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Elk River Trail Marathon Lauded as a Tremendous Success



Sawyer Dobbins, overall winner of the Half Marathon. (AP Timing Photo)

By: Matt Holbert

The Elk River Rail Trail Marathon, West Virginia's newest Marathon, concluded September 17 as the final event of the 50th Annual Clay County Golden Delicious Apple Festival. Over 250 runners registered from over 20 states, more than doubling last year's participants. Most that registered were present at the starting gate, along with supporters and well-wishers, despite pouring rain right up to the start of the race.

The Marathon/Half Marathon/5k Race began at the headquarters of the Central Appalachian Empowerment Zone (CAEZ) at the JG Bradley Lodge and Campground just outside of the town of Clay. Runners ran the Rail Trail spur to the mouth of Buffalo Creek, then headed north along the Elk River Trail. Full marathon runners ran to Ivydale before reversing course.

Awards were given for top male and female runner overall in the marathon and half-marathon, and for top male and female in each of the following age divisions: 1-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. In the 5K, awards were given for the same categories, with a division added for top male and female in age group 1-12.

The marathon is a 26.2 mile race. Twenty-



Marissa Atha, overall winner of the female division in the 5K. (AP Timing Photo)

six runners competed in this event. The winners were Trent Crofut from Walton, West Virginia with a time of 3:41:23, and Eliana Agudelo from San Francisco, California with a time of 4:07:52. A half-marathon is 13.1 miles. Seventy-three athletes ran this race. Overall winners were Sawyer Dobbins of Clay, West Virginia with a time of 1:28:10, and Beth Carlson of Wilmington, North Carolina at 1:47:27. Finally, a 5K is a 3.1 mile event. Ninety-one participants competed in it. Winners were Marc Radcliff of Elkview, West Virginia with a time of 20:15, and Marissa Atha of Lizemores, West Virginia at 23:46

While some contestants traveled from many miles away, a number of local runners, in addition to winners Dobbins and Atha, also competed. Trent Hinkle and Olivia Witt, both from Prociou, ran the half marathon. Trent won his age division and placed 9th overall. Olivia also won her age division.

Local athletes also had much success in the 5K. Daymian Stricker placed third overall with a time of 23:09. Gunner Dobbins won the male under 12 age group and placed seventh overall. Philip Dobbins placed second in his age division and ninth overall. Isiah Woods finished eleventh and Jackson Stricker fifteenth. Danae Stricker (female

Marathon

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Local student named semifinalist in the 2024 National Merit® Scholarship Program

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

Isaac T. Brown of Clay County High School in Clay, was announced to be a semifinalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 320 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. For more information about the competition, please visit www.nationalmerit.org.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

PAX Good Behavior students named



Mr. Vaughan - 5th Grade - Jamie Nicholas; Mrs. Burns - 4th Grade - Jeremiah Gray; Mrs. Pierson - 3rd Grade - Lucas Taylor-Berndt; Mr. Vaughan - 3rd Grade - Katelynn Hensley; Ms. Jarvis - 2nd Grade - Aerolyn Moore; Ms. Paxton - 2nd Grade - Lanie Goe; Ms. Douglas - 1st Grade - Addison O'Dell; Mrs. Collins - Kindergarten - Rylan Whittington; Mrs. Holcomb - Kindergarten - CJ Jarvis; Mrs. Marks - PreK - Taylynn Proctor; and Ms. Paxton - PreK - Vi Legg.

Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students. Students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the September 2023 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!

Mustangs fall to Braxton; Panthers stomp Logan



Joel Elliot catches this pass deep in Knight real estate. Allen Hamrick photo.

See "Mustangs"

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY



Su Robert Dempsey
Booked 9/25/23
Poss. of firearm, conspiracy, im-
proper reg., no insur., poss. of a
contr. sub., driving revoked (sec-
ond), no MVI



Steven Shane Franklin
Booked 9/29/23
Fleeing, driving revoked

CLAY COUNTY



Tammy Ann Bird
Booked 9/30/23
Grand larceny, conspiracy



Phillip Allen Burnside
Booked 9/26/23
Burglary, grand larceny

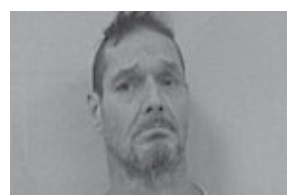


Christopher Scott Lively
Booked 9/27/23
Capias



Jennifer Dawn Lively
Booked 9/27/23
Capias

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Shane O'Neal Brantley
Booked 9/29/23
Capias



Julie Marie Carpenter
Booked 9/27/23
Grand larceny



Steven Howard Duffield
Booked 9/30/23
Exp. MVI, trespassing, driv-
ing sus. third off., petit larceny



Justin Michael Fox
Booked 10/1/23
Battery



Erika Dee Mollohan
Booked 9/30/23
Possession of a controlled
substance



Michael Joseph Neal
Booked 10/1/23
Fleeing on foot, posses-
sion of a controlled sub.

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Westley Adam Tyler
Booked 9/27/23
Petit larceny, conspir. enter w/o
breaking other than dwelling,
driving sus., grand larceny

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Automatic Supplemental Payment for Low Income Energy Assistance Program Recipients

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced an automatic supplemental payment will be issued to individuals who received LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) in the 2023 program year. The payment will range from \$25 to \$47 and will be based on the amount of LIEAP assistance paid to the utility provider or to the

client for bulk fuel. The supplemental payment will be issued to the company that provided the main heating source for the individual's home (i.e., electric company, gas company, etc.). Individuals who received LIEAP for bulk fuel will receive a check by mail. This is a one-time payment. All clients should receive payment by mid-October.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10, at 9:00 am, at the PSD office in Birch River.

Jodie Missionary Baptist Church will host a gospel sing on Saturday, October 7, from 2 p.m. to ? There will be singers: Brighterside, Brothers Of Faith, and Richard Harold & Zack Harold. Refreshments will be served. Pastor, B.J. Evans. Everyone is welcome.

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1	7	6	5	4	3	8	9	2
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Super Crossword

Answers

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Pastor Doug Newell, IV



A Rare Bird

The California Condor almost went extinct. In 1987, a team captured 27 remaining birds and put them into breeding programs. A few years later, the birds were re-introduced back into the wild, but their numbers are still tiny, and it's rare for someone to see one, but not quite as rare as the Glaucous Macaw. There is some debate as to whether the bird is still around. Some hope there are still a few birds in the wild, but researchers haven't been able to confirm any left. But these pale in comparison to two other rare creatures, the Weaker Brother and the Domineering Baptist. Like the Glaucous Macaw, there are rumors that such exist, but I've never heard anyone admit it. Everyone thinks they are strong in the faith, and everyone else is the weaker brother (Romans 14-15), and no one ever admitted to loving preeminence.

I'm sure Diotrephes had his reasons if you asked why he didn't acknowledge the Apostle John (3 John 1-14). When he wouldn't listen to John or when he told the church all the terrible things John was doing, the sins he committed, and charges of impropriety, he no doubt had some rationale behind it. I can only imagine (because I don't know) it may have gone something like, "John has gotten old and soft. He doesn't understand what's going on here, and his 'love, love, love' message is harming the church." Or, maybe he said something like, "I really hate to say this. I really do. John was such a faithful

man, for such a long time. It's really sad to see him go off like this. It pains me to do this, and I ONLY do this because I love the church, but we can't receive John. We must remain pure." Diotrephes, love preeminence? Ha! No way! Just the opposite. He loves the church. Or, that's what he would say. But the fact is, according to the Word of God, Diotrephes was bringing malicious, unjustified charges against John. He was lying, bearing false witness, and turning brothers in Christ against him. And if anyone spoke against Diotrephes, he threw them out of the church!

These birds are rare, indeed. In my four decades among the Baptists, I've never heard anyone repent of loving preeminence. I've listened to many messages on the subject, with lots of Amens, and heads nodding in unison. You'd think they had seen this mysterious person once or twice, but, alas, like an ecclesiastical cryptid, he never materializes. I've heard a tale of a missionary who once encountered the spirit of Diotrephes in a far-off region, but that's just a rumor. Despite church splits, wars, and rumors of wars among Baptists, this rare creature, if he exists at all, remains a mystery. What did Diotrephes say when he got wind of this letter? I guess he accused John of wanting the preeminence and then accused him of slander and bringing malicious, unjustified charges against him.

How Much is Laughter Really Worth?

By: Dr. James Snyder

Of all the things I prioritize in my life, laughter is at the top of the list. I appreciate laughter more than any other thing.

Some people get paid for their jokes, while others pay mightily. I am in the latter category. I like to make people laugh, but sometimes it costs me.

Whenever I see somebody with a frown, my first thought is how to make that person laugh. If it's in the supermarket and they're walking down the aisle toward me, I put in gear something to make them laugh. Usually, it works, but once in a while, it doesn't.

Where my jokes don't fly too well is with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I try the best I can to make her laugh, and occasionally, I succeed. When I fail, there is a price to be paid.

For example, our birthdays are two days apart in July. We celebrated our birthdays at one of our favorite restaurants this past year.

After finishing our dinner, they brought dessert, and then The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Do you feel old today?"

I have difficulty taking things seriously, so I reached across the table, took hold of her arm, squeezed it very gently, and said, "I feel old now."

You might be surprised I was the only one laughing at the table.

Getting into trouble with some joke is not that bad. I haven't gotten into too much trouble, but once in a while, I do.

Like everybody else, I get these scam calls, particularly concerning Medicare upgrades. I should be grateful that so many people want to help me upgrade my Medicare program. And yet, being a Pennsylvania Dutchman, I don't trust people who want to give me something for free.

I got a call the other day, and they wanted to upgrade my Medicare plan so that I had everything I deserved. Then they asked me how old I was. That was the switch that turned on the light bulb in my head.

"I really don't know," I said as thoughtfully as possible, "every year my age changes and I just can't keep up to date with it."

There was a pause on the other end of the phone line, and finally, that person started speaking French and told me a lot about my mother. Then there came the "click."

I laughed and used it several times since.

Several weeks ago, I had a dental appointment to fix some of my teeth. I can't imagine being a dentist and spending my whole career looking into people's mouths, especially me with bad breath.

I went into the office on my appointed day, signed in, and then took a seat.

Shortly, the lady at the desk asked me to come forward. I did not quite know what she wanted.

She showed me a file and asked, "Is this you?"

I looked at the file, looked back at her, and said, "No, that is not me."

Looking a little frustrated, she said maybe she got the wrong file.

"No," I said, looking at her. Then I pointed to my chest and said to her, "This is me and that is just paper with my name on it."

People sitting in the waiting room started giggling, and finally, the lady at the desk got what I said and started laughing. "So," she said laughing, "this paper is not you."

I love it when a plan comes together.

In minutes, I was called to go in, and one of the dentist's assistants took me to the room to prepare me for the process. There was a long process, and she did everything but throw me over the moon.

Finally, she finished her work, and the dentist came in. I had three teeth that needed to be worked on. The first thing he did was to give some numbing shots in my mouth, and everything went numb. Then, he was ready to do the work.

I sat in that chair for maybe an hour with my mouth open and the dentist on one side of me poking in and his assistant on the other side doing what she was supposed to do, and it was a long process. The dentist talked to me, but I was in such a position that I couldn't answer back.

His assistant on my left side was doing an excellent job, at least I think so, but my mouth was so numb I wouldn't have known otherwise.

Finally, the process was over, and the assistant, a very nice young lady, asked me, "How do you feel now?"

I didn't have to think, but I responded immediately, "I feel like a woman."

The assistant looked at me with wonder and said, "What?"

"I feel like a woman because my mouth has been open for such a long time."

It took a while for her to get it, and she did not think it qualified for laughter.

I tried to laugh, but my mouth was so numb I could hardly talk. Later that day, I was reminded of what the Bible says. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Much of our problems can be dealt with through a merry heart. We look for artificial medicine that does not get to the heart of our problems.

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The Power of a Single Kind Word

By: Joseph J. Mazella

I was in my early twenties. I had graduated from college with a degree in education but still couldn't find a full time teaching job. I waited each morning then for the phone to ring so I could work as a substitute that day. It wasn't easy. One day I would be teaching high school science and the next day I would be chasing Kindergarten around a playground. This time I found myself in a local grade school substituting for a 5th grade teacher for the day. In spite of being a substitute I was determined not to just slide by. I went over the lesson plans, taught the subjects, and stayed positive with the students. I smiled, congratulated the kids when they got something right, and encouraged them if they didn't. I was determined to emulate the great teachers I'd had when I was a boy and not the critical ones who always left me feeling bad.

At the end of the day just as they were leaving the room to get on their buses a girl handed me a folded note. I waited until they were all gone before I opened

it. It was a lovely drawing full of childlike wonder and a note that said: "You are the best teacher I have ever had!" My mouth fell open in shock. It really amazed me that one of my kind comments had touched that girl's heart so deeply. I took that note home and put it in a folder. Anytime I was feeling down or discouraged I would look at it and it always made me smile. Sadly, I lost it during one of the times we moved, but it still exists in my mind and heart.

That experience too showed me the power that a single kind word can have on a life. I never did see that girl again, but I pray that her life has been full of kind words and loving people. And I continue to try my best each day to let God's love and kindness live through my words and my life. May you do the same. May you fill your words with kindness and your life with love. You will do so much good. You will create so much joy. And your life will never be the same.

Home Country

By: Slim Randles

"You hear 'bout Andy's barn?" asked Dud. We nodded and had another sip of morning coffee.

"You s'pose it was all globally warmed up?"

"Beats me, Windy. Could be."

"Buncha that," Windy said. "On the news and all over the place. Fires and rivers goin' over the bank and killin' cows. Some places, they say, got so hot it caused a earthquake and shook people's houses down."

And all of this, we knew, was going on faster than the paper could print the news. Hey, you turn on the teevee, somebody else just lost everything they had.

"Oughta be a list a guy could prescribe to, ya know?"

Doc looked up from his eggs and toast. "What kinda list, Windy?"

"Oh, you know, Doc. If we're gonna have these here destructions, oughta be able to add Miller's old milkin' barn to the victim's list. That thing ain't been safe for years, and the kids play in it all day."

"Request destruction?"

"Well, kinda."

"We understand your point, Windy," Doc said, "but I think maybe all we can do is be helpful until we can figure out all this craziness. Thought I'd go help Andy clean up the ashes at his old barn."

"Ya s'pose it's 'bout like a friend test? Ya know, see how much of a friend we can be when ever-thin's cavin' in?"

We nodded and sipped. One of those kinds of heavy thinking mornings.

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'50's and '60's
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toric Landmark, one of only 16 in the state. The first Mother's Day observance took place at the church on May 10, 1908.

Oct. 7, 1747: Pioneer Ebenezer Zane, the founder of Wheeling, was born on the South Branch of the Potomac River near present Moorefield in Hardy County.

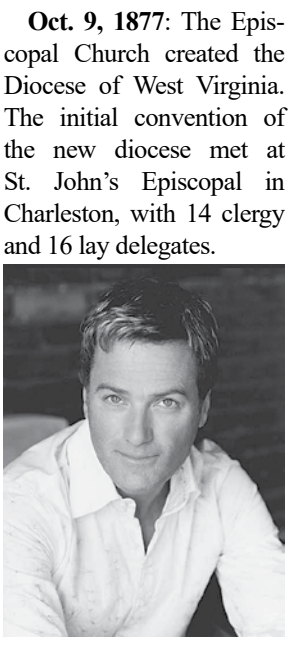


Oct. 7, 1900: Poet Roy Lee Harmon was born in Boone County. He was the founder of the West Virginia Poetry Society and served as the state's poet laureate for 38 years.

Oct. 7, 1957: Musician Michael W. Smith was born in Kenova. One of the top-selling artists in gospel music history, he has recorded 25 albums, had 35 number-one songs, and written over a dozen books.

Oct. 8, 1993: The Rev. Bernard Coffindaffer died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Starting in 1984, Coffindaffer began erecting clusters of crosses in West Virginia and other states. He was buried in Nicholas County, just across the highway from a set of his crosses.

Oct. 9, 1877: The Episcopal Church created the Diocese of West Virginia. The initial convention of the new diocese met at St. John's Episcopal in Charleston, with 14 clergy and 16 lay delegates.



Oct. 9, 2014: Following court rulings and announcements by the governor and the attorney general, same-sex marriage was effectively legalized in West Virginia.

Oct. 10, 1774: Shawnee warriors led by Cornstalk were defeated at the Battle of Point Pleasant. It was the only major engagement of Dunmore's War and the

most important battle ever fought in present West Virginia.



Oct. 10, 1872: Architect Rus Worne was born in Parkersburg. Worne designed many notable buildings in Charleston, including City Hall and the Masonic Temple.

Oct. 10, 1878: Blanche Lazzell was born in Madsenville, Monongalia County. She was one of West Virginia's most notable artists and is recognized as one of America's leading abstract painters and print makers.

Oct. 10, 1948: During a boat-racing event in Charleston, Chuck Yeager flew a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star under the South Side Bridge, surprising boaters, audience and news media at the event.

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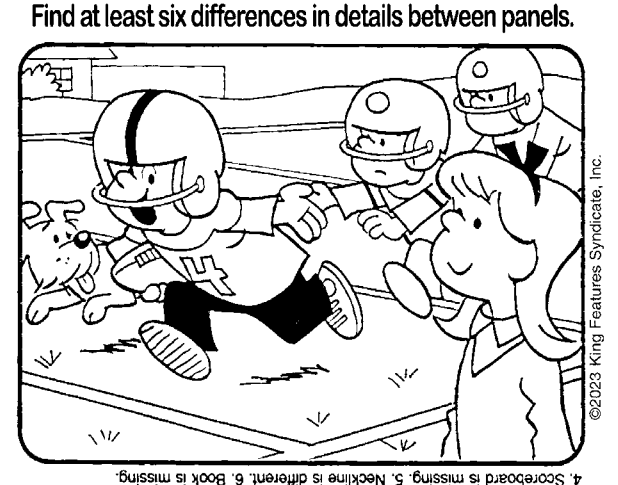
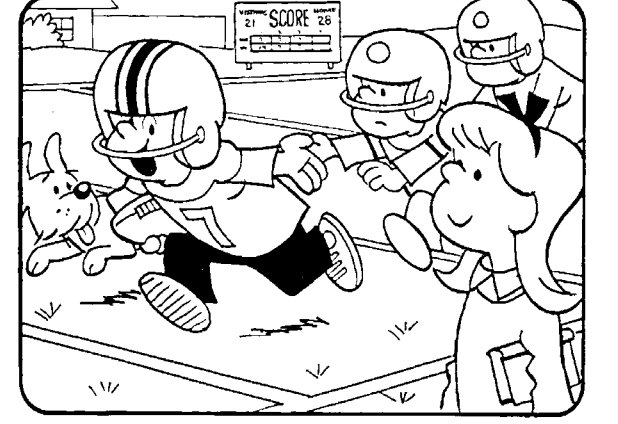
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Super Crossword STARTING SUBGENRES

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- 1 Worker welfare gp.
 - 5 Bark syllables
 - 11 Perform a dynamic crowd action in a stadium
 - 20 Hospital bed attachment
 - 21 Nomadic type
 - 22 Turpentine, for one
 - 23 1983-2014 periodical for adolescents
 - 25 Reins are parts of them
 - 26 The first task on the to-do list
 - 27 Help-wanted, e.g.
 - 29 Musician Nugent
 - 30 Musician DiFranco
 - 31 Africa's Sierra —
 - 33 No-problem advancement
 - 37 What a biting sarcastic person has
 - 41 Ostrich lookalike
 - 42 Olympic swimmer Tom
 - 43 Royal heirs, often
 - 44 Veep's boss
 - 45 NYC subway org.
 - 46 Shocking fish, at times
 - 47 Stuff causing a blowup
 - 48 Conservative moral principles
 - 55 Like Ikea assemblies, for short
 - 56 Sitcom alien
 - 57 Sloop, e.g.
 - 58 Sch. group
 - 59 Summits
 - 62 Smell terrible
 - 65 Splendid
 - 67 Special times
 - 68 Span rotating horizontally to allow ships through
 - 70 Sci-fi guru
 - 71 Natives of Palermo or Catania
 - 73 Runs slowly
 - 74 Peeled
 - 75 Above, in poems
 - 76 Meara of "Southie"
 - 77 Photo lab blowup: Abbr.
 - 78 Ryder vehicle
 - 79 Alternative to bifocals
 - 85 Naples loc.
 - 88 Deep, as a voice
 - 89 Month, to Manuela
 - 90 Put a rip in
 - 91 Luau favors
 - 92 De Mille of choreography
 - 95 Game-airing channel
 - 97 Welcome wind on a hot day
 - 99 Entry at no charge
 - 102 Key just above D
 - 103 Tell untruths
 - 104 Strike caller
 - 105 "... boy — girl?"
 - 106 Trial blasts, for short
 - 109 They die hard, it's said
 - 113 Bob Fosse film title relevant to the starts of eight answers in this puzzle
 - 117 Distributes in shares
 - 118 Shape-fitting game
 - 119 For — (not pro bono)
 - 120 Young superhero of DC Comics
 - 121 Off the mark
 - 122 Road curve
 - 39 Firearm rights org.
 - 40 H.S.-level exam
 - 45 Popular dog biscuits
 - 46 Shirk
 - 48 "— the season ..."
 - 49 Sharp taste
 - 50 Place to live
 - 51 Pines
 - 52 Willing to participate in
 - 53 Musical exercise
 - 54 Mixed greens
 - 55 Lover of Lucy
 - 59 Fable penner
 - 60 Town shouter
 - 61 User's shortcut
 - 62 Relatives of geese
 - 63 Rake parts
 - 64 Those elected
 - 65 Rapper — Khalifa
 - 66 Actress Meg
 - 68 Tendon
 - 69 Croissant, e.g.
 - 72 Crooner Julius
 - 74 Dads
 - 77 "Yeah, but still ..."
 - 78 Noun follower, often
 - 80 Open delight
 - 81 Devilkins
 - 82 School in Berkshire
 - 83 Natal lead-in
 - 84 Bando of baseball
 - 85 Sense no danger
 - 86 Oscar winner Minelli
 - 87 Play — (enjoy some tennis)
 - 91 Alternative to a right hook
 - 92 Drifting at sea
 - 93 Car part between headlights
 - 94 Acupuncture item
 - 95 NFL rusher Smith
 - 96 Savor pekoe, say
 - 97 Certain fuel-carrying ship
 - 98 Take a break
 - 100 Burj Khalifa locale
 - 101 Super-angry
 - 106 Razor brand
 - 107 Skinny
 - 108 Toward dawn
 - 110 Sweetie
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 - 115 Buddhist discipline
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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

September, 1957

Home Room Mothers Selected For The Year

- Home room mothers for this year were chosen during the P.T.A. meeting on September 16.
- First grade—Mrs. Mary Butcher; Mrs. Norris Frame, Mrs. Emma Samples, Mrs. William Marple;
- Second grade—Miss Susie Belle Graham; Mrs. Annabelle King, Mrs. Betty Acree, Mrs. Sherman Nettles;
- Second grade—Mrs. Camellia Elliott; Mrs. Marion Wood, Mrs. Melvin Conner, Mrs. Norville Woods, Mrs. Eugene Russell;
- Third grade—Miss Patsy Ashley; Mrs. Joe Potasnik, Mrs. Farrell Henderson;
- Fourth grade—Mrs. Winnie Bragg; Mrs. Helen Morris, Mrs. Wanda Mullens, Mrs. Reva Wilson, Mrs. Nell Dorsey;
- Fifth grade—Mr. Ira Jackson; Mrs. Greta Brown, Mrs. Joyce Butcher;
- Sixth grade—Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds; Mrs. Pearl Williams, Mrs. Agnes Rapp;
- Ninth grade—Mr. A. R. Matheny; Mrs. Wainah George, Mrs. Nura Lee McMillan;
- Tenth grade—Mr. J. V. Pinney; Mrs. Margaret Rapp;
- Eleventh grade—Mrs. Leona Griffith; Mrs. Herbert Holcomb, Mrs. Forrest Sigman;
- Twelfth grade—Miss Phala Woods; Mrs. Hazel Manning, Mrs. Blanche Conner, Mrs. Dora Hamrick;

P.T.A. Makes Plans For Year of Service

The Widen P.T.A. met in the music room of the school building on Monday night, September 16, 1957.

Mr. Darrell Wood, President, presided. The minutes, were read by the secretary, Mrs. Thomas Zinnermon.

Devotions were lead by Mrs. Lloyd Butcher, Jr.

Chairmen of the various committees reported to the group that their plans were still incomplete.

Miss Tressie Bailes reviewed two articles, "A Reading Lesson for Worried Parents," and "College: a Grade-School Decision" which were published in the September issue of "National P.T.A." Mrs. Eugene Taylor led the group in songs and the meeting was adjourned to the home economics building for the social hour.

Tables were decorated with centerpieces of colorful autumn flowers.

Refreshments were assorted cakes, nuts, mints, and coffee.

Hostesses were Mrs. Joseph Potasnik, Mrs. Robert Dorsey, Mrs. Charles Morris, Mrs. Leonard Acree.

P.T.A. Committees for this year are: **Hospitality**, Mrs. Betty Acree. **Finance**, Mrs. Donna Osborne and Mrs. Robert Elliott. **Membership**, Mrs. Robert Dorsey. **Devotions**, Miss Tressie Bailes and Mrs. Lloyd Butcher, Jr. **Program**, Mrs. Theodore Griffith, Miss Patsy Ashley, Mrs. DeForrest McMillan, Jr. and Mr. Harry E. Baer. **Music**, Mrs. Kathryn Taylor and Mr. Gerald Simmons. **Project**, Mrs. Eugene George, Mr. Harry Baer and a teacher.

Over fifty members were present for the first meeting.

Secretary Zinnermon released the following open letter to parents and other interested friends of the school:

"Another school year has started in Widen and so has our P.T.A.

Can we depend on you to be one of our faithful working members of the coming season?

Whether you have a child in school or not, we owe it to our children in Widen, to pave the way for those toddlers—to lend a hand to the beginners and to give faith, courage and understanding to those who will be occupying the space we will vacate in the

years to come. Our P. T. A. can help us to help ourselves, children and community.

We meet the third Monday of each month."

(Mrs.) Marjorie Zinnermon Secretary Widen P.T.A.

WIDEN MISS WINS IN TALENT SHOW

Little Miss Sandra Williams, who delighted Widen audiences with her tap dancing routines last fall, won a third place tie at the Charleston Recreation Center on Labor Day with her "Peg O' My Heart" routine in competition with 25 other contestants. As all other winners were girls, and the tie was with a boy, the judges decided to give the third place to him and Sandra graciously accepted the fourth place ribbon.

LUNCH ROOM GETS NEW COOK

Delicious aromas ushered in a new year of activity in the Widen High School cook room.

The hot lunch program started on the first day of school, with Mrs. Howard Shaffer in charge and Mrs. Farrell Henderson assisting. The cooks stayed home this summer and cleaned house.

This year the cook room has a new Norge refrigerator and a new electric fan.

Sport Shorts

The Widen High School Buffaloes will start the 1957-58 basketball season by playing Sutton on December 6.

All of the home games will be played in the new gym which is being built in lower Widen. It is hoped that it will be completed in time for a month's practice before the first game.

Sixteen games have been scheduled, including the Alumni game, and four more are being arranged.

Mr. J. V. Pinney, last year's junior high coach of Clay High School will be the new high school coach for Widen High.

Returning lettermen this year are: Carl Ellis, Paul DeMoss, Russell Butcher, David Wilson, and David Hamrick. A few players will move up from junior high to play high school ball, Abe Holmes, Victor Frame, and Kyle Barnette.

The cheering section will be lead by head cheerleaders, Dawne Backus and Lora Wilson.

We are expecting a very lively season.

DANCE DRAWS JITTERBUGS

The social activity of Widen High started off with a record hop at the Legion Hall on September 10, 1957 at 7 o'clock under the sponsorship of the senior class.

About 60 young people in casual campus clothes raised the dust and worked up a hearty appetite "Bopping" to the music of Little Richard, Fats Domino and Elvis Presley.

Lemonade, cake, candy and cookies were sold to the hot and thirsty dancers.

Mr. A. R. Matheny and Mrs. Leona Griffith chaperoned the dance.

HIGHWAY VS. SPEEDWAY

I say there! How do you like our new road? A lot different from the other one from "Bumtown" to Widen, isn't it? A regular two lane speedway, eh? Dangerous? Well, that depends on everyone of us individual drivers—whether we drive like maniacs or not. After all, about every one who drives from around "Bumtown" and Widen got a new undercoating job from the tar on it. This and few minor incidents caused temporary inconvenience but, every time we drive over our new road, just imagine how the old road used to be and everytime you pass a car, be thankful you don't have to shake your car all up by getting off on the "berm". Seriously, we do appreciate the new road and we will do our best to keep it in its present condition, black, not red.



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OBITUARIES

Jack Cummings



Jackie James Cummings, 27, of Clay, WV gained his heavenly wings and went to be with the Lord on September 24th, 2023. He was born on February 29th, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Beverly Coen; paternal grandparents, Wesley and Patricia Cummings; Aunt, Melissa Drake; and cousins, Michael Keiffer, Isaac Murphy, and Bradley Wilson.

He is survived by his parents, James Cummings of Left Hand, WV, and Jerri Drake, of Gassaway, WV; maternal grandfather, Jerry Drake of Virginia Beach,

VA; sisters, Jennifer (Logan) Wilson of Flatwoods, WV; Jaycee and Jemma Cummings of Clendenin, WV; Jozie and Jozelyn Cummings of Clay, WV; nephews, Wesley and Walker Smith of Flatwoods, WV; and countless aunts, uncles, and cousins that loved him dearly. The Mollohan family also played an important role in Jack's life, including Clark, Fannie, Michael, and Patrick.

Jack was a graduate of Clay County High School and a State Champion wrestler in 2014. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding four wheelers, dirt bikes, and making others laugh. He had an infectious smile, outgoing personality, and such a generous heart. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was loved very much, and he will be missed dearly. He leaves behind many memories to cherish, and he will not be forgotten. May he rest in

peace.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, support, and donations throughout this difficult time. We will forever be grateful.

His visitation will be from 6 to 9 P.M. Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Jack's graveside service will be 11 A.M. Thursday, October 5th at Coen Cemetery, Chloe officiating.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Robert A. Steorts

Lt. Col. Robert A. Steorts, USAF(ret.), 86, born on August 28, 1936 in Clay County, West Virginia passed away on May 5,

2023 in Suffolk, Virginia. He was the twelfth and final child of the late Anon T. and Allie Murphy Steorts. He is predeceased by three brothers, Delbert "Deb", Brooks, and Arnold and eight sisters, Selena Marie "Happy", Della, Golda, Frances "Punkie": Marjorie, Loretta, Patricia "Babe", and his twin Roberta "Bertie". Robert grew up in Hartland and graduated as class of 1954 Valedictorian and class president from Clay County High School. He attended both Marshall University and West Virginia University, and later completed his B.S. in Business Administration at Louisiana Tech University.

Robert entered the Air Force in 1959. His USAF career as a navigator, Electronic Warfare Officer on B-52's and in SAC lasted 26 years. His career included four tours in Vietnam and 156 combat missions.

Robert managed and enjoyed the family "home

place" on the Elk River in Hartland for decades, selling the property in 2022. He loved getting together with family for the Golden Delicious Festival. He also loved to share with his children, grandkids, and anyone who would listen his adventures growing up, trapping, deer hunting, swimming, fishing and climbing mountains. He never forgot his West Virginia (and Clay County) roots.

Robert is survived by his wife Gladys, his children from a first marriage - Craig Steorts and wife Alyson (Bossier Cit-tKen Steorts and wife Joy (Memphis, TN) and Pamela Steorts Centers (Fairfax, VA) and his 5 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 3 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter.

Burial was conducted with military honors on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA.

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Marathon

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Trent Hinkle, winner of the male under 19 age group in the Half Marathon. (AP Timing Photo.)



Olivia Witt, winner of the female under 19 age division in the Half Marathon. (AP Timing Photo)



Daymian Stricker placed third overall in the 5K. (AP Timing Photo)



Gunner Dobbins won the male under 12 division in the 5K. (AP Timing Photo)



Danae Stricker won the female under 12 age group in the 5K. (AP Timing Photo)



Ariel Dobbins won the female 13-19 year old division in the 5K. (AP Timing Photo)



Local runners had much success in the 5K.

under 12) and Ariel Dobbins (female 13-19) each won their respective age groups. Other local participants included Mike Holstein, Ron Starcher, Matt Stricker, Ronda Harris, Stephanie Dobbins, Joyce Lennox and Kennah Hinkle.

This impressive event benefits the Elk River Trail Foundation. The Foundation would like to thank Ricky and Caren Campbell and the Appalachian Timing Group for managing the event and donating the net proceeds to Elk River Trail Foundation, now

two years and running. All proceeds will be used to support the Foundation and in furtherance of its mission "To preserve, protect and enhance the Elk River rail and water trails for public recreation, community health and well-being, conservation, ecology, education, economic development, and cultural enrichment." If anyone needs a race timed, we highly recommend AP Timing.

The Foundation would also like to thank the Central Appalachian Empowerment Zone (J.G. Brad-

ley Campground) and the Clay County Little League for permitting use of their facilities, making this year's second annual marathon/half marathon/5K a huge success. Finally, a debt of gratitude is also owed to the volunteers from the Mountain State Wheelers and the Elk Valley Trail Foundation who spent a long day making safety and aid bike rides along the 26-mile course and manning the water and aid stations for the runners.

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LEGALS

Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A. Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023
 Claim Deadline: Monday, December 4, 2023
 APPOINTMENT DATE 09/21/2023
 ESTATE NAME: **JULIE FRANCES FOSTER**
 ADMINISTRATRIX ANGELA DENEISE LANE
 264 TIMBERLINE DR
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 APPOINTMENT DATE 03/28/2023
 ESTATE NAME: **VINCENT ALLEN KING**
 ADMINISTRATRIX BRITTNEY JEAN CALDWELL
 403 BOMONT RD
 BOMONT WV 25030
 APPOINTMENT DATE 09/11/2023
 ESTATE NAME: **JONATHAN DEVLIN SIZEMORE**
 ADMINISTRATOR DALTON BLAKE SIZEMORE
 140 CAMP RUN RD
 WALLBACK WV 25285-9762
 APPOINTMENT DATE 09/11/2023
 ESTATE NAME: **LAURA JANE SIZEMORE**
 EXECUTOR RICHARD TOM SIZEMORE III
 2816 WRIGHT HAVEN COURT
 MURFREESBORO TN 37130-9552

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 9/28/2023
 Sheila Stone
 County Clerk
 Clay County
 P.O. Box 190
 246 Main Street
 Clay WV 25043-0190

LEGALS

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF WEST VIRGINIA
 CHARLESTON**

At a session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA in the City of Charleston on the 21st day of September 2023.

CASE NO. 23-0690-E-P
 BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY

Application for a consolidated purchased power surcharge.

COMMISSION ORDER

The Commission grants a petition to intervene and establishes a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing on November 9, 2023. The Commission also directs Black Diamond Power Company (Black Diamond) to publish the attached notice one time in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties it serves.

BACKGROUND

On August 14, 2023, Black Diamond filed its application for a consolidated purchased power surcharge as directed by the Commission Order issued March 11, 2014, in Case No. 12-1559-E-GI. By that Order, the Commission established a unified annual proceeding under which Black Diamond would file the above-mentioned application to determine prospective consolidated power surcharge rates necessary to recover its purchased power costs. This process provides a true-up mechanism whereby over and under recoveries are credited or charged in future rates.

Black Diamond proposes that the Commission approve a consolidated purchased power surcharge of \$0.1222426 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to take effect on December 1, 2023. The proposed surcharge is an increase of \$0.0279031, which would result in an annual increase in revenue of approximately \$1,345,206. Black Diamond reported a total under-collected balance of \$842,214 for its consolidated purchased power costs from June 2022 to May 2023. Black Diamond calculated that residential customers would receive an increase in their monthly bill of approximately \$23.28, or a 19.87 percent increase, based on an average monthly usage of 834 kilowatt-hours (kWh). In support of its proposal, Black Diamond included pre-filed direct testimony of Dixie L. Kellmeyer, CPA.

On August 23, 2023, Commission Staff filed a motion requesting a procedural schedule and requesting that the Commission adopt that procedural schedule. Black Diamond agreed with the proposed procedural schedule.

On September 18, 2023, the Consumer Advocate Division (CAD) filed a Petition to Intervene. CAD asserted that it has a legal interest in the case because it is tasked with representing the interests of residential ratepayers in cases that may affect the rates of those residential ratepayers. Black Diamond's petition, if granted, will affect residential ratepayers.

DISCUSSION

Petition to Intervene

Pursuant to Rule 12.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1 (Procedural Rules), any person having a legal interest in the subject matter of a pending proceeding may petition to intervene. Leave to intervene may be granted where the petitioner makes reasonable allegations pertinent to the issues and does not unduly broaden those issues. CAD has a legal interest in this proceeding and, therefore, will be granted intervenor status.

Schedule

It is reasonable to require Black Diamond to provide public notice. The notice attached to this Order should be used to provide the public with notice of the filing and the hearing scheduled in this case.

The Commission will adopt a procedural schedule that is similar to the timeframes established in the prior consolidated purchased power cases involving Black Diamond. The evidentiary hearing in this case will be held on November 9, 2023, at the Public Service Commission headquarters. The procedural schedule is contained in the ordering paragraphs. All exhibits to be entered as evidence in the evidentiary hearing should be pre-marked in the Commission's desired format (ex. Co. Exh. DK-D). Interested individuals may follow this case on the Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, at the following links: (1) "Case Information" to review the filings in the case; (2) "Submit a Comment" to submit a comment in favor of or opposed to the requested rate increase; and "Commission Webcast" to watch the evidentiary hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- As directed by the Commission Order issued March 11, 2014, in Case No. 12-1559-E-GI, Black Diamond filed its application for a consolidated purchased power surcharge. August 14, 2023 Application.
- CAD filed a Petition to Intervene. Petition, Sept. 18, 2023.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- It is reasonable to establish a procedural schedule for the filing of testimony, briefing, and an evidentiary hearing.
- Black Diamond should publish a notice of this proceeding to inform customers of the proposed rates and the scheduled evidentiary hearing.
- CAD has a legal interest in the outcome of this proceeding and should be granted intervenor status. Procedural Rule 12.6.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Public Service Commission grants the Staff motion to adopt a procedural schedule and sets a procedural schedule as follows:

EVENT	DEADLINE
Direct Testimony from Staff and Intervenor, if any	4:00 p.m., October 18, 2023
Deadline to file all responses to discovery requests	4:00 p.m., October 23, 2023
Rebuttal Testimony from all Parties	4:00 p.m., October 26, 2023
Filing of Agreed Order of Witnesses	4:00 p.m. November 7, 2023
Evidentiary Hearing	November 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Public Service Commission Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia

Discovery responses are due within ten calendar days of the request, objections to discovery requests are due within five calendar days of the request, and motions to compel are due within five calendar days of objections.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Black Diamond Power Company shall promptly publish the Notice of Filing and Evidentiary Hearing attached as Appendix A in this matter one time in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties served by Black Diamond and file proof of publication on or before November 9, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Consumer Advocate Division's Petition to Intervene is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Secretary of the Commission serve a copy of this Order by electronic service on all parties of record who have filed an e-service agreement, by United States First Class Mail on all parties of record who have not filed an e-service agreement, and on Staff by hand delivery.

A True Copy, Teste,

Karen Buckley

Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary

LEGALS

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF WEST VIRGINIA
 CHARLESTON**

Appendix A

CASE NO. 23-0690-E-P
 BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY,
 Application for a consolidated purchased power surcharge.

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On August 14, 2023, Black Diamond Power Company (Black Diamond) applied for revised consolidated purchased power rates, effective December 1, 2023. This proceeding is designed to consolidate the various elements of purchasing power into a single annual Commission review. Black Diamond has requested a purchased power surcharge of \$0.1222426 per kWh. The proposed surcharge would result in a total annual revenue increase of \$1,345,206. Black Diamond also stated that it has accumulated a total under-collected balance of \$842,214 for its consolidated purchased power costs.

The average monthly bill for customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase	Usage KWH Avg.	Usage KV Avg.
Residential All Div.	\$23.28	19.87%	834	
Med. Commercial Sophia	\$77.21	20.33%	2,767	11.77
Med. Commercial Clay	\$77.21	20.48%	2,767	11.77
Med. Commercial Mullens	\$77.21	22.21%	2,767	11.77
Large Commercial (No Customers)				
Street Lighting All Divs. 7000L	\$2.09	15.14%	75	
Street Lighting All Divs. 21000L	\$4.88	20.82%	175	
Outdoor Lighting Sophia & Mullens 7000L	\$2.09	15.41%	75	
Outdoor Lighting Clay 7000L	\$2.09	15.41%	75	
Outdoor Lighting All Divs. 21000L	\$4.88	21.04%	175	

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased 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 change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

This matter is scheduled for evidentiary hearing on November 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the headquarters of the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, 25301. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket for updated information.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within ten (10) days following the publication of this notice. Anyone desiring to make public comment may file written comments by US Mail or electronically as directed below. All comments and petitions to intervene should reference Case No. 23-0690-E-P and be mailed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. The public may also file comments electronically at <http://www.psc.state.wva.us>.

BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY

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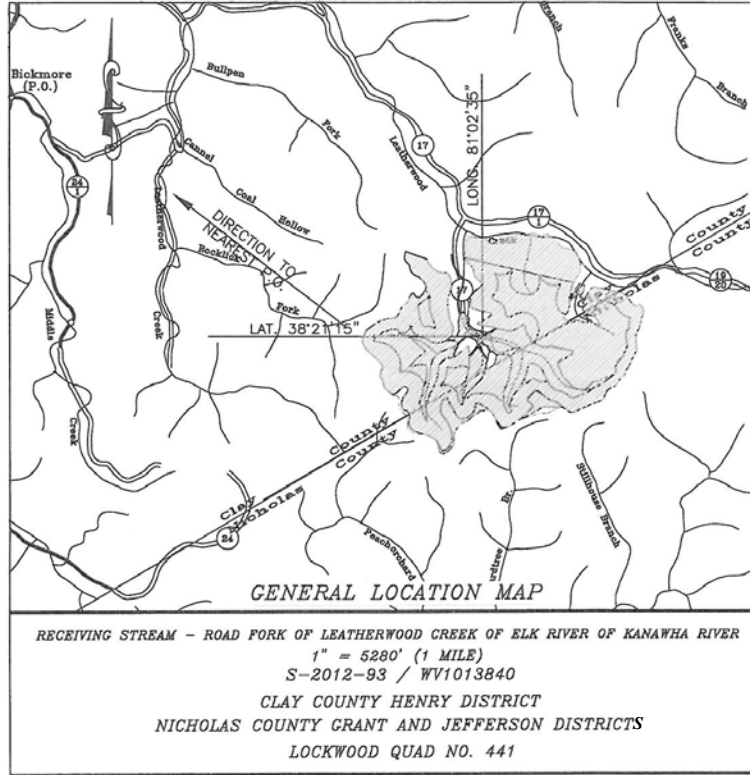
Notice is hereby given that WV Reclaim Co, LLC, 2122 Leatherwood Road, Bickmore, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 Release on Permit No. S-2012-93 for the following increments:

- Increment No. 1 146.23 acres
- Increment No. 3 152.58 acres
- Increment No. 4 177.22 acres
- Increment No. 6 308.14 acres

The permit is located in Henry District of Clay County and Grant and Jefferson Districts of Nicholas County, 3.2 miles southeast of Bickmore on Road Fork and unnamed tributary of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River of Kanawha River.

WV Reclaim Co, LLC, completed backfilling and regrading on 4-4-2012 and is requesting release of 50 percent of the reclamation performance bonds currently in the amount of \$3,297,000.

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until November 13, 2023 or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**.



LEGALS

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FYE JUNE 30, 2023**

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,054,074
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	448,229
Deposit with Retirement Board	26,266
Other receivables	117,578
Prepaid Worker's Compensation	74,053
Other prepaid expenses	54,122
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	106,065
PEIA allocation receivable	253,677
Reimbursements receivable	2,813,157
Capital assets:	
Land	1,333,753
Land improvements	1,245,389
Buildings and improvements	38,579,356
Furniture and equipment	2,837,518
Vehicles	4,027,149
Less accumulated depreciation	(20,413,678)
Less accumulated depreciation	27,609,487
Total assets	34,556,708
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	620,663
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	205,599
Total deferred outflows of resources	826,262
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 35,382,970
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	
Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	1,664,691
PEIA premiums payable	189,821
Accounts payable	106,448
Accrued interest	6,634
Finance lease obligation	224,279
Due beyond one year:	
Finance lease obligation	805,000
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	1,028,157
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	66,590
Total liabilities	4,091,620
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	69,746
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	394,899
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	464,645
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,556,265
Net Position:	
Net investment in Capital Assets	27,609,487
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	-
Special projects	697,916
Excess Levy	-
Capital projects	4,005
Unrestricted	2,826,705
Total net position	\$ 30,826,705

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements, however, to conserve space, they are not included in the publication but are available for review at the board office.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FYE JUNE 30, 2023**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$(1,352,563)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.	
Depreciation expense	(1,157,719)
Capital outlays	9,618,809
Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).	
Property taxes receivable	143,587
Operating Grants and Contributions	924,947
Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	
Cost of assets disposed	(8,716,186)
Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	-
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	15,334
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net if employee contributions is reported as pension expense.	
District pension contributions	169,927
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(116,301)
Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net if employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense.	
District OPEB contributions	64,886
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	313,363
Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased.	158,717
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 66,801

See Notes to Financial Statements

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
FOR PUBLICATION
FOR THE FISCAL ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Salaries expenditures:	
Board officials:	
Phoebe Nichols, President	\$ 5,280
Nicole Jones, Jr., Vice President	5,120
David W. Pierson, Jr	5,280
Susan Bodkins	5,280
Lolita Nutter	5,280
Superintendent	117,852
Interim Superintendent	50,603
Total salaries paid to other professional personnel	9,247,060
Total salaries paid to service personnel	3,499,797
Total salaries paid to students for work performed	-
Total salary expenditures	<u>12,941,552</u>
Non-salary expenditures:	
Expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250):	
(List the name of each firm, corporation and person to whom more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in the aggregate from all funds was paid during the fiscal year, together with the aggregate amount paid and the purpose for which paid.)	
Total non-salary expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)	13,269,786
Total non-salary expenditures paid of less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)	14,543
Total accrued expenditures, refunds, and other non-cash transactions	-
Total non-salary expenditures	<u>13,284,329</u>
Total expenditures per financial statements	<u>\$ 26,225,881</u>

Supplemental Schedule of Expenditures

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2023**

	11	61	65	71	51	Total
	General	Special	Special	Special	Capital	Governmental
	Current	Revenue	School Activity	Revenue	Projects	
	Expense	Revenue	Fund	ESSERF	Fund	
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 1,734,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,734,434
Other local sources	150,336	331,677	417,954	-	-	899,967
State sources	14,493,173	550,244	-	26,150	305,653	15,375,220
Federal sources	185,564	5,118,819	-	1,554,312	-	6,858,695
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>16,563,507</u>	<u>6,000,740</u>	<u>417,954</u>	<u>1,580,462</u>	<u>305,653</u>	<u>24,868,316</u>
Expenditures:						
Instruction	9,299,472	2,627,776	453,014	1,220,904	-	13,601,166
Supporting services:						
Students	643,785	520,089	-	438,462	-	1,602,336
Instructional staff	119,521	1,193,979	-	285,197	-	1,598,697
Central administration	427,779	45,961	-	4,160	-	477,920
School administration	1,258,968	-	-	-	-	1,258,968
Central Services	405,995	-	-	48,841	-	424,836
Operation & maintenance of facilities	2,086,121	-	-	46,540	-	2,132,661
Student transportation	2,883,793	75,317	-	5,138	-	2,964,248
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	661	1,605,114	-	-	-	1,605,775
Community services	81,046	-	-	-	-	81,046
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	305,645	305,645
Finance Leases:						
Principal payment expense	158,717	-	-	-	-	158,717
Interest expense	13,866	-	-	-	-	13,866
Total expenditures	<u>17,379,724</u>	<u>6,068,256</u>	<u>453,014</u>	<u>2,019,242</u>	<u>305,645</u>	<u>26,225,881</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(816,217)	(67,516)	(35,060)	(438,780)	8	(1,357,565)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	5,002	-	-	-	-	5,002
Transfers in	148,845	50,979	565,614	-	-	265,238
Transfers (out)	(8,871)	(168,085)	(6,864)	(81,418)	-	(265,238)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>144,776</u>	<u>(117,106)</u>	<u>58,750</u>	<u>(81,418)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,602</u>
Extraordinary Item:						
Net change in fund balances	<u>(671,441)</u>	<u>(184,622)</u>	<u>23,690</u>	<u>(520,198)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>(1,352,563)</u>
Fund balances - beginning	4,120,690	394,892	463,956	-	3,997	4,983,535
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	4,120,690	394,892	463,956	-	3,997	4,983,535
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 3,449,249</u>	<u>\$ 210,270</u>	<u>\$ 487,646</u>	<u>\$ (520,198)</u>	<u>\$ 4,005</u>	<u>\$ 3,630,972</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2023**

	11	61	65	71	51	Total
	General	Special	Special	Special	Capital	Governmental
	Current	Revenue	School Activity	Revenue	Projects	
	Expense	Revenue	Fund	Fund	Fund	
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,522,243	\$ 41,068	\$ 487,646	\$ -	\$ 3,117	\$ 3,054,074
Taxes receivable, net	448,229	-	-	-	-	448,229
Deposit with Retirement Board	26,266	-	-	-	-	26,266
Prepaid Workers' Comp	74,053	-	-	-	-	74,053
Other receivables	117,578	-	-	-	-	117,578
Other prepaid expenses	54,122	-	-	-	-	54,122
Due from other governments:						
State aid receivable	106,065	-	-	-	-	106,065
PEIA allocation receivable	253,677	-	-	-	-	253,677
Reimbursements receivable	233,831	1,382,928	-	739,509	456,889	2,813,157
Due from other funds	1,933,986	-	-	-	-	1,933,986
Total assets	<u>5,770,050</u>	<u>1,423,996</u>	<u>487,646</u>	<u>739,509</u>	<u>460,006</u>	<u>8,881,207</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 5,770,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,423,996</u>	<u>\$ 487,646</u>	<u>\$ 739,509</u>	<u>\$ 460,006</u>	<u>\$ 8,881,207</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,664,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,664,691
Other post employment benefits payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEIA premiums payable	189,821	-	-	-	-	189,821
Accounts payable & Payable to others	35,947	58,750	-	11,751	-	106,448
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	750,227	-	727,758	456,001	1,933,986
Total liabilities	<u>1,890,459</u>	<u>808,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>739,509</u>	<u>456,001</u>	<u>3,894,946</u>
Deferred inflows or resources	430,342	404,749	-	520,198	-	1,355,289
Total deferred inflows of resources	430,342	404,749	-	520,198	-	1,355,289
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable	54,122	-	-	-	-	54,122
Restricted	-	210,270	487,646	-	4,005	701,921
Committed	1,131,226	-	-	-	-	1,131,226
Assigned	608	-	-	-	-	608
Unassigned	2,263,293	-	-	(520,198)	-	1,743,095
Total fund balances	<u>3,449,249</u>	<u>210,270</u>	<u>487,646</u>	<u>(520,198)</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>3,630,972</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 5,770,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,423,996</u>	<u>\$ 487,646</u>	<u>\$ 739,509</u>	<u>\$ 460,006</u>	<u>\$ 8,881,207</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ due to:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	27,609,487
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	-
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds	924,947
Property taxes receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds	430,342
Net OPEB asset - proportionate share	14,204
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods, and therefore, are not reported in the funds	-
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	620,663
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(69,746)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	205,599
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(394,899)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	-
Bonds payable, due within one year	-
Bonds payable, due beyond one year	-
Unamortized bond premium	-
Accrued interest on bonds	(6,634)
Accrued sick leave payable	(1,029,279)
Compensated absences	-
Net Pension liability - proportionate share	(1,028,157)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share	(66,590)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 30,826,705</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK
PRO SOURCE	2,747.05	CAMEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	18,376.96
ACCURATE LABEL DESIGNS	854.95	CAPITOL BUSINESS INTERIORS	21,125.50
ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY, LLC	60,371.89	CAPITOL SALES CORPORATION	20,997.92
APPLIED EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS	2,500.00	CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES INC	1,496.00
CARRIER ENTERPRISES	609.40	CC SAFETY SUPPLY	3,208.15
NCS PEARSON INC	825.00	CDW G LLC	18,626.21
AIR DISTRIBUTOR	1,944.00	CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	8,109.50
SUCCESS BY DESIGN, INC.	922.17	CERTIPORT	1,295.00
ALPHA MECHANICAL SERVICES	35,610.62	CEV MULTIMEDIA	850.00
AM PRINTING	490.00	CHAPMAN TECHNICAL GROUP	6,196.46
AMERICAN TIMBER MKT GRP., LLC	786.00	CHARLESTON ACOUSTICS	803.20
AMTEK	23,542.00	CHARLESTON FLEET SERVICES	9,309.09
APPALACHIAN POWER	37,686.19	CINTAS CORPORATION #525	22,576.64
APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PRODUCTS	11,683.14	CLAY AUTO	6,312.11
APPALACHIAN TIRE PRODUCTS INC	28,680.66	CLAY COUNTY AG FAIR	6,300.00
APPLE EDUCATION	78,941.00	CLAY COUNTY(BOARD OF ED	414.00
CARD SERVICES CENTER	1,352.59	CLAY COUNTY FREE PRESS	3,233.47
BIG OTTER ELEMENTARY	6,335.17	CLAY CO GOLDEN DELICIOUS FEST	270.00
BIRD'S BUS & DIESEL REPAIR LLC	4,500.00		
BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY	286,264.		

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CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE JUNE 30, 2023

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue & Changes in Net Position	Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		
Governmental activities						
Instruction	\$ 12,078,962	\$ 6,191	\$ 4,640,836	\$ 173,265	\$ (7,258,670)	
Supporting services:						
Students	1,597,182	818	491,346	22,910	(1,082,108)	
Instructional staff	1,671,797	857	514,300	23,981	(1,132,659)	
General administration	431,045	221	132,604	6,183	(292,037)	
School administration	1,007,640	516	309,983	14,454	(682,687)	
Central services	385,114	197	118,474	5,524	(260,919)	
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,929,991	989	593,729	27,684	(1,307,589)	
Student transportation	2,206,091	1,130	678,667	31,645	(1,494,649)	
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Services	1,702,208	-	1,611,910	-	(90,298)	
Community services	84,689	-	-	-	(84,689)	
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	13,866	-	-	-	(13,866)	
Total governmental activities	\$ 23,108,448	\$ 10,919	\$ 9,091,849	\$ 305,646	(13,700,171)	
General revenues:						
Property taxes						1,883,188
Unrestricted state aid						11,866,428
Unrestricted investment earnings						3,045
Unrestricted grants and contributions						9,309
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits						-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets						5,002
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets						-
Transfers in						265,238
Transfers (out)						(265,238)
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers						13,766,972
Change in net position						66,801
Net position - beginning						30,759,904
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)						-
Net position - beginning, as restated						30,759,904
Net position - ending						\$ 30,826,705

See notes to Financial Statements

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK
PREMIER ENERGY SYSTEMS	1,080.00
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY	5,639.25
PARCHEMENT LLC	623.00
PSAT/NMSQT	2,188.80
PURITY CHEMICALS	893.66
QUALITY LAND AND PROPERTY SRVC	33,441.65
RE MICHEL COMPANY LLC	1,324.40
RALEIGH MINE & INDUSTRIAL SUPP	580.00
BRITON EDUCATION	17,500.00
RICHMORR & ASSOCIATES	8,310.92
ROTO-ROOTER	2,625.00
RSP FIRE PROTECTION & EQUIP	19,696.00
SAVE THE CHILDREN	62,549.00
SCHAEFFER'S	2,009.16
SCHOLASTIC INC	5,142.56
SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES INC	257.11
SCHOOL AVOIDANCE ALLIANCE	2,971.04
SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION	3,430.92
SCHOOL OUTFITTERS	4,138.00
SCHOOL MATE	2,631.00
SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY	486.40
SCHOOL SERVICE, INC.	698.14
SOUTHERN EDUCATION SERVICES	9,419.26
SHAMBLIN BROTHERS FARM SUPPLY	2,500.00
SHAMBLIN STONE INC	761.21
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	2,202.92
LUTE SUPPLY	424.57
SKILLSUSA WEST VIRGINIA	760.00
SMALL TOWN MARKET	560.00
SPORTS CONNECTION	5,471.25
ALWAYS AVAILABLE SEATING	9,700.00
STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	19,615.95
ANITA M STEPHENSON	301.30
TYNKER	2,862.00
STS EDUCATION	864,508.19
SUMMERSVILLE GLASS, INC	1,656.36
STEPHANIE OXLEY	4,400.00
JADE TIGER GAMES	2,444.07
CHRISTY L. HAYNES	400.00
TECH ED SAFETY	478.35
TETRICK & BARTLETT	44,750.00
TISKELWAH TREATS	2,750.00
TOM RICKMAN & ASSOCIATES	3,778.52
TRAINE U. S. INC	6,538.37
TROYER'S QUALITY MEATS	2,470.30
I KORIN 3-10, INC.	750,641.21
UNION BANK	169,159.40
UNITED BANK	38,213.14
UNITED DAIRY	93,720.88
UNITED LABORATORIES	4,225.23
UNITED RENTALS	26,500.00
UNITY SCHOOL BUS PARTS INC	8,356.32
US BANK	600,013.93
U S BANK	31,072.09
SCENARIO LEARNING, LLC	6,642.55
VERTICAL TRANSPORT CONSULTING	403.97
VERSARE	6,034.50
ANNETTE PRATT	2,800.00
H E WHITE ELEMENTARY	3,395.00
WORLDWIDE EQUIPMENT	460,074.48
WV ADJUTANT GENERAL	2,358.24
VOLUNTEER WEST VIRGINIA	25,000.00
WVAPT	600.00
WV AMERICAN WATER	3,844.67
WVASHRO INC	260.00
WVCTM	540.00
WV DEPT OF ED	5,000.00
WV NET	271.60
WV DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	9,641.76
WV DIVISION OF LABOR	345.00
WVOUTDOOR	300.00
WV STATE AUDITOR	3,580.00
WV STATE UNIVERSITY	67,900.00
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LEGALS

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until November 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
026	2023080007	S308-16-19.23 00	STBG-0016(366)D	RESURFACING Dundon - Clay Junction Project Midpoint COUNTY: CLAY,

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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

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

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In The Matter of Petition of Name Change of
J.D. Civil Action No.: 23-P-13
Current Name **J.D.** Judge Jack Alsop
To
New Name **J.N.**

Legal Notice of Publication Change of Name

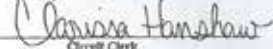
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Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of October, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Savannah Nottingham will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of J.D. to J.N. at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 21st day of September, 2023.


Circuit Clerk

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In The Matter of Petition of Name Change of
A.D. Civil Action No.: 23-P-14
Current Name **A.D.** Judge Jack Alsop
To
New Name **A.N.**

Legal Notice of Publication Change of Name

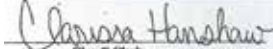
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Circuit Clerk

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Allena Marie Canfield Magistrate Court Case No.: ___
Salisbury Rd. Family Court Civil Action
Ivydale, WV 25113 No.: 23-DV-10
DOB: 12/16/1996

ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the Clay County, Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 12/25/23.

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Panthers win big at Logan

By Allen Hamrick

The Mustang football team had a tough, tough time Thursday night as they were on the road in Braxton. It looked as though the Mustangs and the Knights were pretty evenly matched. Early in the game, the Mustangs got on the board first with a Collins and Elliot air ball combo which netted a Mustang touchdown. They got the extra two points and the game energy was set for the rest of the evening. Not to be outdone, the Knights came back with a TD of their own, and the score stood Mustangs 8, Knights 6. The Mustangs got on the board again as Cooper Collins hit Lathan Brown in the end zone for their second score of the game. It looked as though the Mustang offense could score at will as they made the Knights defense look like they were standing still. When the half ended, the Mustangs were up on the Knights by the score of 16-12. This game was going to be one of the toughest they would face all season, and it was a much needed win if they could hold on. The Knights have been whipping all the teams they met with great bravado and counting of coup. That being said, the Mustangs proved to be the test for the Knights. However, the Mustang offense got shut down in the second half, and the Knights went on to win by the score of 26-16. This week the Mustangs will host Spencer, and it will be the Mustang's football homecoming game. Come out and support the team as their season winds down.

In other football news, the Panthers brought home



Lathan Brown catches it in the end zone.



Cooper Collins looks for running room.

another win as they racked up the yards in Logan like poker chips in Vegas. It was a Noah Collins air show as he once again was in the neon throwing 42 times and hitting for 34. He also racked up 391 yards passing with four TDs. Leading the receiving was BJ Williams

catching 11 times for 144 yards and four TDs. They totaled 501 yards total offense with 77 rushing yards. The final score of the game was Panther 48 Logan 14. The Panthers will be on the road again in Lincoln County this Friday. Go Panthers!

Lady Panthers go 5-2 this week



Alivia Gilliland gets it down in the back field.



Mackenzie Chaffin fires the kill shot.



Gracey Champ digs in the back field.



Rylee Burkhamer blasts the cannon shot.

By Allen Hamrick

The CCHS Lady Panthers hosted North Marion and Buffalo this past week. They had a tough week last week and were not going to let that happen again. The Lady Panthers were well prepared for the game and made very few mistakes which, in the game of volleyball, usually deter-

mine the fate of a team. All the Lady Panthers looked as though their skills were set, oiled, and greased for the game against North Marion. The ladies came out and went to work on the net, and when it was over, the North Marion team was sent to the loser round with Buffalo. After Buffalo sent North Marion home on the bus,

it was the Lady Panthers' turn. There is some reason in the cosmos the Lady Panthers, although equal in every respect to Buffalo, can't seem to shake the voodoo off the ball when it comes to a game with them. The Lady Panthers went toe to toe taking the lead and losing it at the same time. They just couldn't seem to get the guillotine lined up to finish the game when it came to pulling the rope. Buffalo once again took the match and handed

the Lady Panthers another loss. They played well but just couldn't get the break in the end. The Lady Panthers then went on the road to Gilmer and, still tasting the bitterness of losing, went in set for a street fight. It is just what they did beating Gilmer in three straight games. The Lady Panthers will be at home against Midland Trail on Tuesday and will be on the road to once again lock horns with Buffalo on Saturday. Go Lady Panthers!



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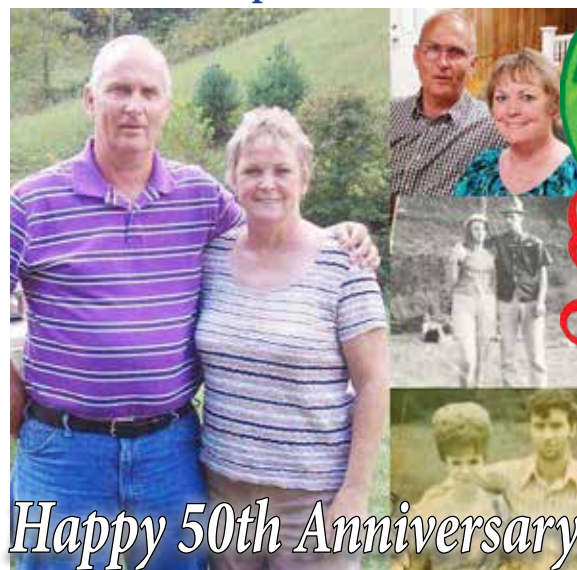
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