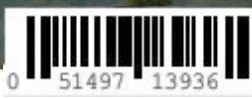




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WV Flood Resiliency Trust Fund waiting for allocations

State Resiliency Office updated Legislative Interim Committee on Flooding

**By Autumn Shelton,
West Virginia Press Association**

Nine months after Senate Bill 677 established the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Trust Fund and placed the administrative authority of the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Trust Fund under the State Resiliency Office (SRO), State Resiliency Officer Bob Martin, at the Dec. 10 interim meetings, told members of the West Virginia Legislature's Joint Legislative Interim Committee on Flooding there is still no money in either account.

According to Senate Bill 677, which was passed on March 11, and became West Virginia State Code §29-31, the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Trust Fund "may be granted an initial allocation" of \$40 million from the state's general revenue fund, and the SRO may request up to \$40 million each year to replenish funding.

Additionally, the bill states that the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Trust Fund, "may be granted an initial one-time allocation" of \$10 million with allowable requests of up to \$10 million in annual funding.

"There's no money in the resiliency fund or the Disaster Recovery Trust Fund," Martin said, adding that the SRO also does not have an employee who deals specifically with grant writing, which would help the state acquire available federal grants. However, he said that the SRO has been working with the Governor's office to determine how they may enter the grant system.

"It took quite an effort just to get our office a

government unique identification number," Martin said. "The way you go through the process makes it look like you're a contractor. So we had to work through different things just to get a (Federal Emergency Management Agency) FEMA GO document number so that we would be able to operate and actually apply for grants."

In response to a question from Sen. Eric Nelson, R-Kanawha, about how many people work for the SRO, Martin responded that they currently have three employees—a director, a deputy director and an administrative assistant.

Additionally, the SRO has an annual budget of between \$500,000-\$600,000, which is adequate at the moment, but

that may change in the future, Martin said.

"I would expect that if we had to grow post-disaster— if we were going into that mode where we would have to expand quite a bit—we would have to have a significant change," Martin noted. "But, it may also work if we were able to take people from other agencies that have expertise . . . transfer people that have expertise in certain areas like budgeting, legal, grants, grant administration— those would be the people that we could transfer into those offices. So, it would be more of a shell move from point A to B, rather than all brand new people."

Sen. Eric Tarr, R-Putnam, then discussed the ability for universities to assist with grant writing.

"The Legislature . . . I believe it was last year, appropriated right at \$1 million to both Marshall [University] and WVU (West Virginia University) for grant writing programs to assist entities, whether it be a political subdivision or whatever, throughout the state, so that you have the university capacity for grant writing for any type of grant," Tarr said. "I would love to see that utilized."

Martin said he was "unaware" that a grant writing link existed with the universities, but that he would look into it.

Committee Chair Sen. Chandler Swope, R-Mercer, said, "It looks like, in summary, a great deal of time and effort has gone into just organizational and informational systems—trying to figure out

who does what and how, and get the mapping you need."

Swope added, "You can't execute a contract until you've got all this background work done."

He asked Martin how much longer it might take before the SRO may apply for funding, and when work on contacts might begin.

Martin responded that they are "working through each piece," however, some projects may start soon.

"I would like to think that we are less than a year out," Martin said. "I can't write a check for that, but I would like to think that we're less than a year out [from] executing projects."

"I would like to have a shovel in the ground in Milton (Cabell County)

within the year, so that we can actually break ground there," Martin continued, adding they may only be able to start the acquisition of abandoned properties that have experienced repeated flooding.

According to Martin, the SRO had started necessary deed and title work to begin the Milton flood-wall project, but the federal Water Resources Development Act of 2022 was passed, which increased the federal share of the project costs from 65% to 90%.

Although this increase in the federal share was good news, it did cause a project setback.

"What that also did was it meant that the Army Corps of Engineers had to step back and they had to go to their headquarters

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December PAX winners announced at Big Otter



Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students. These students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. PAX Stars are rewarded with a certificate and a special lunch with their family. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the December 2023 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!

- Mr. Vaughan – 5th Grade – Aliya Brannon
- Mrs. Burns – 4th Grade – Paisley Adkins
- Mrs. Pierson – 3rd Grade – Michael Gill (not pictured)
- Mr. Vaughan - 3rd Grade - Kendelynn Harold
- Ms. Jarvis – 2nd Grade – Ginger Duffield
- Ms. Paxton – 2nd Grade – Jett Wilmoth
- Ms. Douglas – 1st Grade – Hadley McLaughlin
- Mrs. Collins – Kindergarten – Vesuvius Legg (not pictured)
- Mrs. Holcomb - Kindergarten - Neveah Brown
- Mrs. Marks - PreK - Roxanne Lockhart
- Ms. Sears – PreK – Cole Titus

Report: WV personal income tax cut will cripple communities

By Nadia Ramlagan

A new report singles out West Virginia for the state's costly tax cuts enacted this year, and the drastic lost in revenue expected to exacerbate existing budget shortfalls in higher education and other state services.

The report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that beginning in 2025, the Mountain State will collect more than \$800 million a year less in personal income tax revenue than it was previously.

The Center's Senior Advisor for State Tax Policy, Wesley Tharpe, said the gains from that personal income tax cut are going to flow overwhelmingly to people at the top of the income-tax scale.

"West Virginia is one of many states that already has a history of underinvestment in public services," said Tharpe. "The state of saying things like a very strained funding for colleges and universities, a state foster care system that is really struggling to keep up with need."

According to the report, the cuts will result in the bottom 20% of West Virginia filers - those making under \$19,000 a year - receiving \$21 per year on average, while the top one percent will take an extra \$10,000 a year.

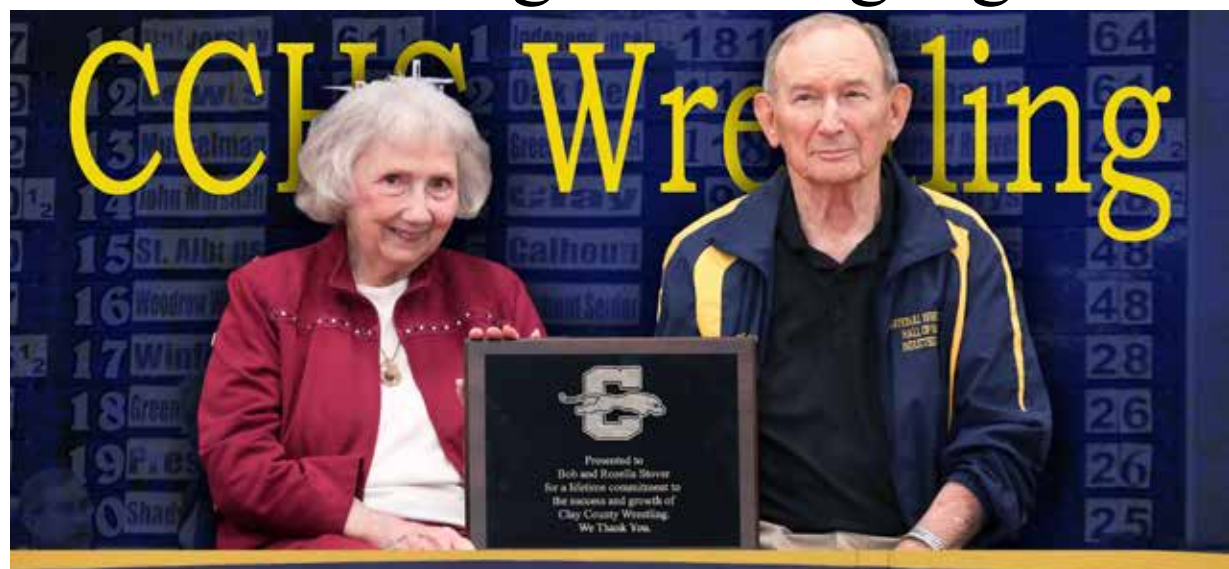
Tharpe added that income taxes help buffer states against hard times.

"States really want to be raising enough revenue so that they have that cushion for things that may be entirely unexpected," said Tharpe, "like, say, the COVID-19 pandemic, or things like an economic downturn."

According to the report, twenty-six states cut their personal income tax rates and/or corporate income tax rates in 2023, thirteen of them multiple times.

Supporters of slashing personal income taxes argue such measures put more money in the pockets of residents and boost local economies.

Bob Stover Duals 2023 - remembering the living legend



Bob Stover and wife Rozella were surrounded by wrestlers from the past and the present. Allen Hamrick photo
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Capias for felony



Keely Harper-Flinn
Booked 12/28/23
Possession of a controlled substance



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Jody Lynn McCartney
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Terry Ray Welch
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Domestic assault, possession of a controlled substance, domestic battery, unlawful restraint

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Phelena Dorn Ferrell
Booked 12/28/23
Domestic battery

CLAY COUNTY



Gary Robert Moore
Booked 12/26/23
Possession of a controlled substance

NICHOLAS COUNTY



David Lee Dawkins
Booked 12/23/23
Trespassing asked to leave



Patrick Aaron Mullins
Booked 12/23/23
Petit larceny, fleeing in vehicle, entering without breaking

Appalachian Power seeks approval of settlement agreement in fuel cost cases

Appalachian Power, along with Wheeling Power, today filed a settlement agreement with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) that addresses the companies' Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) cases.

ENEC is the mechanism for adjusting the amount included in rates for fuel and purchased power. As coal and natural gas prices rose sharply across the country in 2021 and 2022, the companies paid more for fuel and purchased power than the amount included in rates. The ENEC cases request reimbursement of \$553 million of costs incurred, but not yet recovered, to produce and provide electricity.

The proposed settlement includes a \$50 million reduction in the requested fuel deferral amount. In addition to fuel costs, the settlement addresses storm recovery, environmental compliance and other costs associated with Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power's generation fleets. It utilizes a financial tool known as

securitization, an option the West Virginia legislature passed into law with broad support in 2023 to address customer affordability.

Securitization allows certain commission-approved costs to be recovered through the issuance of bonds. This approach mitigates impact on customer bills by enabling recovery of these expenses over a much longer timeframe and recovery of other allowable costs at a lesser rate of return. Customer bill impacts will be determined following the PSC's action on this settlement and the outcome of the securitization process. It is anticipated that any changes in customers' bills will be minimal.

"We are confident this settlement will achieve the most stable outcome and least rate impact possible for our West Virginia customers," said Aaron Walker, Appalachian Power president and COO. "We encourage the PSC to approve the settlement, which will keep customer bills affordable and support a reliable energy system."

The West Virginia Energy Users Group and the West Virginia Coal Association joined Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power in signing onto the agreement. The settlement is subject to review and approval by the PSC.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's approximately 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with, approximately 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including more than 6,100 megawatts of renewable energy.

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and come up with, 'What does this mean? What is the implementation plan for this 90/10 (match) going to mean for everybody?'" Martin said. "They finally got that worked out. I'm glad to say that just this week we got the new amended partnership agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers signed. So, the state's part is taken care of, but we are still waiting on Milton to get their piece done."

The SRO is also working on the development of the state's Flood Resiliency Plan, which must be completed by June 30, 2024, Martin stated.

The former Flood Protection Plan (2004) will serve as the base document for the Flood Resiliency Plan, Martin said, noting that the new document will be presented in a digital format with "easy to read" sections.

"A nonprofit or a community group or a local community will be able to pull the section out that they need, read through it, and . . . look for goals and recommendations and how to implement those within the plan" Martin stated.

"A lot of those communities are marginalized communities," Martin later said. "They are communities that don't have the capacity to build what they have and build what they need, nor the people to go ahead and put together the products to go ahead and apply for grants."

The plan will also include a resiliency trend calculator, mapping overlays, a list of projects completed, a list of agency recommendations, and an education component so communities have a better understanding of how their actions may lead to flooding.

"We're looking to that next piece," Martin said, adding that he may have gained six months had he known about the "grant writing piece" earlier.

"Now that I know this, I will pursue that piece of it to get others out there to be able to assist with it," he said.

"I'm not afraid to work with anybody who's willing to work with us and help us get in the right direction," Martin concluded.

In addition to Martin's presentation, members of the interim Joint Committee on Flooding also heard a presentation from Melissa Roberts, executive director of the American Flood Coalition, and a presentation on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program from G.E. McCabe, director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Agency.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Puzzle Answers

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Home Country*By: Slim Randles*

It was half-past second coffee and darn near to French toast time and it had been very quiet at the round table, that general headquarters of the World Dilemma Think Tank.

"Heard something interesting yesterday," said Herb. "Kids were talking on the sidewalk and I couldn't help but hear parts of it. I had to stop and ask them about it, even if it seemed rude to them.

"Seems somebody tipped them off that there was a thousand dollars in gold coins buried beneath the stepping stone going into Jenkin's cabin."

Dud looked up, "But nobody knows where Jenkin's cabin is, and he's gone now and we may never know."

"That's true enough. But there's more. The other thing I heard from them," Herb said, "was that it was you who told them about the gold."

Dud looked up sheepishly. "Well"

"You did, didn't you, Dud," said Doc. "I can tell by the look on your face."

"Your fault, Doc. You remember you said a winter around here isn't complete without a hoax? Remember your fictional pet squirrel?"

"Yeah," said Steve. "Chipper."

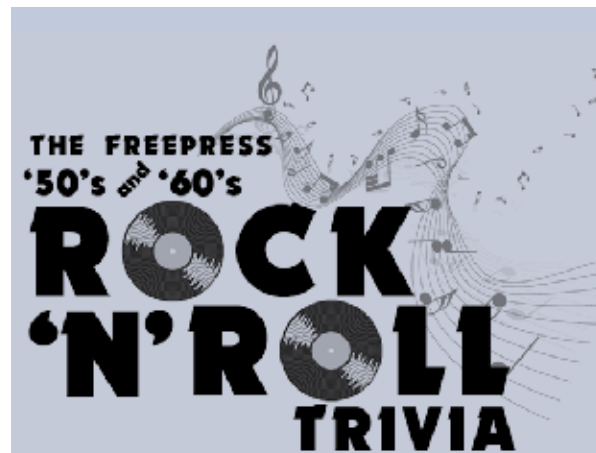
"So, since I decided to train a few local dogs into a dog team, I thought this would be a good way to get started."

"You lost me there," said Steve.

"Well, with a couple dozen teenagers snowshoeing around looking for Jenkins's cabin, that ought to pack some nice trails for anyone with a team of dogs."

No one laughed until Doc started, and by then it was too late. Even sides of bacon couldn't quell the noise.

Brought to you by *Dogsled, A True Tale of the North*, by Slim Randles, Now available on Amazon.com.



The first chartered #1 hit that created the dividing line between all the pop music that came before and all that followed, creating the beginning of the rock & roll era was: "(We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock", Bill Haley & The Comets, July 9, 1955.

This is the last article of the Free Press' 50's & 60's Rock & Roll Trivia. Hey cats and dolls, it's been a blast. So keep those stax of wax spinnin' and we'll see you later alligator.

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THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM*Pastor Doug Newell, IV***There will be peace**

The Bible begins with God creating Heaven and Earth and pronouncing everything good. The Garden of Eden was a perfect paradise of peace. But then, the enemy entered the garden, questioning God, His Word, and His goodness. The Devil deceived Eve, she disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit, and then Adam rebelled against God's command doing the same. Their eyes were open. They were ashamed and ran and hid from God. Their relationship with God has changed, now running away and hiding from him rather than enjoying His fellowship in peace. Their relationship with each other has changed, as there is now conflict at the very core. Their relationship with the world has changed as they are removed from the garden and forbidden to enter. The world itself is now cursed and challenging and frustrating. The peace in their lives, with each other and God, has been shattered.

In that first gospel message, there is a promise that the Seed of the Woman will come and destroy the Devil and his works. He is the hope of restoring that peace. Later in Genesis, God promised Abraham a people and a land; all nations will be blessed in the coming seed. But we don't find it realized. God delivers Israel out of Egyptian bondage, where there is no peace, and brings them into the land of promise, where there is hope for peace, but it is not accomplished because they didn't drive the enemies out of the land. God gave them a good king in Da-

vid, with a promise of David's throne, and it looks like his son Solomon brought that peace. There was blessing, wealth, security, and happiness (1 Kings 4:20). But, because of Solomon's sin and failure, it did not last. His death brought division, splitting the kingdom, idolatry, and false promises of false peace (Jer. 6:14, 22-23).

God's people still looked for peace in the coming Messiah (Psalms 29:11). Their hope was in the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:9-7). In the gospel of Luke, we read of the angelic announcement of the birth of the Messiah proclaiming "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 1:76-79; Luke 2:11-14). In Luke 12:51, Jesus surprises by saying, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division." How can this be? Because the peace Jesus is bringing is more than an absence of conflict with the Romans, wealth, and societal flourishing. There is a greater enemy, and there will be no peace until the cause of all suffering is dealt with. Jesus came to pay for the sins of His people. Christ is the author of peace that the world cannot give (1 Corinthians 14:33; John 14:27) and provides us peace with God (Romans 5:1-10). One day, God will create a new heaven and a new earth. There will be no sin, thus no division or disunity, war, need, or loneliness. There will be peace.

Evergreens In The Forest*By: Joseph J. Mazzella*

When I was a boy, as Christmastime drew near my Dad would always go up in the woods and pick out a small evergreen tree to cut down for our Christmas tree. One year I went with him and much to the annoyance of my brothers picked the most ugly, scraggly, pine tree known to man to be our Christmas tree. My Dad, however, in his love for me, cut it down and decorated it, as bad as it looked. Then after the New Year arrived he took it outside and dropped it near the edge of the woods to decompose. I watched it all through the winter with a little sadness as its needles turned brown and fell off. I really wished it could have lived longer and grown taller.

When I was a young married man with kids of my own we spent one Christmas at my father-in-law's house and discovered that instead of cutting his evergreen tree down he had dug it up and put it in a large pot filled with dirt. He watered it and cared for it all through the Christ-

mas season and then replanted it in his backyard to enjoy and watch grow in the years to come.

These days my Christmas tree is artificial and all of the evergreens in the woods are safe from me. Instead of chopping down or buying one each year I look at them growing fifty and sixty feet tall in the woods around my home. How beautiful they look when the snow falls on their limbs. And when the coldest and darkest days of winter arrive they remind me that life, growth, and love continue on even while the other trees slumber. They help to keep my heart bright and my spirits light until spring comes again.

I think God gave us all of these evergreens in the forests for a special reason. He gave them to us to remind us of life during the darkest days of winter. He gave them to us to encourage us to share our beauty, light, and love as well. He gave them to us to show us that life, growth, and love are eternal. May we always welcome their beauty into our hearts.

The Regifting Queen of the Family**Dr. James L. Snyder**

Sitting around the Christmas tree with my family and opening up Christmas presents stirred fond memories of my Aunt Edith. She was known as The Regifting Queen of our family. And believe me, she earned that name quite well.

Most of the family didn't catch on to what she was doing. I know I didn't realize it until several years before she passed.

Little did we know that when we gathered as a family at Christmas time, the gifts we received from Aunt Edith were regifted. I had no idea what that meant then, but I was to find out what it was all about.

One of my cousins caught on first. One Christmas, he received a gift that he remembered from last Christmas, which was given to her. At first, he thought he was imagining things, but as the gifts kept going around, he began to notice that the gifts given to his family members were given to his Aunt Edith last year.

She had it very well worked out because nobody got a gift from her that they

gave to her the year before. When my cousin mentioned this to me, I thought he was joking, and I just went along with him. But I was to realize that maybe what he was saying was true.

I started paying attention to the gifts Aunt Edith gave to the family so I could remember them for next year. And sure enough, the following year, people received gifts from Aunt Edith that had been given to her the year before.

My cousin looked at me, looked back, and we just smiled, hoping we could keep our secret.

Based on that thought, my cousin and I gave Aunt Edith a present we would want the following year. Sure enough, those gifts appeared to our family from good old Aunt Edith. Everybody smiled, thankful for Aunt Edith's thoughtfulness at Christmas time.

That was the one thing my cousin and I looked forward to each year. And the thing was, everybody got from Aunt Edith a present they gave her the year before. She was very good at this regifting.

We discovered that when Aunt Edith got a Christmas gift, she always put the giver's name on the gift. That way, she would not get the gifts mixed when she regifted them.

My cousin and I let it fly because we did not want to embarrass Aunt Edith. She was such a wonderful lady, and we felt that if that was her way of celebrating Christmas, so be it.

As the years went on, Aunt Edith got older. No surprise there. Everybody gets older. But as she got

older, her memory began to play tricks on her.

I began to notice one year when Aunt Edith gave me a Christmas present that I gave her the year before. Up to this time, that had never happened. She was very particular in how she distributed her regifting.

As I opened my gift from her, I began to chuckle because it was what I gave her last year. I didn't say anything because I respected her and everybody makes mistakes. I just went along with her regifting program.

I almost told my cousin, but I thought I'd just better leave everything under the table at this point. After all, Christmas is a merry time of the year, and I didn't want to sabotage the merry element.

Watching Aunt Edith throughout the year, I noticed her memory was slipping. With that in mind, I was anxious for Christmas to come and see how Aunt Edith would handle her regifting.

As it turned out, that year was the last year Aunt Edith was around for Christmas. It was a special Christmas, although we did not know it then.

As the gifts were being passed around and as people began opening their gifts from Aunt Edith, people began to recognize that this was a gift they had given her last year. It was hard for me to believe, but everybody got from Aunt Edith what they had given her the Christmas before.

After all those years of meticulously regifting those Christmas presents,

it was finally catching up. Nobody knew what to do or say at that point. Everybody just thanked Aunt Edith for her wonderful Christmas presents. Nobody realized what was happening, but Aunt Edith confused the names on the gifts as the "for" and not the "from."

It wasn't until Aunt Edith's funeral that people began to share their ideas about Christmas. Someone said, "Did you know that at the last Christmas party, I received a gift from Aunt Edith that I gave her the year before?"

When she said that, everybody began to laugh and had the same story to tell. Aunt Edith had been meticulously regifting all her Christmas presents for all those years, and nobody knew it until her last Christmas.

What I took away from it is that if I'm going to give a gift, I should give a gift I want to receive myself. And I must thank good old Aunt Edith for that thinking. I couldn't help but think of a Bible verse. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7-8).

Whatever I do to others will finally come back on me. Give what you want to receive is my motto.

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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.

Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain of Webster County was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.



Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887. After the fire, a temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol." It burned in 1927.



Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. Lamon was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln was assassinated when Lamon was away in Richmond on business.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County—eight years after another explosion had killed 27 at the same mine.

Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.



Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. Conley was West Virginia's 18th governor, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th Amendment in the Senate, 26-0, and in the House, 81-3. West Virginia was the 21st state to ratify the amendment. National prohibition went into effect under the Volstead Act on January 16, 1920.



Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personality.

Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was ap-

pointed poet laureate by Governor Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.



Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

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Super Crossword CALCULATING CHARACTERS

ACROSS

- 1 Pet doc
- 4 "Come again?"
- 8 Treats maliciously
- 14 Tennis player Borg
- 19 Narcissist's problem
- 21 Actress Address
- 22 Ate, as prey
- 23 Football Hall of Famer Bronko
- 24 Arrive on wheels
- 25 Frankie or Cleo of song
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Noise in a comic book gunfight
- 30 Exotica singer Sumac
- 31 "The Human Stain" novelist Philip
- 32 Cure-all
- 37 Race of people in an H.G. Wells novella
- 39 Some sorority letters
- 40 Donations to the destitute
- 44 Riddle, part 2
- 48 Like much greasy food
- 49 See 83-Across
- 50 Corp. leader
- 51 Skip over, as a vowel
- 52 World War II film, when tripled
- 53 Charged bit
- 55 Place — (be active on eBay, say)
- 57 Cheap cigar
- 58 Riddle, part 3
- 63 Simile middle
- 66 Chaney of film
- 67 Song-belting Merman
- 68 On a pension, maybe: Abbr.
- 69 Military draft gp.
- 70 Riddle, part 4
- 75 ZZ Top album whose name is Spanish for "The Crazy One"
- 76 Hamm and Farrow
- 77 Neither's partner
- 78 Tingly feeling
- 82 Totally tired
- 83 With 49-Across, touter of green eggs and ham
- 84 "Yes" vote
- 86 Early arcade giant
- 87 End of the riddle
- 93 — -Flush (bathroom brand)
- 94 Architect I.M. —
- 95 Made angry
- 96 Florida fruits
- 97 R&B great Marvin
- 99 Not at all new
- 100 Golf club
- 102 Riddle's answer
- 111 Stalin-era labor camp
- 112 Polecat's kin
- 113 Urge against
- 114 Muscat native
- 115 Do over
- 116 Office squawker
- 117 Fender dings
- 118 Mimics a mad mutt
- 119 Helper of Frankenstein
- 120 Inventor Whitney

DOWN

- 1 "—, vidi, vici"
- 2 "The Keep" novelist Jennifer
- 3 Forum wear
- 4 Angel's instrument
- 5 Drunk
- 6 Writer Gogol
- 7 Third-largest city in Israel
- 8 Ride a wave
- 9 Eighth-brightest star in the sky
- 10 Like a hajji's religion
- 11 Second-largest city in Oklahoma
- 12 Charles Lamb's alias
- 13 Bay Area California city
- 14 Equivalent of A sharp
- 15 Lee Tracy's "Bombshell" co-star
- 16 Like praiseful poetry
- 17 Gossipy Barrett
- 18 Bakersfield-to-Boise dir.
- 20 Letters before 39-Across
- 27 Swiss watch brand
- 28 Clueless
- 32 Fizzle sound
- 33 Sleek, informally
- 34 Hair removal brand
- 35 Top squad
- 36 Mooer's mouthful
- 38 On the — (fleeing)
- 39 "— say more?"
- 41 Actresses Vivien and Janet
- 42 In — res (mid-plot)
- 43 Clay pigeons to be shot, informally
- 45 Three x three
- 46 Frozen spear
- 47 Eats away at
- 53 "Were — it all over again ..."
- 54 "It can't be!"
- 55 One of the Three Musketeers
- 56 Nickname for singer Justin, with "the"
- 57 Derisive smile
- 59 One of the three Furies
- 60 R&R alone
- 61 "— boy!"
- 62 Pisa's river
- 63 Nuclear trials, for short
- 64 Class of antimicrobial drugs, in the British spelling
- 65 Actress Sorkin who once hosted "America's Funniest People"
- 71 Like animals that don't roam
- 72 So-called "fifth taste"
- 73 Apartment near the super's, perhaps
- 74 Mesh well
- 79 Piquancy
- 80 Ontario tribe
- 81 Cat's warning
- 83 Pittsburgh footballers
- 84 "Chances —"
- 85 "Catch my drift, bro?"
- 86 Pie-mode link
- 88 1974 CIA parody film
- 89 More lacteal
- 90 Not cardinal, as a number
- 91 Plundering
- 92 Writer Sabato
- 98 Patronage
- 99 "— Loompa"
- 101 Half-diameters
- 102 Journalist Brit
- 103 Zing
- 104 Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" role
- 105 Insect traps
- 106 Exploiter
- 107 Mongrel mutt
- 108 Frilly material
- 109 Shrine figure
- 110 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
- 111 Shrine figure

THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

October 1957

Crewmen Storing Silage For Winter At Cressmont Farm



While farm manager Morris Sterlie Boggs keeps a sharp eye on the engine, the crew is busily engaged in filling the big silo with a mixture of corn, soy beans and water for feed during the winter

months when the normally sized herd of 30 Holstein cows will look to human hands for their "daily bread," instead of gathering it from the far flung pastures of the extensive farm.

Others appearing in the picture

include Messrs. Walter and Porter Harrison, Bob Rogers, Joe Robinson and Calvin McKee. Mr. Morris Sterlie Boggs said it usually took from three days to a week to complete this annual chore.

Disability benefits for the entire month were approved for Richard Kelly, Herbert Thorne, Bobby Perkins, Clarence Miller, J. A. McKinney, Wadie Dodrill, Bernard Holcomb, Lanty Facemire, and Ophie Hall. Benefits for a portion of September were paid to Brenford Butcher, Red Truman, Levy Friend, Doc Truman, and Ernie Acree, all of whom returned to work during the month; and to new applicants Roy King, Roscoe Taylor, Ernie Triplett, and Clarence Wilson, all of whom were still off at the end of September.

There was no change in the list of survivors during this month. Fifty-one surviving children and thirty widows of deceased employees received benefits for September.

Hospital and medical bills were paid at Charleston, Clarksburg, Clay, Clendenin, Cowen, Craigs-ville, Lewisburg, Marmet, Montgomery, Philippi, Richwood, Summersville, Sutton, Dunbar, Gassaway, Glenville, and Weston, W. Va.; Kingman, Arizona; and Middleport, Ohio; for 182 employees and members of their families.

Altogether, 206 active or retired employees, in addition to the survivors above-mentioned, received direct benefits from the Widen Relief Committee during the month of September.

Three medical bills were not approved after consideration by the committee. One was because it was for a man's wife and his dependency card in the Widen office lists him as a single man with no dependents; another was a dental bill which is not covered by the relief provisions; and the third was a bill incurred while a man was still employed at Widen but was not submitted to the committee within thirty days after his employment terminated.

Don't neglect your dependency card. Your wife and your children are eligible for benefits immediately; any other dependents must be listed for a period of one year before they are eligible, so if you have to support any relatives other than your wife and children, be sure to get them on the list promptly. Delay can be costly and embarrassing.

IT'S A SHAME ISN'T IT?

Going to burn some brush? Better be careful, burning brush last year was the cause of near 20,000 fires. Campers caused 3,889; Rail Road's, 2,582; lightning, 6,261; lumbering, 2,491. That's quite a waste isn't it? Let's all join in and "KEEP WEST VIRGINIA GREEN, BE CAREFUL WITH FIRES."

Have You Heard That...

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunlap of Charleston, and their two children Mike and Anna Marie, were recent visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dunlap on Nicholas Street.

Mrs. S. C. McLaughlin, a salesman with the Comtometer Corporation of Charleston is being welcomed in the Widen office on his first trip here talking over this territory.

Mr. Joe Bragg of Carlsbad, Mexico, a brother of Mrs. Walker W. Henderson, was a recent visitor in Widen at his sister's home. He is a miner in the ore mines in Carlsbad and manages to make a biennial trip to Widen which he says is really showing great progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parrish of Charleston (the former Shirley Gibson) have a fine new son, Gary Eugene, born October 4th at Charleston General Hospital, weighing six pounds and 15 ounces.

Widen Relief Committee

The Widen Relief Committee, with H. L. Beattie representing Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, and Doyle Waggoner, Harold Dawson, Joe Truman and Lloyd Butcher, Jr., representing the employees, met at the company offices in Widen on Thursday, September 26.

Monthly retirement pensions of \$100 each were approved for the following twenty-seven inactive employees: Press Greathouse, Allen Hamrick, Preacher Craft, Charlie Borash, Dod Neal, Nick Subrick, Walter McElfresh, Sam Hamlin, James R. Collins, Okey Davis, A. L. (Jink) Lykins, Nim Woods, George Bowers, Frank Crider, Leo (Pizey) Capalba, Tom Ratliff, Bill Patton, Norman Rogers, Marvin Houghton, Ernie Starcher, Slim McDivitt, Willie Gibson, Byrne Wilson, Steve Felix, Harrison Rapp, Everett Vaughan, and Ira Eagle. There was no change in this list during the past month.

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
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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
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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.

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
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

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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

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

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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

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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!

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

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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
Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below Maysel on the left
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Come worship the Lord with us!
Phone: (304) 587-7410
Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw



November Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production during November 2023 totaled 1.2 million pounds, this was up 9 percent from November 2022. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,746,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from November 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,054 pounds. Commercial calf slaughter was not published because data were less than level of precision shown or not applicable.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 263,000 pounds live weight, up 5 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.68 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.79 billion pounds produced in November 2022. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 6 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,387 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.3 million pounds, 6 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 24,200 head, down 22 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 301 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.39 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 2 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,600 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 5 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2023 commercial red meat production was 49.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Charleston CVB Celebrates Successful 2023 Gears Up for Busy 2024

The Charleston Convention & Visitors Bureau celebrated huge successes this year as it continued to establish the city as a major sports tourism destination. By raising its profile with events rights holders and governing bodies in competitive sports, the CVB brought three international sporting events to Charleston in 2023.

The 2023 International Table Tennis Federation Pan American Youth Championships were held at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center in July, featuring the best young table tennis players from North and South America. In September, the Charleston Coliseum hosted the 2023 NORCECA Men's Continental Volleyball Championship. The U.S. Men played among teams from Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. The Charleston games were the final U.S. event before Olympic Qualifiers. In December, Strongmen and Strongwomen from more than 30 countries tested their skills in the Official Strongman Games.

Charleston CVB President/CEO Tim Brady credits the community for winning over event organizers.

"When officials visit Charleston, they are greeted by friendly people everywhere they go," Brady said. "Ours is a welcoming and hospitable community. When you combine that with a state-of-the-art facility at the Coliseum, drivability, convenient air service and great hotels, Charleston is a very desirable destination."

Event officials with USA Cycling found Charleston to be such a desirable destination that they chose the city to host their premier annual road event for the next five years. The USA Cycling Professional Road National Championships will take place in Charleston from 2024 to 2028, with the inaugural event scheduled for May 15-19, 2024. The championships will serve as a qualifying event for the U.S. Olympic Team in 2024 and 2028.

Brady said an event of this size will present opportunities for community involvement and volunteers. He asks anyone interested in helping with the Pro Road National Championships to visit the CVB's USA Cycling page.

The mission of the Charleston CVB is to positively impact the city's economic and social prosperity by attracting visitors and events that directly support jobs and local businesses and generate economic and cultural impact.

In supporting this mission in 2023, the CVB:

- Worked with signature events, including the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta and Festival.
- Partnered with Charleston Dirty Birds to bring in the Savannah Bananas for two sold-out shows
- Helped local breweries establish Brewers Row



on Summers Street

- Assisted with bringing back MEC Baseball Championships through 2027
- Continued partnership with WVSSAC to keep State High School Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Tennis and Track in Charleston
- Partnered with GoMart Ballpark to establish the inaugural Salango Law Down & Dirty Music Festival

For more information about events in Charleston, visit the CVB's website, www.charlestonwv.com.

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 19 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3/ Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date Thursday, January 4, 2024

Claim Deadline Monday, March 4, 2024

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/04/2023

ESTATE NAME: HANNAH DARLENE RAMSEY

ADMINISTRATOR JEREMIAH RAMSEY

941 UPPER SYCAMORE RD

INDORE WV 25111-9704

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/19/2023

ESTATE NAME: CORRENA ANN SCHOONOVEI

EXECUTRIX RACHEL ASHWORTH

1604 LOUDON HEIGHTS ROAD

CHARLESTON WV 25314-1504

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/11/2023

ESTATE NAME: SHANE MICHAEL TRUMAN

ADMINISTRATRIX CARRIE BETH TRUMAN

9749 RICH CREEK RD

JODIE WV 26690-6045

APPOINTMENT DATE 11/30/2023

ESTATE NAME: RICHARD L VAUGHAN

EXECUTRIX LISA SUE VAUGHAN

92 SUGAR RUN RD

NEBO WV 25141-9558

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/04/2023

ESTATE NAME: DEBORAH WHITE

ADMINISTRATRIX DEANNA TAYLOR

PO BOX 862

MACARTHUR WV 25873-0862

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/20/2023

Sheila Stone

County Clerk

Clay County

P.O. Box 190

246 Main Street

Clay WV 25043-0190

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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.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Matthew R. Leonard, Authorized Signatory

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

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

Leap into these Leap Year facts

Leap Year typically takes place every four years. The process of adding a day to the calendar every four years was designed to realign the clock and calendar more closely with how long it takes the Earth to rotate around the sun, which is slightly longer than the 365 days attributed to a year. If not for Leap Year, the seasons would slowly shift out of place.

There are many interesting facts to learn about Leap Year, and February 29 is the perfect time to explore them.

It takes the Earth 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds to circle once around the sun, says Time and Date.

Without leap years, we'd lose almost six hours every year. After a century, the calendar would be off by nearly 24 days.

Despite 2100, the next turn of the century, being divisible by four, it will not be a leap year. That's because it is divisible by 100 but not 400, which means it will not be a leap year. This exception to the rule pertains to new century years.

Forbes reports that it's likely the calendar will need to be changed again since the Earth's rotation rate, the axial tilt orientation and the Earth's orbital motion around the sun is not constant. Various effects, such as earthquakes and something called tidal braking, affect the passage of time.

Legend states that on February 29 it is alright for a woman to propose to a man, a custom attributed to St. Bridget. Bridget complained to St. Patrick that some women had to wait too long for their suitors to pop the question. As the legend goes, Patrick supposedly provided women this day to propose to compensate.

Some cultures view February 29 as an unlucky day. In Greece, couples are warned against planning weddings during leap years. In Italy, the phrase, "Anno biseto, anno funesto" ("leap year, doom year") is uttered.

Individuals who are born on February 29th are known as leaplings or leapers.

Leap Day is not considered a legal day. Those who are leaplings have to choose February 28 or March 1 for their official and legal birthdays.

Individuals who are paid fixed monthly incomes often work for free on February 29th because their wages will not be calculated to include the extra day.

Guinness World Records indicates the only family it could verify as producing three consecutive generations born on leap days belongs to the Keoghs. The elder Patrick Anthony Keogh was born in 1940, his son Peter Eric was born in 1964, and his granddaughter Bethany in 1996.



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Panthers dominate mats at Bob Stover Duals



Blake Coleman sets up his signature move, the Coleman lift and crunch.

By Allen Hamrick

The annual Bob Stover Classic Duals was held this past Saturday, and what a tournament it was. Bob Stover and wife Rozella was in attendance and accepted the Lifetime Commitment award for their unwavering service to the youth of this county in the field of wrestling. Coach Stover has long been a legend in the world of wrestling, coaching many young wrestlers to go beyond what is asked and become champions. Coach Stover, now 86 years young, could probably still easily handle most wrestlers on the mat. His lifelong dedication to the sport will never be forgotten as long as the mats are rolled out on the floor. More than congratulations, a big thank you is more appropriate and a place of honor is given to you for living a life of service to the sport.

With that being said, the wrestlers from all the schools represented brought their A game and put on a show. A team simply cannot come into the Panther's den to attempt to whip them out and not expect retaliation. Clay's team went undefeated in the first four rounds and sent their opponents home with a big box of tissues crying to Grandma. They defeated Webster 78-6 in a pure unrelenting beast mode, no quarter given match. They went on to beat Hurricane JV 71-6, Buffalo 48-30, and the X-team 78-6. Roane melted through their rounds, as well, beating Doddridge 54-24, Elkins 72-6, Cabell Midland JV 63-9 and Clay JV 66-13.

This put Clay Varsity and Roane County into the championship round and it

was a doozie. It was a pinning frenzy for the Panthers with six of the matches ending in pins. Roane had four of their own. In the end, it was the Panthers becoming champions handily beating Roane 51-27.

No one, it seems, can handle the speed and power the Panther wrestlers have. It was said several times at the tournament, "No one is going to come into our house and beat us," and they proved it because no one did. If you were there, you got to see some of the best gut-wrenching, heart thumping action. If you weren't there, you missed some great wrestling that was probably some of the best around, all out bone crushing action.

Participating in the duals was Clay, Roane, Buffalo, Doddridge, Hurricane JV, Cabell Midland JV, Elkins, Webster, Clay JV and the X-team. Thanks to all the teams who came out and made the Bob Stover Classic a great one once again. The Bob Stover Classic Duals was a great tournament, a great testament to unwavering will of the Clay County Panthers wrestling team. Receiving the Most Outstanding Wrestler award in the 106-144 weight classes was Zane Minger of Clay and in the 150- 285 weight class was Lane Watson of Roane.

All in all, the Panther wrestling team is at the top of their game and top horses in the stable, for now. On Saturday, January 6th, they will travel to the WV Armory in Summersville for the WV Army National Guard Duals, a huge tournament that will test every muscle in each wrestler.

It also has to be said a big thanks goes out to all those who worked behind the

scenes, either fixing the king's banquet in the cafeteria to cleaning up afterward - all was appreciated. Also, big thanks go out to Tim Casto and his wife Michelle for providing the mats and clocks for the event; without people such as these, there would be no events. Tim has been on the front lines of the wrestling and foot-

ball worlds for a long time making sure local youth get the chance to compete. His good will is nearly unmatched for the youth of this county. Congratulations once again to Bob Stover and his achievement award and to the Panther wrestling team.



Zane Minger rolls into a pin.



Mason Jarvis gets the cradle n crunch pin.



Justin Nida gets the vertebrae slam and pin.



Nathan Wynn gets in the double leg.



Jackie Truman, legendary wrestling mother, does some floor coaching.



Jarod Ferreebe rearranges the spine for a pin.

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