

Spotlight On Clay County Librarian **Briana Adkins**

By Gary Lee Stuber

Briana Adkins is a fixture at the Clay County Library on Main Street in Clay. By that I mean she is almost like an extension of the front desk, or one of the comfortable chairs or lounges. She is almost as familiar as furniture. Bree, as most people call her, has been employed at the library for eight and a half years. But she has been there a lot longer than that. From the time she was in eighth grade and discovered there was a library downtown, Bree has been a fixture here. She lived up on Backstreet and the library was just a simple quick walk from her home. In fact, she says pretty much from eighth grade to her graduation at Clay County High School to beyond, she came to the library every day the doors were opened.

"I used to sit back there on the couch, in my comfortable spot and read until my friends' mom used to come and pick him up and I would walk home."

"Technically," She says, "This was my first job straight out of high school. I just saw the job posted in the newspaper and I typed up a resume (of after school work), and came down and applied, and it was, 'Hello. It's you.' And I got the interview and the job." A job she has become very good at.

But she has a quality very few people have these days: she is polite, helpful and unashamedly optimistic. She can brighten anyone's day with her smile and charming manner.

"People need help when they come in here, and I try to do what I can. We fax, we make color copies as well as black and white, sometimes they will bring in handwritten copy and I'll type it up for them. Sometimes people need info on a certain subject and if we don't have it here I will look it up on the internet and print it out for them. A lot of people need certain tax forms or don't know what they need. I try to do my best to help them."



Briana Adkins

This I know from experience, as I don't have a printer at home and often come here to print out bank statements or do my taxes on any one of the half-dozen windows OS computers. I have watched her get even the most stubborn computer back up and running. She is multi-talented.

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This Week in the House of Delegates

For the week ending Feb. 23, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates are continuing to move bills through committees and votes on the House floor as legislative deadlines loom.

House Bill 5540, also known as "Laken's Law," passed the full House by a unanimous vote Feb. 20. The measure would require annual education about the health dangers of substance abuse, available resources to reduce youth substance use, the specific dangers of fentanyl, heroin and opioids as well as the use of opioid reversal drugs.

The bill's lead sponsor, Delegate Jeff Stephens, R-Marshall, is a public school teacher who said he sees the effects of opioids and other drugs every day.

"Being proactive instead of reactive in battling this drug epidemic is how we can help turn the tide," Stephens said. "This crisis did not overtake our communities overnight. It's going to take more than just targeting dollars and doctors to change the culture these opioids created."

The bill is already moving through the Senate and on track for a vote early next week.

Members voted unanimously Friday to double the criminal penalty for anyone found guilty of sexual assault on a minor. The measure, House Bill 5235, also would clarify that failure to report sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child is a felony. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The House Finance Committee has advanced several bills that would put more money in West Virginians? pockets. House Bill 4883 would increase the annual salaries for West Virginia State Police personnel, teachers and school service personnel by \$2,900, \$2,460 and \$140, respectively. House Bill 4734 would adjust the salaries of all non-uniformed, full-time Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation staff. That would be in addition to the pay raise in the governor's proposed budget.

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Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Clay County

A state-federal Mobile Disaster Recovery Center, located at 223 Main Street, is now open to help West Virginia residents affected by the severe flooding that occurred Aug. 28-30, 2023.

Residents can get help with their disaster assistance applications, upload documents, and get questions answered about federal disaster assistance.

Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers are outside and exposed to weather. The sites will have some heaters and space for visitors to get warm, but they should be prepared to be outside for short periods of time as they get assistance.

West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/ disaster/4756 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

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The center is located at 223 Main Street in Clay, 35043, and the hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Other recovery experts from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available at the Disaster Recovery Center to address additional needs.

The fastest and easiest way to apply is by visiting disasterassistance.gov/.

If it is not possible to visit the Disaster Recovery Center or to apply online, call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone line operates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov,



A Mobile Disaster Recovery Center is set up in the parking lot of IGA at 223 Main Street in Clay.

Pierson Lumber Company rises like a phoenix out of its own ashes

By Gary Lee Stuber

Pierson Lumber Company, an icon in Clay County, has been resurrected from its own ashes this week, only eleven months after its fall. In the wee hours of the morning on March 28, 2023, Clay County lost one of its longest existing employers as Pierson Lumber's sawmill burnt to the ground. The devastating loss put many Clay County families out of work.

The loss was particularly devastating to

more than a week he struggled with a perplexing issue: should he just take this as a sign he should take the insurance money and retire? Or, considering the fluctuation in lumber sales and recent plunging business issues in this industry, take a business risk and rebuild. The economy is struggling to rise despite efforts by the Administration to 'go green.' The unending environmental attacks in both the fossil fuel industry and the logging industry makes it harder and harder to do business. It was a real struggle, compounded

and their families were suffering with this loss of their employment.

With Pierson Lumber going back 81 years and at least three generations, one would imagine that it was easy-come easy-go having inherited the business from his father.

No. There was no inheritance. In fact, in the late seventies/early eighties, David had started his own sawmill "a few miles down the road." But in the eighties he eventually merged his mill with his fathers and with his brother in a three-PIERSON LUMBER cont. on page 3

Lady Panthers' season ends at **Charleston Catholic**



Ilyauna Evans sets up her defense. Allen Hamrick photo.

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After the fire eleven months ago.

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY -



Sabrina Eve Bookheimer Booked 2/19/24 DUI first offense, possession of meth



Christopher Brent Herring Booked 2/21/24 Attempted first degree murder, wanton endangerment



Robert Wayne Klotz Jr. Booked 2/24/24 Driving revoked for DUI third

CLAY COUNTY



Steven Foster Paver Booked 2/24/24 Phone harassment, destruction of property

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Mason Bouie Sigman Booked 2/24/24 Court order



CLAY COUNTY

David Howard Stutler Sr. Booked 2/19/24 No insurance, no license, no registration, driving revoked for DUI third, fleeing from officer, expired MVI, prohibited person with firearm

OBITUARY

Frances "Kay" (Hively) Martin was born December 19, 1938 in Ivydale, West Virginia to Nellie (Stockwell) and Cary Hively and entered heaven on

January 24, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; loving husband of 30 years, Gene Martin; sisters Sybil McCracken and Barbara Mays; brothers Ed Hively and Hubert Greathouse; and favorite nephew Martin McCracken.

She is survived by her sister, Brenda Argrabrite; nieces Dorothy, Doris, Kimberly, Mary Jane, Courtney, Debbie, Denise, and Eddie; and great nieces and nephews Jennifer, Kelly, Shannon, Bill, Amanda, Joshua, Martin, Rhys, Tara, Meredith, Lucinda, Marisa, Jeremy, Phillip, Michael, and Cody.

Kay never seemed to have a bad day and was known for her positive attitude. She never complained about her health despite all she had overcome. She always found a solution to any situation. Kay graduated from Clay County High School

and attended West Virginia University. After college, she moved to St. Albans and embarked on a successful retail sales manager career for over 20 years. Her career halted when she developed throat cancer, losing her voice box. Doctors were astounded when Kay learned to project a raspy voice using a special breathing technique similar to singers to project her voice. She was then asked by doctors and speech therapists to assist in teaching other patients how to speak using her method. This was at a time when most patients with her condition could only speak with a device held to the throat with a microphone. After recovering from cancer, she moved to Ivydale and met the love



of her life, Gene. Kay and Gene enjoyed a wonderful thirty-year marriage. Kay was an

extremely energetic lady, a talented quilter,

cross stitcher, crocheter and owned a thrift shop in Gassaway and video store in Ivydale. Kay loved animals and was dedicated to taking in many rescues and strays. Kay also hosted exchange students from Germany and Brazil as well as fostering children.

Kay volunteered to pick up trash along the highway for several years to honor her mother with a DOT sign, then recycled the cans she picked up and used the money to buy and plant wildflower seeds along the highway. Kay loved animals and provided a refuge for many strays.

Kay traveled to many states throughout her life and loved to sunbathe on the Florida and North Carolina beaches.

Thank you to all the kind support people that helped Kay and a special thanks to Bruce Cunningham of Cunningham Motors, Deana Carte of Clay County Bank, Baptist Church of Ivydale, and dearest friend Jennifer Martin. She was much loved and so unique – and will be greatly missed.



Jeremy Scott Ward Booked 2/20/24 Grand larceny



James Joseph Ash Booked 2/23/24 Warrant, conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent

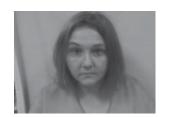
PUBLIC NO'

Clay Roane Public Service District: Per motion passed on Feb. 15, 2024, the Board Meeting dates and times have changed to the following: Regular Board meetings shall be held each third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. via the online Zoom website. Except for the months of March, June, September, and December which will be held in person at the office of Clay Roane PSD, same date and time.

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program

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Maynard Paul Bailey Booked 2/24/24 Capias



Lisa Jane Eikler Booked 2/23/24 Possession of controlled substance, conspiracy, possession with intent

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

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

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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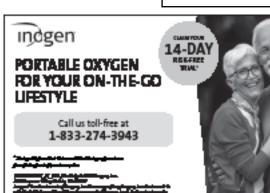
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Nice Guys Finish First

Joseph J. Mazzella

"Nice guys finish last!" I have heard that phrase literally hundreds of times over the years. There was even a few times when I believed it myself. But if I ever need a reminder of just how false that line is then I only need to remember what happened to me recently.

It was a cold, overcast, gray and drizzly day. I had just finished taking my son to the sheltered workshop where he works a few days a week. Road work, however, had delayed me both ways and now I was running 20 minutes late. I still had a full day's worth of work to do and was feeling a little stressed. I had to pick up a few things first at the local store before heading home. As I was checking out a couple asked me if I could give them a ride going back the way I'd already came. My stressed brain wanted to say "no," but thankfully the better angels of my heart said "yes." They climbed in my car and I headed back down the road. During the trip we talked and laughed and after I dropped them off they thanked me for what I had done. As I turned the car around and headed back home I felt a warmth in my heart and a peace in my soul. I glanced in the rear view mirror and saw I was smiling without knowing it. Then for the first time that day the sun broke through the clouds and the heavens seemed to smile down on me as well. I may have been more behind schedule than ever but in that moment I felt I was right where I was meant to be.

When it comes to money, power, and fame in this world then it might be true that sometimes nice guys do finish last. But when it comes to the heart and mind of God, nice guys finish first. When you share love, when you help people, when you are kind and caring, when you freely give others your joy then you are doing God's will here on earth. And when you do God's will here on earth then you will always finish first both in your own soul and in the eyes of Heaven.

Home Country

Slim Randles

This Saturday morning, an old man here in New Mexico will act just a bit silly again as he has these past 50odd years on the first Saturday in March.

I admit to being the silly old man in this case. So what will I do on Saturday? I'll open my closet and carefully take down my handmade gold parka that makes me look like a walking bunch of pillows stuffed in a down sleeping bag. Then I'll walk around and remember seven sled dogs who shared a famous trail with me those many long years ago. They certainly weren't the best sled dogs in that first Iditarod Dogsled Race from Anchorage to Nome, but they were the best I had. Well, six of them were. I had to borrow a dog to make a team of seven, which was the minimum-sized team that

Ice Cream Solves A Lot Of My Problems

Dr. James L. Snyder

Like everybody else, I face problems almost every day. Or maybe I should say, my problem faces me.

Every Monday, when I get up, I say to myself, "How many problems will I have this week? How many will I solve?" Unfortunately, myself never replies back.

Problems are part of life, but it's tough for me to get used to problems. Every time I almost solve one problem, two or three new ones pop up. There are times when I hesitate to get up on a Monday morning.

Recently, I discovered something related to my problems. No matter my problems or where they come from, I have discovered that a bowl of ice cream solves most of them.

This is a recent discovery for me. I only wish I would've known it 50 years ago. Since I know it now, I will use it for my benefit. The more problems I have, the more ice cream I need.

Discovering that ice cream is my comfort food has really made a lot of difference in my life. And it has taken me quite a while to get The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to understand this about me.

She knows much about me, even more than I know about myself. But this one thing about ice cream is relatively new, and she hesitates to acknowledge it.

Whenever a problem pops up, I usually get frustrated and bent out of shape trying to figure out how to deal with it. Sometimes I do figure it out, but more often, I do not. Then I discovered something that has changed my attitude for all time.

That discovery is that ice cream is a way of helping me deal with a problem that I might have. Oh boy, this has been a learning curve for me.

I discovered this not too long ago when I faced a problem I just didn't know how to take. I was driving down the street when I noticed a relatively new ice cream store on my right side. Looking at it, I thought to myself, "What will it hurt if I stop and have some ice cream?"

I pulled into the parking lot, walked over, entered the store, and ordered some ice cream. I looked at the menu for a while to order the right ice cream. I saw some mint chocolate chip ice cream on the menu. I haven't had mint chocolate chip ice cream, for I can't remember how long ago. So I ordered it, took it to the table, sat down, and began working on it.

I was only three bites in when it finally occurred to me that I wasn't even thinking about my problem at that time. All I was thinking about was how delicious this ice cream was. This mint chocolate chip ice cream was so delicious I couldn't think of anything else.

When I finished my mint chocolate chip ice cream

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way partnership. By the late eighties, with good management on his part, he bought his two partners out. No inheritance at all. Hard work and dedication of a lifetime in this industry got him this business. So here he was, facing the devastating loss of a business he had built and managed through good years and lean years.

After a heartfelt conversation with his wife, Janeen, Dave called a neeting with all of his employees. He told them he decided to rebuild. This was, although many don't know this, an unselfish decision. David could easily have taken the money and retired. Just like some of his other Clay County interests, he chose this course for the benefit of the county and his long time employees. For almost a year now, David has been rebuilding the mill. As you may imagine the insurance payout was not enough to do this. So David has put a substantial amount of his own money (and borrowed some) to make this reality happen. David's youngest son, Ben, who also works for his father said, "My father is one of the hardest working people you'll ever meet. He is very dedicated to what he does. He has, and will continue to be a sawmill operator. He enjoys this work; he loves it. It took a lot of hard work to get this new mill up and running. Except for a hiccup or two he will soon be making

lumber for local and outside customers. He is here to make this community progress and stay alive as much as it can."

And to do the rebuild mostly on his own, rather than hire a contractor, he paid many of his employees to do the cleanup work on the site. Following this, he hired them to lay down two additional concrete pads next to the original concrete floor. Pierson Lumber employees cleaned and renaired

dish, I couldn't remember my problem. Unfortunately, when I got in my car and started driving away, the problem finally came back to me. But when it did, it didn't seem as serious as it did before the ice cream. Something had happened.

It's not every day that I learn something new about myself, but this was one of those days.

I don't know how many kinds of ice cream there are, but I have worked it out so that every problem I face is associated with some flavor of ice cream.

The harder the problem, the darker the ice cream. If I have vanilla ice cream, that means I have a very easy problem to solve. But if I have a really difficult problem, I must have chocolate fudge ice cream.

When I got home that evening, I updated The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage on my discovery.

"Guess what I learned about myself today," I said with a big smile.

Looking at me, she said, "I give up; what did you learn about yourself today that I don't already know?"

Clearing my throat, I said, "I have learned that I need ice cream to deal with any problem that comes my way."

"Well," she said sarcastically, "that's one good excuse to get your ice cream."

"Oh, no," I said enthusiastically, "I really mean that ice cream helps me solve my problems."

I tried to explain to her that every flavor of ice cream helps me solve a particular problem. I'm not sure she believed me, but I was going to prove that that was true.

Later that evening, after supper, we watched TV in the living room, and then she went out into the kitchen. When she returned, she had a bowl of chocolate fudge ice cream, and looking at me, she said, "I'm not sure if this is chocolatey enough to fix your problem tonight."

Munching on my ice cream I thought of a Bible verse. Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'

Nobody can live without problems. That's just life. But, as a Christian, I have a special resource called prayer. My prayer connects me with God's peace "which passeth all understanding."

There is no problem that in anyway compromises God's peace that He has for me.

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Ben Pierson

of this is thanks to employees who took pride in the rebuild.

David called in contractors to build for him an overhead auger system that will move sawdust efficiently and quietly into trucks. It is the only piece of the structure not built by employees. Terry Brown, who was hired on as the rebuild was in progress, says, "I probably did 90 percent of the wiring in this entire building a lot of hard work, me and James (Scott)." James agrees that "David put a lot of heart in this place. That he has always been a good man who treats everyone fair." Tests of the mill were made prior to my tour of the facility and they were only a day away from gearing up for full time sawmill work. Jenny Graham, who pretty much handles all the calls and reception work recalls the day, "Last Thursday was an exciting day, seeing the mill back at work for full operation after eleven months." It was a day worth celebrating indeed. Things only get brighter from here.

first year.

I didn't win any of that prize money. In fact, I didn't make it to Nome. I went about 350 miles and crushed an ankle under the sled runner and a couple of kids who didn't appear to be old enough to shave flew me and the team to a hospital in Anchorage in a helicopter. The wonderful lady who made that parka for me and ran race headquarters and was my wife at that time was named Pam. She died on Christmas Eve.

For the next five years, I served as a race official. And, after that first year, the minimum-sized team was expanded to nine dogs. I was the only fool, ever, to start that race with only seven dogs.

Here, let me bow and introduce myself ... Seven-Dog Slim at your service.

I won't be out on that trail this year because it's warmer here in my New Mexico home with the furnace working properly. But part of me will be there when those teams leave Anchorage Saturday morning. Part of me will always be there, Wishing brave dog mushers well doesn't get old, even if we do. Be careful, guys and gals, and have a safe and wonderful race. It's a very long way to Nome.

Best wishes from Seven-Dog Slim.

Brought to you by the Anchorage animal shelter, who kept me in good, workable, loving dogs back in the 70s. Thank you.





The new blade, lumber is first cut here.



David Pierson

remaining metallic structures. They helped install new mill parts and blades. And to meet insurance requirements they made a platform to raise the mill off of the floor. He also built the new mill completely out of metal, no wood involved. They even erected the new metallic building that now houses the new mill.

He hired employees who wanted a future to earn their wages helping him build. They made it through the year together. Employee James Scott says, "You hit a snafu or two, you always get a bug or two when working out a new system, but even today you can see we were working well." He pointed to a stack of squared off; maybe six-foot-long blocks stacked up like new railroad ties.

Throughout the year, loggers were still bringing him logs for sale. And as he could, David separated them by type and sold them to other mills, giving him another resource

iust a little bit brighter.

to supplement his rebuild.

successful testing, the

mill opened for its first

day of business again. Da-

vid, who is also an active

member of the Clay Coun-

ty School Board and part

of the Clay Volunteer Fire

Department and Senior

Citizens Board of Direc-

tors, is proud of what his

employees have helped

him accomplish. Because

of this, once again Clay

County has a future that is

And last week, after

Dave took me on a tour a day or two before



Jenny Graham

the mill geared up for full operation, and I got to view the new blade and the place where the lumber goes down for trimming and finishing or goes down an adjustable belt line to waste. All trim, short block or waste as well as sawdust, are pulled into one of three trailers for recycling or sales elsewhere. There is an aftermarket for trim or chips or even sawdust. The floor will be swept of sawdust from shift to shift to keep the new millfloor debris free and add to the sawdust recycling trucks. The entire mechanized system from where logs are sourced to their final destination is all shiny and new looking, painted fire engine red or mountaineer gold and the occasional green paint. Much of it isn't new, but resurrected structures from the old mill renovated and sanded and repainted from the

backbone of the mill. All



Roger Smith

4A - The Clay County Free Press, Thursday, February 29, 2024 **Elk Conservation District Education Dinner Meeting Attracts Large Crowd**

The Elk Conservation District (ECD) held its first Educational Dinner Meeting on Feb. 15 at Nettles Equipment in Servia. The meeting focused on several partners in conservation and featured a variety of presentations.

It was standing room only in the showroom of Nettles Equipment as the event drew a large crowd of over 180 landowners eager to learn ways to benefit from their crops, livestock, and property. Landowners in attendance were served dinner while they enjoyed presentations from Lee Duncan with Base Camp Leasing, Andy Sentz with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Robin Ward with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Mike Shamblin with the WVU Extension Agency, Johnny King with the WV Division of Forestry (WVDOF) and Dylan Johnson with the West Virginia Conservation Agency. Following the presentations, landowners were encouraged to visit booths of the presenters to learn more about the programs each agency had to offer.

The Dinner Meeting was sponsored in part by the above-mentioned agencies and landowners attended at no cost. The second event in this series will be held at the Nicholas County Career and Technical Center in Craigsville on Feb. 29. Landowners, ranchers, and farmers are encouraged to register and attend the event to learn best management practices for enhancing their land. Call the ECD office to make your reservation for the event.

The Elk Conservation District office is located on Airport Road in Sutton, West Virginia and serves Braxton, Clay, Nicholas and Webster Counties. The ECD Board of Supervisors consists of Linda Brown, Debbie Hamric, Kevota Jarvis, Jeremy Cantrell, Larry Greynolds, John Pitsenbarger, Mike Smalley and Clark Mollohan.



The Elk Conservation District drew a large crowd to its first educational dinner meeting.

DELEGATES Continued from front page

Another unanimous vote this week would continue bringing down West Virginians' taxes. House Bill 4880 passed the House Thursday. It would eliminate the state income tax on social security benefits through a three-year phase-out. Under this proposal, like the one enacted in 2019, all the taxable social security benefits received in 2026 and beyond would be exempt from tax.

"This would provide an immediate tax reduction of 35 percent, then 65 percent the next year until the elimination in the third year and phasing it in is a softer way to be sure the budget remains stable, and the state can maintain its obligations," said House Majority Leader Eric Householder, R-Berkeley. "West Virginia has 50,000 retirees and any time we can give tax relief to our citizens it's a great day for West Virginia."

A total of 168 House bills have passed the full House and 36 bills have completed the legislative process. The session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of Brianna Deems Civil Action No. 24-P-7 Current Name Brianna Deems To Judge Asbury New Name Brianna Flovd

Legal Notice of Publication Change of Name

Order of Publication Circuit Court of Clay County West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, 2024 at 9:40 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Brianna Deems will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of Brianna Deems to Brianna Floyd at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 20th day of February 2024. Variora Hanshaw

Clerk of the Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,

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In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of S.D. Current Name S.D. Civil Action No. 24-P-8 То

New Name S.F.

Legal Notice of Publication Change of Name

Order of Publication

Circuit Court of Clay County

West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, 2024 at 9:50 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Brianna Deems will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of S.D. to S.F. at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire

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

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 20th day of February 2024.

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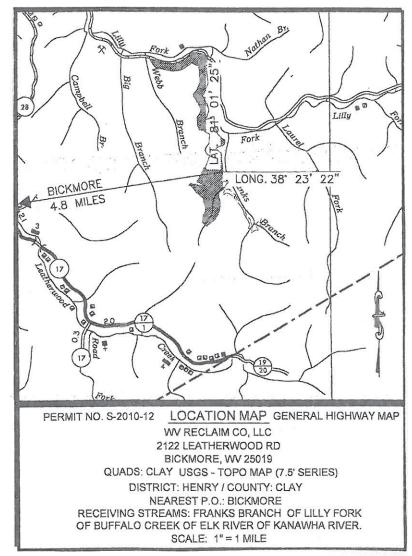
Notice is hereby given that WV Reclaim Co. LLC 2122 Leatherwood Road, Bickmore, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1, 2 and 3 Release on non-started Permit No. S201012 for the following increments:

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Increment No. 1	2.00 acres
Increment No. 2	54.20 acre
Increment No. 3	50.00 acre
Increment No. 4	50.00 acre
Increment No. 5	50.80 acre

The permit is located in Henry District of Clay County, 4.8 miles northeast of Bickmore on Franks Branch of Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River of Kanawha River.

WV Reclaim Co, LLC is requesting release of 100 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$10,000.00

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until April 1, 2024 or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication.



EG NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 29, 2010, executed by Borrower, Stanley W. Ratliff, to David G. Palmer, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Book 124, at Page 123. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 1497 Ossia Road, Duck, WV 25063. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated June 29, 2020, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 35, Page 612. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Clay County, in Clay, West Virginia, on the following date:

29th day of February, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Situate on the waters of Wilson Fork of Big Otter Creek, in the District of ()tter, County of Clay, and the State of West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a No. 5 rebar set 15' off center of pavement of Clay County Route 19/1, common corner with property of George W. Hardman, Jr.; thence running with Clay County Route 19/1 S. 43-55 W., 256.04 feet to a No. 5 rebar set 15' off center of pavement of Clay County Route 19/1, common corner with property of George S. (sic) Hardman, Jr.; thence running with the George W. Hardman, Jr., line N. 54-12 W., 235.60 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by 20" black walnut; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 3733 W., 80.59 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by 22" double white oak; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 24-59 E. 33.50 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by a 12" white oak; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 56-16 E., 157.27 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by a 10" white oak; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 73-02 E., 151.42' to a No. 5 rebar set by a 4" maple, thence continuing with Hardman line S. 35-35 E., 220.27 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.970 acres, more or less, as surveyed on July 17, 1991, by William R. Gunnoe R.P.S., No. 801.

The Grantor herein does further Grant and Convey a right of way for ingress and egress to the property erein conveyed where the current driveway now exists. Further, the Grantor does reserve the right to maintain a water line which runs through the property herein conveyed. BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Stanley W. Ratliff by Mary Ellen Moore, by a Deed dated October 16, 2008, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia in Deed Rook 203, at page 251 This conveyance is made subject to all easements, rights of way, restrictions, reservations and protective covenants, including but not limited to all oil, gas and mineral exceptions, reservations and leases, appearing in the chain of title

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TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) "The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee

BY:

Jim Ashley, Limited Signing Officer WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 jim.ashley@wvtrusteeservices.com

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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 e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia. org.

Feb. 28, 1831: Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Feb. 28, 1858: McDowell County, the southernmost county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone

County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.

Feb. 29, 1888: Republican Stephen B. Elkins, who had grown up in Missouri, gave his first political speech in West Virginia. He was soon appointed U.S. secretary of war and then elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming a major Republican figure in the state and nation.

March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. In 1937, he became West Virginia's 20th governor.

March 2, 1840: The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the "pasteboard capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorianstyle capitol building burned in 1921.

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

March 3, 1843: Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and named for the distinguished Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of Wheeling's most successful industrialists and generous benefactors.

March 4, 1893: Governor William MacCorkle gave his inaugural address in which he warned that West Virginia was "passing under the control of foreign and non-resident landowners."

March 4, 1924: Blues musician Nathaniel H. "Nat" Reese was born in Salem, Virginia. Growing up in Princeton, Reese learned and played blues, jazz, country and dance music throughout the southern coalfields. He is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

March 5, 1856: Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

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"I do really love this job. It brings me social stability." She reflects, "I get to help people do all kinds of things." She insists. "Sometimes just total strangers will walk in and say 'I didn't know there was a library here' and just walk around and look at everything." She and fellow librarian Samantha

Childers are the two employees who take care of the library.

Besides the computer stations and the aisle after aisle of books, there is a large meeting room downstairs available for free to the public for meetings, and a smaller but more intimate area for meetings up on the first floor. They offer more than books for loan. They have a good collection of current audio books, as well as video in DVD and even VHS format.

"We have a few people who will order from Amazon or Barnes and Noble a very popular book in hardcover and since they only read it once, will bring it to us and donate it. Sometimes we have current hardcover books available like that even before we have ordered it." They do depend on the financial and even material donations by the public at large.

Next time you have gathered up books to send to Goodwill, please consider the Clay County Library first. What they don't keep for their own shelves, the place on a cart just inside the front doors and give away to any one interested in free books. Parents of young children remember this: the cart with free books is always overflowing with children's books, and this becomes a good source of new material for bedtime story reading.

"You can always tell," She laughs, warmly, "when teachers have assigned a report or essay or school project. Suddenly students and parents are down here searching for the same materials." It is always good to know that someone like Bree or Samantha is always here to help.

Clay County is very fortunate to have one of its own working so hard for the benefit of its citizens. If you don't already avail yourself of any of the services offered at the Clay County Library, stop in for a visit and you will definitely find something of interest. This library holds a lot of reference material of the history of Clay County as well. Who knows, you might uncover photographs or texts about some of your ancestors here. And black and white photocopies are only a quarter a page. If nothing else, just stop by and wish Bree or Samantha a hearty thank you for doing such a marvelous job with the county's assets they have been entrusted to keep safe and available.

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Puzzle Answers Page 2

6A - The Clay County Free Press, Thursday, February 29, 2024 Lady Panthers' season ends at Charleston Catholic



Jalynn Robinson looks for two. By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panthers pounded the courts this past week and had one more chance to keep the candle burning on the season. They took their game on the road to Charleston Catholic in the first game of the Sectional Tournament. In their last matchup in the regular season, the Lady Panthers did not fare too well against the shooting of the Lady Irish. This time would be no different; the Lady Panthers just couldn't hold off the shooting pressure of Charleston Catholic. They just didn't get enough clean looks at the hoop for some all purpose shots. At the buzzer, it was the Lady Panthers ending their season by the score of Clay 29, Charleston Catholic 50. This ends a tough season for the Lady Panthers, and now it's time to regroup and make the 2024-2025 season a great comeback of the Lady Panthers.

The Mustangs also ended their season last week with a loss to South Harrison. They had to defeat the Hawks in the first round of the tournament to keep the fire burning. It was a tough road to travel against some of the strongest opponents that middle schools can put on the courts. However, as fate would have it, most of the first string was either sick or injured, but the team played on. South Harrison came out firing on all cylinders and racked up the points against the ill-laden Mustangs. The Mustangs couldn't get a defense mounted to control their free shooting, and in the end, it was South Harrison winning with the score Mustangs 21, South Harrison 63. South Harrison went on to win the CWVAC tournament. There were some highlights though; Joel Elliott made All Conference as well as All Tournament. Devin Griffin received the All Conference Award.

With these games over, indoor sports for the CCMS teams have come to a close. The Panthers are still in the hunt and will play Charleston Catholic on Tuesday in a put up or go home game. The CCHS wrestling team will hit the mats at the State Tournament this weekend and try to bring home some individual state titles. Once all that is done and over with, the scent of fresh cut grass and raked dirt will once again be buried in the nostrils as baseball, softball and track heat up as spring is just around the corner. Hotdogs will be bubbling in the pot, and the chants will be echoing through the dugouts. Track shoes will be broke in as athletes prepare for a run for the gold. Try outs begin this week, and only time will tell who will have the opportunity to represent their school. Early predications looks like it should be a good spring season.



Olivia Witt looks for three.

Students compete in Math Field Day 2024

By Allen Hamrick

During the month of February, Clay County students from elementary, middle and high school, grades 4 through 12, competed for the honor of representing their school and county at the Regional Math Field Day for Boone, Clay, Kanawha and Putnam counties being held on Feb. 27 on the campus of the University of Charleston.

With a written test, mental math exercises, an estimation computation event and physical estimation stations, students showed off their math skills and earned bragging rights as the best math students that Clay County has to offer. These boys and girls put a lot of thought and expertise on the table to bring home the trophy and to take it the next level. Congratulations to them all!

Fourth grade results are: 1st place Jenna Paxton, Big Otter Elementary, 2nd place River Schoolcraft, Clay Elementary, 3rd place Lyla Titus, Big Otter Elementary and Alternate Makayla Detamore, Lizemore Elementary. Fifth grade results are: 1st place Colton Hersman, Clay Elementary, 2nd place Mason James, Big Otter Elementary, 3rd place Silas Corwell, Clay Elementary and Alternate Carson Brown, Clay Elementary.

Clay Middle School results are: 6th grade 1st place William Fields, 2nd place Jackson Cantrell, 3rd place Kinley Ramsey and alternate is Gunner Dobbins; 7th grade 1st place Alex Holcomb, 2nd place Autumn Thompson, 3rd place Alex Jennings and alternate is Levi Rogers; 8th grade 1st place Brooke Cliver, 2nd place Gabe Shamblin, 3rd place Gabe Shamblin, 3rd

Clay County High School will be represented by ninth graders Alivia Gilliland, Sophia Berberich and Dakota James. The high school team for grades 10 – 12 will be Evie Young, Gracie Champ, Makia Bartsch, Jaxon Brown, Luke Hill, Isaac Brown, Dylan McCumbers, Easton Edwards, Olivia Berberich and McKenzie Edwards.

Elk River Trail Foundation celebrates fourth anniversary

By Allen Hamrick

The Elk River Trail Foundation, Inc. is celebrating their fourth anniversary and has a new trailhead map available in the most recent issue of Elk River Living Magazine for all who want a guide to adventure when they hit the trail.

The Elk River Trail Foundation has made many strides in advancing the Elk River trail's popularity as well as the many opportunities to ride, hike, sightsee and just enjoy the day on one of the best trails in the state that follows along the Elk River. The trail is an opportunity to get out and enjoy the great outdoors and challenges you to get out and experience something more than work, politics and the daily



Trestle near Dundon trailhead.

the wind of sounds that reverberated through the hollows that once were heard regularly but are now nearly forgotten.

The trail is breath tak-

have been finished from Queen Shoals to Clendenin. The remaining trail is still in development, some 20 miles of the most scenic part of the trail. In some of the older writings it was said that when the train passed up through Elkhurst there was an abundance of breathtaking scenery. Restrooms, bicycle stations, and benches have been installed to make life a little easier for the traveler. The company Rail Excursions plans on operating the 18 mile shunt line from Dundon this spring. It will be an added opportunity for the people who want to try their legs on a pedal car. There are some river access points along the trail if you have your fishing pole handy, which is just another one of the many opportunities to get out and enjoy. The Elk River Foundation has done a great job and will continue to do so for the folks who love to live and breathe the mountain air. The trail is waiting to be explored and the sun is coming up on a new season; don't miss out!



4th grade Math Field Day winners, L – R top to bottom, Jenna Paxton, River Schoolcraft, Lyla Titus, Makayla Detamore; 5th grade Math Field Day winners, L - R, Colton Hersman, Mason James, Silas Corwell, Carson Brown.



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West Virginia is the place to be with all of its wide open space, untamed rivers and streams, mountainous beauty with all the charm and grace of a kingdom, forgotten wilderness and trails to be rediscovered while teeming with the rich history of our state, and this Elk River Trail is no exception. If you look close enough, one can see the remnants of a time passed and hear echoes in ing, to say the least. The majesty is not just the Elk, its tributaries and mountains, but nature itself wraps her arms around you and fills your lungs with a renewed passion for the outdoors. There are now benches spaced along the trail that now stretches from the trail head in Gassaway to the trail head in Hartland, a total of 73 miles. Another three and one half miles





Math Field Day winners from CCMS, L-R top to Bottom, 6th grade 1st place William Fields, 2nd place Jackson Cantrell, 3rd place Kinley Ramsey and alternate is Gunner Dobbins. 7th grade 1st place Alex Holcomb, 2nd place Autumn Thompson, 3rd place Alex Jennings and alternate is Levi Rogers. 8th grade 1st place Brooke Cliver, 2nd place (not shown) Gabe Shamblin, 3rd place Gabby Cottrell and alternate is Matthew Neely.



New trail head map - Map photo Courtesy of Elk River Magazine.

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THE WIDEN NEWS The people who think alike should vote alike.

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November 1957

Widen Grade School Gives Thanksgiving Assembly Program

WELCOMERonald Dodrill
THANK YOU PRAYERLorena Brooks
SEVEN THANKFUL CHILDRENPatsy Frame,
Earl Gibson, Judeth Butcher, Brenda James, Sandra
Tinney, Michael Wood, and Carolyn Salisbury.
A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FORRobert Edwards
A MODERN THANKSGIVINGLois Casto
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John Bego, Barbara Rinehart, Pamela Brown
SONG-Praise To The FatherMary Dodrill Beth Butcher
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PLAYYou Are There At The First Thanksgiving

More Grade School News

6th Grade Mrs. Reynolds-We got the attendance banner for the month of October. No one in our class made a "U" the first nine weeks, so our teacher promised a party on November 15.

Diana Adkins and her committee organized many good games for the party.

We had the month of October for our assembly program. The name of our play was "The Problem Goblin". The characters were: Mother Goblin-Brenda King, Father Goblin-TG Griffith, Harry Goblin-Franklin Davis, Johnny Goblin-Albert Adkins, Halloween Witch-Sharon Baughman. Jeanne Dodrill read a poem "Halloween Night." following а skit "United Nations", featuring Keith Jones, Mack Ellis, and Cleveland Brooks.

off a cake and had a cake walk on Wednesday, October 30, 1957, and a play also. The name of the play was: "The House of The Witch Hat." The characters were: Mrs. Witch-Brenda King, Harvest Moon-TG Griffith, Black Halloween Cat-Keith Jones, Apples-Alber Adkins, Charles Mullins and Mack Ellis-Owls, Wayne Young-Skim, Joyce Dorsey-Skat, Diana Adkins-Skip, Linda Keen-Stars, Corliss Miles and Freda Cotrell-Pumpkins, Franklin Davis and Cleveland Brooks-Ghosts, Ronald Conner and Robert Miller. Sharon Baughman gave a entitled "A monolog Confirmed Old Maid". Carol Hamrick also gave a monolog "An Aspiring Warbler."

Recent Visitors

Gloria (Ellis) Perry was home with her son and spent the week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Ellis.

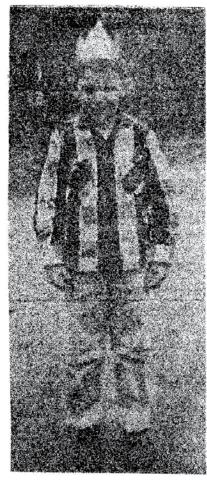
Linda Neal was in from Akron, Ohio last weekend.

Jewel Ramsey and Lois Rapp were home from Washington. DC, the weekend of 8 and 9 November. They report liking their jobs.

Reuginia Wood was in over the weekend with her husband, they are now in Canada.

Dawne Griffith was home from Charleston the 15 of November.

Charles and Olive Conner and son Mark were in town visiting Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Conner.



Halloween Carnival At

pond, guess cake and pie, sandwiches, slices of cake, coffee, kool aid, candy, beauty contest, fortune telling, cracker jack contest, popcorn, cookies, bingo games, ball throwing game, sold tickets for the turkey Sam Caruthers donated to them, and judged the Halloween costumes. They made a total of \$64.74.

Seven year old Kent Stover of Dundon Elementary, an attractive second grader there, was crowned "King" at Halloween the annual Carnival and pretty Veronica Paxton was chosen to reign with him as "Queen," but she is a pre-school youngster living over on the Valley Fork Hill and not photographed, so "King" Kent has to rule all alone until next carnival time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. CM Stover of Dundon.

Goal Set For Forty Piece Band by December

The Widen Band played a concert for Widen PTA for Monday night, November 18, at the YMCA auditorium The Band also played for the Dille PTA Monday 25, at 7:30 in the grade school building.

Mr. Gerald Simmons, band director, hopes to have a forty piece band by December. Some of the new members will be brought from the Dille School and others will come from the beginners class at Widen. When Mr. Simmons took over the band there were only 24 members.

The Widen HS band plans attend flag raising to

The King and Queen of our room were: TG Griffith and Janice Triplett. We chanced

Quite a few of the graduated of 1954 have been in town. Patrica La Corte was in over the weekend of November 8th.

Dundon School

The Dundon PTA had a Halloween carnival to make up money to buy things they needed for the cook room. They had cake walks, fish

ceremonies at Dundon and at Swandale in the near future.

Recent plans for the Sutton Band to play for school assembly on November 6, had to be postponed.





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BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

BETHEL BAPTIST

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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

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

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

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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 Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel, WV (off Rt. 36) Pentecostal/Full Gospel Sunday Morning 10:00 AM 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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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!

IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Pastor: James L. Balser

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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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 PROCIOUS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcomes You!

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

UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH OF LIZEMORES** Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 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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CHURCH

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Everyone welcome.

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UNITED METHODIST

VALLEY RIDGE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Evertyone is welcome to attend.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-

Bible Study Wednesday Eve-

Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays

Everyone is Welcome!

BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday

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

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in

Procious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM Pastor: Jerry Chandler

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE

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

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE

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

CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

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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/Chilrcn/ 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

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

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

LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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 Meet-

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM 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.

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

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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

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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



WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: (304) 332-5503

Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

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



Sunday Night 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Services 7:00 PM