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Seniors go out with a bang.

## Clay County High School holds 2023 Graduation

By Allen Hamrick

The Clay County High School Graduation of 2023 has now been committed to memory. In a gym packed with parents, friends and supporters, attendees watched as nearly a hundred students got set to receive some hard earned diplomas. There were many other awards given in memory of

those who have passed as well as awards that were funded by the people of this county through programs and events to help the youth in their quest for higher learning. The graduating seniors were given great pep talks by their own peers who attained the highest levels of academics during their

years at CCHS. The basic idea they all spoke of was to get out there and be somebody and not to fear what lies in their future.

Mr. Phil Dobbins, long time leader, coach and teacher of Clay County Schools, gave the 107th commencement address with words of encouragement and determination

to never give up what you love to do. He also reminded the graduates that this was the start, a new beginning for them that would be uncertain at first, but with hard work, focus and determination, they could achieve the unbelievable and make great strides in discovery and exploration. He en-

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Philip Dobbins gives the commencement address.

## In WV, Community Solar Gains Popularity Amid Rising Utility Bills

By Nadia Ramlagan

Amid rising energy costs and inflation, energy advocates said they have seen a jump in interest in community solar.

Luanne McGovern, legislative chair and board member of the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, explained community solar lets individuals, businesses and organizations buy a "share" in a community solar project and in turn, receive a credit on their monthly electric bill.

She explained community solar projects could potentially lower energy costs for residents and increase investment in the state, pointing to the companies eyeing West Virginia land for new solar farm infrastructure.

"Abandoned mine lands, closed-down power plants, lots of places where solar arrays could be built quite easily," McGovern outlined.

At least 18 states nationwide have passed legislation changing how utilities are regulated in order to approve

community solar. Two bills introduced by West Virginia state lawmakers this year, Senate Bill 627 and House Bill 2159, would have made it easier to implement community solar projects.

McGovern added for a variety of reasons, many people cannot install individual solar panels on their home. "It might be where they're located, they don't have enough sunlight, there's trees, maybe they rent," McGovern noted. "Maybe they're in a homeowner's association that doesn't allow solar panels, for a lot of reasons, people that want to have solar energy can't have access at their home."

According to the renewable-energy firm EnergySage, most community solar customers see savings ranging between 5% and 15% of their annual electricity costs. Critics countered solar farms take up space, and emphasized community solar users often are not eligible for state-based incentives.

## Appalachian Power to Use Helicopters to Maintain Some Power Line Rights-Of-Way

Beginning on or about Thursday, June 1, weather permitting, Appalachian Power will maintain the rights-of-way for some power lines in West Virginia by applying herbicides by helicopter.

ally makes aerial maintenance applications only in less populated areas where terrain and accessibility make it difficult for ground-based crews to safely clear rights-of-way," said Travis Klinebriel, utility forester.

"Rights-of-way in populated areas, as well as near parks, ponds and other sensitive areas are maintained by other means."

"Herbicides used by AEP and Appalachian Power have been registered for use on rights-of-

way by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDoA)," Klinebriel said. "EPA and WVDoA restrictions and regulations are carefully observed by certified con-

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## Afterschool Attendance Awards Winners announced



Big Otter Elementary second grader Cattie Boggs celebrates 210.28 hours, alongside Program Director Dr. Michelle Samples and Principal Anthony Boggs.



H.E. White Elementary fifth grader Emma Belt attended 178 hours and celebrates her reward with Program Director Dr. Michelle Samples, Principal Tammy Varney, and Afterschool Site Coordinator Tina Hall.



Clay County Middle School seventh grade student Abigail Grandon won top honors by attending 182.25 hours. Afterschool Site Coordinator Michelle Hamrick and Assistant Principal Barry Payton help celebrate her success.



Joining Clay Elementary fifth grader Olivia Keiffer, who attended 163.25 hours, are Principal Michelle Paxton, Afterschool Site Coordinator Pam Woods, and Program Director Dr. Michelle Samples.



Lizmore Elementary third grader Vance Lynch attended afterschool 201.50 hours and Principal Britni Ramsey and Afterschool Site Coordinator Julia Triplett take pride in his accomplishment.



Eian Duffield, a junior at Clay County High School, attended afterschool programming 183.50 hours. Afterschool Site Coordinator Luella Dancy and CTE Director Bob Morris join him to celebrate his reward.

Each year Clay County Schools recognizes students with the highest attendance at each of its afterschool programs. Research conducted by the U.S. Department of Education shows that students who attend afterschool programming 90 or more hours reap the most benefits. Please join CCS in celebrating the students pictured below and their schools. Each student received a certificate of recognition and a \$50 VISA gift card.



# BOOKED CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

## BRAXTON COUNTY



**John Charles Barnette**  
Booked 5/23/23  
Trespassing, fleeing from officer



**Danielle Jacklyn Currence**  
Booked 5/27/23  
Fugitive from justice, capias



**Roy Benton Moore**  
Booked 5/25/23  
Entering without breaking, grand larceny

## CLAY COUNTY



**Jonathan Paul Boggs**  
Booked 5/23/23  
No insurance



**Leon Aaron Hill**  
Booked 5/23/23  
Possession of a controlled substance, possession meth



**Joseph Edward Hopkins**  
Booked 5/23/23  
Possession of a controlled substance, possession marijuana, possession meth

## NICHOLAS COUNTY



**Aric Jason Nicholson**  
Booked 5/27/23  
DUI 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, open container, defective equipment



**Ashley Nichole Thomas**  
Booked 5/28/23  
Contribute to the delinquency/neglect of a child



**Rowdy Holcomb Arbogast**  
Booked 5/26/23  
Destruction of property, tampering with motor vehicle, harassment



**Christopher Paul Claypool**  
Booked 5/22/23  
Capias



**Kimberly Michelle Crites**  
Booked 5/23/23  
Domestic battery



**Ryan Ray Isenhardt**  
Booked 5/25/23  
Domestic assault, domestic battery, fleeing from officer, obstructing officer



**Terry Lee Milam Jr.**  
Booked 5/29/23  
No proof of ins., expired MVI, expired reg., driving revoked for DUI 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Curtis Orivlle Simmons**  
Booked 5/25/23  
Capias



**Troy Franklin Stevens III**  
Booked 5/24/23  
Capias



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Super Crossword

Answers

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7	1	6	4	3	2	9	5	8
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Monday – Thursday, 8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Location: Clay Elementary

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Open to students in Grades 6-9 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Weekly camps focused on Art, Basketball, Veterinary Science, Ag Science, Baking, Electrical, and Carpentry

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>

Location: Clay County High School

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June 21<sup>st</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>

Location: Clay County High School

\*All students attend the first day and must attend two days per week thereafter.

**Camp Mustang**

Open to students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2023

Middle School Orientation Program

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Location: Clay Middle

**For More Information**

Visit [claycountyschools.org](http://claycountyschools.org) and click on the Summer Program Information link for Enrollment Forms & Activity Bus schedules

or

contact Dr. Michelle Samples, Program Director, at (304) 587-2809 or [emsample@k12.wv.us](mailto:emsample@k12.wv.us)

## Clay County Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Clay County Health Department  
452 Main Street, Clay WV  
**June 7, 2023**  
**3:30pm-6pm**

At the request of the Clay County Health Department, Dr. Edith Johnson with the Central West Virginia Animal Hospital will be conducting a cat and dog vaccination clinic at the Clay County Health Department.

- Rabies Vaccinations will be \$15 per cat or dog.
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## Dizzy Is As Dizzy Says

By: Dr. James L. Snyder

Several years ago, I had a heart attack, which surprised my family and friends, who didn't know I had a heart. I was not sure I had a heart either until that day it attacked me.

What my heart had against me to attack me like that I still have not figured out.

Two years later, I have to go in for some tests, including a stress test.

The date was set for my test, and I wasn't supposed to drive myself because of the procedure, so The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to my appointment in her Sissy Van.

That alone was a stress test. Just riding in that Sissy Van prepared me for my stress test, and I don't believe the doctor could do anything more stressful.

I went to the cardiac place and prepared for the procedure that would last more than an hour.

The first level of stress, which I considered the most severe level, I was not allowed to have any coffee for 12 hours before the test. I don't know about you, but I live on my morning coffee.

"You do know," I said to my doctor, "that without my coffee, I will be a mess?"

"That's all right, I've dealt with many people like that, and I plan to strap you down, and I will have a needle in my hand that I'm sure will direct your attention from your caffeine."

I was then escorted into a room with a nurse who told me I needed to remove my shirt and T-shirt so she could prep me.

I was nervous and told her, "That will cost you one dollar."

"What are you talking about?"

Looking at her seriously, I said, "I do not strip without getting paid."

It was then that my real stress test began. Nurses don't have a sense of humor.

I very cautiously removed my shirt and T-shirt and sat in the chair, and she came over and put all kinds of tabs on my chest. According to her, these tabs will be hooked up to lines that go to The Machine that will begin the test of my heart.

Getting all those tabs stuck on my chest in the right place took her a while.

"You don't plan to electrocute me, do you?"

She looked at me with a sinister grin and said, "Time will tell."

Now my stress went up another notch.

This was just the beginning. According to the schedule, I had at least another 45 minutes under some machine that would be doing another level of stress testing.

I was escorted back to the room where this would occur and introduced to two young guys who would set me on this machine.

"I'm going to give you a shot of some medicine, and you might feel a little dizzy or lightheaded. Don't worry. It's part of the process."

That sure was easy for him to say he didn't have to go through all this nonsense.

"Just relax. You might hear noises, see things, lights, and so forth, but you're okay; everything is under control."

I love it when a plan comes together, but this wasn't part of it.

I was put on the table, and then all of these cords were attached to the tabs on my chest. I was getting ready to go through that tunnel that was just behind me.

"You're going to be all right, and we have everything under control. Just relax, and maybe you even want to take a nap."

Right. I want to nap when somebody has hooked me up to cords I'm not sure what will happen. It's not that I don't trust doctors; I just don't trust doctors.

For the next 45 minutes, I was going through this machine, and I heard noises, saw flashes of light, and heard someone on the outside say, "Just breathe normally, and you might even just want to take a nap."

Then the stress test was over, and I could put on my shirt and T-shirt. They said everything went through just fine, and the doctor would get to me sometime next week with the results. I was then ushered to the outside, where The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was waiting to take me home, which was the last level of my stress test.

As I walked out, a lot of people in the lobby area were waiting for their doctor's appointments. As I walked out, everybody looked at me, which brought me to another level of stress.

Feeling slightly dizzy, I looked back at them, then pointed both hands to my face and said, "I've just had a facelift. How does it look?"

For some reason, all the air was sucked out of the lobby, and even a couple laughed. Someone looked at my wife and said, "Is that your husband?" She smiled and ushered me out of the room to the waiting Sissy Van.

Stress can be very stressful; at least, that's my experience.

I couldn't help but think of a verse of Scripture. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

I can try to handle everything on my own, or I can cast all my care upon the Lord. The choice is mine.

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# Theological Triage

Triage is a process where you sort people needing medical attention into different groups based on their sickness or injury to help those with the most urgent needs first. If you have ever had to go to the emergency room, you've gone through a triage process. A while back, I had a pretty nasty cut and went to the ER. The triage nurse sent me back to get stitched up rather quickly, and I jumped ahead of many people who had been there for a long time. Around the same time, a man with a work accident came through the door, and the triage nurse put him in line to be treated right after me. I was being prepped for stitches when a third individual came in with a life-and-death situation. The doctor left me, and along with the other medical staff, rushed to help this third person.

A little while later, the doctor returned and sewed me up. I could hear the worker making a fuss because he was still waiting. When he finally got to be examined, the doctor told him he was ok, they were releasing him to go home, and he needed to follow up with his family doctor. He was incensed and protested that he was not fine. The doctor said, "I'm in the ER. My job is to try and make sure you don't die. You have no broken bones, no bleeding. You are injured. But you are not going to die, so you need to go your family doctor for further treatment."

In this situation, all three of us needed medical attention. All three of us legitimately required to be seen by a doctor, and we all, rightly, went to the ER. Though my cut was pretty bad, I wasn't going to bleed to death, but it was more urgent than the shoulder injury because once they assessed the nature of the damage, there was nothing more they could do to treat the man. I had an open wound, and I was bleeding all over the place. However, when the life-and-death situation came in by ambulance, all attention rightly went to the most dire and pressing problem.

In Gavin Ortlund's book *Hills to Die On*, he uses this concept to describe "theological triage." There are issues where the gospel is at stake, church distinctives are at stake, and church and Christian unity are at stake that move to the front of the line and demand our urgent attention. Not every issue is a hill to die on. Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees, in Matthew 23:23, they were hypocrites because they tithed their spices but "omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." It's not that Jesus said one was unimportant, but were bigger issues at play. They missed the weightier matters of the law and had more urgent matters to deal with, such as mercy and faith.

# A Billion Buttercups

By: Joseph J. Mazella

It was the start of spring several years ago. I had pulled out my old lawn mower to cut my grass for the first time. I pushed it over to my front yard. There mixed in with the multiple grass species, green onions, and dandelions I saw something new. A single buttercup was pushing its way through the soil. I bent down to examine it. It was bright yellow with five pedals making a star like shape. I sniffed it too and smiled at its sweet scent. It looked too lovely to cut down so I mowed around it for several weeks.

The next year when I once again pulled out the lawn mower for the first grass cut of spring I saw that now there were several buttercups blooming where the first one had been. It brightened my day seeing how the beautiful little flower had multiplied so once again I cut around it for as long as I could.

Now, several years later my front yard is filled with buttercups. Some of them have also popped up in my

back yard, the meadow and grave yard behind my house, and even over in my daughter's yard up the road. I also see buttercups everywhere blooming along the sides of the roads and on the grassy hills near my home. I wonder sometimes just how many of these divine, lovely, little creations came from that first flower that I didn't mow down.

It makes me think too about all the things we can multiply through our lives. Every smile we share creates other smiles as well. Every act of kindness we do brings out the kindness in those around us. Every moment of love we create multiplies in all the hearts it touches. In the garden of life what we give is what we grow. And when we give in love, joy, and goodness we make God smile. May all of your days be full of love then. May all your days be full of growth. May all of your days be as bright and beautiful as a billion buttercups.

# Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud was heading home in his pickup truck when he saw the strange goings-on at the Bahdziewicz place. Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz was out in the family's large garden with a full complement of kids who were happily hopping around. Some of the kids came from the neighborhood, but most of them were homegrown Bahdziewicz kids.

The Bahdziewicz family had a great garden, and went at the whole thing scientifically and in great fun, because this is one family that runs short on cash but long on kids.

Dud pulled over and watched for a minute as Abe laughingly directed the family dancers doing the vegetable boogie through the various rows of the huge garden.

"What's going on, Abe?" yelled Dud.

"Squash bug stomping time," Abe said, turning over another board lying next to the vegetables. As soon as the board was flipped over, a plethora of Bahdziewicz kids stomped the bugs flat. "It's the kids' favorite time in the garden."

The third-grader, John Kennedy Bahdziewicz, said, "Flip another board, Dad."

"Hold it!" Dud yelled. "Not another move until I get back, okay? I'll be back here in five minutes. Five minutes!"

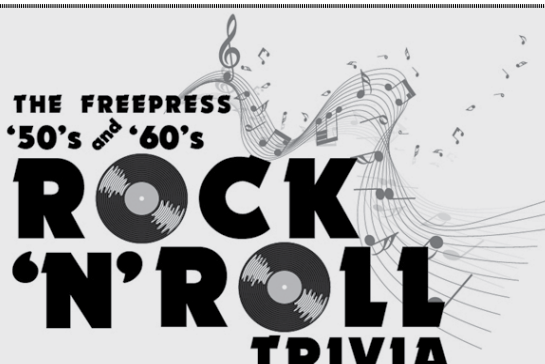
Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz looked at his oldest son, Woodrow Wilson Bahdziewicz and they both shrugged. The rest of the family stopped, too. Dud peeled out in the pickup and was back in less than two minutes.

"Okay," Dud yelled. "Let's do the squash bug stomp the right way!"

And he strapped on his accordion and fired up a grand polka as boards were flipped over and the exposed squash bugs were dispatched in record polka time.

Sometimes just living here can be an awful lot of fun.

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This 1966 #1 single became the first #1 hit by an American female in eight years (Stupid Cupid, Connie Francis, 1958). It was written and produced by Lee Hazelwood who later did some duets with her. She was the first artist to sign to her father's new label, Reprise Records. Who was she? What was the song?

Answer to last week's Trivia: True. The Kinks adopted their name from the word "kinkiness."



**Clay County High School**

**Picnic In The Parking Lot**

**Thursday, June 15th**  
**5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

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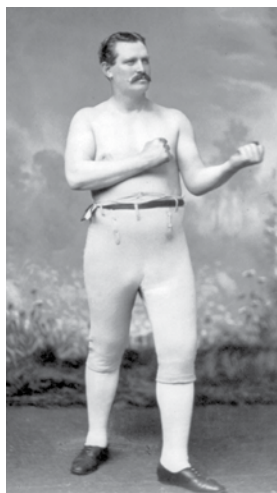


# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

# OBITUARIES

## 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).



**June 1, 1880:** An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

**May 31, 1841:** Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near

Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.

**June 1, 1935:** Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

**June 1, 1858:** The Artists' Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore & Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for *Harpers* magazine.



**June 2, 1951:** Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in

battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.



**June 3, 1861:** The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

**June 3, 1861:** A company of Confederate soldiers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

**June 3, 1856:** Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

**June 3, 1936:** The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivi-

ties, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

**June 4, 1975:** Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

**June 5, 1859:** A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.



**June 6, 1919:** Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

**June 6, 1889:** During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

**Stephen Douglas Rhodes**  
May 30, 1948 – May 21, 2023

Stephen Douglas Rhodes passed away peacefully at his home on May 21, 2023.

He was the son of the late Jay and Daisy (Brady) Rhodes. He was preceded in death by his brothers Dolan Rhodes and Donnie Rhodes, and sister Zola Triplett (Rhodes).

Stephen was the devoted husband for 30 years of Joyce M. Rhodes. Devoted father of Lisa Perry (Rhodes), Christine Steen (Rhodes), and his son Jeffery Rhodes. Stepfather of Joy Lamartina-Ardillo. He is survived by

grandchildren Justin, Danny, Charley Steen and Jayden Rhodes. Step grandchildren Vincent and Maria Ardillo. He is also survived by brothers Roland, Robert, Philip Rhodes and James Hamrick.

Services were held on Saturday, May 27, 2023, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at Wilsons Smith Funeral Home, 154 Main St., Clay, WV followed by graveside service at the Rhodes family cemetery at 1:30 pm with a eulogy by Roland Rhodes.

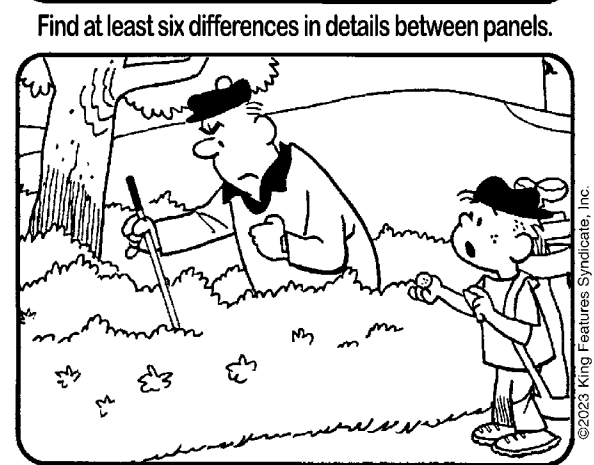
Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carlwilsonsmithfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlwilsonsmithfuneralhome.com).

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Publisher Adolph
  - 5 Pile up
  - 10 Hit with an open hand
  - 14 Mafia heads
  - 19 Defrost
  - 20 Fireside drink
  - 21 Lead-in to byte
  - 22 O. Henry literary device
  - 23 Yore
  - 25 Finks
  - 26 City in France
  - 27 Trickled out
  - 28 Graduation cap dangle
  - 30 Ticked Muppet
  - 31 Entrees with pastry crusts
  - 33 Wood-cleaning product
  - 36 Forest array
  - 37 Rich wall tapestry
  - 38 Cholesterol-lowering drugs
  - 39 Predecessor of Andrew Johnson
  - 44 Naval vessel inits.
  - 45 — Sea (Asian lake)
  - 46 Gravy-train job
  - 48 Take on moguls
  - 51 Week's seven
  - 55 Grouchy type
  - 57 Zingy flavor
  - 58 Hockey great Mikita
  - 59 Japanese city
  - 61 Australian territory in the Indian Ocean
  - 66 Greek deity of wisdom
  - 68 "Kate & —" (old sitcom)
  - 69 Uncultured
  - 70 Ivy League school in Providence
  - 75 Backless sofa
  - 76 Lavs, to Brits
  - 77 Prefix with drama
  - 78 Scots' refusals
  - 80 Bird-built home
  - 81 Kin of -ette
  - 82 Left-leaning
  - 86 "Tomb raider" Croft
  - 88 Sister, say
  - 89 2016 Best Director winner for "La La Land"
  - 95 Zoo collection
  - 99 Letters after alphas
  - 100 Localities
  - 101 Certain letter-shaped pattern, to Brits
  - 104 Set free
  - 106 Touch down
  - 107 "Yes —!"
  - 108 Shortcoming
  - 109 Compadre
  - 111 Arctic bird
  - 112 Ancestor ... or what the first word of seven answers in this puzzle can have?
  - 116 Cab ticker
  - 117 — -Z ('80s Camaro)
  - 118 Fountain of Rome
  - 119 Architect Saarinen
  - 120 People staring
  - 121 Parched, old-style
  - 122 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"
  - 123 Drearly dull
  - 5 Compass
  - 6 Color variations
  - 7 Did superbly on
  - 8 Corn core
  - 9 Ell preceder
  - 10 Attaches, as a seat belt
  - 11 Dog tether
  - 12 Chichi
  - 13 Sporty 1990s Toyotas
  - 14 U.S. snoop gp.
  - 15 Nabs
  - 16 Hoi — (the masses)
  - 17 Like single-person bands
  - 18 B-board overseers
  - 24 Kimono-clad hostess
  - 28 "Baywatch" actress Bingham
  - 29 Of formal public worship
  - 31 School org.
  - 32 Space sphere
  - 33 Med. scan
  - 34 Big tea holders
  - 35 Use a surgical beam on
  - 37 God of Islam
  - 40 Circle section
  - 41 "I Need to Know" singer — Anthony
  - 42 "Open this door!"
  - 43 March Madness gp.
  - 47 Little — (tykes)
  - 48 Diet drastically
  - 49 Oklahoma neighbor
  - 50 Use the tab key, perhaps
  - 51 Not too hard to carry out
  - 52 Houston baseballers
  - 53 Loutish types
  - 54 Distorts
  - 56 Display of great daring
  - 58 Killed, as a dragon
  - 60 Shaker Lee
  - 62 Ending for project
  - 63 35mm camera type
  - 64 Seventh scale notes
  - 65 Lawn turf
  - 67 Quarterbacks' called changes
  - 71 — Hill, San Francisco
  - 72 Like cold tea
  - 73 Powder room powders
  - 74 "Awright!"
  - 79 Mexican Mrs.
  - 82 Fact falsifier
  - 83 Aura
  - 84 Manorial lord
  - 85 Meyers of late night
  - 87 Funnel-shaped flower
  - 88 One leaving a smear
  - 90 — "King" Cole
  - 91 Built
  - 92 Suede, e.g.
  - 93 — Vegas
  - 94 Ending for Siam
  - 95 On fire
  - 96 Capital of Niger
  - 97 Set on fire
  - 98 "You are right about that"
  - 102 "— Jacques" (kids' song)
  - 103 Misstep
  - 104 Christopher who played Superman
  - 105 Chaperone in "The Hunger Games"
  - 108 Historical plaintiff — Scott
  - 110 Surgery ctrs.
  - 112 Bouquet-bringing gp.
  - 113 Tram cargo
  - 114 Period
  - 115 Rip off

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# THE WIDEN NEWS



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**"DUNDON"**  
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June, 1957

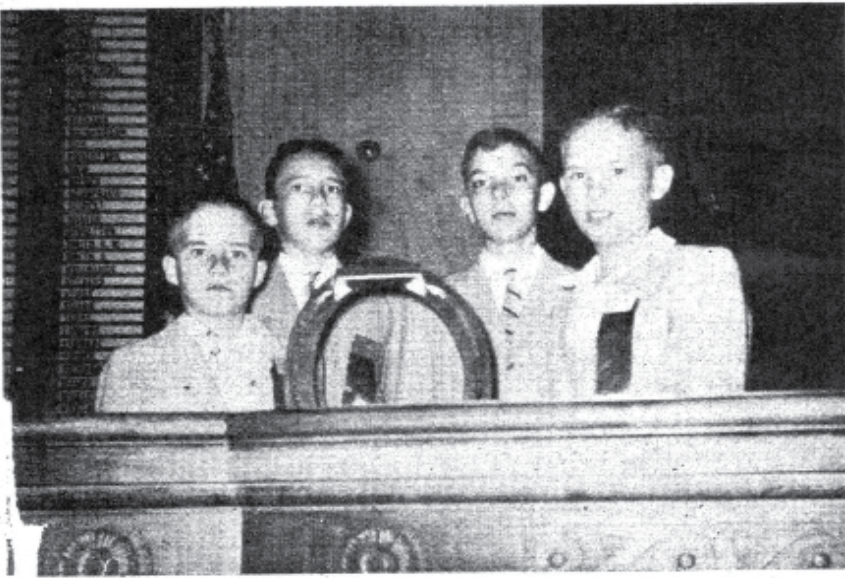
Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

## These Clay County Lads Declared Winners in Golden Horseshoe Contest

Standing on the clerk's platform in the House of Delegates, in the West Virginia State Capitol building at Charleston, and behind the beautifully gilded golden horseshoe, these four young men on the right brought honor and distinction to their school, their parents and their communities as they were dubbed "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" in colorful ceremonies on May 16th.

They are, reading left to right: third place winner, John Litton Wilson, of Triplet school; fourth place winner, Randy Brooks Smith of Clay Elementary school; first place winner, Edward Allen Ward, Clay Elementary school; and Eugene Charles George, second place winner of Widen Elementary school.

Fifty three counties sent 217 boys and girls as winners from their various schools to participate in all day activities culminating in the impressive knighting ceremony, conducted by State Superintendent of Schools R. Virgil Rohrbaugh, the first such ceremony conducted by him since his recent election to that high post of duty: Knights and Ladies were "planned" by a bevy of twelve beautiful girls employed by the State Department of Education who were also the first to congratulate the winners as each received the official badge.



JOHN WILSON, RANDY SMITH, ALLEN WARD, EUGENE GEORGE, JR.

## Flora Ramsey Installed Worthy Matron of O.E.S.

Mrs. Carmel (Flora) Ramsey of Widen was installed as Worthy Matron of the O.E.S. Chapter No. 28, Clay, Friday, June 21st at the Masonic Hall in Strange Creek.

Other installing officers assisting Mrs. Henley were: marshal, Mrs. Wealthy F. Johnson; chaplain, Mrs. Bonnie Parsons of Servia, immediate Past Matron; organist, Mrs. Betty Ann Rapp; warder, Mrs. Reva Wilson, Strange Creek; and sentinel, Alton G. Houghton, immediate Past Patron. Mr. Lovell W. Gibson of Dille was installed as Worthy Patron.

Other elective officers installed were: Associate Matron and Associate Patron, Mrs. Ruby Potanik and Melvin Rapp; secretary, Miss Hazel Baughman; treasurer, Herbert C. Johnson; conductress and associate conductress, Mesdames Gladys Lykins Gibson and Marie Donohue, both of Dille.

Worthy Matron Ramsey appointed the following officers to assist her during the new year: chaplain, Mrs. Rebecca Hickman; marshal, Mrs. Athel Frame; or-

ganist, Mrs. Betty Ann Rapp; Adah, Mrs. Beulah G. Cook, Dille; Ruth, Miss Doris Halene Frame of Strange Creek; Esther, Mrs. Agness Slack, Servia; Martha, Mrs. Doris C. Carte, Strange Creek; Electa, Mrs. Mildred Gibson, Dille; warder, Mrs. Dolate Corley, Glendon; sentinel, Mrs. Georgia Frame.

Except where noted, all officers named are from Widen, and all but four of the officers are members of employee families of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, a rather unusual feature in fraternal circles.

These newly installed officers will assume the duties of their several stations the first Friday in July.

## Widen - Ivydale Couple Married

Miss Nancy Lee Rogers, daughter of tippie foreman Herma H. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, of Ivydale, became the bride of Mr. Ronnie L. Sigman, son of Myrd Mrs. Forest Sigman, of Widen in a ceremony at the bride's home on June 21st.

The Reverend James Rers officiated.

Both principals are graduates of Clay and Widen High School respectively, and the bride is employed in the Widen as a shuttle buggy operator.

## New Officers Elect Guide Widen R.

Messrs. H. Scott Williams and Darrell Wood, general mine men, assume the leadership of the Widen Rotary Club at the first meeting in July as president and vice president, respectively; with Robert Osborne reelected secretary-treasurer for '57-'58.

All officers and members of the Club are actively engaged in every type of community welfare and betterment, contributing largely of their time and money to assist with the many and varied activities in the town; and many of them are officers in other organized groups, carrying out in a practical manner the slogan of the Club, "Service Above Self," emphasizing the "Four Way Test." It is the TRUTH? It is FAIR? It is GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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## Another Physician Coming to Widen

The medical staff at Widen will be augmented the forepart of July with the arrival of Dr. E. Burns Gray, a native of Virginia who is just now completing a residency at Garfield Memorial Hospital, D. C., according to an announcement made recently by Mr. H. L. Beattie, vice president of operations at Widen. Dr. Gray visited Widen several months ago and met with Mr. Beattie and his staff. It is presently expected that Dr. and Mrs. Gray and their two-year-old child will reside at No. 44 Kanawha Street, in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Gandy.

Widen News will carry a more complete story about these welcome additions to the community after they have arrived and have had an opportunity to become acquainted.

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## LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Magistrate Court Case No.:  
STEVEN DUNLAP, Respondent Family Court Civil Action No.:  
CANNELTON, WV 25036 23-DV-18  
DOB: 1/2/1967

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.  
2. The object of this Publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order from the Circuit clerk of the county listed above.

### TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the Clay County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until NOVEMBER 21, 2023.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date the Order was entered. Issued this 25th day of May, 2023 at 12:27 PM

*Christina Hanshaw*  
Circuit Clerk

## LEGAL

### 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, June 1, 2023  
Claim Deadline: Monday, July 31, 2023  
APPOINTMENT DATE 04/28/2023  
ESTATE NAME: ADAM ANDREW SKEEN  
EXECUTOR: CLINTON WAYNE SKEEN  
3715 SISSONVILLE DR  
CHARLESTON WV 25312

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/07/2023  
ESTATE NAME: DENNIS B TANNER  
EXECUTOR: LARRY TANNER  
265 WYNTERHALL LN  
SOUTH CHARLESTON WV 25309

APPOINTMENT DATE 04/13/2023  
ESTATE NAME: RANDY THOMPSON  
ADMINISTRATRIX: HOPE THOMPSON  
659 BLUEKNOB ROAD  
MAYSEL WV 25133



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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Division of Highways**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until June 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500,000 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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**"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

**Contact**

Katheryn Emery  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
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Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov  
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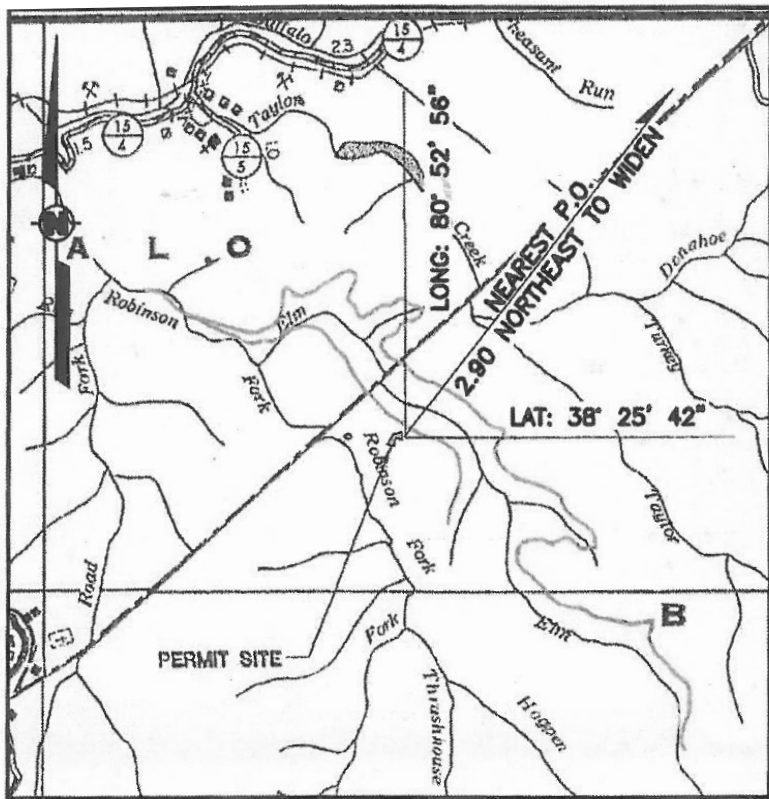
Notice is hereby given that LEXINGTON COAL COMPANY, LLC, 1025 MAIN STREET, MILTON, WV 25541 has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV0096822 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 in order to maintain and monitor a reclaimed and abandoned deep mine (Deep Mine No. 3 / U026900) and haul road (DR-21 Haul Road / H015500) in the Lower Kittanning seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into Robinson Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River and is located 2.90 miles southwest of Widen, in Hamilton and Buffalo Districts of Clay and Nicholas Counties, Longitude 80° 52' 56" and Latitude 38° 25' 42" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 7/1/23, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone Number 304-574-4465 Article 11/NPDES Permit No: WV0096822



**GENERAL LOCATION MAP**

TAKEN FROM WV DEPT OF HIGHWAYS MAP  
NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0096822  
ARTICLE 3 PERMIT NOS. U0-269 & H-155  
BUFFALO & HAMILTON DISTRICTS, NICHOLAS & CLAY COUNTIES  
SWANDALE QUADRANGLE  
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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

Appalachian Power plans to maintain a portion of its power line rights of way in West Virginia through the aerial application of registered herbicides. Weather permitting, the program will begin on or about June 1, 2023.

Questions about the program or information about sensitive areas near the power lines listed below, such as springs, wells, streams, lakes, ponds, orchards, crop areas, gardens, pastures, meadows, year-round dwellings, public recreation areas, and Christmas tree farms, may be directed to the company by calling toll-free 1-800-642-3622. Maps showing the location of rights-of-way to be maintained are available for review upon request.

Right-of-way maintenance agreements between Appalachian Power and landowners are available to landowners who prefer to accept responsibility for clearing the right of way crossing their property in stead of the company's aerial application of herbicides. The agreement compensates the landowner by an amount equivalent to the cost of aerial herbicide application, provided the work meets Appalachian Power's specifications. Landowners desiring to enter right-of-way maintenance agreements with Appalachian Power should call the toll-free number above.

Herbicides to be used have been extensively tested and are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They are glyphosate, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, fosamine, triclopyr, aminocyclopyrachlor and aminopyralid. All applications are performed by certified applicators.

**Rights of way involved in the program are:**

**CLAY COUNTY**

**Belva-Clendenin 46 kV** - A transmission line on wood poles beginning at the Belva Station near Vaughan Road in Vaughn, running north and northwest, passing the midpoints of Vaughan, Greendale, Fola, Bickmore, Hartland, Elkhurst, Porter, Queen Shoals and Turner and ending at the Clendenin Station near Maywood Avenue West in Clendenin.



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Tariff Form No. 8-A

(Tariff Rule 8.1.a. et seq.)

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON**

**APPLICATION WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC d/b/a Mountaineer Transfer Station, a public utility, has on May 17, 2023, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, and charges for furnishing waste disposal services to customers at the Mountaineer Transfer Station in Westover, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$1,892,594.71 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 31.38%. The purpose of Mountaineer Transfer Station's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to Mountaineer Transfer Station's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. Mountaineer Transfer Station's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$\$\$ Increase	Percent Increase
C & D	25.75	44.75	19.00	73.79%
Landfill and Assessment	36.50	36.50	.00	
<b>Total Gate Rate - C &amp; D</b>	<b>62.25</b>	<b>81.25</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>30.52%</b>
MSW	25.75	44.75	19.00	73.79%
Landfill and Assessment	36.50	36.50	.00	
<b>Total Gate Rate - MSW</b>	<b>62.25</b>	<b>81.25</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>30.52%</b>
Recycling	35.00	54.00	19.00	54.29%
Recycling processing charge	16.35	16.35	.00	
<b>Total Gate Rate - Recycling</b>	<b>51.35</b>	<b>70.35</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>37.00%</b>
Minimum Charge	2.90	10.90	8.00	275.86%
Landfill and Assessment	4.10	4.10	.00	
<b>Total Gate Rate-Minimum Chg.</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>114.29%</b>
Bag Rate	0.62	2.12	1.50	241.94%
Landfill and Assessment	0.88	0.88	.00	
<b>Total Gate Rate - Bag Rate</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above, excluding recycling, minimum charge and bag rate, are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

Mountaineer Transfer Station has no resale customers.

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

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of Mountaineer Transfer Station to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the office of Mountaineer Transfer Station located at: 201 12th St., Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CLAY COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Clay County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2024 fiscal year, and doth 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:

**GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND**

Estimated revenues:		
Local Sources:		
Property Taxes (Net of allowances)	\$	1,700,508
Other local sources		42,000
State Sources:		
State aid to schools		15,508,406
Other unrestricted		10,000
Federal sources:		
Unrestricted		125,000
Miscellaneous sources		
Total estimated revenues		17,385,914
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources		
Estimated beginning balance		837,000
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$	18,222,914
Estimated expenditures:	\$	
Instruction		10,614,884
Supporting services:		
Students		9,000
Instructional staff		150,973
Central administration		455,750
School administration		1,245,505
Central services		351,779
Operation and maintenance of facilities		2,178,526
Students transportation		2,764,355
Food services		
Community services		80,117
Capital outlay		
Debt service:		
Principal retirement		204,254
Interest and fiscal charges		
Total estimated expenditures		18,055,143
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses		167,771
Estimated budgetary reserves		
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$	18,222,914

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Estimated revenues:		
Local Sources	\$	18,000
State Sources:		
State aid to schools		342,718
Other		
Federal sources		2,856,682
Miscellaneous sources		
Total estimated revenues		3,217,400
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources		167,771
Estimated beginning balance		
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$	3,385,171
Estimated expenditures:	\$	
Instruction		1,916,332
Supporting services:		
Students		
Instructional staff		
Central administration		
School administration		
Business		
Operation and maintenance of facilities		
Students transportation		
Food services		1,468,839
Community services		
Capital outlay		
Debt service:		
Principal retirement		
Interest and fiscal charges		
Total estimated expenditures		3,385,171
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses		
Estimated budgetary reserves		
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses	\$	3,385,171

**Clay County Board of Education  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Clay County, to wit:

I, Joan Haynie, Secretary of the Clay County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 22nd day of May, 2023.

*Joan Haynie*  
Secretary of the Board of Education

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- SUN-CLOSED
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- SUN-CLOSED

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### CARS, VANS TRUCKS & SUV'S

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2012 Ford F-150-V8, Auto, Super Crew Cab, 4WD, A/C, Tilt & Cruise, Gold	\$13,999.00
2012 Honda Crosstour- V6, Auto, 4WD, A/C, Tilt & Cruise,	\$ 9,999.00
2011 Toyota Highlander- V6, Auto, 4WD, A/C, Tilt & Cruise, Black	\$ 9,999.00
2011 Chevy Cruze-Turbo-A/C, Tilt & Cruise, Red	\$ 7,999.00
2007 Ford Fusion-V6, AWD, A/C, Tilt & Cruise, Plum	\$ 3,999.00
2007 Chevy Cobalt-Auto, A/C & Tilt, Red	\$ 2,999.00
2005 Dodge Grand Caravan-V6, Auto, A/C, Tilt & Cruise, Silver	\$ 2,999.00
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86600CH	-----	\$98.99
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# Graduation

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couraged them to never hold back the skills and natural abilities each one has in order for both our and their future to be a place of refuge that is sealed with an iron will. Just being from a small town doesn't determine their fate but instills their drive to prove the status quo wrong. It was good to have a local individual speak who has attained lifelong success as not only a teacher and coach but a caring human whose life has been devoted to making sure that our youth had the best opportunity to survive the future. Two thousand twenty-three has been a great year for CCHS; the students' determination showed throughout the year in academics, sports and other endeavors. This senior class was awarded nearly a \$100,000 in scholarship money, college awards and other donations.

Clay County High School will bid farewell to some intelligent and hard working young men and women who will no doubt be an influence in the fields they enter into. The graduates will now embark on a new journey and accept new roles in society as participants and leaders that will ultimately play a big part of this country's future. With the unsettled politics in this country and the economy in a bind, the future will be bright for those who will take the bull by the horns and change this country while keeping the founding principles in mind. The future is an opportunity for our youth because they are smart and have zeal to change the world. It is in the concourse of life that we change and make a path of our own necessary to sustain the ongoing process called life. It has to be so that the columns that hold

our country up stay strong and vigilant.

Many of the seniors will be going on to higher learning, others will go and serve in our country's military to defend our rights and freedoms and others will assume their roles as hard working individuals. Now, graduates, is time to move on, and there are time tested and proven rules to form your minds - talk little, listen a lot, reflect on what has passed, never forget where you come from, distrust your own opinion and value and respect others who deserve it. Congratulations to all the students of Clay County High School, and Clay County wishes nothing but the best for you. Go forth Panthers and show 'em what you're made of!



Co Valedictorians Alexis Gilliland and Madison Paxton



Christina Brown and Ethan Morris deliver the benediction.



Salutatorian Trey Lindenthall gives words to live by.



Kirsten Woods addresses the seniors.



## Appalachian Power

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tractors when applying herbicides."

Herbicides to be used are imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, fosamine, triclopyr, aminocyclopyrachlor and aminopyralid. The manufacturer, colleges and governmental and independent research laboratories have extensively tested each. Questions concerning these herbicides may be addressed to the EPA and the WVDaA.

All areas to be treated are visually checked by helicopter pilots in advance to verify the location of any sensitive areas and to ensure that people or domestic animals are not visible in the area to be maintained.

Right-of-way maintenance agreements between Appalachian Power and landowners are available to landowners who prefer to accept responsibility for clearing the right-of-way crossing their property instead of the company's aerial application of herbicides. The agreement compensates the landowner by an amount equivalent to the cost of aerial herbicide application, provided the work meets Appalachian Power's specifications.

Customers with questions about the company's aerial maintenance program can call a toll-free number (1-800-642-3622) for information. Appalachian Power customers also can write for details at Appalachian Power, Attn: Transmission Forestry, 404 29th Street, West, Charleston, W.Va. 25387.

Residents who have questions about the program or who want to alert

the company to the location of sensitive areas near power lines, such as springs, wells, streams, lakes, ponds, orchards, crop areas, gardens, pastures, meadows, year-round dwellings, public recreation areas and Christmas tree plantations, should also contact the company. The nearest pole or tower number should be provided to prevent any misunderstanding about the location of the sensitive areas being reported. Numbers are posted on utility poles and on one leg of utility towers.

After the maintenance program begins, a 24-hour telephone service at the above number will provide information daily on locations scheduled for maintenance.

Complaints about possible damage resulting from herbicide applications should be made by contacting Appalachian Power at its toll-free number or the above address. Complaints also may be directed to the WVDaA's Pesticide Regulatory Programs Unit, which can be reached at 304-558-2209.

Lines scheduled for maintenance include:

**Clay County - Belva-Clendenin 46kV** - A transmission line on wood poles beginning at the Belva Station near Vaughan Road in Vaughn, running north and northwest, passing the midpoints of Vaughan, Greendale, Fola, Bickmore, Hartland, Elkhurst, Porter, Queen Shoals and Turner and ending at the Clendenin Station near Maywood Avenue West in Clendenin.