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Lions Club raises funds with Rubber Ducky Race

The Clay Lions Club held their annual Rubber Ducky Race during the Apple Festival. Half of the proceeds usually goes to the scholarship fund for Clay County High School graduating seniors. This year they dedicated the money to the Katie Price family. Katie is a 15-year-old sophomore at Clay County High School.

The winning duck was sponsored by Vickie Holcomb, the financial secretary at Clay County High School. In fact, Vickie sponsored 20 ducks, at the cost of \$100. Katie and Vickie were to receive \$930 each from the money collected by the Lions Club members. However, Vickie insisted that her part of the funds would also be given to Katie and her family to

help with the expenses incurred during her treatments at the West Virginia University Hospital.

Due to Vickie's generosity, the Katie Price family will receive the entire amount of \$1,860.

Katie has osteosarcoma, commonly known as bone cancer. With treatments at the WVU Medical Center, she was able to beat cancer once. However, it has returned and once again, she and her mother travel to Morgantown every three weeks for treatment. Katie's treatments last for 6 consecutive days.

The Clay Lions Club would like to thank all the people who willingly gave to this worthy cause. We are fortunate to live in a county where the people care for each other.



Katie and her sister, Emily; Jerry Linkinogor, President of the Clay Lions Club; Brian Holcomb; Vickie Holcomb; and Mr. and Mrs. Price

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners Adopt-A-Spot



Master Gardeners Adopt-A-Spot in Duck, cleaning trash and debris.

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners continue their community project in Duck, WV. On Earth Day this year, April 22, 2023, master gardeners and trainees gathered with the Clay County Department of Highways to Adopt-A-Spot in Duck. The group cleaned the area beginning at the intersection to Rt. 4

traveling toward the Nottingham Bridge that crosses Elk River. Members gathered bags of trash and debris. This program will be an ongoing effort with additional cleanups of the "spot." Master Gardener program information is available at you local WV Extension offices. The group appreciates your support.

Clay Cross Country Teams Dominate Lincoln and Calhoun Meets

The CCHS and CCMS cross country teams had a busy and very successful week. On September 23, the teams traveled to Princeton to compete in the large and highly competitive Pike View Invitational. Between 16 and

short for a medal. Finally, two runners from the Middle School girls' team earned medals. Marissa Atha placed fourth and McKinley Mahan came in twelfth in a race of 87 runners. Tara Conley and Layla Stewart also ran for

also did well, with Cheyenne Taylor placing third and Olivia Witt earning a medal at 15th. Jaylyn Holcomb, Shyenne Quinn, Ashley Roberts and Jaylyn Belt also ran hard with the team finishing fourth overall. The CCMS boys also placed fourth overall, with Malachi Evans and Isiah Woods earning medals at 10th and 11th place, respectively, and Stricker, McCallister and Johnathan Quinn posting competitive times. The Lady Mustangs brought home their first championship win of the season, led by Marissa Atha placing third and McKinley Mahan finishing fourth. Isabella Pauley, Layla Stewart and Tara Conley contributed to this success.

four teams brought home championship victories. The CCHS boys' and girls' teams each earned first place trophies. For the boys, Sawyer Dobbins won his second meet of the week with a time of 18:58. Notably, each team member earned a medal - Nida, Boggs, Fitzwater and Hinkle came in seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth. Vance placed 15th. Each member of the Lady Panther's team also medaled - Taylor at third, Witt was eighth, Quinn finished 11th, Holcomb placed 12th, Roberts 14th, and Jaylyn Belt 16th. Additionally, the CCMS boys secured their first team win of the season, led by third place finisher Malachi Evans. Also, medaling were Woods at fifth, Stricker at 9th, McCallis-



The CCHS boys' cross-country team won the Lincoln County Invitational and Calhoun Invitational

19 teams ran at each level. For the high school boys' team, Sawyer Dobbins placed second in a field of 78 runners. The team finished fourth overall with strong efforts from Kaden Fitzwater, Kane Nida, Trent Hinkle, Patrick Boggs, Daymian Stricker and Lukas Vance. For the girls, Cheyenne Taylor earned a medal placing fourteenth out of 49 runners. Olivia Witt and Jaylyn Holcomb also competed. The Middle School boys' team was well represented by Malachi Evans, Isiah Woods, Jacob McCallister and Jackson Stricker, but came up

the Lady Mustangs. Next, on September 27, the teams traveled to Hamlin for the Lincoln County Invitational. Sawyer Dobbins led the boys' team winning the race for the second year in a row with a personal record time this season of 17:54. Top performers also earning medals for the boys were Nida at 8th, Fitzwater at 11th, Boggs at 12th, and Stricker at 14th. Hinkle and Vance rounded out the team. The combined efforts of this group earned the team the championship trophy for the second consecutive year. The high school girls



Cross Country 2 CCHS Lady Panthers placed first at the Calhoun Invitational.

at the Calhoun Invitational in Grantsville. Impressively, three of the

ter at 16th, and Johnathan Quinn at 18th. Finally, CCMS girls earned a sec-

Third annual Elk River Cross Country Invitational held at Dundon



Third place- Sawyer Dobbins.

Cheyenne Adkins was named 2023 CCMS football homecoming queen



Cheyenne Adkins was crowned by Principal Leslie Goe.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY



Andrew Wallace Gower II
Booked 10/5/23
Domestic battery, second offense



Alexis Breann Haley
Booked 10/2/23
Domestic assault, domestic battery, possession of controlled substance



Emilie Marie Rhodes
Booked 10/2/23
Obstructing an officer, public intoxication



John Camden Rhodes III
Booked 10/3/23
Attempt arson



Aquayla Shay Fugate
Booked 10/8/23
Capias for felony



Jason Dale Hall
Booked 10/8/23
Petit larceny, destruction of property



Bobby Ray Hanshaw
Booked 10/7/23
Grand larceny



Ashley Nicole Harlow
Booked 10/4/23
Entry of building other than dwelling



Henry Estill Haynes
Booked 10/5/23
Prohibited person with firearm, possession with intent

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Dakota Lee Acree
Booked 10/6/23
Bond revocation



Alicia Jo Aumiller
Booked 10/5/23
Entering without breaking, petit larceny, possession of controlled substance, conspiracy



Aleigh Marie Auxier
Booked 10/7/23
Capias



Charles Anthony Bess
Booked 10/5/23
Bond revocation



Ismael Rosales Godoy
Booked 10/3/23
Malicious assault



Bryant Anthony Nichols
Booked 10/5/23
Fugitive from justice, obstructing an officer, conspiracy



Cody Tyler Bell
Booked 10/6/23
Escape (felony)



Sarah Jean Pennington
Booked 10/5/23
Conspiracy, grand larceny, entering without breaking



Kristen Michelle Sanford
Booked 10/4/23
Capias



Junior Vernon Stewart II
Booked 10/8/23
Driving revoked for DUI second, no insurance

Cross Country

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ond-place trophy, led by Marissa Atha placing second and McKinley Mahan finishing fifth. Also earning medals were Stewart at tenth, Pauley at 11th, and Conley at 12th.

At the high school level, as in other high school sports, cross country run-

in the coming weeks. The High School competed at the Elk River Trail Invitational at Dundon on October 5, at Shady Spring on Oct. 7, and at the LKC Conference Meet at the Elk River Trail on Oct. 12. The WV Region III Meet, to determine who advances to the State Meet, is



CCMS Lady Mustangs brought home the championship trophy from the Lincoln County Invitational

ners are ranked across the state. There is no such ranking for middle schools. For CCHS, junior Sawyer Dobbins is currently ranked 19th in the State of West Virginia in Class AA. Freshman Cheyenne Taylor is moving up the list and currently stands at number 72.

Cross country season is winding down

scheduled on Oct. 19 at Shady Spring. The Middle School teams competed at the Trail on Oct. 5, at Shady on Oct. 7, and will be at the CWVAC Conference Meet at Ravenswood on Oct. 14. Come out and support this great group of hard-working athletes!



The CCMS boys' cross-country team won the Calhoun County Invitational.

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Home Country

By: Slim Randles

We didn't have the Chipper Invitational Golf Tournament this year. It wasn't a good summer for anything that takes place outdoors, for one thing. Just too danged hot.

For another, people we knew all over the world by internet or pen pals were having a tough time surviving any disaster du jour.

Thirdly, it just wasn't a good year to celebrate Doc's legendary pet squirrel. Chipper came to life several years ago when Doc placed an ad in The Valley Weekly Miracle offering a reward for finding his missing pet squirrel. Five dollars and fifty cents.

Since it's really hard to find a non-existent squirrel, even in the best squirrel habitat, the reward money went unclaimed, but our valley

got a new story and legend and laugh.

The Chipper Invitational Gold Tournament came about to raise money for charity. Doc and the guys each took a shovel and a t-bar fence post and walked out onto a farm for a ways and then dug a shovel's worth of dirt, slammed in the t-post, and taped a number to it. Multiply by eighteen, and our golf course was born.

Each year "Chipper" would pick another farm, and the legend grew.

So this year we had to be content with raising our coffee mugs to the best non-existent squirrel a valley ever had, and look forward to a better summer for fun next year.

Insomnia getting you down? Watch a golf tournament on television.

Wilderness Survival: Ten Essential Tips when Lost in Nature

Lost in the outdoors of Wild, Wonderful West Virginia? Here are 10 expert tips to stay safe and find your way home

Getting lost, especially in the wild woods of West Virginia, can be overwhelming, but with the right knowledge and preparation, you can increase your chances of survival and find your way back to safety.

From the West Virginia Emergency Management Division's (WVEMD) Search and Rescue Coordinator, these tips can help you stay calm, make informed decisions, and ultimately, make it out of the woods safely. Whether you're a hunter or just an occasional hiker, this information could be a lifesaver when you find yourself facing the unexpected while in the woods.

Here are 10 important tips from WVEMD's Search and Rescue veterans about what people can do if they become lost:

1. Stay Calm and Stay Put: The moment you realize you're lost, STOP moving. The best course of action is often to stay put. Panic and wandering can make it harder for search teams to locate you.

2. Signal for Help: Use items such as whistles, mirrors, bright clothing, or a flashlight to attract attention. Three short whistle blasts, flashlight beams (flicking flashlight on and off), or other signals repeated in a series of three represent the universal distress (SOS) signal.

You may build a fire to signal rescuers, but only if it is absolutely safe to do so.

3. Tell Someone Your Plans: Always inform a friend or family member about your planned route and estimated return time. This information can greatly assist search teams in locating you if needed.

Make sure to include where you'll park your vehicle.

4. Carry Essential Supplies: Pack a small survival kit containing water, food, flashlights (more than one), a first aid kit, multi-tool, an emergency or "space" blanket, and a whistle. An extra survival supply is a filtration straw which allows you to drink water more safely from creeks or streams in an emergency.

These items can support you until help arrives.

Include medications vital to your health, such as epi-pens, asthma inhalers, diabetes supplies, etc.

A cell phone does not replace survival items like a map or flashlight. Always carry essential supplies in your survival kit.

5. Stay Visible: If you need to move to find help, stay in open areas and make yourself visible. Avoid dense vegetation or steep terrain that might hinder your movement.

6. Follow Waterways: If you're in an unfamiliar area, following a river or stream can often lead you to people.

7. Stay Hydrated and Rest: Conserve energy by staying hydrated and resting when needed. Overexertion can lead to exhaustion and disorientation.

8. Use Landmarks: If you have a map and can identify landmarks, you might be able to navigate yourself back to safety. Always carry a map and compass when venturing into unfamiliar territory.

9. Stay Warm: Hypothermia can set in quickly, even in mild weather. Dress in layers and use your survival kit to stay warm.

Carrying an emergency or "space" blanket can keep you warm and help signal for help.

10. Stay Positive and Stay Vocal: Maintain a positive mindset and keep talking to yourself or to searchers. This not only boosts your morale but can also help search teams locate you.

Please note that these are general guidelines and may need to be adapted based on the environment and situation you find yourself in. Always prioritize your safety and follow any instructions provided by local officials or search and rescue teams.

Follow @WVEMD on social media to know about future Search and Rescue trainings. Contact WVEMD Search and Rescue Coordinator Jeff.O.Cunningham@wv.gov for more information.



THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

Pastor Doug Newell, IV



Another Season

I love the fall. The leaves start to turn their various shades of color. The shorter, and much cooler days are refreshing. I have a lot of fond memories during this time of year, so there is a lot of nostalgia for me too. I grew up on an apple orchard, so the fall always reminds me of harvest. There are also memories of squirrel and deer season and the first time my grandpa took me bow hunting. I'm OK saying goodbye to the summer heat and humidity. It'll be back soon enough. It always is. The grass is turning brown, and the leaves are dying on the trees, but there is a lot of beauty.

It's been a difficult couple of months for our church. We lost two beloved members who are safe in the arms of Jesus. Last week, a pastor down in Georgia I've known for a few decades passed away. He invited me to preach for him a few months after my wife and I were

married. She had only seen the ocean once, so he took us to Savannah, then Tybee Island. It snowed. That doesn't happen very often, but that's what happens in the winter, even in Georgia.

It's not all bad. The Lord has answered a great many of our prayers. It's amazing how easy it is to forget, in the hard times, how often God has delivered me out of previous hard times. The Lord would have us to be thankful people. Always look for God's blessings and acknowledge His goodness to us. It's hard to think about all God's done for you if you don't take a few minutes to think about what's going on around you. I rode my bicycle down the Elk River Trail, then through the town of Clendenin, and it's funny what you notice on a bicycle that you just drive right past in a car. Taking the time to notice what's around you and living with your eyes open gives you

ample opportunity to thank God for what he's done for you today.

Sometimes it feels like time is just moving too fast. I'd like to press pause for a few minutes, catch my breath and get my bearings. Too many decisions to make and hardly enough time to sort them out, let alone know exactly what to do. But that's not how time works. You can't pause it, slow it down, or rewind it to better days. We live by faith.

I love the fall. And then, when winter comes, it's cold and snowy, and I'll enjoy that for a while, too, before I start thinking about springtime, trout fishing, and spring training. I can look forward to it, and expect it because God is faithful (Genesis 8:22). He keeps His promises. Life can be hard. It's definitely unpredictable. There are many trials of our faith, but as the people of God, we know they won't last forever. It's just a season (1 Peter 1:6-7).

God's Love In Everything

By: Joseph J. Mazella

Summer was winding down and there was a hint of autumn in the air. The temperatures were cooler, the air felt drier, and I could already see the first yellow and red leaves on the trees. I had just finished taking my dogs for their morning walk when I noticed something. On my back deck porch was a maple tree stem. It was growing out of a tiny clump of dirt that we had tracked up on the porch. Its base hadn't even turned to wood yet, but it had three, lovely, red leaves growing out of it. I smiled at this hardy little guy getting so much growth and life out of so little soil. I knew, however, that it couldn't grow much larger where it was. I bent down and gently scooped it out of the soil. I took it inside to show my daughter and have her take a picture of it. Then I walked it out to the edge of the woods around the meadow behind my house.

I walked into the forest and looked for a spot where the sunlight



Tiny maple tree

was still breaking through the giant, growing trees. I found one and dug out a little patch of the soil. I planted my little Maple tree in it and patted the dirt down with a smile. I prayed

he would make it to 50 feet high one day. I also took a moment to look at all the life around me. There were trees, bushes, weeds, flowers, butterflies, bees, spiders, and birds all so full of life. I could feel too the Love of our Creator in every one of them. I thanked God for letting me a part of it all. And I felt so happy that my efforts, however small, were helping it along.

Nature can teach us so much about life. There is so much variety, complexity, growth, and beauty in it. You can't be out in it for long without being filled with wonder and awe. You can't be out in it for long without feeling the Love of the One who Created it. That Love flows through us too. Welcome it into your heart. Take it into your soul. And share it with the world. Help God to make this world a better place through your life and your love.

Life Can Be a Series of Dreams

By: Dr. James Snyder

Lately, I've been having some fascinating dreams at night. Usually, I don't give much thought to dreams, but lately, I've been thinking more about them.

Last night, for example, I had this exciting dream, and everything seemed to be coming in my direction, and then I woke up before the end. Once I woke up, I did not know how the dream ended.

I tried thinking about the dream, but I could not remember any elements of that dream. While dreaming, everything was very clear, and I even noticed people I knew. Then, I woke up and couldn't remember anything.

I've been having these kinds of dreams lately. Maybe it's because I'm getting older, and my brain has nothing else to do. I wish I would not wake up until the dream was finished.

I asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage at breakfast if she knew about a certain building. I then described that building in as much detail as I possibly could.

She finally nodded at me and said, "That doesn't ring any bells with me."

I'm the only ding-a-ling here; if she didn't remember that building, it never existed.

It had to exist somewhere, and I needed help figuring out where in the world I saw that building.

Then I said, "Do you remember..." And I described a person that was in my dream.

Again, none of her bells were ringing on that one either.

"Why are you asking me these questions?"

I explained to her that these things were in my dreams and I couldn't remember where I saw them last.

Thinking about this throughout the day, I realized that my life, in general, is pretty much like these fading dreams I've been having. None of these dreams made sense after I woke up. While I was dreaming of them,

they made sense, but when I woke up, all sense disappeared.

Maybe life should be more like that. If I didn't wake up, I would know what was happening.

One time, at a conference, I drove through a little town and saw several familiar buildings. I had never been to this town before, so I couldn't figure it out. But it came to me.

These buildings were in my dreams the other night.

So, as I was driving, I began to think, am I dreaming, or am I driving?

I guess it doesn't make any difference one way or the other.

If I could remember my dreams, my life would change a little bit for the better. But I have these wonderful dreams and wake up before they're finished and then don't remember anything about them, which is rather sad.

I tried an experiment the other night. I went to bed, had my prayer time, and then decided to invent a dream for the night. I've never done this before and was not sure how to do it. I tried to put together all kinds of little suggestions of my dream that would catch.

In a few minutes, I was sound asleep. The next thing I knew, it was morning, and I was awake. I lay there in my bed thinking, what happened to that dream? It was the first time in weeks that I did not have any kind of a dream. That made me a little frustrated.

For the next few nights, I tried the same experiment all to naught. Where in the world do these dreams come from?

That morning at the breakfast table, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and smiled and said, "I had the most marvelous dream last night." Then she told me about her dream and how it ended. She remembered everything about it.

What disturbed me was that was the dream I was trying to create for myself

last night. How in the world did she get my dream?

I'm beginning to think she can get inside my head whenever she wants, which is much more than I can do.

All day long, she was smiling, and once in a while, she would remember something of that dream and share it with me.

That evening, I decided to ask her about her dream. "How did you get such a wonderful dream in your head last night?"

Then she talked for quite a few minutes, explaining how all of that came together in her head.

"Why didn't you wake up before the dream ended?" I asked with anticipation.

"I make it a habit not to scare my dreams away like some people I know," she explained.

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well," she stuttered a little bit, looking at me, "I do not snore when I'm sleeping which is what scares dreams."

I got the implication that I snored at night, which scared my dreams away, which was a little difficult for me to understand. I see and hear my dreams but have never heard me snore. How does all of that work?

Life is not built on dreams. I was reminded of a Bible verse. "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

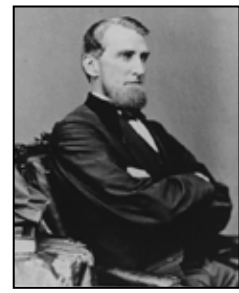
My faith in God is what guides my daily life, not my dreams.

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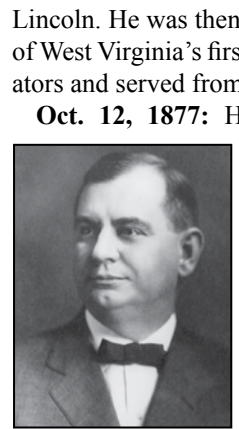
THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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.

Oct. 11, 1811: State founder and U.S. Senator Waitman T. Willey was born near Farmington. Willey proposed the West Virginia Statehood Bill in the Senate and saw to its passage and later signing by President Lincoln. He was then elected as one of West Virginia's first two U.S. senators and served from 1863 to 1871.



Oct. 12, 1877: Howard Mason Gore was born in Harrison County. He served as U.S. secretary of agriculture and the 14th governor of West Virginia.



Oct. 12, 2020: Actress Conchata Ferrell died. Born in Loudendale, Kanawha County, Ferrell was best known as Berta the housekeeper on the CBS sitcom *Two and a Half Men*. She enjoyed a long career on stage, film and television.

Oct. 13, 1863: The Battle of Bulltown took place. The location was valuable during the Civil War because the Weston & Gauley Bridge Turnpike crossed the Little Kanawha River on a covered bridge at this site.

Oct. 14, 1947: In a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour. He set another speed record on December 12, 1953, by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A.

Oct. 14, 1949: WSAZ-TV went on the air on channel 5. Early shows included the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game on December 3, 1949.



Oct. 14, 1985: Kanawha Airport was renamed Yeager Airport in honor of Chuck Yeager.

Oct. 15, 1839: Aretas Brooks Fleming was born in Fairmont. In 1888, Fleming won the Democratic nomination for governor and then won West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election.

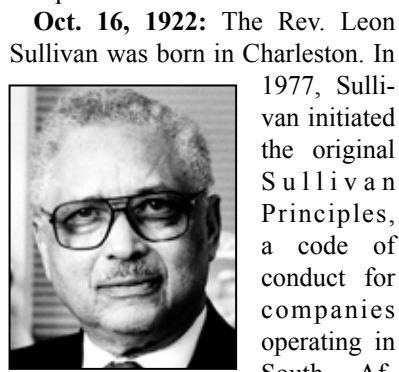
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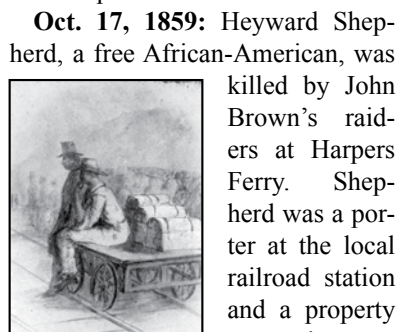
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THE FREEPRESS
'50's and '60's
ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA

In Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl", when they went down the old mine, what did they take with them?

Answer to last week's Trivia: In Larry Williams' hit "Boney Moronie" (#14 Dec. '57) they liked: "making love underneath the apple tree."

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is missing; 2. Cap is missing; 3. Jacket is opened; 4. Cuffs are missing; 5. Flashlight is missing; 6. Rabbit is missing.

Super Crossword POTENT POULTRY

ACROSS

- 1 Durable, lustrous fabric for table linen
- 7 Babysits, e.g.
- 12 Heavy burden
- 16 Machines connected to mice
- 19 Person expressing viewpoints
- 20 Do some igniting
- 22 Syrup source
- 23 Beginning of a riddle
- 25 Even a hint of
- 26 Not so bright
- 27 Old sporty Pontiac
- 28 The Palm Treo was one, in brief
- 29 Arctic home
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 39 "— que?" ("Why?" to Juanita)
- 40 Tofu base
- 41 Contest involving balancing on a floating log
- 42 Lead-in to bad news
- 45 "— girl!"
- 47 Fortunetellers
- 49 U.S. pres. during the Gulf War
- 53 Riddle, part 3
- 57 Austrian "a"
- 58 Hidden valley
- 59 "— From Muskogee"
- 60 "Incredible" superhero
- 61 Bert's Muppet pal
- 63 "— darn tootin'!"
- 64 Broad smile
- 65 Foal's father
- 66 Mini-carpet
- 68 Riddle, part 4
- 72 Woman with will power?
- 74 Deteriorates
- 75 Dahs' Morse counterparts
- 76 Pet treat
- 79 "Tomorrow" musical
- 80 — d'oeuvres
- 81 Peru's capital
- 82 "Gotta go!"
- 83 Muscle jerk
- 84 Riddle, part 5
- 89 Tree of Life's garden
- 91 Boffo reviews
- 92 Funnywomen Schumer and Poehler
- 93 Has a go at
- 94 Have a loan from
- 96 Lead-in to puncture or pressure
- 97 Class for U.S. immigrants
- 98 End of the riddle
- 107 Put back to 0, perhaps
- 108 NASA "yes"
- 109 Tolkien meanie
- 110 Rom- (film genre)
- 112 Aussie avian
- 113 Riddle's answer
- 121 Diana Ross musical, with "The"
- 122 Relaxes, informally
- 123 Shoelace hole
- 124 Disco — (guy on "The Simpsons")
- 125 "Yes, yes!" in Yucatán
- 126 Discontinues
- 127 Cookout condiment

DOWN

- 1 Op-ed columnist Maureen
- 2 Green garden pest
- 3 Marlins' city
- 4 House pest
- 5 Stitch up
- 6 Food chain
- 7 Letter-shaped opening in a machine shop
- 8 LAX abbr.
- 9 Certain caucus reply
- 10 Visit briefly
- 11 Reading room
- 12 Two — kind
- 13 Not a one
- 14 Website ID
- 15 Frozen floating brine
- 16 Church song
- 17 Tippy craft
- 18 Observe slyly
- 21 Put — on (limit)
- 24 Broadway's Hagen
- 30 Mapmaker's sci.
- 32 Home to Barcelona
- 33 Driver's alert
- 34 Lauder of perfume
- 35 Chomsky of linguistics
- 36 Vacuum cleaner company
- 37 Actress Petty
- 38 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
- 42 Azalea of rap
- 43 Manicurist's tool
- 44 From the time that
- 45 Guitarist Chet
- 46 Entity
- 47 Rejects with disdain
- 48 Trapped morays
- 50 Much-married English king
- 51 Nintendo console that debuted in 2012
- 52 Rare blood type, in brief
- 54 Pierces
- 55 Japanese massage technique
- 56 Ogling looks
- 62 Old washcloth
- 64 Say "hi" to
- 65 Cutloffs, e.g.
- 66 Hostility
- 67 Affix a new label to
- 69 Hexa- halved
- 70 Recurrent theme
- 71 Benefit spiritually
- 72 Dislike a lot
- 73 "National Velvet" novelist Bagnold
- 77 Roof's edge
- 78 Feet have five
- 80 Widespread destruction
- 81 Primate of Madagascar
- 82 Keyboard command for "paste"
- 85 Rich rocks
- 86 Vatican's denom.
- 87 Go quickly
- 88 Stilted-sounding reply to "Who's there?"
- 90 G flat, for one
- 95 — hat (Broom-Hilda costume part)
- 96 Beginning of a classic JFK quote
- 97 Artist working on glass
- 98 Pub offerings
- 99 Send in, as payment
- 100 Japanese truck maker
- 101 "Mighty" trees
- 102 Yule songs
- 103 9-Down and 119-Down are opposite ones
- 104 Bit of a circle
- 105 GI tract bacterium
- 106 Fender spots
- 111 Fictitious tale
- 114 "Bali —"
- 115 Officeholders
- 116 Hi-tech film effects
- 117 Dove's noise
- 118 Cobra type
- 119 Certain caucus reply
- 120 — Aviv-Yafo

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



Newcomers To The Schools In Buffalo Valley

Pictured in these several photographs of teachers at work and play will be found those pupils and teachers who are "newcomers" to the schools serving mostly Elk River Coal and Lumber Company families. Identification beneath each photo will enable you to more accurately evaluate the teaching problem, and to see how rapidly our schools in the elementary division are expanding. **Widen News** believes that we are expressing the sentiment of all Company personnel and most of the parents, when we say that we do extend you a most cordial welcome to the schools to which you have been assigned, and we wish for you a happy and profitable time with the boys and girls, and a most rewarding experience for your own personal satisfaction in imparting to a new generation of learners new and interesting channels of blessings for the children, and for those who will one day come under the influence of these whom you now teach.

Each picture is numbered to assist you in quickly spotting the group to which we refer.

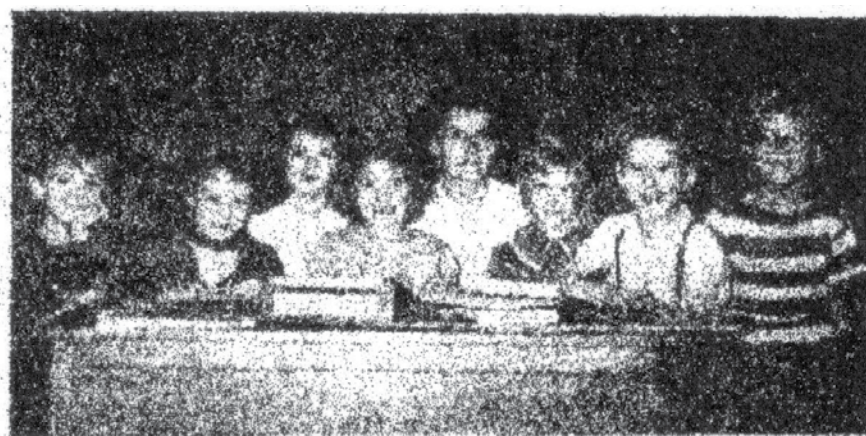


Swandale Principal Delmer Dye is surrounded by a group of beginners from the 1st grade, taught by Mrs. Noble E. Conner. From R. to L. they are: Jeanette Cummins, Devonna Litton, Brenda Legg, Mr. Dye, Vera McKinney, Barbara Davis, Judy Bell, Stanley Smith, Robert Cummins, Jr., Gene and Doyle O'Brien. Absent when the picture was taken were: Elvin Rush, Donald Robinson, and Carol Jean Nutter.

First Grade Students: Seen in picture with Mrs. Butcher, Widen: Jerry Boggs, John Brown, Paul Steven Buck, Denver Roy Davis, Lovie Leona Davis, Anna Ruth Douglas, Emma Louise Forte, Sandra Frame, Elizabeth Morris, Elizabeth Mullins, Mary Ann Harris.

Peggy Lee Harris, Anna May Haygood, Gary Hill,

Roger King, Charles David Marple, Karen Elaine Marple, Nancy Louise Pinney, Charlotte Ann Salisbury, Francis Elaine Samples, Russell Sears, James Edward Sizemore, Charles Dale Tinney, and Margaret Gay Woods.



First grade teacher Mrs. Mary S. Hensley of Clay, begins her first year in the newly remodeled Dundon school with seven brand new pupils named in the usual order they are: Joe Nicholas, Linda Carruthers, Geraldine Pritt, Beverly King, Mrs. Hensley, Thelma McKinney, Micky Acree and Eileen Coulter. In the bottom half of the picture is the new principal, Mrs. Katie Smith, with a bevy of "old timer" girls who will get to enjoy the new wing of the school built to accommodate an enrollment which already has reached 45 boys and girls.



These boys and girls are assisting to introduce their new third grade teacher, Miss Patsy Ashley of Dillo, teaching her first full time position in the Widen school. Teresa Potasnik is displaying a pair of wooden shoes worn by Hollanders, sent to her on her eighth birthday by her uncle, Sgt. Sherman Henderson, (Military Police, U. S. A. now in France) who delights in finding souvenirs to send home to small fry members of the Henderson-Potasnik families. In the top picture, Miss Ashley is receiving the weekly hot lunch money from the two best writers in her room who are, Roger Miles of Widen and Linda Hamrick of Taylor.

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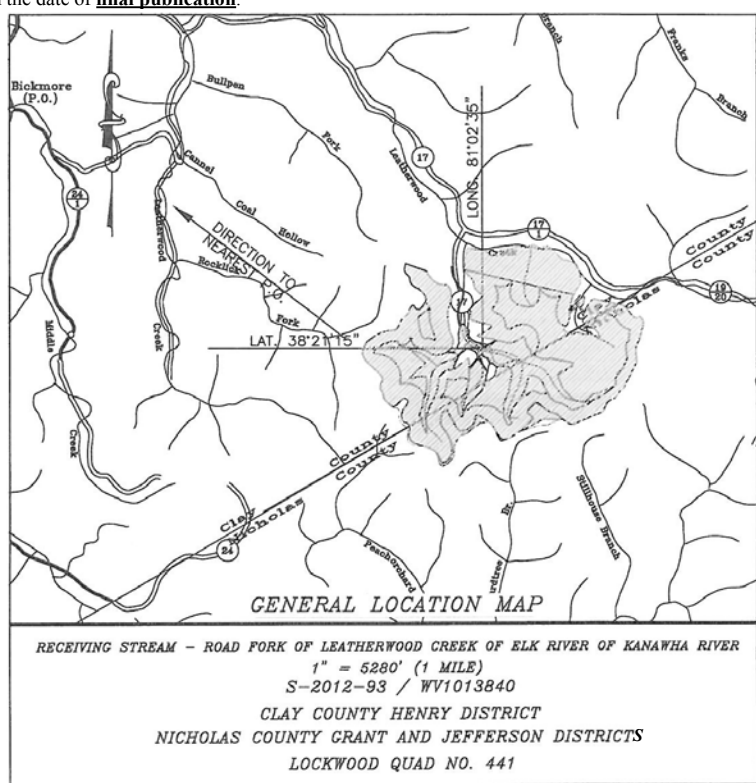
Notice is hereby given that WV Reclaim Co, LLC, 2122 Leatherwood Road, Bickmore, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 Release on Permit No. S-2012-93 for the following increments:

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A PROPOSAL TO CLOSE AND CONSOLIDATE H. E. WHITE ELEMENTARY AND/OR LIZEMORE ELEMENTARY INTO EXISTING CLAY ELEMENTARY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF CLAY WV 18-4-13a

WV Board of Education Policy 6204

The Clay County Board of Education will hold three public hearings, as follow, on the Superintendent's recommendation to close H. E. White Elementary and/or Lizemore Elementary and consolidate them into existing Clay Elementary to take effect at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

- H. E. White Elementary School Public Hearing
LOCATION: H. E. White Elementary School
DATE AND TIME: November 2, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Sign in between 5:00 P.M. and 5:55 P.M. to speak.
- Lizemore Elementary School Public Hearing
LOCATION: Lizemore Elementary School
DATE AND TIME: November 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Sign in between 5:00 P.M. and 5:55 P.M. to speak.
- Clay Elementary School Public Hearing
LOCATION: Clay Elementary School
DATE AND TIME: November 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Sign in between 5:00 P.M. and 5:55 P.M. to speak.

ALTERNATIVE DATES AND TIME:

Should the hearing be unable to be held on the scheduled date due to inclement weather or other factors beyond the control of the county, the hearing(s) will be held on the following dates at the same location and time as the originally scheduled hearing:

- H. E. White Elementary November 3, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- Lizemore Elementary November 8, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- Clay Elementary November 9, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

If for any other reason the meeting cannot be conducted on the alternative date or time, the board of education shall determine a date or time.

Should the hearing require additional time beyond 11:00 P.M., it will be recessed and will reconvene at the same location as the recessed hearing at 6:00 P.M. on the next business day on which no other hearing is scheduled.

PLACE:

The hearing location is subject to change if, at the time the meeting is called to order, it is determined there is insufficient room to accommodate all those who wish to attend. The hearing shall be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate those who wish to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location shall be posted at the original meeting location.

PROPOSED ACTION OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Closure and consolidation of H. E. White Elementary and/or Lizemore Elementary with existing Clay Elementary at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL:

Six copies of written material intended to be reviewed by the county board of education must be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent, 285 Church Street, Clay, West Virginia 25043 on or before the close of business on October 26, 2023, in order to provide the county board of education time to consider the material before the vote. Facilities will be made available to make copies up to ten pages.

HEARING PROCEDURES:

A representative of Clay County Schools will provide an oral summary of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action of the Board. For a period of fifty-five minutes prior to the commencement of the public hearing, persons may sign a register for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials. Persons wishing to speak about the effects of the proposed closure of H. E. White Elementary and/or Lizemore Elementary and consolidation into existing Clay Elementary, as well as those who wish to speak as members of the general public, will be recognized in the order in which they have signed the register. Each person shall be limited to three minutes. Written statements may be submitted in lieu of oral statements or testimony and must be submitted prior to the conclusion of the hearing. Any written statement will be given full consideration before the board takes any final action.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION:

Written reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action of the Board are available for public inspection on week days when school is in session by September 20, 2023, through November 9, 2023, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. in the Office of the Superintendent of Clay County Schools located at 285 Church Street, Clay, West Virginia.

Philip Dobbins,
Superintendent
Clay County Board of Education
September 13, 2023

LEGALS

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 3, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 119, at Page 802, Billy J. Duffield did convey unto Richard A. Pill, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, in Clay, West Virginia, on

November 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The surface only, with its appurtenances thereunto belonging, of those two certain tracts or parcels of real estate, together with any building or improvements thereon, situate on the waters of Elk River, in Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: Beginning at a water birch on the bank of said Elk River and corner to Herbert Samples Lot, and running with said Samples line across the bottom 305 feet to a stake at the edge of the right of way of County (State) Road; thence down the river and with right of way line of said road 420 feet to a stake at the lower edge of said right of way; thence across bottom 402 feet to a large water birch on the bank of said river; thence up and with said river about 402 feet to the place of beginning, estimated to contain about 5 acres, (in reality 4 acres), more or less, but this a conveyance in gross and not by the acre; TRACT NO. 2: Beginning at a stake at the corner of property heretofore sold to Mae Markle by Winfield S. Pierson, and running with the Grishaver line 80 feet to a stake at the said county road; thence down the river with the meanders of said road 412 feet to corner of J. M. Salack's line and lot; and thence down the hill 56 feet to a stake and corner of the said Mae Markle lot, and thence to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre, more or less.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 5082 Elk River Road, Crocius, WV 25164.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Billy J. Duffield, by Deed dated July 3, 2008, from Bonnie Duffield, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 202, at Page 698.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Richard A. Pill, Trustee

P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404

Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com

LEGALS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0654-G-390P

MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY

Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program

Filing for 2024

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On July 31, 2023, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) filed its annual Application for approval of an Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program for 2024 (2024 IREP) with revised IREP rates for 2024, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Mountaineer forecasts capital investment for calendar year 2024 of \$67 million as part of its multi-year plan. The 2024 IREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, measurement and regulator stations, and house regulators. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Mountaineer service territories throughout the State. These investments are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia and which may be viewed on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

Mountaineer proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an additional increment within the fixed or volumetric base rate component of its rates, depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on January 1, 2024. As a part of Mountaineer's pending general base rate proceeding, Case No. 23-0280-G-42T, IREP investment made prior to January 1, 2023, will be moved into new base rates to take effect on January 1, 2024. Mountaineer projects that if the program and increased rates are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for its various classes of customers will be changed on January 1, 2024 as shown below:

Mountaineer Gas Proposed		
Type of Customer	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$ 1.93	1.96%
Commercial	\$ 5.26	1.33%
Large Commercial (*)	\$ 272.07	0.45%
Industrial (*)	\$ 363.56	0.47%
Resale	\$ 31.49	0.29%

*) Increases for Large Commercial and Industrial customers assume transport customers purchase their natural gas at the same price as the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment rate.

The increases shown above are compared to the rates currently in place and are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 27, 2023, continuing on November 28, 2023, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Application is received by the Commission within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene 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, West Virginia 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.

MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until December 12, 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
012	2023080006	S308-16-4.35 00	STBG-0016(364)D	ASPHALT PAVING Lizemores - Bickmore Midpoint COUNTY: CLAY

DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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

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

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ADVERTISEMENT (MR-34-BR)

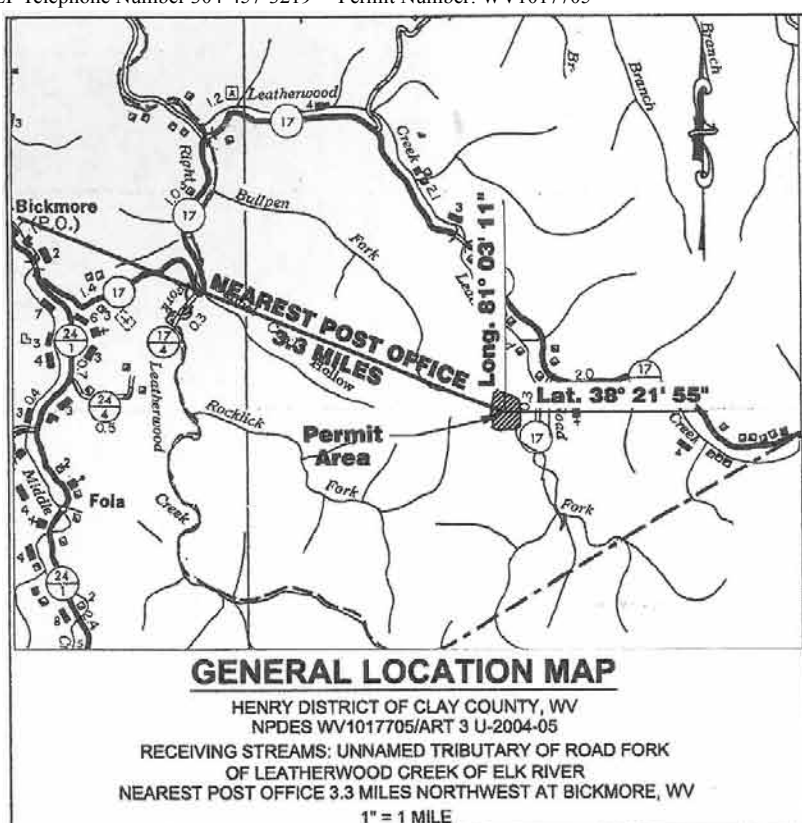
Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1017705 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to maintain and monitor an access road and an Abandoned Deep Mine in the Coalburg seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated and stormwater into an unnamed tributary of Road Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River and is located 3.3 miles southeast of Bickmore, in Henry District of Clay County, Longitude 81° 03' 11" and Latitude 38° 21' 55" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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

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

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 11/13/23, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone Number 304-457-3219 Permit Number: WV1017705



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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.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W.Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date the Order was entered. Issued 9/25/23 at 3:15 p.m.

Christina Hanshaw
 Clerk of the Court

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

Order of Publication

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.

Christina Hanshaw
 Circuit Clerk

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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

Order of Publication

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 A.D. to A.N. at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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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
 PROCIOUS WV 25164-8190

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/28/2023

ESTATE NAME: VINCENT ALLEN KING
 ADMINISTRATRIX BRITTNEY JEAN CALDWELL
 403 BOMONT RD
 BOMONT WV 25030

APPOINTMENT DATE 09/19/2023

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

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 Clay County
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OBITUARIES



Arlie Lee Grose

Arlie Lee Grose, 83, of Harrison, WV, passed away on October 2, 2023

Born on July 29, 1940, he was the son of the late Hubert and Beulah Cadle Grose. In addition to his parents, Arlie was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Abbie Grose; brothers, Roland, Danny, and Raymond.

Arlie is survived by his sons, Jessie (Brenda) Grose, Justen (Samantha) Duffield; daughters, Karen (Gary) Nicholas and Geneva Flint (Jerry Sigman); 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, 4 brothers and very special friends, Roscoe and Joann Wilson.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 pm Friday, October 6, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV. Arlie nephew, Jeff Neff will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Grose Family Cemetery, Harrison, WV.

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

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



Gage Kadan Fugate

Gage Kadan Fugate, 31, passed away on September 29, 2023.

Gage was born on September 10, 1992.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Hazel Virginia Williams and Dencil Fugate; Maternal grandparents, Mary Barbour and Freddie Barbour.

He is survived by his daughter, Ryleigh Hazel Fugate; his parents, Gallard and Angie Fugate; his sister, Aquayla Fugate; his nephews, Kayson, Haidon, Zaydon Fugate and his niece Stormie Jade Fugate. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Gage was one of a kind. He had the biggest heart, the goofiest laugh, and was strong willed and stubborn at times. He will be missed greatly by many people.

Gage had battled addic-

tion for about half of his life. When he went to rehab two years ago, he was determined to do better, to be better. While thriving in completing his treatment program, his battle came to an end and his sudden relapse claimed his life.

If you're struggling with addiction, know that you can do it! Take it minute by minute. It's never too late to change your life. Someone out there is cheering you on.

Funeral Service will be 12:00 pm Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV with a one-hour visitation from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with minister Toby Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow in the Holcomb cemetery, Bickmore, WV.

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

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

Eva Jane Adkins Thomas

Eva Jane Adkins Thomas, 80, of Hartland, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

She was the daughter of the late Vernon and Sarah Ethel Adkins. In addition to her parents, she was

proceeded in death by her son, Jim Moore, Jr. and her daughters, Melody Adkins and Margaret Moore; granddaughter, Allie Moore; brothers, Donald Adkins and Kenneth Adkins; sister, Sue Workman.

Left to cherish her memory is her beloved husband of 45 years, Steve Thomas; daughter, Sally Morton and her husband, Elbert; son, Brian Moore and his wife Rene'; grand daughter, Abbie Boggs and her husband, Bailey Boggs; great grandson, Tatum Boggs; brother, Ronald Adkins of Texas; sister, Linda Boggs of Indiana and Lois Asbury of Dog Run. Eva also leaves behind several nieces, nephews and as well as some special kids that she considered as her own.

She was a member of the Clay Community Church. Eva leaves behind a beautiful Christian testimony.

Following Eva's wishes, a graveside service will be held at 10:00 am, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at the Reed Cemetery, Clay, WV, with Pastor Wayne Litton officiating the ceremony.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at carlwilsonfuneralhome.com

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

DHHR Highlights Resources During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health joins partners across the nation to highlight services available to West Virginians during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP), within DHHR's Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, helps low-income, uninsured, or underinsured women gain access to breast and cervical cancer screening services.

"The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program provides resources to decrease cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality by focusing on populations who are underserved and who have increased cancer risk due to health inequities," said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "Through the program, uninsured or underinsured West Virginians have the availability to receive screening and information on risks and preventive measures."

The WVBCCSP eligible population includes those who are uninsured or underinsured, at or below 250% of the federal poverty level, aged 40 to 64 years for breast cancer services, and aged 21 to 64 years for cervical cancer services. Those who

are symptomatic or high-risk under the age of 40 and those over the age of 64 who do not have Medicare Part B may also receive services through the program.

Individuals who are interested in resources provided by WVBCCSP may visit dhhr.wv.gov/bccsp to view the "Find a Provider" section organized by county.

To view and apply for careers in the public health field, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

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Elk River Cross Country Invitational held at Dundon

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS and the CCHS Cross Country teams continued their run for the gold at the third annual Elk River Invitational. The cross country teams have been setting the woods on, fire so to speak, running the hills and the valleys and putting Clay on the map for extreme sports. Cross country isn't just track and field but an extreme show of guts and determination. The team continues to grow with top notch runners. Coach Ron Starcher and Coach Matt Stricker keep the runners working hard and learning different techniques on how to consistently run fast, and it is showing each time they race.

The cross country track in Dundon is starting to be the go to place for true cross country running; so good in fact that the LKC Championships will be held at Dundon for the first time ever this Thursday. The CCMS girls' team was up and running first and came in 2nd overall as a team with Marissa Atha being the first to cross the finish line for the Lady Mustangs while coming in at 8th place. She was followed closely by McKinley Mahan who came in 9th overall. The CCMS boys were up next and placed 3rd overall as a team with Malachi Evans coming in at 6th place. He was followed



CCMS girls Cross Country team.

close by Isiah Woods who placed 10th overall. Up next were the CCHS girls who placed 4th overall with Cheyanne Taylor crossing the line in 10th place. Next was the CCHS boys' team who placed 2nd overall with Sawyer Dobbins coming in 3rd place. Elkview Middle won both the boys and the girls events in the middle school division. In

the high school division it was Grafton winning the girls event and Nitro winning the boys event. Don't forget that this Thursday will be the LKC Championships and Dundon will have more people there than when the town was at its peak. Come out and enjoy some good running competition. Good luck to both teams!



Malachi Evans crossing the finish line 6th place.



Cheyanne Taylor turning on the after burners.

Mustangs burn Yellow Jackets' nest in homecoming game; CCHS Panthers stomp LCHS Panthers

By Allen Hamrick

Last Thursday night was football homecoming night for the Mustangs. The CCMS Mustangs continued their dominating ground and pound style of football narrowly beating Spencer by the margin of just six points. It was a nail biter for the duration of the game. Both defenses held their own as did both offenses. It certainly wasn't a picnic for the Mustangs as the Yellow Jackets came in with all stingers loaded. The Mustangs kept the momentum in the game with the score landing even most of the time as the offenses traded fist for fist, TD for TD. The Yellow Jackets tied the game late in the 4th quarter with just over two minutes left in the game and bottle necked at 22-22. The Mustang offense went to work and got the ball in with not much time left on the clock. Mustang defense tightened up their belt and held the Yellow Jackets. The final score of the game was Mustangs 28, Yellow Jackets 22. The Mustangs still have a chance to get to the big dance but have to make sure they win out the rest of the season. Up next will be Webster. So, if you have a thirst for football at its finest, make your plans to head to their next game on the road at Webster.

At the half, it was time to announce the next football homecoming queen of CCMS. As the cheerleaders lined up, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade princesses, along with their escorts, strolled onto the field. As we all know, there can only be one queen and the tension was thick enough to sell for five bucks a pound

as the announcement was made. Cheyanne Adkins had her name announced to the cheers of the fans, and she became the 2023 CCMS Football Homecoming Queen. Queen Cheyanne Adkins graciously accepted the crown as Principal Leslie Goe placed it on her head. Lathan Brown was the queen's escort. Cheyanne Adkins will no doubt wear the crown well and represent the school with pride. Congratulations to the new queen and the football team on their win.

In other football news, it was the Central Panthers against the Southern Panthers this past Friday night when the CCHS Panthers took on the Lincoln County Panthers. The southern Panthers of Lincoln County came in to this game having a tough time getting in the winner's circle. They came to our Panther in hopes that their losing streak would not continue. The teams were nearly equal in strength and skill, but Lincoln lacked the pure grit of Clay's Panthers. Right away one could see that the CCHS Panthers had a mind set for stopping any offense that the LCHS Panthers could muster. The CCHS Panthers defense dug in and had some hiccups but squashed the offense of the LCHS Panthers overall. When the smoke cleared, the CCHS Panthers went to the locker room with yet another win under their belt. The final score was CCHS Panthers 60, LCHS Panthers 38. This was another good win for the CCHS Panthers. Next week, the boys will be at home playing Grafton; come out and enjoy the game.



Waylon Stoops cracking the whip.



Cheerleaders pausing for a photo.



Mathew Nealy #59 dropping the QB.



Joel Elliot catching this Collins pass in no mans land.