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Offroad policies concern Manchin

Earlier this month, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Deb Fischer (R-NE), John Barrasso (R-WY), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Ted Budd (R-NC) and James Risch (R-ID) sent a letter to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Chair Alexander Hoehn-Saric to express their concerns over the Commission's proposed rule on debris penetration in off-highway vehicles. CPSC issued this proposed rule without sufficient evidence of risk to consumers and without regard to its negative economic consequences, particularly on the powersports industry in rural states.

"As you know, off-highway vehicles are a staple of American life. They are used for recreation, agriculture, law enforcement, emergency services, and more. They are also an important economic driver, especially in rural America." the Senators said in part. "We have serious concerns regarding the rulemaking process and the substance of the proposed debris penetration rule. Moreover, we are concerned about the effect the rule would have on the availability of off-highway vehicles and on the economic footprint of the powersports industry."

CPSC issued this proposed rule after their preliminary determination that there is an unreasonable risk of injury and death associated with debris penetration in off-highway vehicles. However, debris penetration incidents are rare, and injuries or fatalities resulting from debris penetration are even rarer.

Between 2009 and 2021, the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) identified only 107 incidents of debris penetration which resulted in 6 fatalities and 22 injuries ranging from mostly minor cuts and bruises to broken bones; during this twelve year period, tens of millions of off-highway vehicles were driven, and many hundreds of millions of miles were traveled.

"Despite the absence of evidence to demonstrate unreasonable risk of injury and death, the powersports industry issued new voluntary safety standards to address debris penetration," the Senators continued. "Given the adequacy and effectiveness of these voluntary safety standards, it would not only be inappropriate for CPSC to finalize its rulemaking, it would also exceed CPSC's rulemaking authority to ignore such consensus-based voluntary standards that would eliminate or adequately reduce risk for debris penetration."



Big Otter Choir performs in Charleston

The third, fourth, and fifth grade choir at Big Otter Elementary has been spreading Christmas cheer with their caroling! Students traveled to the Charleston Town Center Mall to perform for family members, friends, and holiday shoppers. The students were treated to cookies and enjoyed seeing all of the decorations. After this performance, students traveled to Clay Healthcare Center and sang Christmas songs for the residents.

Governor says road work by WVDOT paying off

The hard work put in by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) in implementing Gov. Jim Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program is paying off for the citizens of West Virginia, the Governor said in a press briefing on November.

Of 1,263 bridge and highway projects undertaken through the Roads



1,200 Roads to Prosperity projects complete; 9,000 miles of road paved in the state

to Prosperity program, approximately 1,200 are

Grandparent Scam warning issued by attorney general

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey urges residents to be wary of calls especially during the holiday season claiming grandchildren need help.

The advice comes as part of the Attorney General's Holiday Consumer Protection Week.

Scammers have been known to call senior citizens pretending to be their grandchild. Others claim to be law enforcement with news about a loved one. They often indicate the grandchild in question is in another state or country and in dire need of money due to an emergency.

Thieves have also been known to use the holiday travel season to scam senior citizens with calls that their loved one is stuck somewhere en route to visit and needs money. This scenario often surfaces during the holiday break.

"Most grandparents would do anything to help a grandchild in trouble because they are incredibly generous to family members in need," Attor-

ney General Morrisey said. "That's why it's so important to exercise caution when receiving such calls. Think carefully before handing over money in these situations."

Scammers rely on the goodwill of grandparents to shield grandchildren from potential punishment.

This may result in those receiving such calls deciding not to check with the child's parents.

Consumers can follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim:

-Stay calm and don't react out of immediacy.

-Get a call back number.

-Call the grandchild's known number or other family members to see if there really is an emergency.

-Ask a question that only the grandchild would know the answer to such as a pet's name, the child's nickname or where they attended school.

-Never give bank routing numbers or credit card numbers to anyone via phone.

-Be skeptical of any re-

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currently complete. Since 2017, the WVDOT has paved approximately 9,000 miles of road, more than at any time in the state's history.

"You have done an amazing job," the Governor told state Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E. "That's all there is to it. I hope to goodness that this audience and the media and

many others would take heed to what has happened in the state Department of Transportation. We walked into a situation a few years back where we were upside. There were people who could not get to the grocery store because of the damage to the roads. Think about how this has changed."

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Old Christmas, new Christmas - you decide

By Allen Hamrick

While swigging a cup of black coffee the other day with some friends, the conversation of Christmas was brought to the floor. The conversation quickly swung to shopping and the usual chaotic rush to get final gift selections, the pure despair that seems to follow a shopping trip and the after Christmas day debt blues that are sung across many kitchen tables when the bills start rolling in. The question arose as to "Whatever happened to the good old days?" You know, those days not so long ago when folks just gave what they made like a prize meat loaf, a pan of steaming lasagna or a simple story from the past. You know, things that don't cost much but are priceless none the less. Gifts that mean something, that make a statement as to how the giver felt about someone; gifts that just can't be bought only given. Well, those were the good ol' days when people didn't have gaming systems and high dollar habits to feed seem to be a thing of the past.



Old time gift making.

Now, satisfaction seems to only come with the next best and biggest TV you can put in a buggy and walking proud as a peacock going through a store outspending the neighbors. The good ol' days never had a list; people just knew and did. Now, people have to buy for lists as long

as your arm and the gift want list is even longer. Sieges are laid onto most people's already strapped bank accounts and loan papers have been signed. In the old days, sewing machines, woodshops, blacksmiths, writers, poets and cooks were called to arms for the Christmas

rush. Now, the internet has spawned Amazon and Google, among others, and has opened a whole new world for people to explore and empty their wallets. Shopping for the perfect gift in the old days was a personal vendetta, a time when great thought surrounded your choice. In the new era, that has been taken away by the list of 23. No matter where you go on the internet, there is an ad showing you the top 23 gifts of 2023. So the good ol' days of oranges and candy in a special sock over the fire place that great grandpa wore only on Sundays is gone. The days have arrived of Santa's very own special socks now hung by the gas insert stove with care hoping that Apple or Burger King will leave a gift card there. So, recliner shopping is the go to now, no more hustle and bustle fighting over parking spaces, no more cursing the long lines at the stores, no more eating out and worrying whether or not the disgruntled cook behind those walls put a wrong topping

on your pizza. No, wait, that wasn't the old days; that was last year, my bad. Still, folks get out and do a little shopping and carry on tradition, but does anyone do it like the good ol days anymore? However, with the holidays of Christmas and New Year making their way back full circle from last year, decorations, presents, food and good memories are still there to be had and, to a point, have some resemblance to a time of the horse and sleigh; a time when lists were short and the gift list shorter. It is a time for remembering the year that has just passed and to make promises with raised glasses that the next year will be different. Christmas comes and goes, and you realize that you have no batteries for your toys as you sit and ponder in your new house shoes while chewing on that new bag of dark chocolate Hershey bars. Why would anyone in their right mind would have gotten you a new shovel for Christmas? GIFTS cont. on page 8

WVDOT

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When Governor Justice took office in 2017, West Virginia was in dire financial straits and struggling with a highway system plagued by decades of underinvestment in infrastructure.

Governor Justice envisioned Roads to Prosperity as a way to immediately put people to work and rejuvenate the state's ailing roads.

"The Roads to Prosperity program saved the Department of Transportation; it saved the state," Wriston said. "It laid the foundation for all the growth that we've seen in every sector across the state."

"We're having another record paving year, another record construction year, another record project development year. Today, we have over \$4 billion of active contract construction projects going on all across the state of West Virginia. We also have nearly a billion dollars of contract consulting engineering happening right now, to come right behind it with more projects."

Roads to Prosperity has meant major progress on Gov. Justice's "Big Three" projects: Corridor H, the King Coal Highway, and Coalfields Expressway. All of these projects are intended to open up West Virginia to economic development.

"Think about what is happening in this state," Governor Justice said. "It is amazing. Sure, you can stub your toe here and there in doing the best you can do, but if you evaluate the progress made in the Department of Transportation in this state, Jimmy Wriston, you have done a

whale of a job. Not only you but all those working with you. All of those pulling the rope with you, we absolutely thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

In addition to Roads to Prosperity – funded largely by bond sales – Governor Justice and Wriston convinced the West Virginia Legislature to grant several supplemental budget appropriations giving the WVDOT additional money each year to address rural roads. Without the extra money, it would be difficult for the WVDOT to address these routes.

"It is unbelievable what has happened in terms of taking care of our roads and upgrading our stuff," Governor Justice said. "It drives economic growth to this state like crazy."

A cultural change within WVDOT and Governor Justice's Secondary Roads Initiative returned WVDOT to a maintenance organization, concentrating on maintaining roads properly so they can last as long as possible.

"The work that these people are doing is terrific," Governor Justice said. "Compared to where we have been, compared to decades ago when there were issues in the highways department like nobody's business. The issues centered around not getting it done. Well, that has changed now."

Thanks to Governor Justice and the Legislature, the WVDOT was able to buy four massive drills and other equipment to fix slips and slides and do other heavy, complicated construction work. West Virginia's equipment operators recently won first place in a regional



West Virginia Department of Transportation crew members apply new pavement to a stretch of U.S. 50.

competition showcasing their skill on equipment. If the field, finesse operating heavy equipment means safety for operators, the public and property.

"Congratulations to the team of operators and their expertise," Governor Justice said. In 2019, Governor Justice invited Division of Highways County Administrators from all 55 counties to a meeting where he asked him what they needed to get their jobs done.

They told him they were spending too much time working on equipment and needed functional tools to work with.

"The Department of Transportation and the Division of Highways has new equipment," the Governor said. "They

perform, they have great operators and they are getting it done. It is amazing

what they have achieved. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of

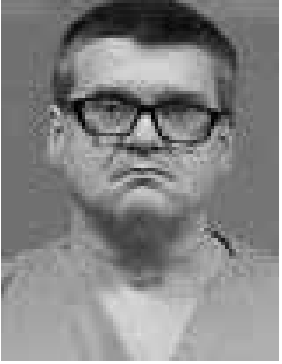
you. Let's keep it going because it is a huge economic driver to this state."

BOOKED REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS



CLAY COUNTY

BRAXTON COUNTY



Arza William Cain
Booked 12/21/23
Probation hold



Roger Dale Rogers
Booked 12/21/23
Capias, warrant



Shawn Michael Meador
Booked 12/18/23
Capias

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Scam

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quest for a wire transfer or to use a prepaid debit card, regardless of who the requester says they are.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim

of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

OBITUARY

Richard Lewis Vaughan



Richard Lewis Vaughan was welcomed into his Savior's arms on November 17, 2023. He was born on April 1, 1947, to Glada and Ray Vaughan of Ivydale, one of 13 children

Richard was passionate about his beautiful garden, his Grandchildren, Bluegrass music, his Church (Nebo Baptist Church) and Church family, and he loved sitting on the porch with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Lisa Lowe Vaughan; his sons Rusty (Marina) of Beckley and Aaron (Connie) of Norfolk, VA; stepdaughter Rebekah Nuckles of Salisbury, PA; grandsons Jacob, Jon and Justin; granddaughters Sidney, Sarah and Sadie; and great-grandchildren Enzley and Lincoln.

He is also survived by brothers Harold of Ivydale and Terry and Garrett of Cross Lanes; sisters Gloria Woods and Jewel Browning of Strange Creek, Joyce Samples of Frametown, Sharon Vaughan of

Charleston, and Shyrle Samples of Clay. Those who have gone before him are his sister Jean, and brothers Roger, Larry and James (Bimbo).

Richard served in the United States Army and retired from Frontier Communications. He will always be remembered for his gentle spirit and his kind smile.

Services were held at Nebo Baptist Church on November 27, 2023, with visitation beginning at 12:00 pm and the service was held at 2:00 pm with Kenneth Tanner and Dwight Goff officiating.

Wilson-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Wilson Smith was honored to serve the Vaughan family.

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Home Country

By: Slim Randles

The morning conference began innocently enough, with Steve and Doc arguing over which of the little packaged jellies went better on sourdough toast, and no one caring which one was right.

Dud and Bert and I sat silently, sucking down the morning elixir until it spread life to our outermost reaches as the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank crept to life. Bert was unusually quiet this morning and we asked why. He hemmed and hawed a little, then said, "Doc, you know about these things. What exactly is female trouble?"

Oh shoot. Pretty heavy stuff for just two cups of coffee, so the rest of us hurried down a third as Doc puffed up a bit and got ready.

"Sure, Bert," Doc said kindly. Then Doc gave us the best his nine years of college and 50 years of medical practice had blessed him with. He waxed eloquent on hormonal elements, the ebb and flow of female fertility, things that could go wrong with tubular parts, and the effect all of

these things could have on the attitudinal proclivities of the dear ladies we all love and admire. He took a break while Mavis returned with more coffee and with strange looks at our faces while we tried not to stare at her. Then she was gone, and Doc began again. Finally, when we had been pretty well checked out on the mysterious workings of the gentle gender, Doc said, "Bert, if your wife is having some problems, have her give me a call."

"Oh, it ain't her, Doc," Bert said. "It's Dud."

We all looked at Dud. He grinned sheepishly. No one wanted to say anything. Finally, Steve said, "I'm not going to be the one to ask."

"That's what you said, Dud, right?" Bert asked. "That's why Saturday's plans are shot."

"Female trouble?" Doc said, looking at his old friend.

Dud nodded. "Anita won't let me go fishing this weekend."

Brought to you by the nice folks at Rust Medical Center in Albuquerque. Thank you.

It doesn't seem possible another Christmas has come and gone. They come and go so fast that I'm not sure I can keep up with all of this. Every year, our family has more people, which is never bad.

One thing we do is gather as a family around the Christmas tree and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship. We will open our Christmas gifts together and just laugh at all of those gifts.

After the gifts are opened, we play a game called "Jingle Bells on the Tree."

What it is, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will get together a bunch of Jingle Bells. They will be different colors: blue, yellow, red and green.

This game is new to me, but with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, nothing seems to be new. Along with the colored Jingle Bells, there is a little box filled with tickets: each ticket has one of the four colors associated with the Jingle Bells.

The idea of the game is that the box with the little tickets is passed around, and everyone would have to pick a ticket. Now, the color of that ticket matches the color of one of the Jingle Bells.

If, for example, you pick a blue ticket, you would have to get up and go to the blue Jingle Bell and jingle it for at least one minute. While that was happening, everybody was clapping and singing, "Jingle Bells."

I'm not sure where she came up with that idea, but I never know where she comes up with any of her ideas. But everybody enjoys the little game.

As I was sitting there participating in the game, the kitchen table was behind me. On the kitchen table, I had my coffee. I occasionally took a sip and then put it back on the table. But, also on that table were several plates of Christmas cookies. These were the cookies that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had baked in anticipation of our Christmas gathering.

I never thought too much about it, but this year, just before everybody came for the Christmas dinner and

By: Dr. James Snyder

celebration, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage told me I could only have one cookie.

As she said that, she handed me one cookie and then said, "This is your one cookie. Do you understand?"

Of course, I understood. I smiled and shook my head as I munched that delicious little cookie.

A thought began dancing in my head as we played the game. I love it when I have a thought, which, by the way, is very rare.

That thought had to do with the

The idea of the game is that the box with the little ticket is passed around, and everyone would have to pick a ticket. Now, the color of that ticket matches the color of the one of the Jingle Bells.

cookies on the table behind me. All the cookie plates were within reach because God gave me long arms. Now I know why I have such long arms.

How am I going to take advantage of this family game time? Nobody was paying attention to me; everybody was watching the person going up to ring the Jingle Bell on the tree.

I casually reached back, got my coffee, took a sip and returned the cup. When I did that, my thoughts began to crystallize.

It boils down to this: whenever someone picked a ticket and went up to the tree to ring the appropriate Jingle Bell, I could reach behind me and pick a cookie. Everybody was so focused on the game that nobody realized what I was doing.

I must confess I was smiling quite a bit because I was getting

away with something, and I did not believe I would get caught.

I cheered the next person going up to ring the Jingle Bell as loud as I could get away with. Everybody was focused on that. While that was happening, my right arm reached behind me to collect the next cookie. I munched on that cookie while everybody laughed, clapped and sang Jingle Bells.

I have never enjoyed a family game as much as this one. I don't remember how many cookies I ate then, but I enjoyed every one.

Of course, there was that time when I had to pull my ticket, then go up, and ring the Jingle Bell, which cost me my next cookie. But I needed to keep the ruse moving to collect some more cookies.

Nobody makes better cookies than The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I tell her that all the time, and once in a while, she will give me a cookie when I say it. But only one.

Finally, the family time was over, and everybody had gone home. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I sat in the living room smiling about our wonderful time. I looked at her and said, "We have a wonderful family and it was a great time tonight."

Looking at me, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "You did not eat any of the Christmas cookies tonight, did you?"

I was unsure what she knew, so I said, "I don't think I did."

Still looking at me, she said, "Then why do you have cookie crumbs in your mustache?"

When you're caught, you're caught.

Later, I thought of a Bible verse in Numbers 32:23, "...be sure your sin will find you out."

You will eventually be found out, no matter how careful you think you are. God knows everything, and we will be held accountable. The best advice is to be honest.

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Your Greatest Gift

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

When I was a boy we didn't have much. Our Christmas gifts were simple and few but I always took such joy in them. Some of them like the new books and thick socks were used right away. I would slip off my shoes, sit in my favorite chair by the wood stove, and rub my newly socked feet together while I read my books. Other toys like a new football, basketball, or bicycle would have to wait until the snow melted and spring arrived to be enjoyed.

When I was a struggling, unemployed young father money for Christmas presents was scarce too. One time I can remember only being able to buy a few stuffed animals for my young children. On Christmas morning I felt so guilty and so sad. But when they opened their gifts the joy in their eyes was just as bright and shining as if I had bought them the most expensive things in the store.

And as I got older I learned that there are a lot of gifts that can't be bought in a store, gifts that God

gives each of us, gifts that He wants us to share with the world. I've done my best to share mine over the years too. But as I've passed into my middle years I've realized something even more important. The greatest gift of all is ourselves. And the greatest meaning and purpose in life is to simply give the best of yourself to others with love.

I hope that you always give the best of yourself to others. Your kindness, your caring, and your goodness are worth more than anything you can buy in a store. Your laughter, your joy, and your smile are priceless beyond measure. And your Love is a gift that is both eternal and Divine.

Your unique life and your unique self are your gifts from God. And how you use them and share them are your gifts to God, yourself, and everyone else. Cherish your greatest gift then. Make it the most beautiful, wonderful gift that you can. And then share it with love.

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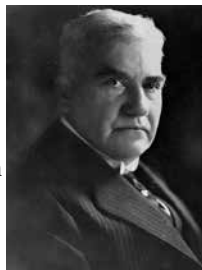


THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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.

Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling.

Dec. 27, 1923: Businessman and Point Pleasant native Michael Owens, who revolutionized the glass industry through automation, died at age 64.



Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Service, Mitchell ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line but served the valley's timber industry.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.

Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Denver performed "Country Roads" in West



Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.

Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was



released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. Moore grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent episodes of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall

McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.

Jan. 1, 1953: Country music legend Hank Williams was found dead in his car in Oak Hill, Fayette County. He had been scheduled to perform in Charleston the previous night, but the concert was canceled due to bad weather.

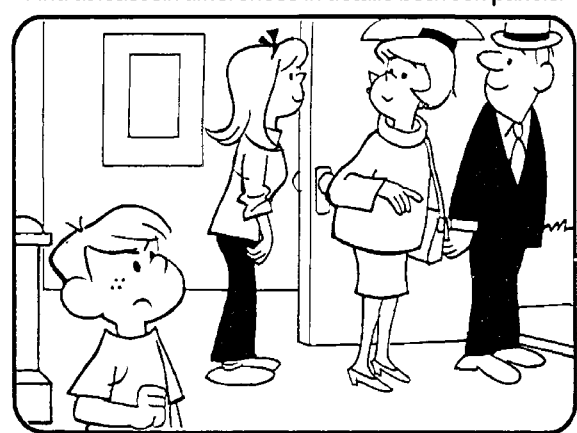
Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Super Crossword

FORGET THE WHOLE THING

ACROSS

- 1 Warning about a racy web pic
- 5 "West Side Story" knife
- 9 Seasoned vet
- 15 Bro
- 19 French for "yours"
- 20 Treat for feet, for short
- 21 Pope after Marcellus II
- 22 Scads
- 23 RFORM
- 26 Rapper Snoop —
- 27 Variety show hosts, e.g.
- 28 ACLU interests: Abbr.
- 29 Farming unit
- 31 Pasty luau food
- 32 Flight takeoff abbr.
- 33 NTR
- 38 "Peek- —!"
- 40 Classic comic Martha
- 41 Uplifting poems
- 42 Place full of video games
- 43 UBL
- 46 Chicken cordon —
- 47 British chums
- 48 Stars and Stripes' nation
- 49 —'wester (certain storm)
- 50 "Oh, God!" actress Garr
- 54 Cousins of aves.
- 55 Name of some newspapers
- 57 GHTE
- 62 Actors Fiennes and Macchio
- 65 Very top
- 66 Flying
- 67 TRONI
- 72 Cast out of the country
- 73 Official helper
- 74 Pays out
- 75 EAKI
- 79 Diner check
- 80 Start for existing
- 83 Name of some newspapers
- 84 Vetoer's vote
- 85 U.S. tax org.
- 88 Aromatic aftershave liquid
- 90 QBs' blunders: Abbr.
- 92 RKE
- 96 Person doing a crossword puzzle, e.g.
- 99 Outer limit

DOWN

- 1 Neck back
- 2 Mushroom feature
- 3 Some plays on ground balls
- 4 Fiancee
- 5 Colo. — (city S. of Denver)
- 6 Skirt line
- 7 "Just go ahead and try!"
- 8 Wine merchants
- 9 Unlock, in poems
- 10 Resting place for a napkin
- 11 Drinker's hwy. offense
- 12 Implores
- 13 Christina of "Bel Ami"
- 14 Put too high a price on
- 15 Papa
- 16 Perfect world
- 17 Be charitable
- 18 Gas guzzler
- 24 Multivolume U.K. lexicon
- 25 Chicago winter hrs.
- 30 Blarney Stone's land
- 33 Mushroom feature
- 34 King, in Lyon
- 35 Hubbub
- 36 Novelist Deighton
- 37 Runs furtively with short, quick steps
- 38 Heads of fleets: Abbr.
- 39 Regatta entry
- 40 Upshot
- 44 Evan of figure skating
- 45 Univ. helpers
- 46 Web automaton
- 49 Brother of Moe and Curly
- 51 Deep black, in poems
- 52 Break in friendship
- 53 Hairy TV cousin
- 56 "Science Friday" ailer
- 58 Person tying shoes
- 59 Onetime transportation agcy.
- 60 Foods created by biotech
- 61 Flood-prevention sack
- 62 One sharing your blood
- 63 Songwriter Carmichael
- 64 Salon noise
- 67 Large-scale public show
- 68 Untrue tales
- 69 Neighbor of Mont.
- 70 Caress
- 71 How money may be lost
- 72 Sci-fi gift
- 76 Belonging naturally
- 77 "One Mic" rapper
- 78 "— ToK" (#1 hit for Kesha)
- 80 On the nose
- 81 Viking letter
- 82 Rescue crew VIPs
- 86 Occupant
- 87 Represented
- 89 Peruvian singer with a wide range
- 91 Notorious emperor
- 92 OR workers
- 93 Rust may be a sign of it
- 94 DVR remote abbr.
- 95 Cain, to Eve
- 96 Hair-raising sites?
- 97 "Is that so?"
- 98 Poe's "radiant maiden"
- 99 Yuletide quaff
- 103 Destitute
- 104 Tic- — -toe
- 105 Gear tooth
- 109 Yard tool
- 110 Outer limits
- 111 Sports datum
- 113 TV neighbor of Homer
- 115 Pewter, mostly
- 116 Univ. website suffix
- 117 Vetoers' votes
- 118 Rival of Wade

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON"
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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

October 1957

Sport Shorts

Swandale School Queen And Her Court Rule For A Day At Spencer Black Walnut Festival

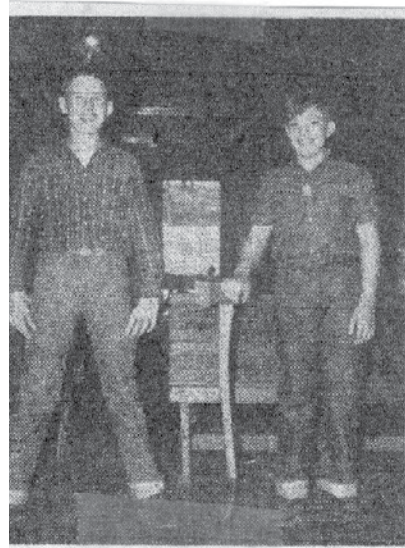
Widen High School basketball practice began October 8th, under supervision of Coach J. V. Pin-

Only three boys showed up at practice the first day, but the second day more were out.

Those trying out are: Victor Lume, Abe Holmes, Skippy George, Tom Napier, Kyle Barne, Dave Hamrick, and Russell Licher.

A new rule of the game states that the numbers "one" and "two" any number over five, cannot be used on the jerseys. This rule will cut out unnecessary hand motions for the referee.

We would like to take this opportunity to urge more boys to participate in sports, not only for the sake of the school, but for their own sakes, also.



"Coal Miner" and "Lumberman" To complete the decorated float Swandale Elementary School community entered in the Walnut Festival parade held in Spencer recently, Roger Keene, (left) and Joe Nutter rode the float to represent these two industries established in Buffalo Valley for half century or longer. Here they are shown in Swandale gym the same day the Queen and her Court are pictured for their official photographs.

Children See Educational Movies The visual educational department of Widen schools showed five movies during the month of October.

The grade school saw "America Builds the Sea" and "A Criminal is Born."

The high school saw "Grandma Moses," "Tale of Two Towns," "News to Tribune," and "A Criminal is Born."

Movies are well liked by the school children and their value is measurable.



"Queen" Sharon Conner of Swandale, appears in the accompanying photo with the members of her Court, just prior to their appearance in the long parade held in Spencer Saturday, October 12th. They drew the 39th position in a line of floats, bands, community marching groups and autos filled with Walnut Festival officials and fans.

Pictured with Miss Conner are, in front row beside her, left to right; Judy Belt and Devonna Lit-

ton. Standing in the back row in the same order are: Sharon Belt, Carolyn Paxton, Rosalie Fisher, Donna Gail Gray, Fonda Frame and Bonnie Keene.

The decorated float, carrying the Court and "miner," and "woodsman," was driven by Mr. Denzil Paxton, and hauled a huge Walnut log cut especially from virgin timber on the site of Lilly logging operation and brought in for this occasion.

Other interested citizens who

contributed their services driving their cars to and from Spencer, with the participants, included: Messrs Noble E. Conner, father of the Queen, Dennis Gray, Don Belt, Jess Hammonds and School Principal Dalmar Dye. Over 50 citizens from this lumber operation of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company went along to cheer their girls and boys in one of the first such public appearances of the school has sponsored. Present enrollment in the school is 62.

Fourth Grade News

The Fourth Grade Room has taken on the "new look" with the new seats, bright colored pictures on the bulletin board which teach good lesson, and the bright new books.

Frankie Donohue and Lynn Kay Mullins were chosen as King and Queen of the Fourth Grade.

Good Citizens Club

President — Frankie Donohue
V. President — Sharon Manning
Secretary & Treasurer — Linda Baughman

Reporter — Ella Ruth Frame

The aim of the club is to make better citizens of boys and girls by each child trying to improve himself or herself through the work of the club.

The club will meet the third Friday at 2:30 we plan to have a little program and refreshments at each meeting.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

The third grade class has been repairing library books.

The students are doing finger painting and design drawing in art period. They have new art supplies including tempera paint, brushes and drawing paper.

The third grade class is making preparation to decorate their classroom for Halloween.

Dramatic Club News

THE FOOTLIGHTERS

The Footlighters has set up a system by which to pick the Best Actor and Actress of the month. Candidate are judged by the following points. Acting 25, memorization 25, characterization 10, speech 10, poise 10, projection 5, cooperation 5, faithfulness 5, and adlibbing 5.

We are trying to decide on a play to be given the second semester, and making plans to make money so we can buy play books.

Also, we have been making a study of elemental emotions and how to portray them. Members have been practicing exercises to increase their poise and control.

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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

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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**

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry Chandler**

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Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

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

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

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

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

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

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper 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

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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

HOUSE OF PRAYER
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Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening 7:00 PM
Pastor: (304) 587-2996 (home), (304) 587-2703 (church)
Pastor: James R. Paxton

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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!
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Pastor: Freddie Elliott

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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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Sunday 11:00 AM & 6 PM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
For more info call 304-632-1378
Pastor: Ann Huddleston

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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

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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

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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.

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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
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Many stories of “the good ol days” when the family was together, and snowflakes made a huge difference in how the day went still ring in the voices of those that lived it. Not many people are still around that did. The smell of food cooking, the taste of fresh made cookies, songs sung in earnest and kids shaking wrapped presents trying to

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guess what was in the box are all experiences that bound families together. Trees gleamed with a spray of lights, candy canes and pop corn strings. Those were good times, and some are fortunate enough to still have those opportunities.

In the good ol’ days there were days when going to the post office was fun and a much anticipated event.

Catalogs were on the way, and they served not as just something to make your mouth water over what you couldn’t have, but as wall coverings, bathroom necessities, outhouse insulation, covering plants, fire starters, paper airplanes, research material, math education, inspiration to inventors and future clothing makers and, on special occasions, as a quick smoke when you were out of tobacco paper. In the new world, what can Amazon and Google do to compete with that? Seriously!

Good ol’ days or new days, whichever you prefer, this is the season to huddle together in masses and gift each other the gifts of peace, to live and breathe the fresh



air, to enjoy a cup of rich Wagon Train coffee and a biscuit. In all seriousness, most people can just go and get what they want anytime of the year, so this season, probably the best gift of all are gifts handmade or straight from the heart.

After all, that’s all the good ol’ days were - families getting together and enjoying what time they have left. Christmas is a time not just for families but for everyone, no matter your situation, to remember and reflect on what’s real and prepare for the coming days, months and years.

As I always say, “The gifts you give now may be at yard sales in the spring, so whatever you make or buy, be sure that it’s something you want.”

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The Clay County Commission intends to lease the building located at 184 Precious Maysel Road, Clay, WV 25043, to a non-profit organization. If you are a non-profit and are interested in leasing the building, please submit in writing your proposal for use of the building to the Clay County Commission no later than end of business on January 8, 2024. Please include what services you will be providing to the county, how this building would better your cause, and your goals for the future. Please include verification of non-profit status. Proposals can be dropped off in person at the Clay County Clerk’s office or mailed to P.O. Box 190, Clay, WV 25043.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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TRUSTEE’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 1, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 142, at Page 254, Erica M. Davis and Jacob Grose did convey unto David G. Palmer, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute 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

January 10, 2024, at 8:00 AM

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

All that certain lot or parcel of real estate, situate in Hanshaw Subdivision, on the waters of Hansford Fork of Laurel Creek of the Elk River, in Henry District, Clay County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northwesterly side of State Route 36 and in the center of Secondary 36/7, a corner to Lot 1, with State Route 36 for the next bearing and distance; South 48 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 17.50 feet to a point, a corner to Joey L. McCumbers, thence leaving said road and with McCumbers; North 57 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds West, a distance of 64.65 feet to a 1” iron rod found near the edge of the pavement of Secondary 36/7, thence; with a curve to the left, having a delta angle of 18 degrees 01 minutes 16 seconds, a radius of 109.79 feet, and a chord of South 88 degrees 44 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 34.39 feet to a point near the edge of the pavement of Secondary 37/6, thence; South 79 degrees 44 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 184.78 feet to a point near the edge of the pavement of Secondary 36/7, thence; with a curve to the right, a delta angle of 14 degrees 49 minutes 08 seconds, a radius of 336.00 feet, and a chord of South 87 degrees 09 minutes 02 seconds West, a distance of 86.66 feet to a 1” iron rod found near the edge of the pavement of Secondary 36/7, thence; South 17 degrees 23 minutes 38 seconds East, a distance of 24.42 feet to a point, thence; North 68 degrees 12 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 292.08 feet to a 1” iron rod found a corner to Justin Taylor and Lot 3, thence with Lot 3; North 18 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds East, a distance of 13.68 feet to a point in the center of Secondary 36/7, thence with the center of said road for the next three (3) bearings and distances and with Lot 3; Page 1 of 2, South 71 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 54.54 feet to a point, thence; with a curve to the right, having a delta angle of 07 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds, a radius of 500.00 feet, and a chord of South 67 degrees 54 minutes 07 seconds East, a distance of 61.81 feet to a point, thence; South 64 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 30.11 feet to a point, thence leaving the center of said road and continuing with Lot 3; North 51 degrees 16 minutes 17 seconds East, passing a 5/8 X 30” iron rod set with aluminum cap stamped ‘GILES LAND SURVEYING PS# 2040’ hereinafter called a ‘5/8” iron rod set’ at a distance of 25.96 feet, in all a distance of 277.87 feet to a 5/8” iron rod set, a corner to Lot 4 and Lot 1, thence with Lot 1; South 14 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds East, passing a 5/8” iron rod set at a distance of 180.24 feet, in all a distance of 200.79 feet to a point in the center of Secondary 36/7, thence with the center of Secondary 36/7 for the next three (3) bearings and distances; North 79 degrees 44 minutes 32 seconds East, a distance of 126.62 feet to a point, thence; with a curve to the right, having a delta angle of 52 degrees 00 minutes 44 seconds, a radius of 118.79 feet, and a chord of South 74 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 104.17 feet to a point, thence; South 48 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 4.57 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING containing 0.88 acres, more or less and more fully shown on a plat prepared by John M. Giles Land Surveying, attached to the Deed which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 207, at Page 117 and being made a part of this description.

FURTHER LOT 2 hereby conveyed is subject to and subservient to a 15 foot utility easement for the use and benefit of Lots 5, 6 & 7 as same is shown on a plat of survey titled Hanshaw Subdivision prepared by John M. Giles Land Surveying, dated 6 July 2010. Further, a predecessor in title has RESERVED and EXCEPTED the right to emplace, construct and maintain all existing utility easements and rights of way as may currently exist or that may reasonably be necessary to supply all 8 Lots in Hanshaw Subdivision with normal utilities-such as electric, water, telephone, gas line or sewage; and with reasonable access for ingress and egress to what County Road is adjacent to said Lot.

BEING the same real estate as conveyed unto Erica M. Davis and Jacob Grose, by a Deed dated February 5, 2018 and to be recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office immediately prior hereto.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 6211 Frame Road Apt. B, Elkview, WV 25071.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Erica M. Davis and Jacob Grose, by Deed dated February 5, 2018, from Jerry L. McCumbers and Carrie D. McCumbers, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 221, at Page 395.

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 Substitute 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.

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New time gift making.

Zeb’s Whittlin’ Corner Jawin’

By Allen Hamrick

Hey folks, Zeb here scratching some tales out for ya. It’s Christmas time here in the hills and time for all bad to become good and all good to just get better. Even the toughest here about, Buck Tater, grows out his whiskers for two days, sprays it white with a can of paint and puts on his best red suit for the kiddies. They love what he does, and nobody better say anything about it for fear of a lump of coal upside the head on Christmas Day +1. The hospital gets its normal run of men folk who are attempting to hang the prize lights on the highest part of their sheds and forget they have a ladder under them. It’s off to the hospital with busted backs and egos. The winner is judged by the local women’s secret society (all the wives) on the best overall look. Most of them look like they tried to hang lights on a running buffalo and got all tangled up in it.

The winner most of the years is Rood Dellar



who refuses to be like everybody else, so he puts up his glowing chicken eggs which he calls his howling moon specials. He always gets the ribbon and proudly displays it on his rooster’s neck. He turns it loose to run so the whole community would know who won. Nobody knows how he does it, but he does. The annual Christmas parade, called the Jackass brigade named in part to all the Jackasses that are in it, is held. None of the local horses will brave the cold to participate. So, on they come smiling as only a jackass can do to the cheers of all who attend; it’s their day to shine and they do just that. They pull wagons, dance, (firecracker

induced) haul the local yokels with their singing guitars and, of course, carry the Christmas Day Queen. This year, it is none other than Granny Izzle who, at 92, still looks like she is 22; not sure how she does that either. Some speculate that her and Rood Dellar use the inside of the howling moon egg to somehow make her younger, but the jury is still out on that. One thing that’s big on the lists that float through families this time of year is presents. I am gonna show you a gift you can whittle, and it’s one of my favorites to make. Being a wood lovin’ man, I like making my own traps from fishin’ to huntin’ and you can whittle them from branches.

One of my favorite gifts to give is knowledge, and in the coming weeks as wintertime holes us up around the fire place, pull out yer knife and give some of the tips I give you a try. Until then, from Zeb and family have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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PUBLIC NOTICE and PUBLIC HEARING

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Telephone: (304) 926-0495 Fax: (304) 926-0463

GENERAL WV/NPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0115924

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges to surface waters of the state for land disturbance operations during development of residential, commercial, or industrial sites. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5) year term.

The Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management retains the authority to require any owner/operator to apply for and obtain an individual WV/NPDES Permit. This authority will be exercised when the Director determines that such an individual permit will better protect the receiving water.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at:

<https://dep.wv.gov/wve/programs/stormwater/csw/pages/home.aspx>

Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

A virtual public hearing has been scheduled to take official comments on the Draft General Permit. The hearing has been scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024. Pre-registration for the hearing is required. To register, please complete the registration form at:

<https://forms.gle/wHwSWyqJ9sYjaVQN8>

or call Terry Fletcher at 304-926-0499 ext. 49720 by 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Registrants will receive a separate email with the link and call-in number for the virtual hearing once the registration deadline passes.

Any person may submit oral or written statements concerning the Draft General Permit; however, reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements at the hearing.

Written comments on the Draft General Permit can be submitted via email to DEP.Comments@wv.gov or regular mail to:

Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43808
E-mail: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The comment period closes at the conclusion of the virtual hearing. All comments submitted by this time, including those provided at the hearing, will be added to the official record for the Draft General Permit and considered by the agency.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.