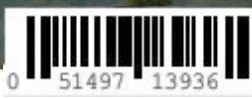




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Clay County gains electric school bus

Today marks the delivery of Clay County's first electric school bus from GreenPower Motor Company. The bus was purchased by the state of West Virginia and is the first of 41 total buses that the State has purchased. This is one of the first four West Virginia manufactured electric school buses that will be delivered to surrounding school districts. Clay County School District was the first school district in the nation to deploy a Type A, all-electric, purpose-built school bus with a wheelchair lift and securements when it put the Green-

Power Nano BEAST in service in October of 2022 during the #YesWV All-Electric School Bus Pilot Project implemented by the state of West Virginia and GreenPower.

This upcoming milestone marks the entry of Clay County's first electric school bus into the school district's fleet.

"It's an exciting time for West Virginia and the Clay County School District is ecstatic to receive a GreenPower Nano BEAST Access," said Philip Dobbins, superintendent of Clay County Schools. "Our participation in the pilot project



This all-electric school bus, the GreenPower Nano BEAST, will be a permanent part of the Clay County School system's fleet.

showed the value these GreenPower all-electric school buses have. A cleaner, safer ride and reduced operating and maintenance costs are benefits widely known. What we also found is the quiet ride of the all-electric bus helps reduce behavioral problems, especially when transporting students with special needs."

Timeline of events:

-Dec. 21, 2023: GreenPower delivered the Nano BEAST Access to Clay County School District. Clay County School District was the first school district in the nation to deploy a Type A, all-electric, purpose-built school bus with a wheelchair lift and securements when it put the GreenPower Nano BEAST in service in October of 2022 during the #YesWV

All-Electric School Bus Pilot Project implemented by the state of West Virginia and GreenPower.

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Big Otter hosts Christmas Family Night

It was a night of fun for Big Otter Elementary families during our Christmas Family Night! With the help of Big Otter Elementary's Family Engagement Coordinator Andrea Helmick, students and families made beautiful Christmas ornaments to hang in the hallways. Everyone also enjoyed meeting Santa, eating cookies and listening to Christmas music while decorating. Mr. Scott Bass met with everyone to discuss the dangers of vaping. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Family Night a huge success!

Alyce Faye Bragg: A legend remembered

By Allen Hamrick

There are no words, whether plain or written in a poetic manner, that could ever describe what Alyce Faye Bragg meant to her family, community, Clay County, and people around the state. She has now passed into history and completed the pages of a book she started writing the moment she was born into this world, a book with pages only those who knew her best would ever be able to turn and with ink that was written with nothing but a love that will never fade or be forgotten.

Alyce was a writer with a gift that could only be given by God above. With her words, she could turn night into day and keep a reader riveted to her stories of the past as if they were right there with her. Life on the homestead became everybody's home-



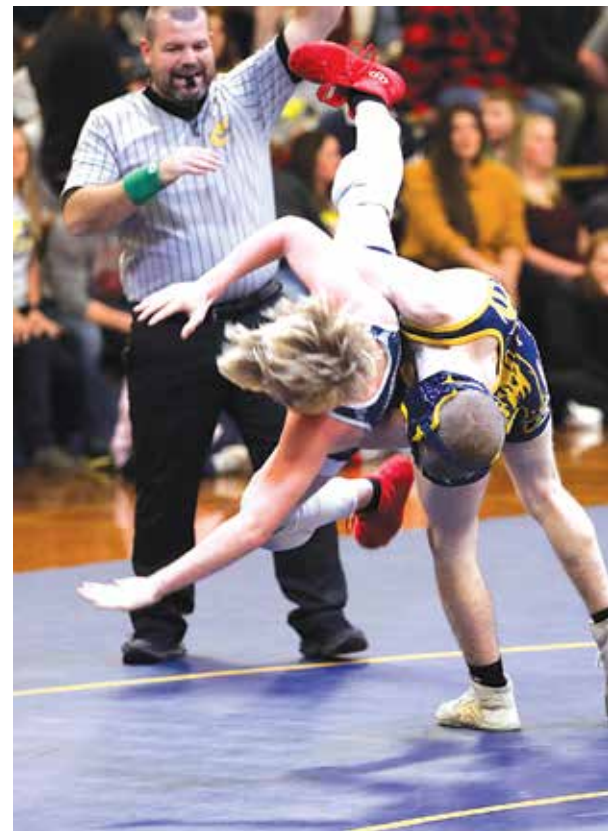
Alyce Faye Bragg was a classy lady.

stead, every mishap, every pain, every beautiful moment she shared was also her reader's moment. Her words were life that the reader could feel and embrace as their own quiet and secluded time on the farm. She wrote of visitors, good times, funny times and above all her love for the hills and for her family. For years, she possessed the indomitable spirit that could turn even the darkest hour into a ray of light and hope renewed, a beacon to everyone. All she had to do was look at you and smile and you knew somehow the tough times weren't so tough.

For years she held nothing back. She told me once that life was hers to live and she was going to live it, love it, and do it as long as she could. This is a good lesson to everyone. Alyce achieved greatness

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Mustangs dominate the mats; Panthers place third



Andrew Tanner stretches a spinal column. Allen Hamrick photo.

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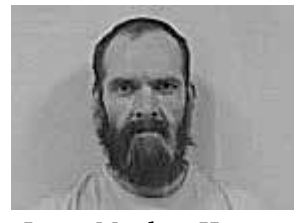
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Legend

for choosing honor and doing right with indestructible determination. She bore burdens with a smile, and when the storms hit, she was fearless and faithful. She relied on truth and was

determined to be a light to human kind. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and a gift of God to the people in her circle of life. She will be missed greatly, but her song will be sung until

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there is no more to sing about. She was a writer for the Clay County Free Press for many years along with the Charleston Gazette. She leaves behind her husband Criss with whom she shared 68 glorious years, and he will tell you real quick he was a blessed man. She also leaves four sons, two daughters, 22 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, all of which were parts of her circle of love. Alyce Faye Bragg saw the end from the beginning and lived it like it should have been.

School Bus

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-Dec. 13, 2023: GreenPower announced production of its first all-electric school buses at the WV manufacturing facility. The initial four buses are part of a \$15 million order from West Virginia for 41 purpose-built, all-electric school buses.

-Oct. 31, 2022: GreenPower launched its second round of the pilot project where Clay County deployed the first all-electric Type A Nano BEAST with ADA capabilities in the state. The pilot projects were done in cooperation with Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Economic Development and the West Virginia Department of Education.

About GreenPower Motor Company, Inc.:

GreenPower designs, builds and distributes a full suite of high-floor and low-floor all-electric medium and

heavy-duty vehicles, including transit buses, school buses, shuttles, cargo vans and a cab and chassis. GreenPower employs a clean-sheet design to manufacture all-electric vehicles that are purpose-built to be battery powered with zero emissions while integrating global suppliers for key components. This OEM platform allows GreenPower to meet the specifications of various operators while providing standard parts for ease of maintenance and accessibility for warranty requirements. GreenPower was founded in Vancouver, Canada with primary operational facilities in southern California. Listed on the Toronto exchange since November 2015, GreenPower completed its U.S. IPO and NASDAQ listing in August 2020. For further information go to www.greenpowermotor.com.

OBITUARIES



Alyce Faye Bragg

Alyce Faye Bragg, 88, of Ovapa entered into rest on December 12, 2023 at her home in Procious, WV.

Alyce was the oldest child of Gay A. and Delphia (Samples) O'Dell, both deceased. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by granddaughter, Jennifer Alyce Thompson; grandsons, Caelan Sparks and Ronald Lee O'Dell; daughter-in-law, Sarah Anne Bragg; and sister-in-law, Alice May O'Dell.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Criss; sons, Michael (Peggy) Bragg of Leon, Kevin Bragg of Des Moines, IA, Andrew (Jennifer) Bragg of Ovapa, and Matthew (Tammy) Bragg of Ovapa; daughters are Patricia Bragg of Ovapa and Crystal (Jeff) Sparks of Andrews, NC; sisters, Mary Ellen Friend of Ravenswood, Glenna Jean Perdue of Ovapa and Sandra Sue (Charlie) of Ripley. She is survived by 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and son-in-law, Robert Haynes, who treated her like his mother. She was blessed by good neighbors, William and Patricia White.

Alyce Faye wrote a weekly column for the Clay County Free Press and the Charleston Gazette for many years, and had three books published.

Service were held on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 11 a.m., at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay with Pastor Brian Habe. Burial followed at the Ovapa Church of God Cemetery, Ovapa, WV. Visitation was held on Friday, December 15, 2023 from 6 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

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

Roger Kent Miller

Roger Kent Miller, 86, passed away peacefully at home on November 11, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Clay County, West Virginia, he resided in the Akron, Ohio area all of his adult life. Kent was a longtime member of the Masons as well as AA. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, hiking with his grandchildren, playing jokes on his family and friends, traveling to his 2nd home in Sun City, AZ and spending time with his family.

Kent was preceded in death by his daughters, Carol Ann, Charlotte Evans; grandchildren, Katherine Ross, Austin Cole; parents, Daniel and Donnie (Holcomb) Miller; 6 brothers; 1 sister. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 66 years, Connie; children, Roger Miller, Jr., Karen Cole, Darlene Miller, Pam (Brian) Ross; grandchildren, Nita, Ronnie, Cheryl, Chrissy, Josh, Danielle, Rachel, Nick, Joey, Zack, Abby, Tanner; many great grandchildren; brother, Zane Miller; several other family members and friends.

Family and friends are invited to visit Monday, November 20, 2023 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Newcomer, Akron, Chapel, 131 N. Canton Rd. The funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Those who wish may make memorial donations in Kent's name to Children's Tumor Foundation, PO Box 7247, Philadelphia, PA 19170-0001 or ctf.org.

To share a memory of Kent or leave a special message for his family, please click the Share Memories button above.

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Home CountryBy: *Slim Randles*

Now before you can sneak away, here comes that pharaoh of the feed-store, that baron of the bunkhouse, that titan of the tack room ... Windy Wilson.

Well, t'other day I meandered around town until I crept in to Sarah's bookstore. You know the one. Has that sign on them bookshelves says "Love and other Fiction." Been meanin' to ask her 'bout that one a these days. Oh, Alphonse Wilson here 'course.

Well, Miz Sarah shore is a sweetie and I like droppin' on in there ever now and then. Wellsir, this day, I was huntin' a Farmer's Almanac for the new year. You know how it is ... hate to do some-thin' stoo-pid like plant cabbages in the wrong bowels of somethin' like that.

Wellsir, Sarah kinda looks me up and down, and I got glad as could be about bein' a upright fine-lookin' beast, and then she rears back and asks me to put on this yere Santa suit and talk to the kiddies later that day. She said she'd even give me that almanac for doin' it.

Well, hot dingles, campers! I got the suit and them fakeroo whiskers slapped 'em on and took up my perch right there next to them history shelves.

I didn't notice any-thing strange 'til I was 'bout three kids in, you know. Then I noticed ol' Sarah had got the Santa elf fever her ownself!

Yep, she come over and stationed herself right next to good ol' Santa. That's me, you know. Wellsir, the very next tike that come up was this cute little girl and she hopped up in ol' Santa's lap. So I nacherly sent seasonings greetings across to 'er.

I said, "Hello there, young lady. Do you wish to convey an appurte-

nance of Christmas time wishes to all of us at this conflagration?"

And she says "Huh?" kinda like she didn't understand. Then Sarah whispers to her "Say Merry Christmas."

And she says Merry Christmas, Santa.

"Tell Santa what you want for Christmas," said Sarah. And the kidlet says, "Oh ... I want a doggie!"

"I see! Says I. You desire to bask in the un-abrashed afflictions of our four-legged companeros."

"No" she says, "... I want a doggie."

"Well a-course you do., says I. I looked at her mama and she gives me the nod.

You know how it's a adult duty to appertain responsibility, so's I look down and says, "Now that

you realize, a-course, that havin' a dog means providin' it with amputatory nourishment and care. And there may be some ... excretatory surprises to be remediated."

The girl looked up at her mother. And her mama says she'll hafta feed it and clean up after it. And that little angel says, "I will, Santa!"

So as to put the Santa visit into terminatin' remembrances, I said and a felicious cerebellum of the sanctified parturition-atin' occurrence to you, my dear."

And she looked up at me and says "Merry Christmas!"

I musta done a good job of it, too, 'cuz when the guys come in from the Mule Barn, I heard Sarah tell 'em next year she was a-goin' to charge admission.

And you can tell 'em I said so!

Brought to you by your local classic country radio station which carries Home Country Radio with Slim Randles. Windy's always hanging around there somewhere.

When my wife was pregnant with our first child, she had a lot of health complications. The worst was her blood pressure. She was admitted to the hospital several times during her pregnancy to try to get her blood pressure under control, and while she was there, they put her on a low-sodium diet. In the 20 years since those hospital stays, we've never said, "Do you know what I'd like to have? Some of that low sodium, grilled chicken and vegetables we ate at the hospital." Sometimes, salt makes all the difference in the world. In one of S.D. Smith's children's books, a character said, "Not enough salt is an in-salt," and "Too much salt is an as-salt!"

Closing up the book of

Colossians (4:2-6), Paul instructs the church to continue in prayer with thanksgiving, and while they are at it, pray for Paul. Paul was in bonds, but he desired an opportunity to preach the gospel, that a door of utterance would be open to him, and that he would boldly and with clarity open up the mystery of Christ and speak as he ought. Then, he tells the church to walk in wisdom among the unsaved. Where Paul desires the opportunity to go and preach, the church, which is unrestrained, needs to walk and talk wisely. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

We know that we need to speak the truth, and we

also need to speak wisely and graciously. Humans are not emotionless robots that receive information, analyze it, and make logical decisions based on facts alone. Conservative pundits like to say, "Facts don't care about your feelings," which is a true statement.

But it's also true that the person you are talking to does care about their feelings. If the object is to win a debate, how we speak doesn't matter or prove we are right, how we say things doesn't matter. If our goal is to win the person or convince the gainsayers, then there is another element we need to consider. Our words should be seasoned with salt.

I put too much salt in my food. And for a while,

I would add salt before tasting it. I don't do that anymore because I once had a meal with someone who, by mistake, oversalted the food. When I added my bit, it tasted like I was eating a salt block. I couldn't taste the food because all I could taste was salt. You can go too far the other way and be so winsome that your message is lost in your desire to be gracious.

We must speak the truth, but remember how we say things also matters. There aren't hard and fast rules. That's why we need to walk in wisdom. Sometimes, you show mercy, and sometimes, you must snatch them out of the fire (Jude 22-23). Speak truthfully, wisely, and graciously for the glory of Christ.

Cultivating The Fine Art of ListeningBy: *Dr. James Snyder*

If confession is good for the soul, I must confess here, I have not been successful at everything in my life. Oh yes, there are a few things I have been successful at, which I won't mention right now. But many things I have failed to succeed at.

One thing I have failed to succeed at, even though I have tried all my life, is listening. My ears work, and I can hear many things, but it's listening when I fail.

My first experience in this area of listening was when I met The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. At that time, we were students at a Bible Institute studying for the ministry.

We met in September, and we had become a couple by January.

One night, we were traveling with a group, and she casually asked, "Wouldn't it be nice to get married?"

Having failed in woman-ology and thinking it was just a casual question, I said, "It sure would be nice to get married." I thought that was all there was. The next day, in the school halls, everybody congratulated me, and for the life of me, I did not know what they were talking about. I just thought I passed a test for the first time.

Later, I realized they congratulated me on my engagement to get married. I was the last one to know. Sure, I heard what she said, but I wasn't listening to what she said. I have learned through life that there's a big difference between hearing and listening.

Not long after that inci-

dent, we married and have been blissfully married for over 53 years.

As a husband, I had to learn many things, and I wasn't very successful.

I assumed when your wife asks a question, she is asking to get an answer. It took me a long time to realize that was never the case.

Early in our marriage, she said, "Correct me if I'm wrong..." Then, she explained the situation from her perspective.

Thinking she was asking for my evaluation, I usually would do what she asked and correct her.

The first time I did this, I was not prepared for the outcome. Looking at me, she graciously said, "If I want your opinion, I will ask for it."

I thought that's what she asked for. I was only doing what I thought she said. It took me a long time to understand her meaning when she said, "Correct me if I'm wrong." And believe me, I paid a heavy price for learning that too slowly. I only wish I would have known it earlier in our marriage.

Early in our marriage, I was busy correcting her when she asked to be corrected.

That's when I began to understand that hearing and listening are two different occupations. I can hear everything she is saying, but I'm not listening to what she is saying. I'm not quite sure how to con-

nect these two things.

Finally, I began to understand what she meant. When she said, "Correct me if I'm wrong," she was not asking for a correction but something completely different. She wanted to hear from me, "My dear, you are absolutely correct."

I remember the first time I responded to her in like fashion. I still see the smile she had on her face when I said it. It was then I realized what she was looking for. She was not looking for my opinion but rather for my approval.

I began to understand what people meant when they said, "A happy wife is a happy family."

It is like the old joke about Abraham Lincoln and his wife. Lincoln's wife came to him and said, "Abe, does this dress make me look fat?" Fortunately, Honest Abe understood hearing and listening.

Throughout life, I have met many people obsessed with always being right. No matter what they are doing, they want to be recognized as doing it right. Even though I'm still trying to develop a learning curve in this area, I have learned that my happiest days are not when I am right. I used to think they were, but I have graduated to a different understanding.

Recently, I noticed that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has used

the phrase, "Correct me if I'm wrong," more times than I've ever heard her say that. I'm not sure if it's intentional, but at my level of understanding, I'm going to accept it and say to her every time, "Oh, my dear, you are absolutely correct."

The smile on her face when I say that is very satisfying and worth my effort. I must make a choice in life: her smile or my being right. At my level of experience, I always choose the former.

She asks some other questions that I'm working on, and hopefully, I will accomplish my goal before I die. I will need to learn how to connect my ears with my brain. That will be my challenge for the New Year.

While thinking about this recently I remembered a very wonderful verse in the New Testament. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: (James 1:19).

I need to cultivate the fine art of listening. That simply means that I'm going to be slow to speak and only speak when I have thought through what I am hearing.

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Cherish Your Wonderful LifeBy: *Joseph J. Mazzella*

It is that time of the year here when Christmas movies are flooding the airwaves. It seems like every time I change the channel there is another new one trying to get me to watch it.

In truth, though, there are only two Christmas movies I watch every year: "A Christmas Carol" and the Jimmy Stewart classic, "It's a wonderful life."

When I was younger I identified more with, "A Christmas Carol." It was a joy seeing that selfish, miserly, old Ebenezer Scrooge could change into a loving, giving soul, even if it did take some ghostly help. As I got older and into my middle years, however, I started to

identify more with, "It's A Wonderful Life." I could see myself in George Bailey, a good man trying to live a good life, putting the needs of others before himself, yet still getting beaten down by life at times. I felt his frustration and his struggles, his dreams and his ambitions. And I even shared in his doubts that his life had made any difference at all.

Fortunately every time these doubts appeared God in His Infinite Love would send me a little reminder that I was making a difference with my life. I never got a lovable angel named Clarence, but I did get countless signs that I was being watched over and loved. I got reminders that I was a part of

something far greater than myself. And I was shown over and over that every act of love and kindness, no matter how small, makes this world a better place. Each time this happened, I felt filled with so much joy, so much love for everyone that I wanted to run down the street like George Bailey shouting, "Merry Christmas" to everyone I saw.

May you always cherish your wonderful life here. God loves you. And God wants you to know that you are making a far greater difference than you can see.

You are touching far more lives with your love than you can know. And you are precious in His sight.

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"We Treat Others As We Like To Be Treated Ourselves." – Matthew 7:12

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.

Dec. 20, 1943: During World War II, German fighter pilot Franz Stigler protected the heavily damaged B-17 bomber flown by Charlie Brown, originally from Weston, as it made its way from enemy territory back to England. The two war veterans met in 1990 and remained friends until their deaths.



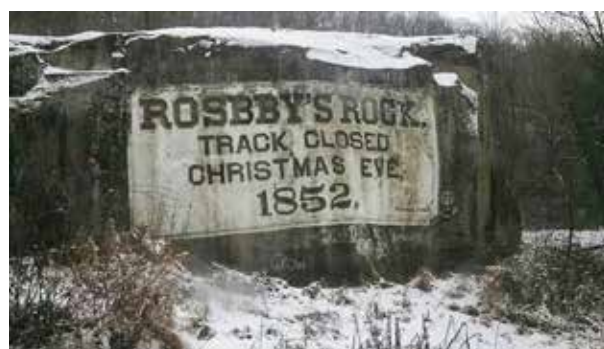
Dec. 20, 2002: Grote Reber died. In 1937, Reber built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

Dec. 21, 1798: Wood County was established by the Virginia General Assembly. It was named for James Wood, governor of Virginia from 1796 to 1800.



Dec. 22, 1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia's pioneer stations. For nearly two decades beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers. The highlight of this era was the "Sagebrush Roundup," a Saturday-night live-audience show which began in December 1938 and was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years.

Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson. Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison.



Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: *Rosbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.*

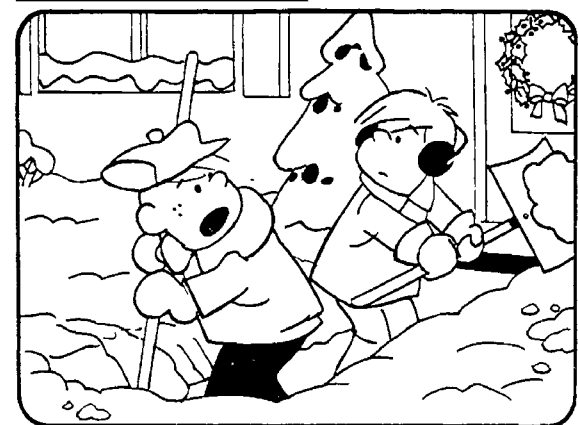
Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.

Dec. 25, 1887: Folk artist James Tyree Rexrode was born in Pendleton County. He created a visual record of rural West Virginia life in the early 20th century. He died in 1976.

Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. Hayslett's violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ear flap is moved. 2. Collar is smaller. 3. Tree is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Wealth is missing. 6. Show of snow is smaller.

Super Crossword

MAKING 20 OUT OF 9

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pueblo dweller
 - 5 Sound of an "air kiss"
 - 9 Forensic facility in Quantico, for short
 - 15 Gig hookups
 - 19 Refined finds
 - 20 Civil rights leader Parks
 - 21 In an uncivil way
 - 22 Lawn mower brand
 - 23 Parts of wholes
 - 25 Key related to G major
 - 26 "Jurassic Park" dino
 - 27 "Billions" channel, in brief
 - 28 Some boxing blows
 - 30 Horn blowers
 - 32 Person whose name consists entirely of the letters in 23-Across
 - 37 Los Angeles neighborhood
 - 38 "I knew — along!"
 - 39 Old Nissan brand
 - 40 Stephen of "Angie"
 - 41 Humongous
 - 44 Foot, in verse
 - 47 Tattered
 - 48 Novel whose name consists entirely of the letters in 62-Across
 - 54 Others, in Oviedo
 - 55 Last letter, in Leeds
 - 56 Trig function
 - 57 Arab nation
 - 60 Titanic sinker
 - 62 Didn't type or text, perhaps
 - 67 Relating to an eye layer
 - 71 Corn, to a Brit
 - 73 Neighbor of Latvia
 - 74 Relatives of terraces
 - 76 Silent performer
 - 78 Consumer
 - 79 Coup d'—
 - 80 Attain
 - 81 Exit
 - 85 Film whose name consists entirely of the letters in 74-Across
 - 93 Verve
 - 94 Words of woe
 - 95 Desert haven
 - 96 Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson
 - 97 December mall temps
 - 100 Consumer
 - 103 Very talented
 - 105 Setups whose name consists entirely of the letters in 117-Across
 - 110 Some legumes
 - 111 Lindsay of "Liz & Dick"
 - 112 Be in debt to
 - 113 Imp Simpson
 - 114 Throat tissue
 - 117 Lawbreaker
 - 121 — fixe
 - 122 Menu offering
 - 123 In — (stuck)
 - 124 Lasting mark
 - 125 Betting info
 - 126 "Mad" Carroll character
 - 127 Some votes in Congress
 - 128 Those folks
- DOWN**
- 1 Great athletes are enshrined in it: Abbr.
 - 2 Bobby in the Hockey 1-Down
 - 3 Leguminous side dish
 - 4 Low pelvic bones
 - 5 Hosp. test in a big tube
 - 6 "Mrs. Dalloway" novelist
 - 7 Ed of "Lou Grant"
 - 8 Is trustful
 - 9 Citrusy diet soft drink
 - 10 Idling type
 - 11 Cruel Amin
 - 12 Slower than andante
 - 13 Socially distant
 - 14 Side street
 - 15 Give proof of
 - 16 Novelist Toni
 - 17 Strong-arm
 - 18 Boston Red —
 - 24 This evening
 - 29 Building-blasting stuff
 - 31 Bag-screening org.
 - 32 Gotten sight of
 - 33 Attempter
 - 34 Fibber's admission
 - 35 Cabbage side dish
 - 36 Little hotel
 - 37 Playtex item
 - 42 "Ugly Betty" actress Ortiz
 - 43 Crash-probing agcy.
 - 45 Little plateau
 - 46 Pickle liquid
 - 49 Bubbly mixer
 - 50 Blogging pundit Klein
 - 51 Prescribed diet, say
 - 52 Finishes up
 - 53 Swamp wriggler
 - 57 Round body
 - 58 "Call — taxi"
 - 59 Ocean east of Mass.
 - 61 Inits. on an ambulance
 - 62 Tailor's edge
 - 63 City on the Seine
 - 64 Put — (jokey pranks)
 - 65 Knot up
 - 66 Part of a jug
 - 68 Yuletide song
 - 69 Opposer
 - 70 Climbing vine
 - 72 Rigatoni's kin
 - 75 Ingrain
 - 77 Film's Kazan
 - 80 Shimmer
 - 82 Golfer Ernie
 - 83 Even up
 - 84 Out-of-towner
 - 85 "Shane" star
 - 86 Teased one another playfully
 - 87 International alliances
 - 88 Harbinger
 - 89 Medieval Scandinavian
 - 90 Group's activity in the community
 - 91 Crooner Burl
 - 92 Frowny-faced
 - 93 Suffix with Vietnam
 - 98 Aesthetic interest
 - 99 Sewing unit
 - 101 Bank job
 - 102 "Neroli" musician Brian
 - 104 Least
 - 106 Maui greeting
 - 107 Contrarian's retort
 - 108 Nile capital
 - 109 Come next
 - 113 Short history
 - 115 Park oneself
 - 116 Cooler cubes
 - 118 Divs. of dollars
 - 119 Scot's turnaround
 - 120 Give it a whirl

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



November 1957

Widen High School Band Majorettes Make Hit In Parade



BETTY CRAFT JUDY LaCORTE JUDY SHAFFER ALICE HAMRICK

Fads and Fashions

By Mitzie Sue Bailes

Keeping my "weather eye" open for new fashions I have noticed that a lot of boys are wearing silk shirts. The one that caught my eye was a black one with real flashy red stripes. Girls, have you noticed how handsome the wearer looks in it? I have seen several white ones with bold black stripes through them.

Ivy League clothes are the rage in Widen High this year. Black pants, stripe shirts, and caps are worn by the boys. The girls have Ivy League skirts, black and white Ivy League shoes, and blouses.

The last few days of cold rain brought out several car coats, we have seen all colors. So, are: a blue one with a white fur lined hood, a red one with a plaid collar; and a black one with a grey

fur collar.. At the same time winter skirts and sweaters came out of storage. The girls look very nice in their straight wool skirts and nylon sweaters. Cold weather always brings out Slim Jims and Pedal Pushers. Outstanding among these are black and white plaid, and a very stunning pair of white one's. Others are black, charcoal, and khaki, among the unusual pedal pushers are: red ones with black stripes; bright blue ones; yellow, white, and red ones. In fact, almost any of the colors of the color chart can be seen on the students in school.

Teenagers are happy to have so many types of attractive and inexpensive clothes to choose from.

Rose Bushes For Sale

The senior class is selling all sorts of rose bushes from Miss Woods flower garden at the Annex. All those who are interested, please contact one of the seniors, and they will deliver the bushes to you. Prices are very reasonable.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The fifth grade class won the banner last month and we hope to get it again. The King and Queen in our room are Richard Gibson and Lois Casto.

There are 29 students in our room this year and out of them there are seventeen in the band. We have four students on the safety patrols from our class. Lois Casto had a suprise Birthday party yesterday.

WIDEN EIGHTH GRADE PRESENTS PLAY

The eighth grade presented the Assembly program on October 16. The entire class was seated on the stage to represent a school room. Jimmy Nicholas was the school teacher and his prize students were Lois Nicholas, David Shaffer, Jerle Hamrick, Ronald James, Kay Workman, Karen Woods, Marilyn Lewis and Sharon DeMoss..

The Cheerleaders led the student body in several rousing cheers. They are Dawne Backus, Lora Wilson, Judy Shaffer, Betty Craft, and Alice Hamrick.

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

B
BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Pentecostal/Full Gospel
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening 7:00 PM
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Pastor: James R. Paxton

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

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

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

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

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

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH
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Tuesday 7:00 PM
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Pastor: Ann Huddleston

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

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

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 PM
Pastor: Darius Walker
Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

T
THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST
Saturday Services 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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

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

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

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

W
WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 9:45 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

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

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

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

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

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

WINGS OF DELIVERANCE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Come worship the Lord with us!
Phone: (304) 587-7410
Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw



WVDNR seeks art for 40th anniversary edition of West Virginia Wildlife Calendar

Artists have until Feb. 14, 2024 to submit wildlife paintings



Artists who want a chance to have their wildlife paintings featured in the 40th anniversary edition of the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar have until Feb. 14, 2024 to send their artwork to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Each year, the WVDNR selects 12 paintings for its award-winning calendar based on overall composition, quality and anatomical and contextual accuracy. All artists, especially those from West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work. A \$200 prize is

awarded for each chosen painting. The artist whose artwork is selected for the cover receives an additional \$500.

“As we celebrate 40 years of publishing the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar, we are reminded of how this incredible calendar has not only captured the essence of our state’s natural beauty but also showcased the remarkable talent of artists,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “Being featured in this calendar is an honor, so we invite artists to submit their work and be part of this cherished tradition enjoyed by thousands of people across the country every year.”

Wildlife Calendar Art Submission Guidelines
Art must be original color paintings on canvas or another flat surface and must depict native game and fish species or other wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish. Photographs and

paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered. Paintings depicting hunting or fishing activities may be submitted.

The calendar is horizontal and art should be at least 14.5 inches wide by 11.5 inches high. Artists who want to send art should mail a high resolution copy to the following address:

WV Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Calendar Art
P.O. Box 67
Elkins, WV, 26241

Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Digital copies of paintings of at least 300dpi may be emailed to Sanya.D.George@wv.gov.

Artists with questions about the calendar may call 304-637-0245. For more information about submitting art for the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar or to purchase the 2024 edition, visit WVDnr.gov/wildlife-calendar.

Hope Scholarship Board approves year-round applications, prorated funding proposals to expand program access

State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, announced Board members have approved his proposal to accept Hope Scholarship Program applications from eligible students year-round.

“I’m thrilled the Board has approved my proposal to ensure all eligible West Virginia students and their families have access to the Hope Scholarship Program regardless of when they make the decision to exercise their school choice options,” Treasurer Moore said. “Now that the Hope Scholarship Program has been up and running for more than a full year, combined with the significant amount of interest we have seen from across the state, it was time to extend the window for families to apply for the program to the maximum extent possible.”

The Hope Scholarship Board on Tuesday, Dec. 12, approved a number of changes to the program’s legislative rules to improve the program, including a mandate for year-round application acceptance. The program’s prior legislative rule set the application period for new students to run from March 1 through May 15 each year unless extenuating circumstances existed to justify accepting a late application or the student was newly eligible for the program.

More than 6,000 students have been awarded the Hope Scholarship for the current 2023-2024 academic year – nearly triple the 2,333 students who received it the previous academic year.

While the program received more than 6,300 applications during this year’s new enrollment period, the Board learned some West Virginia families either weren’t aware of the program during the application period or made a school-choice decision after the application window had already closed.

“Although we’ve been working to raise awareness of program application deadlines, we understand that a student’s needs may change during the school year,” Treasurer Moore said. “Our Board action this week will ensure that eligible students will have a pathway to enter the program throughout the school year.”

To accommodate the year-round application window, the Board also adopted a policy to standardize proration amounts for students receiving less than a full-year funding amount, based on when the original application is submitted to the Board.

Under this new timetable which is effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a student application submitted within the following dates will receive the as-

sociated level of Hope Scholarship funding:

March 1-June 15: 100% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Any applications submitted after Feb. 28 will be processed on current student eligibility but participation and funding will not begin until the next school year. (These dates apply to new Hope Scholarship applications; existing Hope Scholarship recipients are required to submit renewal applications annually and will be able to do so beginning Jan. 3 each year to apply for the following academic year.)

This quarterly funding timetable is designed to allow for the year-round application process while also complying with state code that governs when funding transfers must take place.

The Hope Scholarship Act, passed by the Legislature in 2021, requires the Board to provide funds to Hope Scholarship students twice a year, with the first half of funds for an academic year provided by Aug. 15 and the remaining half provided by Jan. 15. Funds must be prorated for students participating for less than a full year.

The Hope Scholarship award amount varies each school year depending on the amount of state aid funding per pupil provided to county boards of education for public school students. The award amount for the 2023-24 year was \$4,488.82.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Looking for someone to plow snow from the lot and shovel snow from the sidewalk for the Clay County Department of Health and Human Resources office in Clay, WV.

If interested, please contact
Patty Martin at 304-872-0810

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In accordance with Chapter 11, Article 3, Section 2a of the Code of West Virginia, I am notifying all real property and personal property owners of Clay County that for Tax Year 2024, all real property and personal property will be assessed at 60% of its current market value. This may or may not result in a general increase in the assessed value of your property.

Should you have questions concerning the assessment of your real or personal property, you may contact this office at 587-4258, or you may come in the office and we will review your appraisal with you.

If, after a review with this office, you disagree with the appraisal of your property you may appeal the valuation to the Clay County Commission sitting as a Board of Review and Equalization, during the month of February.

Teresa Davis
Assessor of Clay County

The Hope Scholarship Program is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to receive an amount equal to the state portion of their child’s education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

More information on the program is available at www.hopescholarshipwv.com.



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New ordinance adoption
Title of the ordinance: Clay Municipal Ordinance
Clay Municipal Sales and Use Taxes
Subject of ordinance: Imposition of a sales and use tax for the Municipality of Clay
Final Vote to take place on December 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. (five days after the publication of the notice in the Free Press) at Clay Town Hall, 956 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043.
Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.
The proposed Ordinance may be inspected by the public at Clay Town Hall at 956 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY
In The Matter of Petition of Name Change of
Danyaal Issac Frye Civil Action No. 23-P-19
Current Name Danyaal Issac Frye Judge Asbury
To
New Name Daenaery Thea Frye

Legal Notice of Publication
Change of Name

Order of Publication
Circuit Court of Clay County
West Virginia
Notice is hereby that on the 2nd day of January, 2024, at 9:50 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Danyaal Issac Frye 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 Danyaal Issac Frye to Daenaery Thea Frye, 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 7th day of December 2023.

Christina Hanshaw
Circuit Clerk

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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 January 09, 2024 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
021	2021000704	S381-STR/IP-24 00	STP-2024(044)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY MARKING DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: BOONE, CLAY, DISTRICT 1, KANAWHA, MASON

DBE GOAL: 10% 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 contractor’s license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 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 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.

Merry Aplenty

Here’s hoping your holiday season is the height of happiness!
From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your support and wish you a very merry Christmas.

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Mustangs go beast mode on the mats



Caiden Bryant hits the double leg take down.



Matthew Neely sets up for the pin.



Pierce Adkins rocks the cradle.

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS wrestling team is back in the headlines. The Mustangs are on the mat and bringing their hunger to get back at the top of the food chain in the world of wrestling. The Mustangs took to the mats at the Summersville Quad held at the Old Main High School this past Thursday evening. Wrestlers from Summersville, Summersville B, Clay and Midland Trail competed in the event, and there was plenty of great wrestling to go around. The Mustangs hit the mat with some experienced wrestlers who just delivered a good ol' fashion whip down and

some who don't have as much experience under their belts. They all brought guts and determination. When the mats cleared, the Mustangs went 2 and 1, losing a close match to Summersville A team but beating Summersville B and Midland Trail.

Next up was the LKC tournament at Wirt County on Saturday. This would be one of the toughest matches of the season so far with some of the best trained wrestlers.

Overall, the Mustangs placed 5th as a team, and at the top of the food chain

taking 1st place were Pierce Adkins and Caiden Bryant, placing 2nd was Matthew Neely and placing 4th was Andrew Tanner. Congratulations to these wrestlers and the team.

The Mustangs will be back in action at Braxton in a Tri match on Wednesday evening at 6 PM. They have brought back the fire of the teams of old. The Mustangs will also be in action in Beckley this weekend; check the schedule for the time and place. The coach urges the fans to come out and support the team - they give no quarter and ask for none in

return all the while welcoming you to the toughest sport on the floor.

In other wrestling news, the CCHS Panthers also took to the mats and once again dominated the floor beating Doddridge County 54-24 and Wahama 49-28. They will hit the mats once again this Saturday at the Bob Stover Classic held at CCHS. This event, named for one of the greatest coaching legends in West Virginia, is one of the best tournaments around. So, if you get the chance, head down to CCHS; you will be glad you did.

Lady Panthers lose tough one against Buffalo



McKenzie Chaffin hits for two points.

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panthers were home this past week against Buffalo, and it was a barn burner. The Lady Panthers came out swinging against Buffalo in the first half but got out bombed in the second half. The Lady Panthers and Buffalo gals were looking for quarters in field of pea gravel in the first period as shooting baskets with tater chips. At the end of the first, it was Lady Panthers

10, Buffalo 6. Both teams picked up the pace after that and started burning the net. Lady P defense set in and took the Buffalo girls off their usual game of three pointers. The Lady Panthers added another 15 points to the board before retiring to a pep rally in the locker room. At the half, it was Lady Panthers 25, Buffalo 18. The score stayed a respectful distance apart as both teams were finding their BBall groove. It was

catch up time for Buffalo and time was running out.

With an obvious pep talk at the half, the Lady Panthers pulled out all the stops in the third and outmuscled the Lady Titans under the board as McKenzie Chaffin came alive and started racking up most of her 12 points in the period. At the end of the 3rd period, the Lady Panthers were setting comfortable with a 10 point lead, but Buffalo had some ace shooters who could drop

some buckets quick. Then, it was as if a curse in crept through the CCHS gym from some unseen dark corner. The Lady Panthers fell off their shooting wagon and got buried on the trail in the 4th as Buffalo outshot the Lady Panthers 5-22 allowing Buffalo a major comeback with ten of those points coming from their ace cheat line shooter Alivia Lukart who hit for 8 free throws. Fouls became dessert for Buffalo as this put them at the head of the table. The Lady Panthers couldn't seem to get the same looks at the net as they had in the first three periods as Buf-

falo stepped up their defense.

In the end, it was Buffalo over the Lady Panthers 45-54. In the game, McKenzie Chaffin was top shot with 12 points followed closely by Olivia Witt with 11 points. The Lady Panthers can beat anybody on the courts if they can stay consistent at the hoop. The Ladies will be at home this week for two more shots at the winners' circle. The first game will be Monday night against Nicholas and again on Thursday against Poca. These should be some good games, so come out and support Lady Panther basketball.

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