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## WVDOH accepts bids for Clay Main Street ADA ramps

An important section of the King Coal Highway and a portion of the Beckley Z-Way bypass project are among 25 projects in a bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

One project included in this round of bid letting is: Main Street ADA ramps, Clay. (Clay County). More details will be released at a later date.

The King Coal Highway project will extend the existing four-lane highway for about 1.5 miles from Mountain View and create a connector to the town of Gilbert along Gilbert Creek. The project will be funded with money from Gov Jim Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program.

The King Coal Highway is an approximately 95-mile four lane highway that will run through McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Wyoming, and Wayne counties along or near currently existing US 52. The highway will connect US 119 near Williamson to Interstate 77 in Bluefield, and is intended to open up the Mountain State's coal-fields to economic development and connect the region with markets to the north and south. It is part of a federally designated north-south corridor running from Michigan's upper peninsula to the Carolinas.

The Beckley Z-Way project connects Beaver with South Eisenhower Drive in Beckley, and is designed to ease congestion in the area by widening and relocating a portion of US 19. Funding is through Gov. Justice's Roads to Prosperity program.

## Attorney General Morrissey Announces DEA Take Back Sites Collect More Than 5K Pounds of Pills in WV

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced West Virginians turned in nearly three tons of pills during this spring's National Drug Take Back Day.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reports approximately 5,612 pounds of prescription pills were collected at 70 collection locations across the state.

"Our office is proud to participate in this national effort to keep unwanted prescription medications out of the wrong hands," Attorney General Morrissey said. "This initiative makes

our communities safer and aids in our fight against opioid abuse in West Virginia."

The state total included prescription meds collected at the State Capitol by the Attorney General's Office, which has participated in Drug Take Back Day each year since 2013 in coordination with Capitol Police.

Representatives from Attorney General Morrissey's office also partnered with the Granville Police Department; the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office; the Mercer County Sheriff's Office and Community Connections Inc.; the Tyler

County Sheriff's Office, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Nationwide, a total 332 tons were collected in around 4,955 sites during the Take Back Day in April, according to the DEA. The program has collected 8,650 tons since its inception in 2010—West Virginia has collected a little more than 62 tons since that time.

The DEA spearheads Drug Take Back Day. During the event, local and state law enforcement agencies collect unused medication and responsibly dispose of it. The DEA typically hosts two prescription

drug Take Back days per year—one in the spring and one in the fall.

The Attorney General Public Health Trust previously awarded prescription drug incinerators to law enforcement agencies across the state. The incinerators are used to destroy unwanted/expired pills and are shared among law enforcement agencies.

The incinerators were awarded through the Dispose Responsibly of Prescriptions (DRoP) initiative, which also distributed drug disposal drop boxes throughout the state.

## Celebrating Steam Engines



Getting up steam and hitting the whistle.

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CCMS Top Student Award Winners (L to R) - Aubrey Perdue, Cara Jennings, Ariel Dobbins, Sophia Berberich, Alivia Gilliland, Zaiah Minger, Lillian Starcher, and Skiley Wilmoth

## CCMS Honors Eighth Grade Students for Academic Achievements

The end of the school year was a whirlwind of activity at Clay County Middle School. At the eighth-grade awards ceremony held on the last day of school, it was time for the students' academic success and achievements to be celebrated. Eight individuals received "Top Student" awards. These students excelled academically throughout middle school, earning straight A's all three years.

Those who achieved this impressive accomplishment are Sophia Berberich, Ariel Dobbins, Alivia Gilliland, Cara Jennings, Zaiah Minger, Aubrey Perdue, Lillian

Starcher, and Skiley Wilmoth.

Mrs. Leslie Goe also presented the Ceril Fitzwater Principal's Award. It was created to honor the school's first principal and recognizes a student who is a well-rounded scholar. This year's Principal's Award recipient was Lillian Starcher.

The eighth-grade class persevered and achieved much success this school year. For that we are proud and have high expectations from them for the future. Good luck at Clay County High School.

## 2023 Clay County Golden Delicious Belle Nominations Open

The Clay County Golden Delicious Festival Committee is accepting nominations for the 2023 Golden Delicious Belle. The nominee must be a resident of Clay County, who is at least 65 years in age.

Your nomination letter should tell why you think the person should be named the 2023 Belle and must include a non-returnable photo to use for printing. All entries should include a contact person's name, and phone number for the person providing the entry, as well as the name and phone number of the per-

son nominated.

All entries must be received by Friday, July 30, 2023.

Entries may be mailed to:

CCGDF Apple Belle Nomination, Attn: Laura Scott

P. O. Box 416 Clay WV 25043

Nominations can be dropped off at the Clay County Assessor's office to Teresa Davis, or emailed with a photo attachment to clayapplefestival@gmail.com.

The festival Board of Directors will vote for a winner during the August 2023 board meeting.

## WV IJDC announces funding for Clay Roane PSD

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced funding for two water projects at its meeting on June 7. The first being a \$799,992 critical needs grants to the Marshal County PSD 3 to expand water lines, and the second being a \$500,000 critical needs grant to the Town of Triadelphia in Ohio County for improvements to its water system.

**In other business,** the council also approved technical reviews and requests to pursue funding for an additional 10 sewer and water projects. The approval of these reviews and requests helps cities, municipalities and public service districts save taxpayer money and keep their water and sewer projects moving. The 10 projects are found to be technically feasible and approved to pursue funding. Among those listed is:

**Clay Roane PSD in Clay County:** Water system improvements project estimated to cost \$10 million.

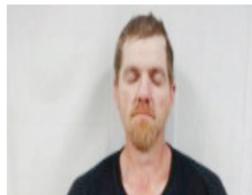
**About the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council:** The WV IJDC was created by the WV Legislature in 1994 to serve as a funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects around the state. Gov. Jim Justice serves as council chairman, with Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designee.

The council will meet again on July 5. For more information, visit wvinfrastructure.com.

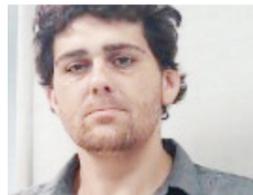
# BOOKED

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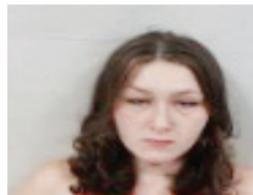
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Patrick John Childers  
Booked 6/16/23  
Conspiracy, possession with intent



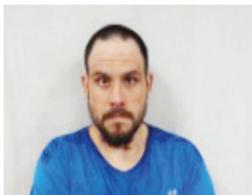
Raymond Anthony Denuzzo  
Booked 6/18/23  
Conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance



Alexis Breann Haley  
Booked 6/18/23  
Conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance



Arnie Lance Hinkle  
Booked 6/18/23  
Domestic assault, domestic battery

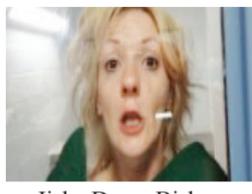


Preston Junior McCumbers III  
Booked 6/16/23  
Possession with intent, conspiracy

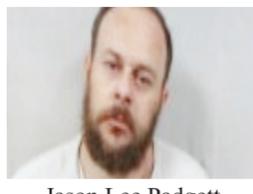


Andrew Clayton Slaughter  
Booked 6/17/23  
Malicious assault

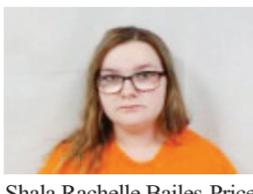
### CLAY COUNTY



Iisha Dawn Bishop  
Booked 6/17/23  
Bailpiece



Jason Lee Padgett  
Booked 6/16/23  
Prohibited person with firearm



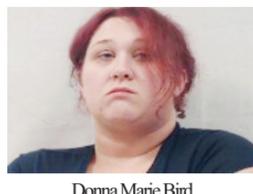
Shala Rachele Bailes-Price  
Booked 6/14/23  
Contempt



Thomas Anthony Baker  
Booked 6/17/23  
Capias



Joseph Duane Barnhouse  
Booked 6/17/23  
Strangulation, domestic battery



Donna Marie Bird  
Booked 6/19/23  
Possession with intent to deliver meth, conspiracy to commit drug-related charge, DUI with drugs, possession with intent

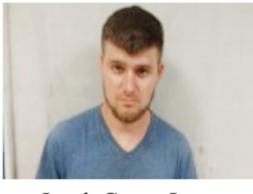
### NICHOLAS COUNTY



Roger Lee Fields  
Booked 6/16/23  
Capias



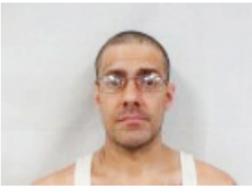
Kermit Patrick Hammonds  
Booked 6/15/23  
Probation violation



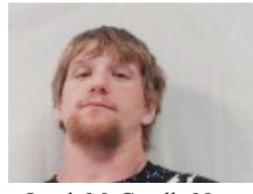
Jacob Casey Jones  
Booked 6/15/23  
Violation of protective order, burglary (night-time)



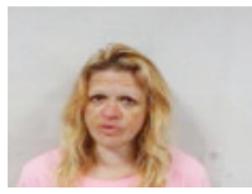
Matthew Mark Ledsome  
Booked 6/17/23  
Capias



Dustin Ryan McClung Sr.  
Booked 6/14/23  
Capias



Jacob McCandle Neselrotte  
Booked 6/16/23  
Family court Capias



Melanie Elaine Rice  
Booked 6/17/23  
Fugitive from justice



Charles Thomas Rose  
Booked 6/15/23  
Family court Capias



Marshall Wade Simms  
Booked 6/12/23  
Capias



Terry Dale Ward  
Booked 6/19/23  
Conspiracy to commit a felony, possession with intent to deliver controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver meth



Mikeal Lee Wilt  
Booked 6/15/23  
Capias

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## OBITUARIES

### Pamela Jo Moore

Pamela Jo Moore (Nichols), 61, beloved mom, grandma, wife and friend, of Maysel, WV passed away on June 14, 2023, surrounded by her children and brothers. Pamela was born November 4th, 1961, in Gauley Bridge, WV and is the daughter of the late Bethel DeBoard Nichols and James Cardell Nichols of Lizemores, WV.

She is preceded in death by her sister Connie Tanner, brother Roger Nichols, and brother Don Pinson. She is survived by her loving husband of 22 years Rob Lester of

Maysel; sons John Lee Ward III with fiancé Katie Lett of Elkview and James Brandon Moore of Clendenin; daughter Savannah Brooke Ray (Moore) with husband Cody Ray of Elkview; grandchildren Raiden Ferrebee, Austin Ward, Carson Kappra, Gavin Moore, and Ara Ward. She is also survived by her brothers Mike (Karen) Nichols of Lizemores, WV, Laddie Dean Nichols of Frametown and James E. Nichols of Lizemores, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins that loved and cared for her very much.

Pam's proudest accomplishment and the light of her life were her children and grandchildren. She was a dedicated mother and the true definition of a care giver. She always knew what to say and had the gift of giving the best motherly advice. In addition to being the best mother and grandmother, Pam was an avid outdoors lover and passionate about traveling across the country and living life to the fullest.

A funeral service for Pam was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. See "OBITUARIES"

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## Puzzle Answers

### Weekly SUDOKU

### Super Crossword

#### Answer

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#### Answers

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**If I Only Had it My Way***By: Dr. James Snyder*

Every once in a while, I have a little thought giggling in my brain to the effect that if only I had it my way. I don't have it often, but I try to take it seriously when I do.

My personal history is that it turns out to be a disaster whenever I have everything my way. And, boy, have I had disasters in my life.

I often think of Frank Sinatra's song, "I Did It My Way." For the life of me, I do not know what that is all about. Maybe it worked for him, but it hasn't worked for me, at least not yet. If I did everything my way, I'm sure I would be locked up in jail or an insane asylum by now. I'm not sure which is worse.

Regarding this, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has several PhDs in "Doing It My Way." If I were smart and not saying I am, I would let her always have it her way.

There is only one place I can have anything my way: my Personal Interior Castle, my office. I sit at my desk; look at my computer, surrounded by thousands of books. In this "safe place," I can have it my way every day.

Occasionally, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will come into my Interior Castle and say something to the effect, "Would you like me to do any organizing in here?"

I smile as best I can and respond, "You can organize in here if you permit me to go to your craft room and organize there." I then chuckle, knowing she would never permit me to enter her craft room, let alone organize anything.

Don't let this get out, but a couple of times when she's away, I sneak into her craft room and move things around so she can't find them when she needs them. When she returns, she will go into her craft room, and I will stand outside to listen and hear her say something to the effect, "Now, where is that? I know it was right here when I left."

I have to be careful that, you know who, does not hear me chuckling.

She has her space to do her thing her way, and I have my space to do my thing my way, and the twain shall never entangle themselves.

One of my great pleasures is that when she does something her way, and it turns out to be wrong, I have to keep my laughter under control in those circumstances.

We often go across town for appointments, and when we do that, I allow her to take her Sissy Van, and I ride along strap in on the passenger side. Driving across town, she always decides which way to go.

Just recently, we had an appointment across town at some new location. We'd never been there before, so we had to be careful driving to that location.

When we got to a certain traffic light, I told her, "You need to turn right here on this street."

Looking at me, she said, "I'm driving, and so I know where I'm going. I don't need any information from you. Sit back and let me do it my way."

With that, she turned left, and I could hardly hold my laughter because I knew where that street would end up.

Looking at me, she said, "Why are you laughing?"

"I was just thinking of a joke."

"Oh, yeah. What was that joke?"

I looked at her, and in a moment, I said, "Why was six afraid of seven?"

"I don't know, why was six afraid of seven?"

"Because," I said, "seven, eight, nine."

"So," she graveled, "that was the joke you were thinking of?"

It wasn't, but I had to use something to cover up my laughter.

All I had to do was wait, and when we came to the end of this street, we would find out that we were at the wrong end of town. Oh, I love it when a plan comes together.

When she finally realized we were at the wrong end of town, she looked at me, "Don't you dare say what you're thinking."

Then she turned around and headed in the right direction.

My problem is that I caught her doing it her way, and it was the wrong way, and I can't exploit it. I have to pretend that it didn't happen. Oh, how I wish I could remind her of this mistake every time we are in the car.

Of course, I know if I do that, there will be heavy consequences on my side to deal with. Sometimes it's best to keep some things under lock and key. But I do confess there are times while she is driving that I think of that mistake, and I can only smile.

Later that day, I was reminded of what the apostle Paul said. "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness" (1 Corinthians 3:18-19).

My craftiness has never done well for me. I choose to trust God in every situation that is before me. After all, He knows best.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamessnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamessnyderministries.com.

**THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM***Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Questions at Sea**

Jesus had a big crowd gathered on the seashore to hear Him preach. He climbed up in a ship and used it as a platform so the people could listen to him. After a long day, Jesus told the disciples to shove off and head to the other side of the sea, and they set sail. Sometime along the way, a great storm blew in. The wind and the waves became so fierce that the experienced sailors feared for their life. The boat was taking on water to the point it seemed she would go under. One of the men, in a panic, went for Jesus but was more than a little shocked when they saw him lying on a pillow fast asleep.

They woke him and asked, "Don't you care that we are about to die?!" So, he arose, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "peace, be still." If they were shocked that the Lord was sleeping through the storm, they were probably more shocked that he planned to chastise the storm and tell it to stop. But if that didn't drop their jaw, the fact that it worked undoubtedly did. Jesus told the sea to calm down and the wind to stop blowing, and it did just that. My son and I were swimming in the ocean a while back and sat about chest-deep in the water and told the wave to stop before it got to us. It didn't listen. Jesus asked them, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" They had no answer. It appears that Jesus left them alone because they started talking to one another and asked, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

In this story, there are four questions but no answers. Jesus asks two questions, and the disciples ask two, but we are the ones left to think about it, and we are supposed to answer them ourselves.

Did Jesus care? This was a harsh accusation because Jesus wasn't acting like them or doing what they thought he should be doing. No one cares for His own like the Lord Jesus. Yes, Jesus cares (1 Peter 5:7).

Why were the disciples so fearful? They thought they would die and were without help and hope.

Why did they have no faith? They needed to have rightly understood who was on the boat with them. The men should have known they were safe with Christ, believed that He was in control, and trusted in Him to keep them.

What manner of man was this? Jesus didn't calm their fears by calming the sea. They were more afraid. They were in awe. He was more than a teacher and a miracle worker. Jesus did something only God could do. He is the Lord of Glory. The Son of Man. The Christ. The Saviour. The Word made flesh, truly God and truly man, who came to save His people from their sins.

**A Deer, A Crow, and a Lonely Road***By: Joseph J. Mazella*

It was a rainy day. I was driving down a lonely, little, back road. I hadn't seen another car in ten minutes. I rounded a curve and saw in the straight ahead a crow sitting in the middle of my lane. His head bent down and I saw he was eating a dead deer that had been hit by a car. I stopped my car, put on my emergency blinkers even though no one else was nearby and got out of my car. I walked over to the dead deer. He was a big guy and took up most of my side of the road. I didn't want another car to hit him or have to swerve into the other lane because of him so I grabbed a front hoof with one hand and a back hoof with the other. I gently pulled him into the grass on the side of the road so the crow cleanup crew could do their job without being in danger too. Then I wiped the blood from my hands in the wet grass, got back in my car, and drove on.

That dead deer stayed in my mind, however. I am sure that when he started his day he didn't think he would end it by being food for scavengers. I am sure

he was expecting another peaceful day of grazing in the grass in the fields by the road and drinking from the river on the other side of it. He didn't realize that in crossing that road he would be in the wrong place at the wrong time and it would be the end of his life.

This reminded me too that the same is true for all of us. We never know which day of our lives will be our last. We never know how long we will have here. We never know how many more chances we will have to share our love with others. God only guarantees us today.

Don't waste a day of your life here. Make this lonely road of life a little less lonely by sharing your love, your laughter, your kindness, and your joy with everyone you meet. Fill each day you have with hugs, helpfulness, and happiness. Make Heaven sing by being the very best you, you can be. Then when your last day does come you can greet God with open arms and a full heart.

**Home Country***By Slim Randles*

Our day is filled with heat at this time of year. It commands our attention and makes our work harder. As we toil, we daydream not about love or success, but things as mundane as shade and a cool drink.

But though the oppressive heat weighs on our brains and taxes our bodies, it is the price we pay for being allowed to spend time outdoors ... and it has its one singular consolation: our summer evenings.

When the sun goes down in summer, it's romantic enough to hug a cactus.

The recipe is simple; keep the earth warm, but just bring out the stars and a soft breeze that cools the skin. Mix this with a fulmination of little night varmint sounds of peeping and chirping and croaking. And guitars. Whether we play them ourselves or just turn on the radio, it is a perfect setting for guitars. Villalobos, Fernando Sor, Tarrega, Randy Travis, Doc Watson, Steve Cormier.

We sit in brick-paved patios with something cool and someone sweet and relax and talk about dreams, because on evenings like this, anything is possible. On nights like this, it's difficult to decide whether remembering evenings like this in the past is better than anticipating those to come. All we really know is that it sure is nice to be here right now.

Tonight I'm going to see if I can remember all the words to "Little Joe the Wrangler" and find out if my guitar is still in tune.

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

**June 21, 1920:** Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation's third-largest steelmaker.



**June 21, 1959:** Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. She rose to country music stardom in the 1980s. Since 2021,

she has hosted the *Mountain Stage* radio program.

**June 22, 1926:** Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Virginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.



**June 23, 1944:** A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more.



**June 23, 2016:** Eight inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. The Meadow, Cherry and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort, killing 23 people.

**June 24, 1842:** Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the

setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

**June 25, 1811:** Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

**June 26, 1887:** Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

**June 26, 1892:** Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth*.

**June 27, 1897:** Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one

of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

**June 27, 1961:** *Honey in the Rock* was first performed at Grandview State Park near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.



Jack Freeman and Hal Greer, Co-Captains

**June 26, 1936:** Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted, and field goals made.

## OBITUARIES

19, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV with a two-hour visitation for friends and family prior to service, from 11-1:00. A burial followed in Nichols Cemetery, Lize-mores. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to Autism Speaks.

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Moore family.

### Bonnie Louise Duffield



Bonnie Louise Duffield, of Duck, WV, was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother during her 80 years of life. She passed away peacefully in the morning hours of Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Bonnie was born on April 17, 1943, in her childhood home in O'Brion, West Virginia to Ella and Cloyd "Ted" Drake. She grew up working on the farm and loved riding horses bare-back. She was a graduate of Clay County High School. After high school, Bonnie became a wife to Harry Duffield, Jr. Bonnie spent her early adulthood traveling with her husband during his time spent in the U.S. Army. Harry and Bonnie went on to have 7 children and enjoyed 48 years of marriage.

Bonnie and Harry shared and love for the outdoors and porch sitting by the Elk

River. Following the passing of her husband, Bonnie dedicated several years of her life volunteering at the Big Otter Community Center where she served on the Board as Treasurer.

Bonnie could often be found with a good book in her hand or spending time bird watching. She was dedicated to her family; sharing her time, talents, and wisdom with those she loved. She had a knack for cracking jokes and making those around her laugh.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; Ella and Cloyd "Ted" Drake; sister, Janis Burkhamer; husband, Harry Duffield, Jr.; daughter, Teresa Armstead and grandson, Jonathan Duffield.

She is survived by children; Debra Rapp, Michael (Rosemary) Duffield, Howard Duffield, David (Sherri) Duffield, Catherine Nichols, and Billy Duffield; nephews, Carl Duffield, and Keith Duffield. She is also survived by her 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

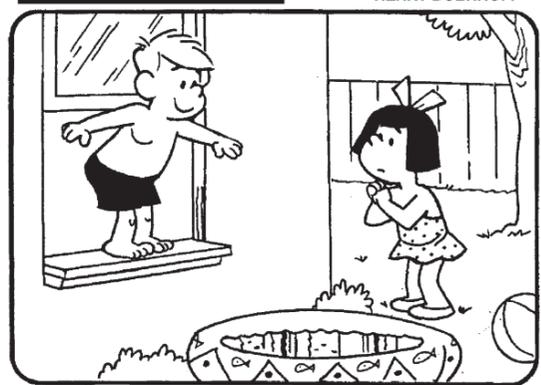
The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV, with Ministers, Larry Skaggs, and Joe Dawson officiating. Visitations for family and friends were one hour prior to the service. Burial followed in the McCracken Family Cemetery in O'Brion, WV.

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

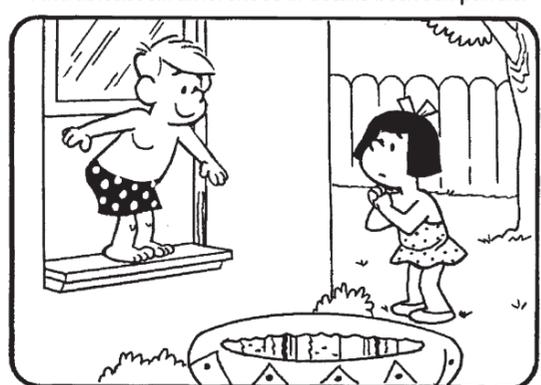
Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Duffield family.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Trunks are different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Pool design is different. 4. Fence is different. 5. Bow is smaller. 6. Ball is missing.

## Super Crossword

### INTERPLANETARY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flip out
  - 6 City in Florida
  - 11 Nerve-racking
  - 20 Rock guitarists, slangily
  - 21 After-bath garments
  - 22 What a dipstick is dipped into
  - 23 Rip open eagerly
  - 25 Budapest native
  - 26 Put up with
  - 27 Actor Erwin
  - 28 Chocolate syrup brand
  - 29 Bone-dry
  - 30 Je ne — quoi (elusive quality)
  - 32 Tools facilitating weapon-launching
  - 35 Asset of Hercules and Samson
  - 39 Road coating
  - 40 Young miss
  - 41 Aerobic exercise promotes it
  - 44 Greek region
  - 49 Work unit, in physics
  - 50 Morales of "La Bamba"
  - 51 Infant
  - 53 Drain cleaner
  - 54 Hiker's printed guide
  - 58 Result of a lucid mind
  - 63 Like scalawags
  - 65 Prefix with commuting
  - 66 Making haste
  - 67 Aid in diagnosing an injured meniscus
  - 71 In dreamland
  - 74 Dragon killer, say
  - 75 Some pudding bases
  - 79 "Hamilton" duet sung by Burr and Hamilton to their children
  - 83 Literary alias
  - 84 Big cat's lair
  - 85 Beet or turnip
  - 86 "I don't give —!"
  - 88 Olympic runner Sebastian
  - 89 Ghosts
  - 93 Paul Lynde's role on "Bewitched"
  - 97 What a dipstick is dipped into
  - 98 Faux —
  - 100 Diner patrons choosing dishes
  - 101 Danger of atomic weapons
  - 108 Drink mixer
  - 109 Just slightly
  - 110 Trembled
  - 111 Victory sign
  - 113 "Au —" ("So long for now")
  - 117 Wedding party
  - 119 Tolkien's imaginary world (that hints at this puzzle's theme)
  - 121 Rear-end or sideswipe
  - 122 Hit of the past
  - 123 Prefix with fiche
  - 124 Quality of a dirty chimney
  - 125 Howled wolfishly
  - 126 Does in, as a dragon
  - 3 "Diary of — Housewife"
  - 4 Careful reader
  - 5 Race joiner
  - 6 Bruin Bobby
  - 7 Pigeon calls
  - 8 Sits next to
  - 9 Helpful boost
  - 10 Oar wood
  - 11 NPR journalist Daniel
  - 12 Depend on
  - 13 Cattle home
  - 14 Congest with fluid
  - 15 Kin of reggae
  - 16 Prints messily
  - 17 Savoir- —
  - 18 Onetime TWA rival
  - 19 Gives temporarily
  - 24 "—Ho" ("Snow White" song)
  - 28 Sheep call
  - 31 Church tower
  - 33 Archaic verb ending
  - 34 Alliance of the W. Hemisphere
  - 35 Clip, as wool
  - 36 On — firma
  - 37 Is furious
  - 38 Possesses
  - 42 Fond du —, Wisconsin
  - 43 Up to, in ads
  - 44 Med. exam involving a forearm jab
  - 45 Sneaky laugh
  - 46 Et — (and others, in footnotes)
  - 47 "Fist City" singer Loretta
  - 48 Safecracker, slangily
  - 51 Boxer Max
  - 52 Guthrie of folk
  - 55 "Angel" actress Amy
  - 56 French artist Édouard
  - 57 First Hebrew letter
  - 59 Set of values (forestell)
  - 61 — the bud
  - 62 Single out as especially important
  - 64 Boorish types
  - 68 Make over
  - 69 Race pace
  - 70 Ones
  - 71 Appends
  - 72 Flow slowly
  - 73 Race space
  - 76 Secret stash
  - 77 Love, to Celine
  - 78 Foretellers
  - 80 Botch it up
  - 81 Bond creator Fleming
  - 82 Circle portion
  - 87 Nobel-winning U.N. agcy.
  - 90 Most frigid
  - 91 Put a knot in
  - 92 Skin protein
  - 93 Draw upon
  - 94 Venerate
  - 95 Makes good
  - 96 Hard work
  - 98 Players of LPs and 45s
  - 99 Noah's boat
  - 101 DEA agents
  - 102 In — (not yet born)
  - 103 Tree that's a chocolate source
  - 104 Mannheim's river
  - 105 Horn sounds
  - 106 Home to St. Teresa
  - 107 Soft toy bear
  - 112 Emmy winner Falco
  - 114 Bicolor whale
  - 115 Possible response to "Good job!"
  - 116 Greek consonants
  - 118 Greek consonant
  - 119 Rowdy crowd
  - 120 Conducted

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5		9	3			1		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY



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

**B**  
**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**

**C**  
**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**

**E**  
**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**

**F**  
**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**

**G**  
**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/Children/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**

**H**  
**HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 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**

**J**  
**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**

**L**  
**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**  
 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**

**M**  
**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 7:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night & Jr.

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

**N**  
**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**  
**O'BRIEN ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Sunday School 10:00 AM  
 Preaching after Sunday  
 School. Wednesday Prayer  
 Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: James L. Balsler**

**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  
**Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams**

**P**  
**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**

**Q**  
**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**

**R**  
**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**

**S**  
**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**

**T**  
**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**

**U**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES**  
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
 Sunday School 10:00 AM  
 Sunday Service 6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
 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**

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

**W**  
**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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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
TOWN OF CLAY  
CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
CONTRACT NO. 1: WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT & COLLECTION SYSTEM  
UPGRADE PROJECT**

**General Notice**  
Town of Clay (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:  
**Contract No. 1: Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Upgrade Project**  
**Thrasher Project #D10-11021**  
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Town of Clay located at 956 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, until **July 25, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.  
The Project includes the following Work:  
Contract No. 1: consists of modifications to the existing wastewater treatment facility including replacement of existing mechanical screen, screen channel, controls, conversion of existing concrete package plant basins to batch reactor treatment technology, aerobic digester modifications, new blowers, controls, new precast concrete chlorine contact basin, modifications to existing chlorine contact tank, new chlorination/dechlorination equipment, new submersible effluent pump station, modifications to existing plant pump station, modifications to existing lab/office building, new sludge dewatering system, electrical modifications, piping modifications, site work, demolition, new emergency generator, pumps, controls, flow meters, automatic samplers, telemetry, and all other appurtenances shown on the plans and/or detailed in the specifications that are necessary for a complete and operable wastewater treatment system upgrade; modifications to Lift Station No. 1, Lift Station No. 2, Lift Station No. 3, Lift Station No. 4, and Lift Station No. 7, 1100 LF of 10" Restrainted Joint PVC installed by pipe bursting (including all surface restoration & bypass pumping), Reconnection of 13 existing laterals to new 10" PVC gravity sewer, Replacement of 4 existing 4' Diameter Precast Manholes including Cast Iron Watertight rings and covers, purchase of a 1-1/2 Ton Four Wheel Drive Dump Truck, a Trailer mounted sewer jetter, a Trailer mounted sewer vacuum, Mobilization/Demobilization, Preconstruction Video, 2 Field Offices, a Site Sign, and 50 Tons of Special Fill Material; Work shall also include erosion control, temporary pumping and controls to maintain the facilities in an uninterrupted serviceable condition and all other required appurtenances, materials and equipment required for a complete and operable wastewater collection and treatment system.  
Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Contract No. 1: Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Upgrade Project**  
The Work will be substantially completed within 540 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run and completed and ready for final payment within 30 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000.00 per day.  
**Obtaining the Bidding Documents**  
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553>  
OR  
[www.thrashergroup.com](http://www.thrashergroup.com)  
Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:  
**The Thrasher Group, Inc.**  
**1000 Corporate Landing**  
**Charleston, WV 25311**  
Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.  
Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below.  
Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:  
• Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for \$200.00 per set.  
• Bidding Documents issued as hard copy half-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for \$100.00 per set.  
• Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for \$40.00 per set via the following link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553>  
Bidding Documents also may be examined at  
Town of Clay                      The Thrasher Group, Inc.                      Contractor's Association of WV  
956 Main Street                      1000 Corporate Landing                      2114 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Clay, WV 25043                      Charleston, WV 25311                      Charleston, WV 25311

A two-envelope system will be used.  
Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front:  
Name and address of Bidder  
Bid on Contract 1: Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Upgrades Project  
Received by the Town of Clay

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**PUBLIC NOTICE IN CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities, have filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 550,000 customers in northern, central, eastern and northwestern portions of West Virginia in all or portions of the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lewis, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.  
The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective June 30, 2023 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce a \$207,452,687 increase in base rates, which is an increase of approximately 13.0%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	<b>Base Rate Increase</b>	
	<b>(\$)</b> INCREASE	<b>(%)</b> INCREASE
Residential	\$18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13	17.2%

There are no resale customers of Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. 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 Public Service 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 petition to intervene prior to September 30, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention and refer to Case No 23-0460-E-42T. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: 5001 NASA Blvd., Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

Monongahela Power Company  
The Potomac Edison Company

**HELP WANTED:**

**PROGRAM SUPPORT  
SPECIALIST  
Office And Field Position  
Available Immediately**

Opportunity to work in conservation and agriculture in Elk Conservation District area (Braxton, Clay, Nicholas & Webster counties). Full time temporary thru May 2024, with potential to extend based on grant funding. Responsibilities include grant writing (experience preferred). Benefits include paid holidays. No health or medical insurance provided. This is an at will position. Mail resume to Elk CD, 738 Airport Road, Sutton, WV 26601, or drop off in box at office, or submit by email [ecd@wvca.us](mailto:ecd@wvca.us). Deadline for application June 30, 2023.

Envelope No. 2 labeled "Bid Proposal" shall also be placed inside of Envelope #1.  
Envelope No. 1 will be opened first, and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR - 1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal", will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal" will not be opened, and the Bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder.  
A bidder may not withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Clay in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

**Nondiscrimination in Employment** - Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order Number 11246 and the provisions of Executive Order No. 10925 as included therein. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

**Suspension and Debarment** - Recipient shall not entertain the use of businesses that are listed on the "System for Award Management" (SAM) at [www.Sam.gov](http://www.Sam.gov) in accordance with 2 CFR Part 1532 and Subpart B and C of 2 CFR 180.

Prospective Bidders should note that this Contract will include the following critical requirements as identified in the Contract Documents.

1. Affirmative Action Program Requirements and Goals
2. Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities
3. Specific Labor Standard Provisions
4. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a WV Contractor's License per Section 30-42-12 of the WV Code.

**Build American Buy America Act (BABA)** - All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in covered infrastructure projects must be produced in the United States. This applies to all expenditures by a Federal Agency to a nonfederal entity (public housing authorities, states, cities, counties, property owners) through federal Financial Assistance programs, including construction, alteration (rehabilitation), maintenance, and repair.

**Notice of Federal Wage Requirements** - Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to prevailing wage rates for the State of West Virginia as issued by the Division of Labor and the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act. The contractor will be required to pay the higher of the state or federal wage rates appropriate for each worker classification.

**Drug Free Workplace** - West Virginia Code 21-ID-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the vendor's compliance with the provisions of Article ID, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia code. Failure to submit the signed drug-free workplace affidavit in the first envelope shall result in disqualification of such bid.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section 530-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

This Community Development Block Grant project is to be financed in part by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the West Virginia Department of Economic Development Office and will be referred to as the Town of Clay's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Upgrades Project.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order 11246, HUD Section 109, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin, and have non-segregated facilities.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The parties of this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, which implement Section 3. Bidders' attention is directed to the Section 3 "Clause" set forth in the contract documents.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Copeland Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the West Virginia Division of Labor Wages for Construction of Public Improvements pursuant to West Virginia Code 21-5A-3.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by grants and loans from: the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund. Neither the United States, the State of West Virginia nor any of their departments, agencies or employees are or will be a party to this invitation to bid or any resulting contract.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bids received by Contractors that did not attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be returned unopened to the Bidders.

The Town of Clay reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**Pre-bid Conference**  
A mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** local time at the Town of Clay, City Hall/Water Plant, 956 Main Street, Clay WV 25043. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.

**Instructions to Bidders.**  
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

**This Advertisement is issued by:**  
Owner: Town of Clay  
By: Josh Shamblin  
Title: Mayor  
Date: June 15, 2023

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**Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees**

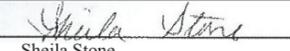
Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Clay County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the

Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any. It considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, **June 22, 2023**

ESTATE NAME: Alease Haymaker Pedigo, 6641 Bryant Circle, Roanoke, VA 24019  
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: James L. Pedigo, 6641 Bryant Circle, Roanoke, VA 24019  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 15, 2023.

  
Sheila Stone  
Clerk of the Clay County Commission

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0377-E-ENEC  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the ENEC rates currently in effect

and  
CASE NO. 23-0393-E-ENEC  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition to initiate the Annual Review and to Update the ENEC Rates Currently in Effect

and  
CASE NO. 21-0339-E-ENEC  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition to initiate the Annual Review and to Update the ENEC Rates Currently in Effect

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARINGS**

On April 28, 2023, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2023 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. Also on April 28, 2023, Commission Staff filed, in Case Nos. 21-0339-E-ENEC and 22-0393-E-ENEC, the prudency review report written by Critical Technologies Consulting. The Commission initiated the 2023 ENEC and reopened the 2021 and 2022 ENECs on May 26, 2023.

The Companies are seeking an ENEC increase of \$641.7 million, including an under recovery balance of \$552.9 million, as of February 28, 2023, that the Commission deferred over the last three ENEC cases (deferral amount), and an estimated \$88.8 million in fuel costs for the current year. Under a traditional one-year recovery, the requested \$641.7 million in fuel costs would require an increase of approximately 37% over current revenues. In order to minimize the impact on customers, the Companies are instead proposing two alternative recovery mechanisms.

The first proposed option in the 2023 case would spread recovery of the deferral amount over three years and additionally raise rates by \$88.8 million to align ENEC costs with ENEC revenues. If this alternative recovery mechanism is approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	<b>(\$)</b> Increase	<b>(%)</b> Increase
Residential	\$19.61	12.1%
Commercial	\$68.44	16.3%
Industrial	\$57,715	23.4%
Special Contracts	\$110,362	21.9%
Other	\$1.63	10.0%

The second proposed option utilizes securitization of the deferral amount and other cost items and raises rates by \$88.8 million to align ENEC costs with ENEC revenues. If this alternative recovery mechanism is approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	<b>(\$)</b> Increase	<b>(%)</b> Increase
Residential	\$5.69	3.5%
Commercial	\$21.16	5.0%
Industrial	\$18,074	7.3%
Special Contracts	\$25,756	5.1%
Other	\$0.57	3.5%

Public comment hearings will be held on the following dates in the following locations: July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Cabell County Courthouse, County Commission Courtroom, 750 5th Ave., Huntington, WV; July 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Mercer County Courthouse, Judge Sadler's Courtroom, 2nd Floor 1501 W. Main Street, Princeton, WV; July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV; and August 21, 2023 5:30 p.m., Ohio County Courthouse, Judge Cuomo's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV. An evidentiary hearing will be held on September 5, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in Case No. 23-0377-E-ENEC should file a Petition to Intervene on or before June 30, 2023, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of all three proceedings. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Notice is hereby given that Wayne King, Attorney, residing in Clay County, West Virginia, as Successor Trustee, in accordance with the terms and provisions of that certain Deed of Trust signed and acknowledged on the 1st day of September, 2020 by **Musa Rafiq Branham**, borrower recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 147, at page 735, said Deed of Trust executed securing a promissory note payable to **James McArthur Jones**, lender will offer for public sale the property described therein and hereinafter, said sale ordered by the secured party therein as a result of default by the said Musa Rafiq Branham, the borrower.

The property to be offered for public sale is those certain tracts or parcels of land, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in **UNION DISTRICT**, Clay County, West Virginia, described as follows:

Please See **Exhibit "A"** attached to this Notice of Sale and made a part hereof for description of property/properties offered for sale and the property currently has an address of Near Mouth Porter North of Route 2, Clendenin, WV 25045

Being the property, subject to any out-conveyances of record in said Clerk's Office, described in that certain Deed of Trust of record in said Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 147, at page 735, and also described in a deed of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 228, at page 807.

This sale and conveyance to purchaser is made subject to all reservations, exceptions, out-conveyances and other easements and rights of way of record in said Clerk's Office.

This real estate will be offered for public sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the 18th day of July, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, Main Street, Clay, West Virginia 25043.

The sale may be cancelled or continued at the option of the Trustee.  
**TERMS OF SALE: CASH** (MINIMUM OF 10% SALE PRICE on date of sale, balance within ten (10) days or upon delivery of the deed).  
 Title will be conveyed by Trustees Deed upon payment of balance of purchase price.  
 Dated this the 19th day of June, 2023.

Wayne King, Successor Trustee

**Exhibit "A"**

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate, together with any building or improvements thereon, rights and rights of way incidental thereto, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on the south side of Elk River, at the mouth of Porter's Creek, in Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the mouth of Porter's Creek, on the south side of Elk River: thence up said river and binding thereon, N. 6 E. 100 poles to a stake; thence N. 29 E. 16 poles to a stake; thence N. 48 E. 26 poles to a stake; thence leaving the river, S. 86-1/2 E. 108 poles to a large chestnut on top of a ridge; thence S. 51 E. 75 poles to a small hickory and some other brush marked as pointers; thence S. 10 W. 24 poles to a stake on a bench on a hill side; thence S. 40 1/2 W. 33 poles to a poplar in a branch; thence S. 28 W. 50 poles to a chestnut oak on a rock cleft; thence S. 56 W. 40 poles to a chestnut oak on a rock cleft; thence S. 56 W. 40 poles to a corner of a survey of land by Pease; thence with the Pease line, N. 78 W. 76 poles to a stake on the south side of Porter's Creek; thence N. 61 W. 24 poles to a large beech near a coal bank; thence N. 75 W. 32 poles to the mouth of Porter's Creek, the place of beginning, containing 154 acres, more or less.

There is excepted and reserved from the above-described real estate, and not conveyed hereby, the following out-conveyances of record, to wit:

1. A tract of land containing 1.77 acres (Lot #7), with right-of-way or easement, as conveyed by Michael A. Fry, single and Michael L. McCoy and Amy L. McCoy, his wife, to William Grimpe and Joanna Grimpe, his wife, by deed dated June 2, 2006, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 198 at Page 348.
2. A tract of land containing 1.88 acres (Lot #6), with right-of-way or easement, as conveyed by Michael A. Fry, single and Michael L. McCoy and Amy L. McCoy, his wife, to William Grimpe and Joanna Grimpe, his wife, by deed dated June 2, 2006, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 198 at Page 343.
3. A tract of land containing 1.40 acres (Lot #8), with right-of-way or easement, as conveyed by Michael A. Fry, single and Michael L. McCoy and Amy L. McCoy, his wife, to Craig Hollandsworth and Tammy Hollandsworth, his wife, by deed dated July 5, 2006, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 198 at Page 462.
4. A tract of land containing 1.38 acres (Lot #3), with right-of-way or easement, as conveyed by Michael A. Fry, single and Michael L. McCoy and Amy L. McCoy, his wife, to Ronald Houck and Tania Houck, his wife, by deed dated February 12, 2007, of record in the aforesaid Clerks Office in Deed Book 199 at Page 931.
5. A tract of land containing 1.90 acres (Lot #5), with right-of-way or easement, as conveyed by Michael A. Fry, single and Michael L. McCoy and Amy L. McCoy, his wife, to Joseph Collins and Marie Collins, his wife, by deed dated October 12, 2007, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 201 at Page 212.
6. A tract of land containing 1.92 acres (Lot #4), With right-of-way or easement, as conveyed by Michael A. Fry, single and Michael L. McCoy and Amy L. McCoy, his wife, to Delores Hughes, widow, by deed dated November 15, 2007, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 201 at Page 481.

It is understood and agreed by and between the parties that the residue of the above-described tract parcel of real estate originally containing 154 acres, more or less, includes Lot 2, containing 0.86 acres, more or less, and Lot 1, containing 0.34 acres, more or less, as shown and depicted on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

And, for the consideration aforesaid, the Grantors do hereby further grant unto the Grantee, his heirs, successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right to use, jointly all who have or may hereafter be granted alike right, that certain access road indicated in purple and further designated as "Access Road" on the print [map/plat] of record in the Clay County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 100 at page 262, reference to which is here made and had for a more particular description thereof. Said right is granted for the purpose of providing Grantee, Grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, with a means of ingress and egress, and is partially shown on the plat attached hereto and is identified as "ACCESS ROAD AS SHOWN ON MAP D.B. 100 Pg. 262 TO SECONDARY 2."

The Grantors grant and convey unto the said Grantee, his heirs, successors and assigns the non-exclusive right to use in common with the others who have or may hereafter be granted a like right, that certain 20' right of way along the eastern boundary line of the aforesaid Lots 1 & 2, being part of the property herein conveyed, which is the common boundary with the Elk River Railroad, Inc., all as more particularly shown and depicted on the plat which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Grantors further grant and convey unto the said his heirs, successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to that certain Right-of-Way and Easement Agreement, dated February 20, 2007, by and between Randall Krise, et ux, and Michael Fry & Michael McCoy, Grantors herein, and all the rights, privileges, right-of-way, easement and use of roadway, as more specifically therein contained, which Right-of-Way and Easement is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 200 at page 28, and which is incorporated herein by reference for a more particular disclosure of its terms and conditions.

This conveyance is further made subject to that certain Boundary Line Collection Agreement, dated December 20, 2007, by and between Michael A. Fry and Michael McCoy, first parties, and Homer S. Carmean, III, and Regina A. Carmean, husband and wife, second parties, which Boundary Line Correction Agreement is to be recorded in the Clay County Clerk's Office simultaneously herewith.

Being the same real estate conveyed to James McArthur Jones from Michael A. Fry, Michael L. McCoy, and Amy L. McCoy, by Deed dated December 11, 2007, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Clay County, West Virginia in Deed Book 201, Page 851.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0328-E-PC  
 APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Commission Approval of Cost Recovery for a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Seven Purchased Power Agreements for Renewable Energy.

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On March 31, 2023, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (together, the Companies) filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) seeking the recovery of costs associated with APCo's agreements to acquire the Grover Hill wind facility and to purchase renewable energy products from the Green Acres, Mountain Brook, River Trail, Shifting Sands, Sunny Rock, Pleasant Prairie, and Horsepen Branch solar facilities. The Companies' Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301, and at the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

The Commission has set an evidentiary hearing in the matter for September 14, 2023, starting at 9:30 a.m., and continuing to September 15, 2023, if necessary, to be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Interested persons may attend the hearing and will have an opportunity to make public comment.

The acquisition of the aforementioned renewable energy generation facility and the purchase of the aforementioned renewable energy products can be expected to have an ultimate impact on the Companies' West Virginia retail rates at some point in the future. The Companies do not expect these transactions to lead to any significant increase in customer rates. Rather, the Companies project that the transactions will reduce customer rates over the lives of the wind and solar facilities.

The Companies have a Renewable Power Plus (RPP) Tariff to be offered on a voluntary basis to all customers in addition to the Companies' standard tariff offerings. It is anticipated that, over time, the costs of the proposed renewable facilities will be offset by the customers subscribing to the RPP Tariff, special contract revenues, and the cost of service benefits produced by the facilities. The costs of the renewable energy PPAs with the Green Acres, Mountain Brook, River Trail, Shifting Sands, Sunny Rock, Pleasant Prairie, and Horsepen Branch solar facilities are proposed to be recovered in expanded net energy cost (ENEC) rates. The costs of the proposed Grover Hill wind facility will be recovered through a surcharge.

The renewable facilities have varying in-service dates, but the Companies project that rates would increase by approximately \$3.7 million, on an aggregate basis after offsets, during a hypothetical first year that assumes all eight facilities are in service, as shown in the table below. Such rates will likely be phased in as of the commercial operation date for the Grover Hill wind facility and the date of the Companies' annual ENEC rates for the Green Acres, Mountain Brook, River Trail, Shifting Sands, Sunny Rock, Pleasant Prairie, and Horsepen Branch solar facilities. The estimated rate increase in the hypothetical "Year 1" for each of the Companies' tariff classes is also shown in the table below. By way of example, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a net monthly increase of \$0.29.

Tariff Class	Current Rev	COS Increase	Gross Increase%	COS Offsets	Net Increase	Net Increase %
Residential	\$ 795,704,678	\$ 11,346,422	1.4%	\$ (9,884,511)	\$ 1,461,911	0.18%
SWS	\$ 11,020,191	\$ 156,656	1.4%	\$ (136,472)	\$ 20,184	0.18%
SGS	\$ 36,516,465	\$ 435,815	1.2%	\$ (379,663)	\$ 56,152	0.15%
GS	\$ 302,971,164	\$ 4,687,570	1.5%	\$ (4,083,608)	\$ 603,962	0.20%
LCP	\$ 478,744,510	\$ 9,908,063	2.1%	\$ (8,631,475)	\$ 1,276,588	0.27%
IP	\$ 42,051,369	\$ 473,394	1.1%	\$ (412,401)	\$ 60,994	0.15%
Special Contracts	\$ 30,267,960	\$ 1,093,874	3.6%	\$ (952,936)	\$ 140,938	0.47%
SS	\$ 30,139,526	\$ 461,791	1.5%	\$ (402,293)	\$ 59,499	0.20%
OL & SL	\$ 14,880,079	\$ 95,831	0.6%	\$ (86,484)	\$ 12,347	0.08%
Total	\$ 1,742,295,941	\$ 28,659,420	1.6%	\$ (24,966,844)	\$ 3,692,575	0.21%

The increases shown herein are based on 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 among the various classes of customers are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Commission in its review of the Companies' filing.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the matter should file a written petition to intervene on or before July 20, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY**

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 22-1082-E-PC  
 APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Consent and Approval to Implement a Voluntary Schedule for Owners of Plug-in Electric Vehicles.

**NOTICE OF OPTIONAL TIME OF DAY RATES TO CHARGE PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

By Order issued June 12, 2023, the Commission approved Appalachian Power Company's (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company's (WPCo) (collectively Companies), voluntary schedule for residential customers who own plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), subject to future evaluation. Schedule PEV is optional and allows residential customers to charge PEVs on a time-of-day rate schedule. Schedule PEV takes effect July 1, 2023. Schedule PEV will not result in a rate increase for any customers. Schedule PEV can result in lower charging costs for PEV owners. The Commission will evaluate Schedule PEV and accept public comments on Schedule PEV tariff provisions on an ongoing basis.

**SCHEDULE PEV**

(Residential Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging)

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE**

Available to customers eligible for Tariff RS (Residential Service) who use charging stations for PEV programmed to consume electrical energy primarily during off-peak hours specified by the Company, who take Standard Service from the Company and currently have an AMI meter. The PEV must be a licensed electric motor vehicle which is subject to state inspection, and which is either owned or leased by the Customer.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

PEVs eligible to be served under this Schedule shall be metered through one single-phase, multi-register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during on-peak and off-peak billing periods. Metering that is capable of separately identifying PEV usage shall be installed at the Company's discretion.

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

The supply of electricity to such charging system must be via a dedicated had-wired circuit, single-phase, at not more than 240 volts, nor more than 100 amperes. Receipt of service under this schedule is conditional upon Company approval.

**MONTHLY RATE (Schedule Code 059)**

Basic Service Charge ..... \$12.50/month  
 Energy Charge:

All KWH during the on-peak billing period. 13.668 cents per KWH  
 All KWH during the off-peak billing period. 3.891 cents per KWH

For the purpose of this Schedule, the on-peak billing period is defined as 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., local time, for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., local time, for all weekdays, all hours of the day on Saturdays and Sundays, and the legally observed holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

**OTHER CHARGES/CREDITS**

Service under this Schedule may be subject to the C.S (Original Sheet No. 27), the E.C.S. (Original Sheet No. 27A-1), the E.E./D.R. (Original Sheet No. 33), the V.M.P. (Original Sheet No. 36), the BRSP (Original Sheet No. 23), the M.B.R.S. (Original Sheet No. 29-1), the B.B.S. (Original Sheet No. 30-1), the M.R.B.C.S. (Original Sheet No. 45), the E.N.E.C. (Original Sheet No. 34), and C.R.R.C. (Original Sheet No. 35) which is embedded in the ENEC rates. Further information can be found at RIDER APPLICABILITY (Original Sheet No. 37).

**MINIMUM CHARGE**

This Schedule is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Basic Service Charge.

**LOCAL TAX ADJUSTMENT**

To bills for electric service supplied within specified municipalities or political subdivisions which impose taxes based upon the amount of electric service sold or revenues received by the Company, as specified on Original Sheet No. 4-1, will be added a surcharge equal to the percentage shown on Sheet Nos. 4-2, 4-3, and 4-4 to accomplish a recovery of these taxes.

**PAYMENT**

Bills are due upon receipt and payable by mail, checkless payment plan, electronic payment plan, or at authorized payment agents of the Company within twenty (20) days of the mailing date. Effective October 1, 2006, any current amount due and not received by mail, checkless payment plan, electronic payment plan, or at authorized payment agents of the Company by the next scheduled read date shall be subject to a delayed payment charge of 1%. This charge shall not be applicable to local consumer utility taxes.

**SEPARATE METERING PROVISION**

Customers shall receive service under this Schedule for PEV load with time-differentiated characteristics and service under Standard Schedule R.S. for general use load. Such general use load shall be separately wired to a standard residential meter.

**TERM**

Customers who opt to take service under this schedule are required to enter into a written service agreement including proof of purchase of a qualifying PEV. Should the Customer discontinue operating the qualifying PEV, the Customer will notify the Company so that arrangements can be made to remove PEV metering and terminate service under this Schedule.

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This Schedule is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Standard Service. The Company reserves the right to inspect at all reasonable times the vehicle charging devices which qualify the residence for service under this Schedule. If the Company finds that in its sole judgement the availability conditions of this tariff are being violated, it may discontinue billing the customer under this Schedule and commence billing under the appropriate Residential Service Tariff. The Company shall have the option of reading meters monthly or bi-monthly.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0298-E-P  
 APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition to Update the MBRC Rates Currently in Effect

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on March 15, 2023, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update the Modified Rate Base Cost (MRBC) surcharge revenues. The Public Service Commission's June 30, 2021, Order in Case No. 20-1012-E-P required the Companies to file an annual MBRC update in March 2022, 2023, and 2024. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to approximately 462,328 customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, and Wyoming.

The Companies propose to recover total incremental revenue requirements for certain rate base increases added between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$10.05 million annually in additional revenue, and increase of 0.58%. The average monthly bill for the various class of customers will be changed as follows:

	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential	\$1.23	0.76%
Commercial	\$2.31	0.55%
Industrial	\$1,161.04	0.47%
Special Contract	\$2,664.57	0.53%
Other	\$0.09	0.45%

The increases requested vary by customer class and customer usage level. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m., August 30, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by 4:00 p.m. May 31, 2023. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time up to the start of the evidentiary hearing. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of this tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies: [www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx](http://www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx)

Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can telephone toll-free at 800-982-4237, request such a copy, and provide the necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer. A copy of this tariff is also 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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# Celebrating Steam Engines

By Allen Hamrick

In our state's history there was a time when life was very difficult, a time when the first pioneers had nothing but natural trails to get where they wanted to go. Often times, it took weeks if not months to get supplies if there were any to get. Our ancestors built cabins, raised gardens and huge families and were always near or very close to a stream or river. The river was a passageway used not only for drinking and bathing but also as a way to get downstream to larger communities quickly. However, that mode of travel had its perils as did the cross country trails, whether they were wild animals or just the difficult terrain. Through adversity came the thought that there had to be a better way,

a better way to get there and get back without the inconvenience and time factor. Where there was a will there was a way, and along came the inventors and railroad companies who laid lines along rivers and up hollers that gave way to industry and many boom towns that flourished around the rails. The invention of the steam engine changed the world as we know it. In the early days as the rail went across the lands, young lads watched it go by dreamed of being an engineer someday. There was something about the smell and the sound it generated that drove people to want to be a part of the railway.

In this county, Dundon became ground zero for train activity as towns like Widen and Swandale yielded a

great deal of resources of coal and timber as the boom began. A major part of this state's, as well as the country's move to the future could not have been possible without the invention of the steam engine. The steam engine was and is a massively heavy thundering giant whose very presence overcomes your soul with a sense of fear and pure respect. Its raw power came from a dangerous combination of fire, water and steam, and if not operated properly could cause havoc to the men who tried to tame these giants.

All calculations of coal, fire and water had to be precise for the engines to get the job done. These engines were like holding your heart in your hand. However, without them, and the men who built them



All five engines are lined up for the final run.

and those that built the tracks with back breaking work, our civilization might possibly have never made it through to the future we know now. Science could have been set back years if not for the advent of steam power. Many of the folks who got to experience that time period still speak of the sound of an engine's whistle off in the distant hills and valleys. One person said, "It was music to our ears; it was like when we heard the whistle blow our life would stop for a brief moment in wonderment and awe. A person would have to be shaken out of their trance at times as if they were suddenly set in stone in thought. Somehow, we knew no matter how much we loved the steam train engine, its future would be a short one. It's thundering hoof beat, loud ringing bell tolling its presence and the smoke that filled the sky with a plume of black as it labored up

the hills would sound no more as all would fade in time." The time of the steam engine too soon was over, and the more efficient diesel engine took its place in history. Although the steam engine did fade, there are just a few places where people can still go and pay respect to the mighty steam engine. This past weekend was Cass Days; a weekend long celebration of the steam engine held at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in nearby Pocahontas County. This is one of the very few places people can go in this country where they can be a part of history. Many people, both local and from all over the country, joined together in a crowd of approximately 3,000 people to watch the steam parade of giants and enjoy good music and food. Five engines took part in the event, smoke filled the air and the bells and whistles brought smiles to people and hands over the ears

of children. Thousands of cameras snapped their favorite moments as the engines put on a show second to none. Truly, if a bunch of engines could have smiled, it would have been these five. Cass has, at one time or another, been home to the engines and cars that used to roll on the tracks in our very own Clay County. This parade was a breath taking event, and nobody left there without the sweet smell of coal smoke on their clothes and a sense of going back in time that many can only read about. I say it is without a doubt for the good of our generations that we embark to preserve our great state and its history so that the generations of the past can still teach the generations of the future. Cass Days will take place again next year; mark it on your calendar and make it a destination. You will be glad you did.



Engine #11 was rolling the smoke

# Town of Clay 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

By Allen Hamrick

On Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, the town of Clay will put on the dog courtesy of funding from CMI2. There will be live music, bounce houses, food trucks and some grand fireworks. The Weekend Warriors will be on stage to get the action started and pumped up. There will also be a car show at the Clay County Court House on June 24<sup>th</sup>; registration is at 1:00 and the show ends at 4:00. If you're into muscle and history, these cars shows are the ticket. This should be a good couple of weekends to get out and enjoy the day with family and friends and help celebrate Independence Day. So, set your calendar and bring a chair; this is an event you don't want to miss.



The Weekend Warriors. Photo courtesy of the Weekend Warriors

## Lew and Zeb - Paw's Day extravaganza

By Allen Hamrick

Hey, it's Lew comin' back at ya' with a Paw's Day tale. Haven't scratched the paper with my pen for a while now so I decided to kick the tires and refill the ink bowl. Here in the hills, June is Paw's Week, otherwise known as Father's Day or feel sorry for daddy week. We celebrate all week long, and it all comes to an end with the Paw Day parade. This



Livin it up at the barn

year's parade grand marshal is Rot Blocker. Been that way for ten years now 'cause everybody's 'fraid to tell him otherwise. Through the week, the wives leave us alone to fish and have some fun without the constant nagging we hear the rest of the year to get stuff done. So, they give us a week off, and we appreciate it. But they always leave the hills, and we never see them again for that week. We still ain't sure where they go or what they do. We sent out spies to follow them, but they never returned, so we stopped sending them as we need fellers for our events. Still, we have that week off to do their chores, as well as our own, and still find the time to celebrate our manhood. We are not sure who actually gets the week off - us or them.

Either way, we find the time for our backer spittin' contest, baloney makin' cook-off, horseshoein' competition, nail drivin' contest and mule diaperin' contest. That last one is left to the youngest paws. Last year Honcho Hardenburner was kicked in the face and was out for a week till they could pick his eyeballs out of his ears. The mule laughed all the way to the barn with only half a diaper hanging off his leg.

The biggest event of all is the hog ridin' contest. Twenty of the newest paws line up to ride the biggest hog in the area, and the winner gets the hog to feed his family. Nobody has won the event since the games began 50 years ago due to all the hogs that were donated ran for their lives knowing if they lost they would be bacon on the next day's breakfast platter. That was all coming to an end though, and the hogs rule and paw's drool phrase would soon be erased by Picker Cuffnaple. Picker is one of the newest paws and he would ride Razor, the 450 pound hog beast, into Paw's Day history. Picker slowly got on the hog's back on Wednesday and didn't return 'till Friday. For two days, he rode that hog through briar patches, up hills, down hills and finally through the river until they both collapsed at the finish line. Poor ol' Picker was scratched and bruised all over but was one proud paw as this hog would feed his family for a whole year. That also ended when his eight younguns felt sorry for the hog and now keep it as the family pet weighing in at 600 pounds. Poor ol' Picker licked his wounds as we all cheered him on.

It was a great Paw's week, but we are all wore out from all the work we have had to do plus all the celebratin'. We was glad to see the wives back with smiles on their faces and lookin' refreshed. We are startin' to believe that Paw's Day is really Maw's Day, plus they have their own special day. So, it is what it is, but we had fun. So, on this Paw's Day, remember Paws are people, too, not just an a\*!. A paw's love is as strong as a maw's love; we just don't get the pats on the back (sniff sniff). Somebody reach me a tissue. Happy Paw's Day, Lew.



Event poster information. Designed by Brittany Clifton



Car show information poster. Designed by Brittany Clifton