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Gov. Justice announces new projects approved by the Water Development Authority

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Water Development Authority (WDA) recently approved 17 infrastructure-related projects funded by the Economic Enhancement Grant Fund.

To date, the WDA has approved 100 projects with a total project cost of \$1.1 billion and a state match of \$280 million spread across 43 counties.

"I am extremely proud that we've been able to get over \$1 billion dollars out the door for these incredibly important projects," Gov. Jim Justice said. "It's a big time win for West Virginia. All West Virginians deserve clean drinking water and efficient wastewater systems,

and we're taking a big swing at making that happen, along with some other really important economic development projects. My thanks go to the WDA for acting quickly, and to the Legislature for appropriating this funding."

One of the 17 selected projects for funding is in Clay, with \$1,855,895 allotted for the town to rehabilitate the sewer system.

The West Virginia Water Development Authority (WDA) manages the Economic Enhancement Grant Fund, which provides matching grants to municipalities for upgrading infrastructure such as water, sewer, economic development, commerce, and tourism projects.



Year-long perfect attendance winners receive bikes

Congratulations to Big Otter Elementary students Neveah Fulks (5th grade) and Bradley Childers (4th grade) for keeping Perfect Attendance for the 2022-

2023 school year! This is a huge accomplishment, and each of these students was rewarded with a brand new bicycle and helmet.



CAMC conducts trauma class for Clay County Schools

CAMC Trauma Services conducted a Stop The Bleed for Clay County Schools May 30.

Stop the Bleed is a nationwide effort to train non-medical bystanders or immediate responders on how to recognize uncontrolled bleeding and how to stop the bleeding process.

About 200 teachers, bus drivers and other school personnel were trained in how to recognize and stop severe bleeding.

Go to bleedingcontrol.org for information about the *Stop the Bleed* campaign.

Girl Scouts donate nearly 11,000 boxes of cookies to local veteran orgs.

The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council donated 10,692 boxes of cookies to local veteran organizations as part of the Girl Scouts' Gift of Caring program.

The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond partners with the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers Association, a service organization of women who have lost sons and daughters in the military. After receiving the donation, they distribute cookies to VA hospitals, nursing homes, disabled and paralyzed veterans, and more.

"Girl Scouts are passionate about giving back to their communities, and the Gift of Caring program is one way they can do so," said Beth Casey, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. "We are proud to partner with these organizations and work together to help make the world a better place."

As part of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, customers have an opportunity to purchase treats for themselves, as well as contribute a donation to

the Gift of Caring program, which uses the donations to purchase products to send to veterans and military members.

"This program is a great way to connect Girl Scouts and veterans," said Shirley White, President of the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers. "The Girl Scouts work hard to sell cookies, and they are able to see how that helps benefit our service personnel. And, of course, our veterans are happy for that relationship - as well as the cookies!"

Through the Gift

of Caring program, Girl Scouts across the country have used Girl Scout products to show their appreciation for those in uniform or to support those in need in their local communities. Girls choose an organization they want to benefit and give customers the opportunity to purchase additional products as a donation. With this program, even customers who don't purchase cookies for themselves can give to others and support Girl Scouting at the same time.



90 and Fabulous: Virginia Cook Celebrates A Milestone Birthday

By: Betty Holcomb

90 years young! Virginia Cook of Clay County celebrated her birthday with a party fit for a queen. Family and friends traveled from near and far to join Virginia and her family for a day of celebrating. "It was truly a wonderful day," Virginia recalls.

People traveled from all over the map including from Warner Robins, GA; Winchester, VA; Jackson, TN; Rittman and Orville, OH; and many local family and friends also joined in on Virginia's "90 & Fabulous" birthday bash.

Virginia would like to thank everyone who came, called, or sent gifts and cards to make her day a memorable one. A special thank you to her granddaughter, Jessi, who made it all possible for her grandmother. Happy Birthday Virginia, and here's to many more!

Savage Race 2023



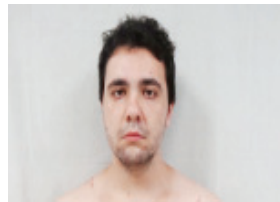
A six mile brutal race ends as a team.

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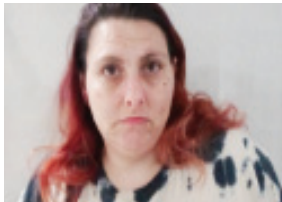
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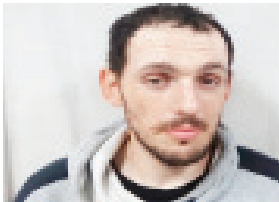
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Maxwell Page Campbell
Booked 6/1/23
Domestic battery



Melinda Louise Carter
Booked 6/4/23
Conspiracy to defraud the state, possession with intent to deliver a non-narcotic substance



Ryan Daniel Duckworth
Booked 6/3/23
Failure to pay child support

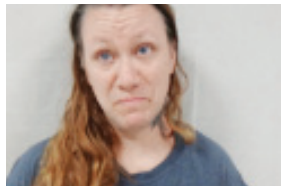


Jeremy Ray Gray
Booked 6/4/23
Possession of meth, obstructing

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Kasandra Dwan Utt
Booked 6/4/23
Conspiracy to deliver controlled substance, probation violation



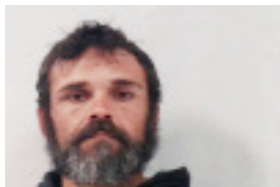
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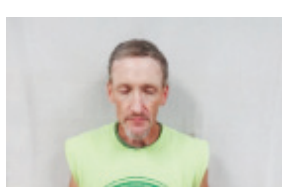
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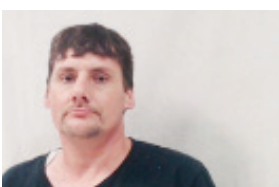
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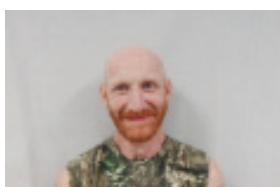
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Booked 5/31/23
Possession of stolen property, grand larceny



Mark Allen Hall
Booked 6/1/23
Capias



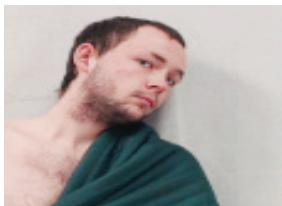
Shaun Andrew Hayslette
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Indictment



Brett Allen Naylor
Booked 6/2/23
Domestic battery



Keri Ann Sarver
Booked 6/2/23
Family Court capias



Richard Lee Skinner
Booked 5/30/23
Domestic battery second offense, domestic assault second

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Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

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Clay County Schools Summer Learning Programs

A Taste of Kindergarten

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June 22nd – Big Otter & Clay Elementary

July 7th – Lizemore Elementary

July 13th – H.E. White Elementary

Elementary Program

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Weekly Field Trips for Students & Weekly Parent Workshops

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

Location: Clay Elementary

CTE/Enrichment Camps

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 26th – July 27th

Location: Clay County High School

Credit Recovery

Open to Middle and High School students

Earn credits for failed courses

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

June 21st – July 27th

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 6th grade in Fall 2023

Middle School Orientation Program

July 11th – 12th

8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Location: Clay Middle

For More Information

Visit 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

Public Notices

- The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m., at the PSD office in Birch River.
- The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!
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I Feel Sorry for my Good-Looking Friends

By: Dr. James L. Snyder

The one place in our humble residence I would prefer to avoid, especially in the morning, is my bathroom. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has her bathroom, and I have mine.

I make visiting my bathroom in the morning as quick as possible. As I walk into my bathroom, on the right side is that awful and terrible thing called the mirror. Whenever I look into it, some old man looks back at me and then smiles.

I have asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could put a curtain in front of my mirror so that I would only see it when I had to.

She would laugh and say, "Oh, you silly boy, you need that mirror to help you look the best you can."

Her mirror is a lot different from my mirror. My mirror shows some grumpy old guy, whereas her mirror shows a charming young lady. I have offered to exchange mirrors, but she would not have anything to do with that.

I'm not very concerned about how ugly I look. After all, ugly isn't really that big of a deal.

In the pharmacy section of Publix the other day, one of the workers came and asked me if I wanted some skincare products that were on sale. "It'll sure make your face look a lot better."

I declined her offer and left the store.

As I was thinking about this, it reminded me of some of my good friends who are rather good-looking despite their age. They spend much time and money keeping themselves looking young and beautiful.

I would rather use my money to buy Apple Fritters than any skincare products.

Many of my friends spend a lot of money and time to keep themselves as young looking as possible. They exercise, go on a strict diet, and some even have surgery to make them look better than they are.

I have one friend, a very wonderful lady, whom I've known most of my life. One thing about this young lady is that she wants people to think she's young and works tirelessly to keep looking young.

Her biggest concern is wrinkles, and she seems allergic to them.

I love my wrinkles because they are a product of getting older. And I plan to get as old as I can.

But this young lady, I will not mention her name for obvious reasons, seems quite allergic to wrinkles. She has had several facelifts to make sure all of the wrinkles disappear. Whenever she sees a wrinkle, she has to stop whatever she's doing and take care of it, no matter the cost.

I don't see her often anymore, but whenever I do, I usually say something like, "Is that a new wrinkle on your face? I think it's a wonderful wrinkle."

She will laugh and then disappear into the bathroom in a few moments to check out that wrinkle. Sometime that week, she will be at her doctor getting rid of that wrinkle.

If I had all the money she has spent caring for her wrinkles, I would be wealthy and could afford all the Apple Fritters I want.

That is why I'm very concerned about some of my good-looking friends. I don't know, and I have yet to ask any of them how much it costs to look as young and good-looking as they appear. It does not come without cost, I assure you.

I have not spent a single nickel dealing with my wrinkles, and have the wrinkles to prove it.

If I had the time and money my friends used to eliminate the wrinkles, I could retire in luxury.

Many try to show how young they look whenever we have a family get-together. They walk around smiling, hoping somebody will notice how young they look.

For some of them, when we plan to get together, it takes several weeks to prepare for that get-together. I can get together overnight and have no problems with that.

I try to contain myself, but it is tough when you have all my wrinkles. Whenever I meet one of those people, and I know who they are, I always compliment them on their good looks. They always smile back and thank me.

Then, out of nowhere, I sometimes say, "You don't have as many wrinkles today as you did the last time I saw you." I laugh, but they usually don't join in.

I don't know any of them that like me saying that sort of thing, but that's the cost of trying to look young when you're old.

It must be a very hard job to stay young anymore. On the other side of the mirror, I have an easy life of looking as old as possible. Every wrinkle on my face is an opportunity to celebrate that I'm still getting older.

In the Old Testament, Job had an issue with wrinkles. "And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face" (Job 16:8).

I can relate to Job, but then I remembered what the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 5:27, "That he (Christ) might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

My life, even my wrinkles, is in the capable hands of God.

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Finishing with Grace

Paul was flabbergasted. He couldn't believe it. Of all the mind-boggling, foolish things for a church to do, the Galatian churches did it. It's practically inconceivable. "Ok, who was it? Who put a spell on you and bewitched you? Because that's the only way that I can think of that someone who heard the gospel and received God's grace in Christ could turn around and forsake it for hope in keeping the law. You must have been bewitched, to have Christ Jesus set before you in the glorious gospel, that the Word came and lived for you, and died for you on the cross, and rose for you, and by grace, through faith, you are saved, pardoned, forgiven, clean, and justified, and then turn you back on it to find salvation through the law." Paul asked them in Galatians 3:2-3, did the Galatians receive the Holy Spirit through works of the law or faith? Are you born again by grace, or are you born again by works? Did you earn the Holy Spirit? The Bible's answer is clear; we are born again by the Spirit. We are saved by faith, receiving Christ in hearing the gospel.

Paul then asks if they are fools. Ouch. They had started in the Spirit but expected to be made perfect by the flesh. They were born again by the Spirit of God but will try to finish the course through human effort in keeping the law? We are saved by grace, and we are perfected by grace. We are justified by grace, and we are sanctified by grace. Christ for pardon. Christ for power. All the appeals to holy living are not for nothing. The call to godliness is true, authentic, and urgent, but not for salvation. The Christian is not without law, but the law we have is there for a different purpose. It's to guide us in our walk with Christ, to show us evil and good that we may walk well pleasing to the Lord.

Beware those who blur or confuse justification and sanctification. The law is not grace, nor is it gracious. It never has been, and it never will be. Run for your life when you hear someone say there is grace in the law or with the law. The law is good if used lawfully, which means there is a bad way to handle the law. The wrong way is to think you can earn God's love by keeping it. The good way is to understand how we are to walk in the Spirit following Christ and how to love. There is no condemnation for those in Christ. We died to the law, so it cannot judge us anymore. We are set free. We have liberty in Christ to love God and our neighbor without fear of damnation. It's foolish to say you are forgiven and justified by the gracious work of Jesus Christ and then want to enter glory on your works. You started by grace and you will finish by grace.

Another Close Call

By: Joseph J. Mazella

When I was in college I didn't own a car, so whenever I visited home for the weekend I had to catch a ride with a friend. On one of these weekends my friend, David and I were driving back to the school. He was taking a shortcut to the main highway along a gravel road mainly used by coal trucks. He was driving like a typical teenager, way too fast. Suddenly, as we rounded a curve we saw a coal truck coming straight at us. There was no time to react or get out the way but somehow David did, steering us right towards a ditch before yanking us back to the road. Then, hearts pounding, we drove on, laughing from the fear and excitement of it all.

Looking back now I am sure my friend had some heavenly help steering the car that day. It wasn't my first close call with death either. I had survived busting my head open in a bicycle accident, falling off a bridge, a motorcycle wreck with my brother, and more near misses than I could count growing up. I am sure

my guardian angel took early retirement when I finally reached adulthood. I realize now too that God had kept me alive all those times for a reason. If I had died back then I would never have raised my smart, beautiful, kind, and loving daughter. I wouldn't be here to care for my special angels, my two special needs sons, who have taught me so much about love and life. And I wouldn't have been able to share all these things I have learned over the years through my writings and my life.

One other thing these close calls have shown me is just how precious each day of our lives are here. Each day is a new opportunity to share love, to choose joy, to be kind, to Thank God, and to help others. Each day here gives us so many moments when we can make the angels sing with the love we give and the good we do. Each day here gives us one more chance to grow closer to and become more like Our Father in Heaven. May we cherish them all.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Watching the fly fishing going on down at Lewis Creek is a little like box seats at the Bolshoi ballet. You might not even know what those old guys are doing, but dang they seem to do it well.

Long, sinuous casts out from the bank to the Lunker Hole. The Lunker, often dreamed, never caught, but our community would be the poorer without him.

"Fly fishing," said Marvin Pincus, "is just another name for life."

"Or love," said our cowboy, Steve.

"Or frustration," said Dud, who was about to shinny up a tree to cut loose a tangle made by his back cast. He wouldn't have bothered, but that fly hanging down from that tall branch was tied by Marvin Pincus. And was therefore an *objet d'arte*, which we learned is a French term meaning darned cute. But if left in that tree, it might cause death and suffering to a bird.

"It could be a metaphor," said Windy, making a little scud fly skitter across the surface.

"Metaphor?" Steve said.

Windy shrugged. "Heard that the other day. Means somethin' like that there, I think. Might be a metafive ..."

"Don't think so, Windy."

"Thanks, Doc. Jest cogmitatin', you know, 'bout life and when to use a dry fly or when to drag one a-them streamies along and temptationize them fish."

"That's pretty deep, Windy," said Dud, nodding his head.

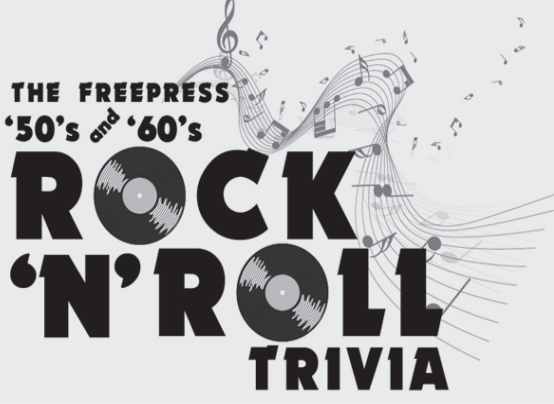
"Don't think so," Windy said, "Last time I fell in 'twas 'bout three foot or so. I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner than drownin' worms."

"You can say that again!"

"Okay, Doc... I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner ..."

Were you aware you can hear six men groan above the noisy chuckling of a creek?

Fly fishing with a tenkara outfit is even more funner than you thought. www.tenkarausa.com.



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

Only one time in the rock & roll era has one band held all of the top five positions on the Hot 100 charts. Who was it?

Answer to last week's Trivia: The 1966 #1 hit that was the first by an American female in eight years, was produced and written by Lee Hazelwood who later had some duets with her, and who was the first artist to sign with her father's new label, Reprise Records was: Nancy Sinatra (There Boots Are Made for Walking, Feb. '66)



Clay County High School

Picnic In The Parking Lot

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

Community-Wide Picnic
Clay County High School Parking Lot

Everyone is invited to attend!

Enjoy delicious food, live music, inflatables & give-aways!

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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.



June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

June 8, 1893: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born in Ohio but grew up in Huntington. Duncan founded the

Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

June 9, 1957: T. D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.

June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.

June 10, 1921: Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to

1981.

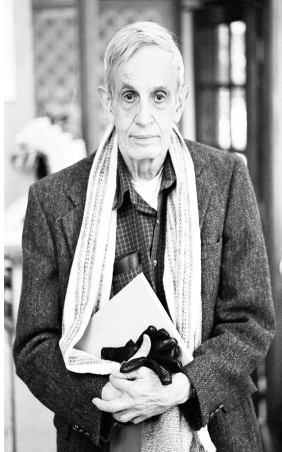
June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work can be seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010. His record was broken in 2013 by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, although Byrd retains the Senate record.

June 13, 1861: The

Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.



June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, *A Beautiful Mind*, which was later made into a movie.

OBITUARIES

Patsy Ann Pinson



Patsy Ann Pinson was born on July 30, 1928. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 15, 2023.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Georgia Lee of Bentree and her son Andrew Lee Nichols of Naples, Florida. She is survived by her daughters Jackie (Troy) Taylor of Bentree and Lora Richichi of North Port, Florida; grandchildren Crystal (Scott) Gibson of Clay, Lance Taylor of Bentree, Kyla (Aaron) Nichols of St. Albans, Heather (Jonathan) Blocker of Tallahassee, FL, Charssi (Evan) DeVore of Tampa, FL, Andrew Nichols Jr. of North Port, FL, Marc Nichols of Naples, FL, Ashley (Amado) Rosas of Hobart, Indiana, Angela Nichols of Tampa, FL, and Kim (Billy) Sacchetti of Boston Massachusetts; great-grandchildren Trenton Gibson, Morgandy Nichols, Noah Devore, Fox Blocker, Christina Giardina, Joseph Giardina, Marc Giardina, Cierra Daubitz, Nicole Sacchetti, John Sacchetti; and two great, great-grandchildren. Patsy was a 1947 graduate of Clay County High School. She retired from General Motors in Rochester, New York. Patsy was a devoted Christian and member of the Bentree Community Church. She loved her family and her church family very much. Her life was a blessing, and her memory is

our treasure.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Patsy Ann Pinson will be at 4:00 pm. on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the Bentree Community Church. Pastor Mike Holcomb will be officiating.

David L. Brannon

David L. Brannon, 87, of Clay passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, WV.

He was born on March 2, 1936, in Ivydale, WV to the late William A. and Lilly Brannon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Mary, Maude, and Gusta; and one brother, Mark.

David was a retired U.S. Army Veteran. While in the Army, he worked on a ship and specialized in collecting data for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. His work consisted of but was not limited to obtaining samples of ocean water at various depths. He was the last surviving sibling in his family.

His memory will be cherished by several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, June 5, 2023, at Boggs Cemetery, Ivydale with Reverend Linn Schiefer officiating.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Condolences may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Super Crossword

ON A MISSION

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence board is moved. 2. Collar is different. 3. Bow string is different. 4. Arrow is moved. 5. Hair is different. 6. Can is missing.

ACROSS

1 Doorway part

5 Mix for a deli sandwich

13 Snooty sort

20 River in Europe and Asia

21 Long, bitter speech

22 Popular hot sauce brand

23 Calf-length skirt

24 Navigable sea route in southern Chile

26 Hayloft sites

28 Home to Boise: Abbr.

29 Extra game periods, for short

30 Distrustful

31 Designer for Jackie Kennedy

35 1958 Leslie Caron film

38 Head dog

39 — tai (drink)

42 Really must

47 Tag again

51 One mapping terrain

53 In excess of

54 "Woe —!"

57 Prefix with sense

58 — Melodies (old cartoon series)

59 Stand-up comedy TV series

64 Ending for fom

65 Wince

66 Pakistani's language

67 Like circles

71 Daniel Boone or Johnny Appleseed

76 Lustrous gem

79 Pushpin's kin

80 Jewel box for music

84 Color

85 Kia Sedona competitor

90 Mystery's Christie

94 Org. offering tows

95 Actor Morales

96 Sundae toppings

97 Florence institute near the Uffizi Gallery

100 New York Giants' div.

103 Gussied up

104 MGM's lion

105 Tree yielding chocolate

107 "QED" center

109 Eric the Red, for one

115 Alvin of choreography

119 Klutz

122 Pumped stuff

123 Flood stopper

124 All through the dark hours

130 Show sleepiness

131 Most promising

132 "Been there myself, man"

133 Really liking

134 Combination punches

135 Sends along

136 Org. associated with the nine missions featured in this puzzle

9 Suffix with sect

10 Illuminated

11 "Peek- —!"

12 Skillful and clever

13 JFK datum

14 Fall behind

15 Religious convert's cry

16 Anecdote

17 Atoll part

18 Wound result

19 Actor Danza

25 Soup additive, for short

27 Strikebreaker

32 Bar drink

33 Skedaddle

34 "— little teapot ..."

36 Shiba — (Japanese dog breed)

37 Virus, e.g.

40 A.D. part

41 False god

43 German "the"

44 Sundae topping

45 Sheer linen fabric

46 Greek mountain nymph

47 Use deep massage on

48 Blackhearted

49 Strauss of jeans

92 Melon variety

93 Golden — (senior)

98 Cavity fillers' org.

99 Mega years

101 Most preferred: Abbr.

102 Corkscrew

105 Baby bed

106 Analyzes in a lab

108 "TiK —"

110 Stares at creepily

111 Enter, as to a database

112 An ex-Trump

113 Lizardlike amphibians

114 Port of Italy

115 "Hair" hairdo

116 Pumped stuff

117 Suffer defeat

118 Discharge

120 Leave — (reward the server)

121 World Cup gp.

125 Gl tour gp.

126 Intersectors of aves.

127 French "the"

128 Vie for the affection of

129 "Sister Act" figure

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike
should vote alike.

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June, 1957

Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.



Widen Ready For Big Celebration

Widen, West Virginia, is ready for its biggest annual event, the Fourth of July celebration, which is truly "of the people, by the people, and for the people," this year will be bigger and better than ever. The day's program is printed elsewhere in this paper and it includes fun for everyone, winding up as usual with a big display of fireworks at the ball diamond.

Decorated Floats

There will, of course, be the last minute work to do, finishing up the floats, etc. Any one who would like to help on the floats (and you may be sure the help will be appreciated) should get in touch with Gene Taylor and he can direct you to the float where the most help is needed.

Fancy Jeeps

Do you have a jeep? Why not pretty it up a bit and tell Darrell Wood you'll be in the parade.

Horse Show

Do you have a riding horse you're proud of? Enter it in the horse show with Melvin Conner.

Local Entertainers

How's your entertainment talent? Billy Ashley is in charge of the evening's talent show. Who knows, maybe you're the next Elvis Presley, or Perry Como, or Jayne Mansfield.

Beauty Contest

And you girls (up to age 65), strut your stuff in the beauty contest. Miss Helen Gibson or Harold Dawson will be most happy to sign you up. Our "Miss Buffalo Contest" annually has produced pulchritude of the highest degree.

Scouts Sell Soft Drinks

Up at the swimming pool, Boy Scout Troop 111 will have on sale a supply of soft drinks, ice cold, we hope.

The ball game will be a real battle for blood, as the youngsters of the present team endeavor to show the older fellows that the victory several weeks ago was all a mistake. Don't miss this one.

Excellent Eats Offered

The Widen Woman's Club, as usual, will operate a food stand on the old ball diamond, with delectable dishes served sumptuously at prevailing prices. This food stand is the Club's primary source of income, so in making purchases at the stand, customers not only are doing themselves a favor but are also helping further the good work of the Woman's Club. Club president Miss Hazel Baughman and assistants are in charge.

Win A Riding Horse!

And someone is going to take home a beautiful five-gaited horse, the prize of the Sportsmen's Club raffle. The winner will no doubt be someone with a 2x4 yard and no pasture, so what? Be a sport, take a chance, and you can always give the horse back if you don't want it. You never can tell, someone might even buy it from you. And if you don't think it's a mighty fine animal, just ask Buell Strickland. And it could be that Melvin Conner, for a slight fee, will give the horse a home on his ranch.

So come on out and have yourself a big time. There are plenty of tables at the recreation area. Why not make it a family picnic?

Masons Honor

Mr. Lloyd Butcher, Jr., member of the bargaining committee of the Employees' League of Widen Miners, was elected and installed to the high office of Worshipful Master Strange Creek Lodge, No. 130 A. F. & A. M., at the lodge hall June 8, by immediate past Master Melvin Rapp. Worshipful Master Butcher designated the appointive officers

Mr. Rapp also installed the following elective officers: Billy Facemire, senior warden; Bruce Shingler, past district deputy grand master, junior warden; Alton G. Houghton, treasurer; and Frank Holt, secretary.

Appointive officers include: Foster Facemire, senior deacon; Earl Donohue, junior deacon and Orval Given, tiler.

50 Year Jewel Presented

Past Master Rapp also participated in a special ceremony June 8th during which Past Grand Master G. E. Griffin of Charleston presented a gold jewel to member Richard E. Given who was celebrating his 50th year as a member of Strange Creek Blue Lodge. PGM Griffin brought the members up to date on data concerning the early move of the lodge from Servia to Stragge Creek. Grand Secretary Julian Hollingsworth of Charleston also was a distinguished visitor for this happy occasion, as were out-of-town visitors.

Mr. Hugh Wood of Widen, who could not be present because of illness to receive his 50 year pin was honored by having the jewel sent to him by his grandson, member Darrell Wood.

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The Fourth of July Official Program

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| PARADE STARTS BUFFALO ROAD | 9 A.M. |
| FLAG RAISING—MEMORIAL | 9:15 A.M. |
| BEAUTY CONTEST | 10:00 A.M. |
| SPEAKING | 11:00 A.M. |
| SWIMMING EVENTS | 11:50 A.M. |
| HORSE SHOW | 12:15 P.M. |
| (Old Ball Field) Nicholas Street | |
| BASEBALL GAMES | 2:00 P.M. |
| (Little League Preliminary) | |
| (Former King Coal Champs vs. Buffaloes) | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATION & FIRST AID | 4:30 P.M. |
| (On Nicholas Street Old Ball Field) | |
| TALENT SHOW | 7:00 P.M. |
| (Nicholas Street Dance Pavilion) | |
| FIREWORKS | 9:00 P.M. |
| (Baseball Field) | |
| DANCE | 10:00 P.M. |
| (Dance Pavilion) | |

Widen Boy Scouts Attend Camporee

Seven members of Boy Scout Troop 111 at Widen attended the Spring Camporee of the Buckskin Council at Carnifex Ferry on May 31, June 1 and 2. Local boys in attendance at the encampment were Jerry Hamrick, Skippy George, Dave Shaffer, Jack Wilson, Gary Graham, Gary Craft, and Ronald James.

The camporee this year was in celebration of the 50th anniversary of scouting, founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in England in 1907. The youth movement started in this country a couple of years later and Widen's YMCA secretary, Herb Johnson was the No. 14th scoutmaster in America.

Individual troop projects were the order of the day for the camporee, and some 500 boys were on hand to show their skill in the outdoors. The weather was not in a co-operative mood, however, and everything but the boys' spirits was thoroughly dampened. The only real hard rain of the weekend came just as the big campfire was being lit at 9 p.m. Saturday. The campfire is always the biggest event of the camp and is usually attended by a large number of visitors. A let-up in the rain about 10 o'clock permitted a brief firelight ceremony for such hardy souls as dared to brave the elements. However, most of the crowd by that time had long since sought shelter.

The Widen boys, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Gene George, reportedly had a fine time, at least up until 3 o'clock Saturday morning, when they finally decided to call it a night. When bedtime came Saturday night, they were ready to hit the sack.

The next scheduled item on the scouting agenda is the annual summer camp at Camp Clifton McClintic in Greenbrier County, which the local scouts will attend, as usual, the week following the Fourth of July.

Elliott And Bailes Win Attendance Banners

Ninth Month 1956-57

The second grade won the attendance banner for the ninth month with a percentage of 99.89.

Miss Bailes twelfth grade won for the high school with a percentage of 99.29. Congratulations 2nd and 12th graders.

| Percentage | | | |
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| Mrs. Elliott | Grade 2 | | 99.89 |
| Mrs. Reynolds | Grade 6 | | 99.66 |
| Mrs. Bragg | Grade 4 | | 99.52 |
| Miss Bailes | Grade 12 | | 99.29 |
| Mrs. Butcher | Grade 1 | | 99.02 |
| Mrs. Austin | Grade 5 | | 99.00 |
| Mrs. Osbrone | Grade 9 | | 99.00 |
| Mr. Matheny | Grade 8 | | 98.95 |
| Mrs. Sizemore | Grade 7 | | 98.05 |
| Miss Parsons | Grade 3 | | 97.65 |
| Mrs. Griffith | Grade 10 | | 97.65 |
| Miss Woods | Grade 11 | | 97.05 |
| Miss Graham | Grade 1 | | 96.56 |

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
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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

Clarissa Hamshaw
Circuit Clerk

LEGAL

State of West Virginia
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345

TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440

Modification Application for coverage under the General West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: SM-61-2023 Public Notice Date: June 08, 2023

Paper: Clay County Free Press

The following has applied for modification of coverage under the General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457 for this facility or activity:

Application No.: WVG610813 MOD - 1

Applicant: AMRON BUILDING COMPONENTS, INCORPORATED

5748 CLAY HWY

BICKMORE, WV 25019

Location: BICKMORE, CLAY COUNTY

Latitude: 38:24:12

Longitude: 81:06:49

Receiving Stream: MIDDLE CR/ELK RIVER/KANAWHA RIVER

Activity: Add outlets 006,007,008 and 009 to the already permitted site.

Business conducted: Manufacturer of floor and roof trusses using kiln-dried lumber that is cut to appropriate lengths and assembled.

Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application the “Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)),” and the “West Virginia Legislative Rules,” the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application modification and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP

ATTN: Sharon Mullins, Permitting Section

601 57th Street SE

Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins June 08 2023 and ends July 08, 2023.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is a significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit. Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit modification may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, 601 57th St SE, Charleston, WV between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.

Individuals requiring Telecommunications Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 1-800-422-5700. Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 WYNTERRHALL LN

SOUTH CHARLESTON WV 25309

APPOINTMENT DATE 04/13/2023

ESTATE NAME: RANDY THOMPSON

ADMINISTRATRIX HOPE THOMPSON

659 BLUEKNOB ROAD

MAYSEL WV 25133

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 5/25/2023

Connie Workman

County Clerk

Clay County

P.O. Box 190

246 Main Street

Clay WV 25043-0190

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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.

FOR MAYOR

(Vote For ONE)

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JOSH SHAMBLIN

FOR RECORDER

(Vote For ONE)

☐

MELODY HUBBARD

FOR COUNCIL

(Vote For Not More Than FIVE)

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JEFF MULLINS

☐

MEGAN SHAFFER STARCHER

☐

MARLENE LEWIS

☐

JERRY D. STOVER

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BARRY PAYTON

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ISAAC RAMSEY

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RON STARCHER, JR.

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B. RENE' MOORE

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KATELIN HALL

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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, aminocy-clopyrachlor 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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NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS

Any person claiming a lien against taxable real estate must file a lienholder’s form with the sheriff’s office before October 1, 2023, or such person will be deemed to have waived any right to notice of delinquent land sale if property is delinquent. §11A-3-3 WV State Code
Allen C. King,
Sheriff of Clay County

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LEGAL NOTICE

June 1, 2023

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from Panhandle Support Services, Inc, CON File #23-1/2/3/4-12690-PC, to provide personal care services through West Virginia Medicaid in Boone, Kanawha, Clay, Nicholas, Logan, Wyoming, and McDowell counties, West Virginia. The capital expenditure is \$1,500.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority’s website at www.hca.wv.gov.



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If you were separated by any of the following companies within the Impact and Expiration dates listed below, contact TAA at 1-877-967-5498

| | | | | | | | Expiration |
|---------|--------|---|------------------|-------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| TAW | Suffix | Company Name | City | State | Status | Impact Date | Date |
| 98248 | | Mountain State Carbon LLC | Follansbee | WV | Certified | 4/5/21 | 6/30/22 |
| 96738 | | Elementis Specialties | South Charleston | WV | Certified | 2/10/20 | 6/30/22 |
| 96693 | | Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. | Morgantown | WV | Certified | 6/21/20 | 6/30/22 |
| 96607 | | Pactiv Packaging Inc. | Mineral Wells | WV | Certified | 9/10/19 | 9/10/21 |
| 96599 | | Klockner Pentaplast of America Inc. | Beaver | WV | Certified | 9/10/19 | 9/10/21 |
| 96578 | | Greenfield Cabinetry, LLC | Elkins | WV | Certified | 4/17/19 | 4/17/21 |
| 96086 | | Huntington Alloys Corporation | Huntington | WV | Certified | 7/23/19 | 6/30/22 |
| 96054 | | Constellium Rolled Products Ravenswood LLC | Ravenswood | WV | Certified | 7/13/19 | 6/30/22 |
| 96002 | | The Homer Laughlin China Company | Newell | WV | Certified | 6/19/19 | 6/30/22 |
| 95997 | | Panther Creek Mining, LLC | Dawes | WV | Certified | 6/17/19 | 6/30/22 |
| 95886 | | Collins Hardwood Company, LLC | Richwood | WV | Certified | 4/10/19 | 6/30/22 |
| 95355 | | Morgantown Machine & Hydraulics of WV | Morgantown | WV | Certified | 11/1/18 | 6/30/22 |
| 95245 | | ABB Inc. | Lewisburg | WV | Certified | 10/1/18 | 12/1/21 |
| 94771 A | | Verso Luke LLC | Beryl | WV | Certified | 4/30/18 | 6/25/21 |
| 94771 B | | Verso Luke LLC | Piedmont | WV | Certified | 4/30/18 | 6/25/21 |
| 94771 C | | Verso Luke LLC | Keyser | WV | Certified | 4/30/18 | 6/25/21 |
| 94771 D | | Verso Luke LLC | Beverly | WV | Certified | 4/30/18 | 6/25/21 |
| 94713 | | Performance Direct, Inc. | Sophia | WV | Certified | 4/8/18 | 5/24/21 |
| 94641 | | CDI Corporation | Cross Lanes | WV | Certified | 3/18/18 | 9/16/21 |
| 94411 | | Bayer CropScience LP | Institute | WV | Certified | 12/14/18 | 1/9/21 |
| 94059 | | West Virginia University Research Corporation | Morgantown | WV | Certified | 8/10/17 | 12/11/20 |
| 94016 | | Kelly Foundry and Machine Co. | Elkins | WV | Certified | 7/25/17 | 10/22/20 |
| 93850 | | Swanson Manufacturing Services Inc. | Morgantown | WV | Certified | 5/24/17 | 12/28/20 |
| 93848 | | Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | Morgantown | WV | Certified | 5/24/17 | 6/20/20 |
| 93702 | | Koppers Inc. | Follansbee | WV | Certified | 5/28/18 | 6/11/21 |
| 93685 B | | Interline Brands, Inc. | Bluefield | WV | Certified | 3/28/17 | 5/10/20 |
| 93311 | | Temp, Inc. | Fairmont | WV | Certified | 11/15/16 | 2/22/20 |
| 93286 | | M&G Polymers USA, LLC | Apple Grove | WV | Certified | 11/3/16 | 11/24/19 |
| 93016 | | Flint Group Printing Systems US LLC | Huntington | WV | Certified | 7/12/16 | 8/2/19 |
| 92699 | | Mustang Survival Manufacturing, Inc. | Spencer | WV | Certified | 3/3/16 | 4/21/19 |
| 92499 | | HealthSmart Benefit Solutions, Inc. | Charleston | WV | Certified | 12/20/15 | 1/19/19 |
| 92261 | | SMC Electrical Products, Inc. | Huntington | WV | Certified | 9/26/15 | 11/22/18 |
| 92256 | | Ball Corporation | Weirton | WV | Certified | 9/30/16 | 9/26/19 |
| 92123 | | Bayer Cropscience LP | Institute | WV | Certified | 8/18/15 | 12/13/18 |
| 92013 | | The Fenton Art Glass Company | Williamstown | WV | Certified | 6/18/16 | 1/10/19 |
| 92007 | | DSI Underground Systems, LLC | Martinsburg | WV | Certified | 7/11/15 | 8/16/18 |
| 91525 | | Teknetix Inc. | Parkersburg | WV | Certified | 2/26/15 | 11/7/19 |
| 91497 | | Caldwell Hardware Co. | Alderson | WV | Certified | 2/18/15 | 4/22/18 |
| 91318 | | Felman Production, LLC | Letart | WV | Certified | 9/11/15 | 5/26/18 |
| 91250 | | Koppers, Inc. | Follansbee | WV | Certified | 2/1/16 | 5/27/18 |
| 90184 A | | Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. | Ravenswood | WV | Certified | 1/1/14 | 2/12/18 |
| 90093 | | T-Shirt International, Inc. | Culloden | WV | Certified | 11/3/14 | 11/13/17 |
| 90050 | | TPUSA - FHCS, Inc. | Fairmont | WV | Certified | 1/1/14 | 12/11/17 |
| 86089 | | Huntington Alloys Corporation | Huntington | WV | Certified | 6/10/14 | 1/19/18 |
| 85944 | | Koppers Inc. | Green Spring | WV | Certified | 4/15/14 | 5/14/17 |
| 85843 | | Sabic Innovative Plastics | Washington | WV | Certified | 2/17/14 | 3/16/17 |

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

BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 NO Scheduled Services
 At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 Dixie
 Thursday Night 7:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 with Services After
 Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Lee Holiday
 (304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah.
 Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
 Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek
 Road, Bomont, WV
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service
 7:30 PM
 Thursday Night Service
 7:30 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
 Wednesday evening services
 7:00 PM
Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Wednesday prayer service
 and Bible Study 6:30 PM
Pastor: Danny Richardson

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:15 AM
 Worship Service 11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Service 1st,
 3rd and 4th
 Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Prayer &
 Bible Study 7:00 PM
 2nd Sunday Communion
 Service 6:00 PM
Pastor: Pete Shaffer

BLUE KNOB CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Everyone is Welcome!

BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday
 School 10:00 AM Worship
 Service 11:00 AM Sunday
 Evening Service
 6:00 PM
 Radio Broadcast, Sunday
 Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV
 Summersville
 Everyone Welcome **Pastor:**
John Pruitt

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in
 Prociuous. Across Camp Creek
 Bridge on the left. Preaching
 Every Sunday
 9:00 AM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Bible Study every Wednesday
 7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry
 Chandler**

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE
 Prayer Service and Bible
 Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM
 Regular Service Sunday
 Nights at 7:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE
 Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Service
 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
 Come and worship the Lord
 with us.
 Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service
 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Service 7:00
 PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Worship 11:00 AM.
 Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 10:00 AM – Sunday School
 11:00 AM – Preaching
 6:00 PM
 Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night Preaching 7:00
 PM
 Wednesday Worship
 7:00 PM
 Everyone welcome.
Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Fall-
 ing Rock, Clay County
 Sunday Morning Worship
 10:00 AM
 Sunday School 11:30 AM
 Sunday Evening Service
 7:30 PM
 Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM
 Teachings from the King
 James Bible
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service 7:00
 PM
 Wednesday Prayer Service/
 Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM
Pastor: Roy Huffman

ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
 Saturday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Brace Cook

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

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Dutch Ridge Laurel Road
 Sunday Service 6:00 PM
 Tuesday Service 6:00 PM
 Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans
**Associate Pastor: Lee Roy
 Anderson**

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Bomont, WV
 Sunday Service 10:00 AM
 and 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Nick Bird
 Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible
 Study 6:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Adults Bible Study
 & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship
 11:00 AM
 Junior BYF/Senior BYF
 6:00 PM
 Sunday Evening Worship
 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study
 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Kids/Chilren/
 Youth 7:00 PM
GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Located on Rt. 119 at the
 mouth of Gabe. All Sunday
 night services begin at 7:00
 PM. Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. David Smith

GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday Service 10:00 AM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
 Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM
 Sunday Night Preaching 6:00
 PM
Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Wednesday Night Service
 7:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service
 6:00 PM
Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship
 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Evening Youth
 7:00 PM
Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER
 Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel,
 WV (off Rt. 36)
 Pentecostal/Full Gospel
 Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
 Wednesday evening 7:00 PM
 Pastor: (304) 587-2996
 (home), (304) 587-2703
 (church)
Pastor: James R. Paxton

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH
 Bentree
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Wednesday Prayer Service &
 Bible Study 7:00 PM
 Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.
 All ages welcome. Also
 have crafts, etc., all children
 welcome.
Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
 Sunday Class 11:00-12:30
 Preaching Lunch
 12:30-1:30 PM
 Wednesday Service
 6:30-7:30 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Stepp

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

JODIE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Come Worship with Us!
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Service 7:00 PM
 Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
 Vineyard Ridge
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service
 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH
 103 Main Street, Clay
 Sunday 11:00 AM & 6 PM
 Tuesday 7:00 PM
 For more info call 304-632-
 1378
Pastor: Ann Huddleston

LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah
 Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
 Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Service 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Wednesday Night: Bible
 Study/Prayer Meeting and
 Youth Group 7:00 PM
Pastor: John Barnhouse

LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 10:00 every
 Sunday Morning
 Sunday Night Services
 7:00 PM
 Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Come worship with us!
Pastor: Herb Vance

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Mark Dudley
 Phone 304-286-5909

LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship
 6:00 PM
 Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: David McLaughlin

LIVING GOD WORSHIP CENTER
 We invite you to come and
 worship with us.
 Thursday Evening 7:00 PM
 Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Pastor: Cecil Lee

LIZEMORE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 Sunday School 10-11:00 AM
 Church Service 11-12 Noon
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Robert Thomas

MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00
 Sunday Night 6:00 PM
 Monday Night Service
 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Prayer
 Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM
 Everyone welcome!

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Worship Service 11:00 AM
 Everyone Welcome
Pastor: Jim Hamrick

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

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

Everyone welcome!

MUD FORK CHURCH
 Sunday & Jr. Worship
 Service 10:00 AM Sunday
 School 11:00 AM Sunday
 Night 6:00 PM Wednesday
 Night & Jr.

Church Service 7:00 PM
 Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Christopher Stout

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

Sunday School 11:00 AM
 Preaching, Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday at 7:30 PM

NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Service 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Prayer
 Meeting 7:00 PM

Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching every Sunday
 11:00 AM
Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Prayer Meet-

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

NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
 Thursday 7:00 PM
 Sunday 7:00 PM
Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

O'BRION ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching after Sunday
 School. Wednesday Prayer
 Meeting 7:00 PM
Pastor: James L. Balser

OVAPA METHODIST CHURCH
 Preaching every Sunday at
 9:45 PM
 Sunday School 10:30 AM
 Sunday School on the 2nd
 Sunday is at 10:00 AM
 Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Phone 304-587-2955
**Pastors: Cindy & Roger
 Dunlap**

OTTERLICK COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service
 6:00 PM
 Bible Study Thursday
 6:00 PM
Pastor: Gene Copen

OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching every Sunday,
 except 5th, 11:00 AM
 Prayer Meeting Tuesday
 Evening
Pastors: Rev. Rick Sams

PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
 Sunday Night Service 7:00
 PM
 Take time out for Jesus, he
 took time our for you.
Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft

PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Bible Study
 & preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: Dennis Vance

PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM
 Wednesday night Bible Study
 7:00 PM
 Saturday Night Preaching
Pastor: Wayne Litton

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening 6:30 PM
 Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
 Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Wayne Smith

PROCIIOUS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Welcomes You!
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:15 AM
 Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th
 Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: David Walker

QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C. CHURCH
 Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night 7:00 PM
 Thursday Night 7:00 PM
 Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Scott Means

RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH at Maysel
 Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM fol-
 lowed by Religious Education
 9:30 AM
 Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM
 Everyone welcome!
**Pastor: Father Matheus Ro
 SVD**
 Pastoral Associates: *Father
 Dominijus Boak SVD*

ROGERS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Saturday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 PM
 Sunday Worship 7:00 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

RUSH FORK COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday
 11:00 AM
 Every 1st and 3rd Sunday
 Singing or Preaching
 11:00 AM
 Wednesday Prayer Service &
 Bible Study 7:00 PM
 Come see us in church.
Pastor: Harry Dobbins

STRANGE CREEK CHURCH
 Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
 Preaching 10:30 AM
 Sunday School 11:00 AM
 Thursday Service 7:00 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Jason Belt

THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST
 Saturday Services 7:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: Hiram Lewis

TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Service
 7:00 PM.
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Clifford Samples

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Service 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Service 7:00
 PMEveryone welcome
Pastor: Don Dobbins

UNITY GOSPEL TABERNACLE
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Prayer Service
 7:00 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Geoff Hamrick

VALLEY RIDGE CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Bible Study Wednesday
 Night 7:00 PM
 Evertylene is welcome to
 attend.

WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH
 Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-
 days 9:45 AM
 Bible Study Wednesday Eve-
 ning 7:00 PM
 Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays
 11:00 AM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Pastor: (304) 332-5503
Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 10:00 AM
 Thursday Evening Service
 7:30 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Lester Tanner


WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH
 Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM
 Sunday School 11:00 AM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Coon

WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night 6:30 PM
 Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall

WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service
 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Service
 6:00 PM
 Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Randy Tinney

WINGS OF DELIVERANCE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below
 Maysel on the left
 Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
 Sunday Night 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
 Come worship the Lord with
 us!
 Phone: (304) 587-7410
Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw






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Savage Race 2023 Held in Charlotte, NC

by Allen Hamrick

We all live or have lived in a cocoon at some point in our lives, living out our dreams as we see fit. From birth, most are taught that you go to school, get out, go on to higher learning, enlist in the military or join the workaholics in the daily grind of making a living and putting meat on the table. We have not progressed far from the natural instinct to get up and make sure we have food, something to wash it down with and a roof over our head - none of which comes without work. We work so that the life blood of consumerism, tax revenue and money will continue to keep businesses alive and running but also keep the hounds away from what's left in the bank book. The daily grind of playing house, raising a clan and keeping the lights on is nearly a 24 hour a day job that leaves little time for any efforts to remember who we are deep down. Unless we have been financially endowed, the weekly ritual of scanning the bank book for a little extra to put away allows little time to remember that there is life beyond the status quo.

The adventurous life we all need is narrowed down to a couple weeks a year when vacation days arrive and we become new people as the budget allows. People do all



John Ellis stares down “Mud and Guts.”

sorts of activities that, within that window of opportunity, cleave to some sort of typical behavior that gives them the gumption to again go back to work another fifty weeks to afford to do it again. The weekend warriors who hike, bike, 4-wheel, garden, build, run or walk are also a breed who feels the need to separate themselves from society for the sake of their sanity. The bottom line is there is work to do and there will always be work to do, but people need time to be more than just be a part of the world's wheel of time. We need adventure beyond a path well traveled, a path that is rough and full of obstacles that challenges the very primal instinct that makes us who we are.

We all need a path where we can get in touch with a beast rage that drives us to be great, to overcome, and to become animals. The only way to walk the path and survive it is to be the fittest or crazy, age makes no difference; it is complete exhaustion to the end of it. Those who brave the path down their Viking war paint, crank up the war tunes and begin. What path, you ask, could possibly be that tough? One such path is a Savage Race 2023 where normal, everyday people climb, pull, crawl through barbed wire, swing over and ford filthy water and brave the elements all for the sake



Mason Hamrick challenges the “Mud and Guts” obstacle.

of being part of the very few who can go from human to beast mode and survive like a starving animal.

Some adventure seekers from Clay County, along with others from across the country, participated in the 2023 Savage Race held in Charlotte, NC this past weekend. This race was a brutal six miles and 27 obstacles that took an individual to the brink of collapse and often required team efforts to survive the extremes. People call it crazy and stupid, but those individuals would never know what it's like to go beyond what they are capable of. The Hamrick clan, along with cousin Zach Williams and friend John Ellis, came together and competed in the event. All finished a little worse for wear but survived to race again.

This type of event could be incorporated here coupled with the new rail to trail and other venues. It would give opportunity to people of all ages to try their hand at beating the odds. The bottom line is it doesn't matter what everybody else does, it's what you're doing that matters. So, go string some barbed wire and start crawling under it, life is all about focus and effort and we have the ability to control both of them.



Geoff Hamrick perseveres in the “Mud and Guts” obstacle.



Grayson Hamrick tackles the “Gibbon Take” obstacle.



Zach Williams navigates the “Big Butt Cargo” obstacle.



Lucas Hamrick muscles across the “Chutes and Ladders” obstacle.

West Virginia to lead the nation with 50-state solutions for election security

by Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State

Election integrity remains one of America's primary concerns, and West Virginia has made bold moves to secure its elections. Not only have we now topped 400,000 names being removed from our voter registration lists since the 2016 general election, but we are transitioning towards a more effective 50-state uniform list maintenance solution.

When I entered office, county clerks told me of bloated voter rolls and their desire to “clean things up.” Litigious groups had four West Virginia counties on their target list to sue because the counties had more registered voters than people eligible to vote. Working closely with West Virginia's 55 county clerks, we began cleaning the rolls. We have now removed over 400,000 abandoned or ineligible voter registrations, including names of deceased individuals, people who had moved, duplicate registrations, and convicted felons.

A very effective data source to identify abandoned registrations has been the United States Postal Service's National Change of Address (NCOA) file. For the 2022 election cycle, a

total of 22.9% of all confirmation notices were triggered by comparing the NCOA file with the state's voter registration database. The NCOA file is currently West Virginia's only source of data for identifying voters in all 50 states.

Comparisons with another reliable data source, West Virginia DMV records, account for the state's next-highest yield of outdated voter records, resulting in 19.6% of the confirmation notices sent to voters who moved to a new address within the state in the 2022 cycle.

The Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) has been developed to ensure uniform statewide application of the list-maintenance process. Its functions allow county clerks to track abandoned registrations efficiently and accurately within the times and legal parameters required by law. As a result of the sophisticated functions we developed, 44% of all confirmation notices mailed during the 2022 election cycle were the result of leveraging the SVRS technology.

The other side of list-maintenance procedures that bolster election integrity is maintaining active, current registrations. Over the past six years, the state has registered 301,292 new vot-

ers, which includes more than 70,000 who just reached the legal voting age of 18.

As the list-maintenance processes ramp up for the 2024 election cycle, we have numerous sources of data available to keep the lists accurate. Specifically, those sources include the United States Postal Service's NCOA file, the Social Security Administration's Death Master File, state Vital Statistics Office, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Division of Corrections.

Despite the success we have had with cleaning our state's voter rolls, the future of voter registration list maintenance is a 50-state solution that goes beyond what the NCOA file provides. This is where West Virginia is again taking the lead. We are leveraging data-driven technology to find a truly nonpartisan solution for the entire country.

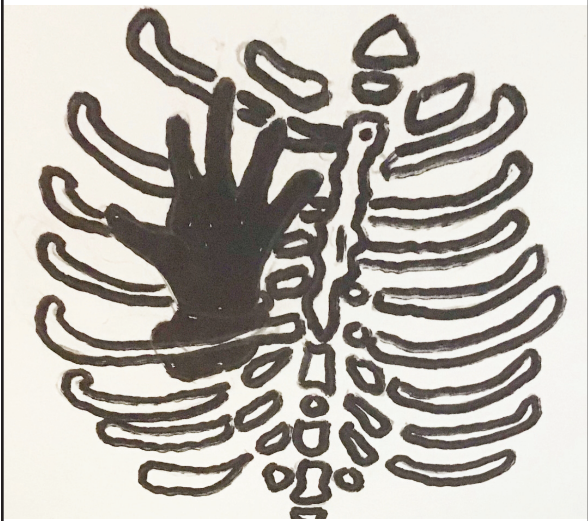
West Virginia previously received some list-maintenance data through its membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), which was a convenient way to obtain data from certain sources. Removing state-level sources from that membership, ERIC helped identify approximately 14% of voters who re-

ceived confirmation notices after moving out of state in 2022.

However, it is noteworthy that more than half of the out-of-state cancellations came from bordering states, including Ohio and Virginia. Those two states have also submitted their withdrawal from ERIC. With those withdrawals, West Virginia's utility for remaining an ERIC member significantly decreases. Instead, it will prove more effective to execute data-sharing agreements with our bordering states going forward, without impacting our ability to keep our rolls clean and updated.

West Virginia voters can rest assured that our election process is safe, secure, and anchored by the most accurate voter registration lists in the history of our state. That is one reason why I have been called to testify in front of Congress four times to share with members and their respective states West Virginia's success story. They want to know why voter confidence is so high in West Virginia, how we have cleaned our voter rolls, and what we have done to secure our elections. Thanks to technology and the uniform efforts of all 55 county clerks, confidence in our elections has never been higher.

A world of your own: Untitled poem



Submitted by Kelly Morton

The following poem was written and art work created by Alias Gracie Halloway, a psychology major attending WVU Tech, and. This poem depicts the emotions of wanting to be someone else and how far such an obsession can lead.

I've been watching you, stalking; lurking in the shadows waiting for my time to pounce. Like a hunter and its prey-an unsuspecting deer grazing unaware of my presence. I had to have you, to feel you inside and out. To carve you up and place you on my wall, the head of my prey hung high for all to bear witness. My trophy, my reward. I've learned your routine as if it was my own, the jobs you work the stores you shop, your hobbies, your sins. I know them all and have taken them as my own. A shadow of you, I dream of living under your skin, to crawl in between your bones and nestle around your most vital organs where I would have the most power of life and death. I wish to devour you from the inside, eat you as a starving animal whose been denied for days. I want to tear you limb from limb, taking my time, savoring every bite of you. To hear the rips and tears of your flesh and muscle as I break free from my cocoon. Born a new creature, my new self. I am you. I will become you, a better version, taking on your life as it were, your jobs, your hobbies, your sins. They are all mine as they once were yours.

I am you