the impacts of which are reflected in the rate increase schedule below.

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:

Low Income Tariff Discount	% Discount
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:

WEST VIRGINIA (except Cumberland, Glasgow, and Cedar Grove)		
AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ INCREASE)	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 11.38	31.26%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	18.95	31.26%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	101.08	31.26%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	2,476.85	31.26%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	181.71	31.26%
Sale for Resale (4" meter; 5,652,000 gal)	14,792.59	31.26%

CUMBERLAND (all Customers)		
AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ INCREASE)	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 25.58	115.17%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	42.60	115.20%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	227.16	115.19%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	5,566.74	115.18%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	408.37	115.18%

GLASGOW (all Customers)		
AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ INCREASE)	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 14.29	42.66%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	23.80	42.67%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	126.94	42.68%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	3,110.68	42.68%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	228.20	42.68%

CEDAR GROVE (all Customers)		
AVERAGE CUSTOMER PER CLASS	(\$ INCREASE)	% INCREASE
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 14.66	44.25%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	24.41	44.25%
Commercial (1" meter; 16,000 gal)	30.17	44.25%
Industrial (4" meter; 650,000 gal)	3,189.89	44.24%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 33,000 gal)	234.01	44.24%

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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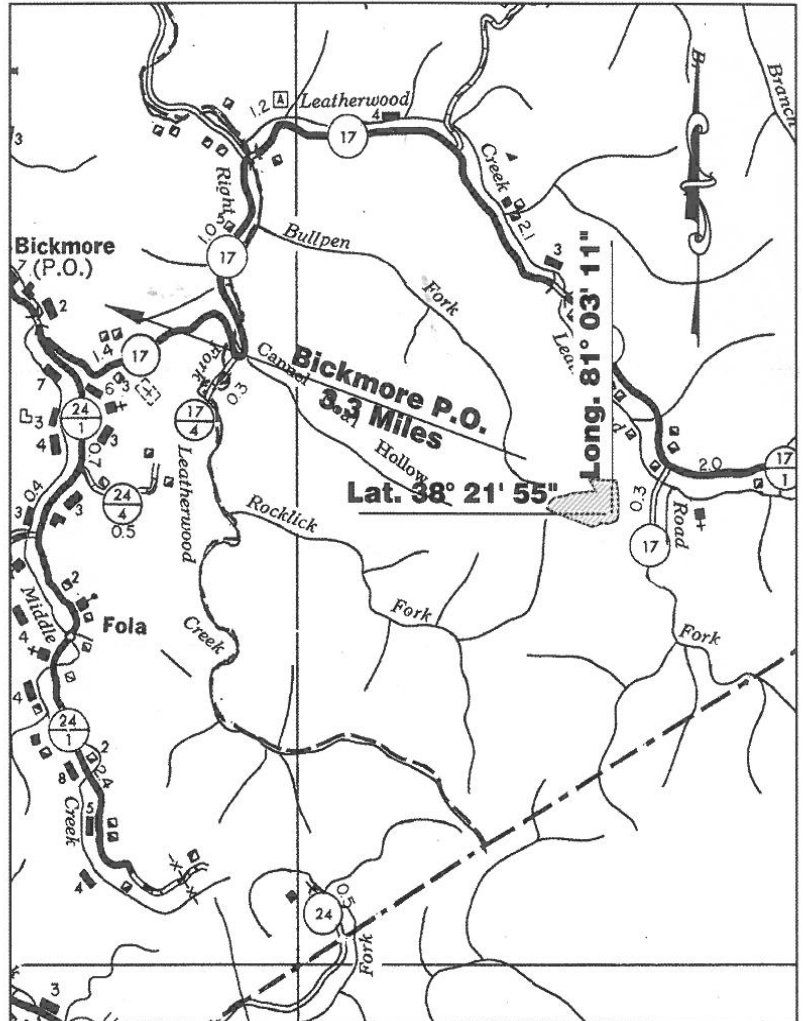
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Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD RD, BICKMORE WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 3 release on 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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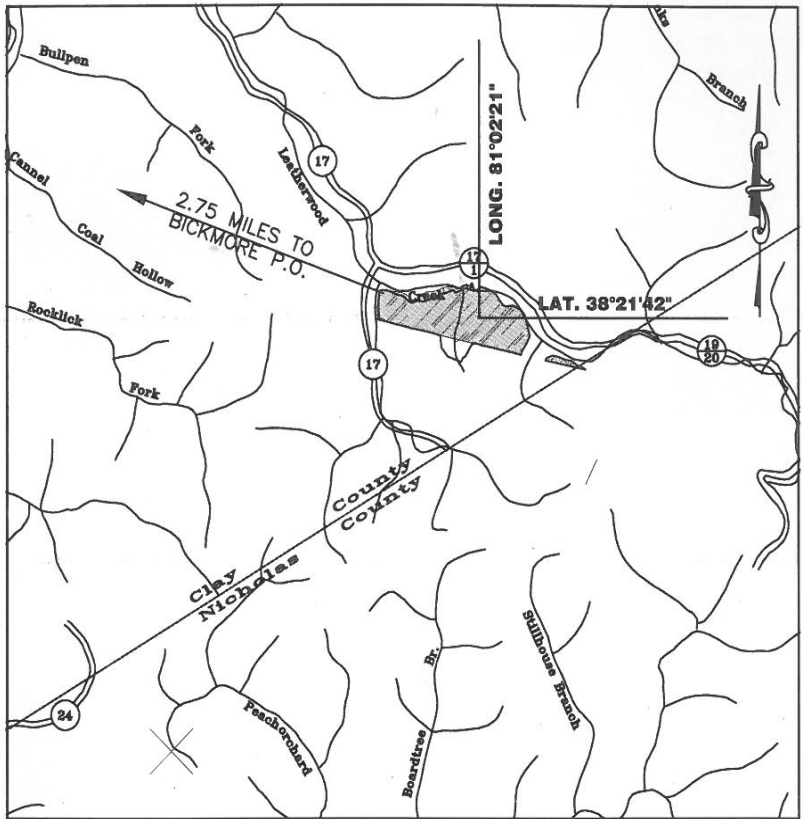
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The permit is located in Henry/Grant Districts of Clay/Nichols Counties, 2.75 miles northeast of BICKMORE on Road Fork and Leatherwood Creek of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River.

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

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Elizabeth Osborne
140 Priscilla Lynn Lane
Clendenin, WV 25045
DOB: 8/6/1968

Family Court
Civil Action No.: 23-DV-17

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that you could not be found in or you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the above-referenced action, a copy of which may be obtained at the Clay County, Circuit Clerk's office.

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Issued May 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Christina Hinchshaw
Clerk of the Court

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more trouble with anxiety, especially when they can't "get a fix." That is a sure-fire sign of addiction. All of the students who have gone through our program state they had no idea what was actually in the vapes they were using.

One Piece of a Larger Puzzle

The In-Depth Intervention is a crucial piece of prevention efforts in Clay County, but it is just one piece of the puzzle. Additional efforts include: Prevention: "Catch My Breath" education sessions provided to all students in 5th, 7th, and 9th grades. The goal of this program is to provide information and teach skills to empower students to make informed decisions and hopefully prevent them from engaging in use in the first place.

Vape detectors installed in bathrooms.

Vaping policy developed by school leaders which includes evidence-based interventions (Ripple Effects utilizes computer-based modules, and In-Depth is the face-to-face intervention highlighted above.)

Increased collaborations with Community Care of WV to link students with school-based supports and services.

Finding opportunities to involve parents/guardians and community members in efforts.

Final Thoughts: Start Somewhere

It seems that schools across the nation are looking for answers. "We have to do something" is a sentiment echoed by administrators, teachers, parents, grandparents, and even other students as the number and severity of vape-related incidents has increased in recent years. While we in no way believe we have all the answers, with support through Project AWARE (a federally funded grant through SAMHSA) and our very own "Mr. Bass" to lead the efforts, we do believe we have a good start.

Interested in learning more about how to talk to children about the dangers of substance abuse? Check out the "Talk, They Hear You" campaign at www.samhsa.gov. If you or someone you know needs help quitting tobacco, dial 1-800-QUIT-NOW for support. Questions and comments may be directed to Kelly Duffield at krtanner@k12.wv.us.

DHHR Announces Funding Opportunity for Expansion of Family Support Centers

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance is seeking to establish and expand Family Support Centers (FSCs) statewide.

Applications for funding of new and existing centers will be accepted from May 15 to June 12, 2023. Successful applicants may be awarded up to \$250,000 for the state fiscal year 2024 grant cycle.

FSCs are designed to address risk factors that may impact a family's wellness and stability, and provide a safe and convenient location where families can receive or be referred to community-based supports and services. On-site services at FSCs vary according to community needs, but may include parenting and life skills classes, child playgroups, food and diaper pantries, and counseling. These services are designed to end generational poverty, help families prosper, and prevent situations that may lead to child abuse and neglect.

"FSCs are wonderful community resources that not only link families with concrete supports to help meet their basic needs, but also serve as community hubs for family education and life skills," said Janie Cole, Commissioner for DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. "Our goal is to fund the expansion of existing centers or the creation of new centers to assure statewide coverage. FSCs are critical partners in keeping West Virginia fami-

Schools

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-The Office of Teaching and Learning will provide follow-up professional learning sessions to build instructional capacity. The next training session will take place in June.

-Continue review and revision of Clay County Schools Board of Education policies, and ensure all policies are published in an easily accessible format.

-Continue working with WVDE Office of Accountability to identify and prioritize a comprehensive instructional focus throughout the district.

-The Special Circumstance Review will be extended to include two additional focus areas: Per-

sonnel and County Board of Education Member Effectiveness. As an additional measure of quality assurance, the Office of Accountability will work to verify all recent personnel and staffing decisions, including Reduction in Force (RIF) and transfers, have occurred in accordance with policy and code. Additionally, the review team will revisit local board policy and communication findings to further evaluate progress made in those areas.

To view the entire update, visit <https://wvde.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ClayCountySchoolsReportMay2023.pdf>.

lies out of crisis so they can stay together and thrive."

FSC services are not restricted to at-risk families, but offered to any family in a community who would benefit from the services and programs available. Currently, 40 counties are covered by 37 FSCs.

Funding is available through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act, and Title II of the Child Abuse

Prevention & Treatment Act. Applicants must first register as a vendor and may then apply through the grants. WV.gov portal.

For information on DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance grant application process, visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bfa/partnersandproviders/Pages/Financial-Forms-and-Tools.aspx>. To view and apply for careers with the Bureau for Family Assistance, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

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TO: Steven W. Dunlap
Cannelton, WV 25036
DOB: 1/2/1967

Family Court
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Claytona Hanshaw
Clerk of the Court

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
Town of Clay, West Virginia
June 13, 2023

To vote for a candidate mark an "X" in the square opposite to and at the left of the name.

In order to cast a WRITE-IN vote, you may write the name and office of the candidate in any location on the front-side of this ballot.

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Clay County High School

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Thursday, June 15th

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SPORTS

Mustang track season ends at CWVAC Championship



Justin Nida runs the shuttle hurdles

By Allen Hamrick

Well, the CCMS track team finished their regular season at the CWVAC Championship held at Roane County High School this past Saturday. The Mustangs are not a bottle fed team; they came to crush egos, got down to business and did just that. The Mustangs tore up the baked potato and devoured some thick steak. As a matter of fact, the Mustangs sent some of the other teams home dragging their jaws and wondering what just happened. I'll tell you what happened - the muster roll was called for a track team at CCMS, students answered that call

and took no quarter and didn't give any either. They just went out like you would expect them to and gave one hundred ten percent to win every time they ran, jumped or threw. Did they win it all? Nope, but they sure gave it what they had in pursuit of gold. Under the leadership of head coach Phil Dobbins, the team made great advances this season and set the bar high for next year's team to reach. When the day was over and the track shoes hung up until next season, the Mustang track team placed 4th in the boys division and 7th in the girls division. Don't let the rank sway you, though. This

Mustang team went up against some tough competition, and all the events were close.

A championship was what they were looking for, but it was not to be for this year. However, individually, they left that field with three CWVAC champions and one team champion. Seth Robinson placed 1st in the shot put becoming the first to stake a claim to a CWVAC championship. Brooke Cliver also took 1st place in the shot put, and is now CWVAC champion. The girls' shuttle hurdle crew also dropped some jaws while running the legs off the other teams to take 1st place and become CW-

VAC champions. Justin Nida also ran his way into CCMS history taking 1st in the 100 meter high hurdles. Also doing a great job for the Mustangs was Brody Scarbro who placed 6th in the 100 meter, 4th in the 200, 4th in the 400 and 5th in the discus. Adrian Davison was 6th in the 1600 meter run and 5th in the 3200. The 4x400 relay team was 4th and the 4x60 shuttle hurdle team was 2nd. For the girls it was Dusty Duffield placing 6th in the 100 meter dash. Jayda Stricker was 5th in the 400 and 4th in the 200 meter hurdles. Natalie Tanner was 4th in the 100 meter hurdles and 6th in the 200 meter hurdles. The 4x200 team placed 4th and Ariel Dobbins was 6th in the discus. The team did a great job this season keeping the Mustang name high on the food chain. Many of the team will be moving up to the high school, and if they continue to compete, they will make the CCHS track team great. Congratulations to the whole team and their coaches for giving the track fans that showed up their money's worth and setting the Mustang name in stone as a team to beat.



Brooke Cliver competes in shot put.



Seth Robinson competes in the 400 meter run.

CCHS track team qualifies five for State Competition



State qualifiers L-R- Sawyer Dobbins, Ethan Morris, Sarah Ligeralde, Xena Legg and Jacob McCune

By Allen Hamrick

It was Regionals time for the CCHS track team on Friday, and Mother Nature slung down some hot rays melting the field and all those on it. Here, participants would run, jump, and throw their way into CCHS track history. Also, here is where they would also have to place in the top three of any event to move on to state level competition. This year, if you have read the paper, you know that the track team has been a force in the track world all along. It was now make or break time. The girls' and the boys' teams both had a great chance of getting a free trip to the state competition; all it would take was guts.

The relay teams have been in the running in past meets and have taken home some gold. This year on the track, the competition has been tough in the running game and the relay teams had to bite into a big ol' bucket of whip butt if they were going to qualify. At the end of the day, the Panthers qualified five to go to the states with the 4x800 relay team in an appeal process to see if they will also be going, but the confetti is still in the air on that one. Qualifying for the state was Sawyer Dobbins who took 3rd in the 1600 and 2nd in the 3200 and Ethan Morris who took 2nd in the shot put and 3rd in the discus. Jacob McCune qualified for the states by placing 3rd in the 400 meter run. For the girls, it was Sarah Ligeralde placing 2nd in the shot put and an outside chance in the discus placing 4th. Also, Xena Legg placed 3rd in the shot put and will be going to the states in her first year as a freshman.

I believe hard work and skill got them to this point, now go to the states and bring home some metal. Go Panthers!



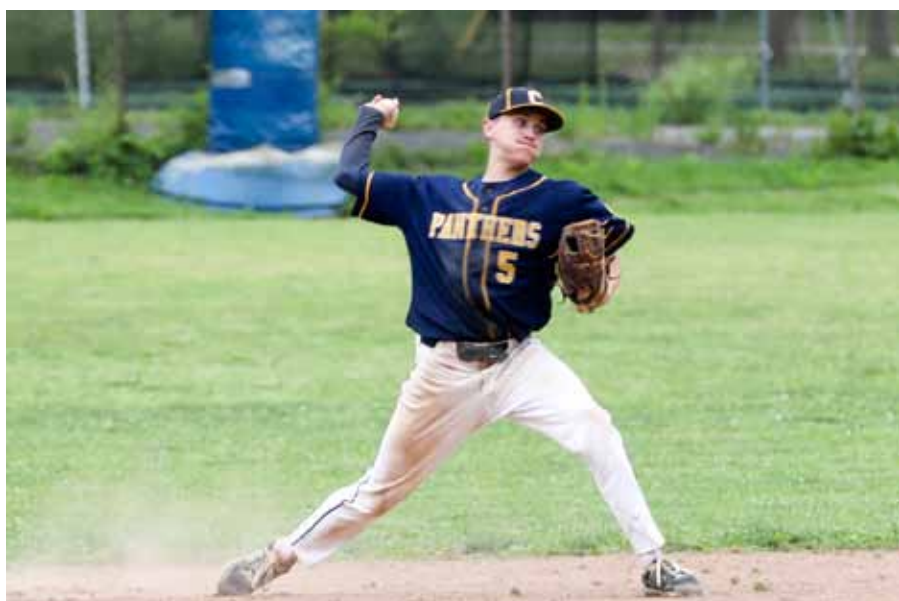
Bobby Rogers fires from the hill.

Season ends in semi finals for the Panther baseball team

By Allen Hamrick

The 2023 baseball season ended for the Panthers at their game against Hoover last week. The boys started the week with a little momentum going into the sectionals. However, the Lewis County Minutemen, Roane Raiders and Braxton Eagles stood in their way. The first game against Lewis County would get their week going on a sour note. At the end of the game, Lewis County beat the Panthers 11-1. It was not the way they wanted to start, but they just couldn't get a hold of the pitching of Lewis. Roane was going to be a tough one; but the Panthers jumped on the pitching of the Raiders and got the game going in their favor. By the time it ended, the Panthers beat Roane by the score of 5-1. The Panthers' dogs were still in the hunt as they prepared to go bat to bat with the Eagles. A win here would move them up to the semi finals, a loss and the 2023 season would be over.

The Panthers came off the loss with Lewis County with vengeance on their minds as they came out swinging for the fences, scoring five runs in the first inning. The Eagles, not being out done, added one of their own. It looked like this game would be a slug fest, and it was - at least for the Panthers. At the end of the 3rd inning, the Panthers racked up another four runs making the score 9-1. At the top of the 4th, the Eagles started catching up with the Panther pitching and started scattering hits over the field, but it was too little too late. The Panthers won again 11-6. It was on to Hoover and the hope that their game wouldn't go off the wagon. However, as fate would have it, the Panthers rolled a pair of snake eyes and just couldn't get the bats going. In the end, it was the Huskies over the Panthers 14-1. All in all, it was a good season with many great games won and lost. With that game, baseball closes out for 2023 for the Panthers. When one looks back, there were some highs and lows as there are for most schools. The Panthers will return again; they are a young team and will make their return on the diamond next season.



Noah Collins scoops it up at short.

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