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New wrecker service coming to Clay County



County Commissioner Connie Kinder



County Commissioner David Schoolcraft



County Commissioner Joyce Johnson



Marsha King



Melissa O'Brien



Terry Martin

By Gary Lee Stuber

A new wrecker service is coming to Clay County with capability of off-road service and even certification and special equipment to service wrecked ATV's. Tracy Snyder, whose business is located presently in Widen, may even open a satellite office in or near Clay. He presented documentation for his business and certifications for everything, including insurance and inspection certification from the Public Service Commission to the Clay County Commission on their first meeting of the Month of February. The Commission will look over the documents and likely approve the business at the next meeting. He is additionally seeking to be added to the 911 rotation schedule.

Melissa O'Brien also gave a presentation before the

commission on the broadband update from Citynet. She relayed that they are on budget, but behind schedule, and that the delays were on permitting and public access agreements. Fish and Wildlife, Land and Stream permits are behind (needing signoffs from the federal and state government), but because it involves crossing four districts it is a little more complex. She insisted she would come back and continue to give updates to the commission, but until they get all four districts signed off, they are not allowed to start construction. Terry Martin would back her up on this a little later in his presentation. She said they should finish the match of \$5 million dollars on the project, so at this point they are waiting

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February 16, 2024 in the House of Delegates. WV Legislative Photography, Perry Bennett photo.

This Week in the House of Delegates

The legislative deadline for members of the West Virginia House of Delegates to introduce bills passed this week as committees continued to deliberate and move those proposals through the legislative process.

A bill that would help provide funds for employees of childcare centers to pay for childcare themselves advanced from the House Committee on Senior, Children and Family Issues this week. House Bill 4002 would make anyone who works at least 20 hours per week in a licensed childcare center or certified family childcare (FCC) home eligible for a subsidy through the Department of Human Services. The proposal came through the work of a bipartisan group of Delegates looking to expand childcare options in the state.

"We are committed to ensuring the passage of meaningful legislation to address the critical needs of our community, particularly in the realm of childcare," said Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam, and lead sponsor of HB4002. "We are taking a collaborative approach to this as we navigate the legislative process, and I'm optimistic the outcomes will enhance the wellbeing of children and families throughout the state."

Delegate Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, spoke in favor of House Bill 4797 before it passed out of the House Health and Human Resources Committee this week.

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Students presented with Certificates of Recognition for placing at Regional Science Fair



Winners of the Regional Science Fair were recognized at the latest meeting of the Board of Education.

By Gary Lee Stuber

Several students from Clay County schools were recognized in a public award ceremony for placing in the Regional Science Fair at the Clay County Board of Education meeting at Clay County High School on Feb. 13.

Three students from Clay Elementary worked on the same project: Kash Kincaid, Vance Hamrick and Austin Taylor. Their project "Do Energizer Batteries Keep On Going" won first place in their regional category.

Another student from Clay Elementary, Sam Hubbard, entered the project "Chemistry is the Bomb" and won first place in his regional category.

Briar Dorsey and Alexander Holcomb of Clay Middle School submitted their project "Water Testing" and won first place in their regional category.

Stephanie Rollyson, also of Clay Middle School

submitted, her project "Do White Candles Burn Faster than Colored Candles" and won first place in her category. When asked by board member Susan Bodkins if white candles burn faster Stephanie was quick to answer, "No." She got a warm laugh from many in the audience.

Three students from H.E. White Elementary School were not in attendance, likely because there was an ongoing power outage in the area

and may not have been contacted in time. They will be publicly awarded for their project "Do Different Surfaces Affect the Motion of a Wind-up Toy" at a future board meeting. They are Levi Witt, Silas Townsend, and Easton Leftwich.

Our hearty congratulations to all who worked hard on these projects, made an impressive presentation and brings pride and awareness of the quality

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Clay County Board of Education members from left to right are David Pierson, Susan Bodkins, Superintendent Philip Dobbins, President Phoebe Nichols, and Vice President Brooke Jones.



The StarLab came to Big Otter Elementary courtesy of Glenville State University and NASA.

Students learn about space with StarLab

It was an incredible day of learning about constellations, the moon, and stars at Big Otter Elementary School! Students entered the huge inflatable pod and were able to learn about different constellations, see craters in the moon's surface, and moon phases. Thank you to Jacey, GSU, and NASA for helping make this event a huge success for our students!

Minger and Sears are the 2024 Region II Champions



Top - Zane Minger, 126 pound champ; Bottom - James Sears, 113 pound champ. Allen Hamrick photo.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Harold Luther Arnett Jr.
Booked 2/15/24
Driving suspended third offense, false information to law enforcement

Lee Edgar Given
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Solicit a minor via computer

Roy Benton Moore
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Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance, grand larceny

Bradley Monroe Barker
Booked 2/17/24
Capias, possession with intent, conspiracy

Chase Stephen Blankenship
Booked 2/16/24
Warrant, Capias

Melanie Beth Gillespie
Booked 2/13/24
Telephone harassment, petit larceny, trespassing

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Christopher Joel Greathouse
Booked 2/18/24
Probation violation

Cameron Mitchell Holcomb
Booked 2/15/24
Probation violation

D'Marrion Martino Livingston
Booked 2/17/24
Possession with intent, conspiracy

Nicoma Eagle Scott
Booked 2/17/24
Conspiracy, possession with intent

Ashley Ranae Starcher
Booked 2/17/24
Conspiracy, possession with intent

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

Wrecker

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on permit approval.

In fact, Terry was not on the agenda for the meeting, but the Commission granted him permission to present. Terry wanted to give an update on two projects. A special council has been working with the PSD to develop two new projects. One is the Ocea Morefork area up near the Big Otter Elementary School. That is a \$4.6 million dollar project. Presently they are getting public user agreements, developing funding and will be submitting the application sometime in April. The second is the application for the Grassy Fork area. It is a \$2.5 million dollar project strictly with the Clay County PSD. That application is due the first of March. The Commission also approved his request for payment of invoices for the Nebo Big Otter waterline extension. He said they were sixty days from getting ready to bid, so they expected early summer for field work to start. Again, Terry noted that they were waiting, just like Melissa, on permits from state and federal inspectors for crossing streams. He said because the inspectors were always in the field somewhere, it was often difficult to get an answer to a phone call and that there was usually a six to eight month wait for permitting.

In other business, the Commission, consisting of Commission President Joyce Johnson, who presided over the meeting, and Commissioners David Schoolcraft and Connie Kinder, in attendance, approved the hiring of Audrey Thomas and Kayla Samples as full time Deputy Circuit Clerks. They approved the hiring of Asia Summers as Dispatcher, Teressa McKinney as EMT-B and Samuel Clark, all to the Clay Ambulance Service. They turned part time employee Marsha King into full time Tax Deputy for the Sheriff's Department. They reappointed Sarah Bird and Josh Shamblyn to the Clay County Parks and Recreation Board. They reappointed Frank Massey to the Clay County Housing Board and reappointed Gary Drake to the Clay County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission. They resolved a number of pending Last Will and Testaments, and a Waiver of Final Settlement.

Of unfinished business they tabled, and may add it to the next agenda at the end of the month, an approval of a Lease Agreement between the Clay County Commission and the Community Connections, Inc., DBA Clay Family Support Center. They wanted time to further look over documentation they already had in their possession, and told Donna Salsbury, representing the support center, they didn't need anything more than they already possessed. Tyler Morris of Carol Miller's office just wanted the Commission to know he was there representing her office and they intended to be a perpetual partaker in these meetings.

All Clay County citizens should be involved in their county government. The top of that local structure is the County Commission. They meet twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Clay County Courthouse on the first floor in a public meeting room just for Commission business. All are welcome at these meetings. I would especially encourage civics, history, or government class students and their teachers to attend and discuss what they learned from participation in their government. These students WILL be the future of Clay County and some could be our future leaders. Let's teach them to get involved.

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Puzzle Answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Who Doesn't Like Baloney?

By Dr. James L. Snyder

When I was young, my favorite sandwich was the baloney sandwich. Sometimes, with cheese and other things, but most importantly, baloney. I can't imagine what my childhood would have been like without those bologna sandwiches. Until I went to school, I thought my mother had invented the baloney sandwich.

My mother even prepared bologna sandwiches for my school lunch. Just about every boy in my class had baloney sandwiches for their lunch. I remember we would trade around and eat each other's baloney sandwiches. If there was a sandwich contest, nobody really won because the baloney sandwich is a reward in itself. It's hard to find a better lunch.

It's been a long time since I've had a simple baloney sandwich for lunch. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is a culinary expert specializing in making delicious meals. The simple baloney sandwich would not necessarily be on her menu.

Sometimes, the simple things in life are the best things.

We were talking about something the other night. I'm not sure if it was politics or sports, but I expressed my opinion as clearly as possible. When I was through, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage just looked at me momentarily and said, "You do know that you're full of baloney?"

At that point, I didn't know if she was complimenting or criticizing me. From my point of view, baloney would be a high compliment. I did not pursue that then, but just let it go. An important lesson I have learned is that there are times just to let things go. This was one of those times.

Last week, I thought about pulling a little prank on her. I don't know what I was thinking but I waited until she was in her craft room. I walked in and began looking around. Believe me, there is a lot to look at, and I'm not sure what I was looking at.

"What are you doing in here? Are you looking for something?"

Looking at her with a serious glare, I said, "I was just thinking that maybe I could come and help you organize your craft room. I have a lot of ideas of how you can make this a better organized craft room."

The fact that I was in the craft room was a project in itself. If I ever went in there alone, I probably would get lost and never be found until she came into the craft room herself. If there ever is a time when I seem to disappear, just look in her craft room.

I then began to tell her some of the things I would do to help reorganize her craft room.

She just sat there staring at me with one of "her stares," and just let me go on talking.

When I finished, I looked at her, smiled, and said, "So, what do you think?"

"What do I think?" responded The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. "Let me tell you what I think. I think you are full of baloney. I do not need any help organizing my craft room, especially from you."

I graciously left the craft room smiling and headed for my easy chair to enjoy my prank.

For me to reorganize her craft room would've been so far over the moon that I was starting to think I really was full of baloney.

A few days later, I was working in my office, and she stepped in for a moment and began looking all around at my bookshelves.

For a few moments, all she did was look around at my books. Then she said, "I think I can help you reorganize your office here."

At that point, I didn't really know what to say because I did not need any help reorganizing my books. I looked at her and said, "Do you think I'm full of baloney?"

She laughed at me and said, "Yes, I do think you're full of baloney." And then she left the office laughing and went back into the kitchen.

It's amazing that we both live in our own worlds. Her craft room is at one end of the house, and my office and library are at the other end of the house, and the twain never shall meet.

I had to think about that for some time because, after 53 years of marital bliss, we have never had a major conflict. Oh yes, there is the Apple Fritter and broccoli issue that still continues. But that's about as bad as it ever got.

I wouldn't say this to her, but I'm kind of thinking that might it might be that my baloney is one of the secrets of our good marriage. After all, what else is there?

The best celebration we could ever have, in my opinion, is a bologna sandwich lunch. That would make my day, but I'm not sure she could handle all that baloney. Then, of course, she's handled me for 53 years. If she can handle that much baloney, she can handle anything.

I then thought of a verse of scripture on this subject. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Thinking of this, it occurred to me how important agreeing really is in all relationships. Yes, there are certain things to disagree about. But, the key is what do we really agree about. Those things we agree on will establish a relationship of unity.

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Nana's Potted Plants

By Joseph Mazzella

When I was a little boy growing up, my Mom, Dad, brothers, and I lived in my Nana's old house. It was surrounded by four huge vegetable gardens. And around the house were planted so many flowers. It was so beautiful there in the spring and summer. That wasn't all, though. On the back porch Nana had dozens of potted plants hanging on hooks. She watered them, talked to them and nurtured them. And in the winter she would carry them all inside and set them on shelves near the windows of our enclosed front porch. There was a little water and a lot of love she kept them alive, during the coldest, darkest months.

however, eluded me. They didn't give us any food and they rarely had any flowers on them. They remained a mystery to my child's mind.

Now as I've grown older I am beginning to understand why my Nana had those potted plants. It is the same reason I have so many pictures of sunrises and forests hanging in my home. They remind me during the dark, cold, winter months full of bare trees and yellow grass that light, love, and growth still exist. They remind me that spring will come again. They remind me that God Loves us and is still with us even when the earth doesn't show it.

Today I see Nana's potted plants in a new light. They were worth every bit of the love and care she put into them. But my greatest reminder of light and love was Nana herself. She was light to my soul even in my darkest times. And her love lives on in my heart now that she is in Heaven. May we all learn to love as she loved, shine as she shined, and live as she lived.

As a boy I was puzzled by all the effort she put into them. I understood the vegetable gardens. They helped to feed the family all winter long. I even understood the flowers around the house. They were pretty and smelled so sweet in the summer months. The reason she put so much effort into caring for those potted plants,

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Ran into Herb Collins the other day down by the school. He volunteers helping kids with their math homework, and trying to recruit future members of The Great World of Business.

He loved business, back in the days when he lived in the city and ran the pawn shop. For years now, ever since he hung up his jeweler's loupe, he's told us that there was an excitement to making the right deal.

"It has to be right for the customer and for me, or it isn't right at all," Herb always says. "You can do that and make several people happy and earn a living. There's no need to take unfair advantage of someone just to earn a living."

Our little town is a bit tame after city life, but it's Herb's wife's home town and she wanted to come back here to live after he retired. So Herb turned to helping kids understand how wonderful business can be. He's advised kids on the most effective way of delivering newspapers on their bicycles, he's sug-

gested advertising gimmicks for kids with summer lemonade stands, and he's helped several boys market their skills with a lawn mower. You can take the man out of the business, I guess, but it's hard to take the business out of the man.

So after the shaking hands and the how-are-yous, we talked about kids and business, and the new crop of youngsters coming up this year. I couldn't help thinking ol' Herb might jump at the chance to dive back into the world of commerce again, but he disabused me of that right away.

"All through with that," he said, shaking his head. "I was a successful businessman and now I'm successfully retired."

Successfully retired? "That's right," he grinned. "I have a wife and a television set, and they both work."

State Fair Announces Third Annual Art Contest

The State Fair of West Virginia is excited to announce its Third Annual State Fair Art Contest. The winning entry will be featured as the 2024 State Fair Print of the Year, and will receive a cash prize, as well as a percentage of sales.

"We've been able to feature some amazing local artists over the last few years with the official fair portrait," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "We are excited to continue to promote our local artists and can't wait to see what folks come up with!"

The official State Fair print should portray a positive image of the State Fair of West Virginia or reflect activities in anticipation or preparation of the annual event. Guidelines include:

- Image should be 11"x14", or 11"x17" vertical or horizontal will be acceptable.
- Medium may include oil, acrylic, watercolor, or pastels. Must be able to copy for print production purposes.
- Both professional and amateur artists are permitted to enter.

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MSRP \$30,995
Northside Discount \$5,953
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 17074
29K MILES **\$441/per mo** **\$25,042**

2017 TOYOTA 4RUNNER LIMITED 4X4

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Northside Discount \$7,098
Everybody Rides Price
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\$569/per mo **\$31,897**

2021 JEEP GLADIATOR WILLYS 4X4

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Northside Discount \$6,248
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 4D129A
33K MILES **\$584/per mo** **\$32,747**

2020 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREWCAB 4X4

MSRP \$38,995
Northside Discount \$5,501
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 17075
21K MILES **\$598/per mo** **\$33,494**

2021 RAM 2500 TRADESMAN CREWCAB 4X4

MSRP \$40,999
Northside Discount \$1,000
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 17118
41K MILES **\$719/per mo** **\$39,999**

2021 RAM 1500 REBEL CREW CAB 4X4

MSRP \$46,995
Northside Discount \$4,300
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 3E028A
\$769/per mo **\$42,695**

2022 FORD F-150 TREMOR CREW CAB 4X4

MSRP \$57,999
Northside Discount \$4,002
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 4D168A
26K MILES **\$53,997**

2019 RAM 3500 LONGHORN CREW CAB 4X4

MSRP \$70,995
Northside Discount \$5,198
Everybody Rides Price
Stk# 3E046A
27K MILES **\$65,797**

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2019 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID XLE AWD

Was \$33,650
Big Jon Price **\$27,999**
OVER **\$5,600** IN SAVINGS
Stk# U12310
\$498/per mo *72 months

2016 GMC CANYON C/C 4WD

Was \$28,225
Big Jon Price **\$22,307**
OVER **\$5,900** IN SAVINGS
Stk# U12265
83K MILES **\$389/per mo** *72 months

2015 TOYOTA PRIUS V

Was \$18,675
Big Jon Price **\$13,999**
OVER **\$4,600** IN SAVINGS
Stk# U12259
85K MILES **\$275/per mo** *60 months

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2013 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4WD LAREDO

Was \$19,575
Big Jon Price **\$16,125**
OVER **\$3,300** IN SAVINGS
Stk# U12301
75K MILES **\$322/per mo** *60 months

2020 FORD F150 C/C STX 2WD

Was \$32,025
Big Jon Price **\$25,899**
OVER **\$6,000** IN SAVINGS
Stk# U12020
\$457/per mo *72 months

2021 FORD MUSTANG GT

Was \$37,650
Big Jon Price **\$28,984**
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Big Jon Price
\$30,999
OVER \$4,900 IN SAVINGS

\$549/per mo *72 months

2020 FORD F150 R/C 4WD



Was \$27,475
Big Jon Price
\$22,250
OVER \$5,200 IN SAVINGS

\$390/per mo *72 months

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\$18,463
OVER \$4,900 IN SAVINGS

\$319/per mo *72 months

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Big Jon Price
\$23,888
OVER \$6,400 IN SAVINGS

\$419/per mo *72 months

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MSRP \$33,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$1,005
Everybody Rides Price
\$32,994

Stk# 700860
47K MILES \$589/per mo

2024 CHEVY TRAX LT



MSRP \$25,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$1,299
Everybody Rides Price
\$24,700

Stk# 700855A
13K MILES \$435/per mo

2020 CHEVY EQUINOX



MSRP \$24,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$1,504
Everybody Rides Price
\$23,495

Stk# 124132A
41K MILES \$413/per mo

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MSRP \$29,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$2,503
Everybody Rides Price
\$27,496

Stk# 424047B
\$487/per mo

2020 TOYOTA CAMRY TRD V6



MSRP \$29,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$2,000
Everybody Rides Price
\$27,999

Stk# 122122C
49K MILES \$496/per mo

2020 CHEVY SILVERADO



MSRP \$33,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$3,000
Everybody Rides Price
\$30,999

Stk# 124105A
\$552/per mo

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2020 FORD F-150 XLT



MSRP \$37,999
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Everybody Rides Price
\$35,136

Stk# 700830
24K MILES \$630/per mo

2022 CHEVY EQUINOX LT



MSRP \$23,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$1,704
Everybody Rides Price
\$22,295

Stk# 700808
19K MILES \$390/per mo

2019 CHEVY EQUINOX LT



MSRP \$21,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$3,006
Everybody Rides Price
\$18,993

Stk# 700792
59K MILES \$329/per mo

2020 GMC TERRAIN SLE



MSRP \$24,999
Everybody Rides Discount \$1,614
Everybody Rides Price
\$23,385

Stk# 123130A
17K MILES \$411/per mo

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Everybody Rides Discount \$2,438
Everybody Rides Price
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34K MILES \$414/per mo

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Stk# 700806
18K MILES \$530/per mo

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Everybody Rides Price
\$31,999

Stk# 700826
27K MILES \$571/per mo

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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. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. In 1988, Caperton defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner in 1964. Reelected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County

was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.



Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS *West Virginia* was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS *Huntington* in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their

homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the *West Virginia Hillbilly*, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

Feb. 27, 1871: The West Virginia Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

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6. Drawer is missing.
3. Nose is different.
4. Pillow is different.
5. Curtain is wider.

Super Crossword RULING PARTY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"
 - 9 Certain martial arts surface
 - 16 Just OK
 - 20 Enthusiastic reply to a request
 - 21 Raised, as a building
 - 22 Central point
 - 23 British ruler applying veneer?
 - 25 Violent anger
 - 26 Nutrition Facts category
 - 27 Brewed beverage
 - 28 Great Plains tribe
 - 29 The Devil
 - 30 Nile goddess
 - 33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?
 - 38 Quaint office transcribers
 - 41 Sleep study diagnosis
 - 42 Regarding
 - 43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?
 - 46 Small sailboats
 - 51 Nuptial vow
 - 52 Really smell
 - 53 Kind of tide
 - 56 China's Zhou —
 - 57 Actress Perez
 - 59 Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?
 - 65 Secretive U.S. org.
 - 67 Tehran's land
 - 68 Jug handle
 - 69 Skye of film
 - 70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?
 - 75 Actors Mineo and Landi
 - 77 Car club inits.
 - 78 Coin-op hole
 - 79 Thesaurus entry: Abbr.
 - 80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?
 - 85 Stared in amazement
 - 89 Agate playing marble, informally
 - 90 Lingo suffix
 - 91 Greek money
 - 93 Brewed beverage
 - 94 Exam taker
 - 96 Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?
 - 102 Many a war vet's affliction
 - 105 Behave badly
 - 106 Yellowstone gusher
 - 107 English ruler making mouse sounds?
 - 111 Bomb part
 - 112 Liquid- (Drano rival)
 - 113 Electees
 - 114 Iowa college
 - 116 Louver strip
 - 120 Hula —
 - 121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?
 - 127 Shower affection (on)
 - 128 Butt forcefully
 - 129 Waters north of Australia
 - 130 Went swiftly
 - 131 Visits during a trip
 - 132 Car mileage recorder
 - 2 Tibet locale
 - 3 Bat very gently
 - 4 Emerging
 - 5 Actor Studi
 - 6 Herr's "Alas!"
 - 7 Sits tight
 - 8 Writer Rice
 - 9 Pa Clampett
 - 10 Arg. neighbor
 - 11 Last mo.
 - 12 Golfer Lorena
 - 13 Volcano in E. Sicily
 - 14 — Fables
 - 15 Six-pt. plays
 - 16 Shredded bit
 - 17 Pontificate
 - 18 Fructose, e.g.
 - 19 Yoked yaks
 - 24 Utters breathlessly
 - 29 Oral
 - 31 Most vinegary
 - 32 "Understood"
 - 34 Sch. in the Granite State
 - 35 Director Ang
 - 36 Mai — (drink)
 - 37 UFO pilots
 - 38 Commotion
 - 39 Commotion
 - 40 Actress Mireille —
 - 41 Singer Paul
 - 44 Ending for cash
 - 45 Comedian Hart, casually
 - 47 Hoosier State
 - 48 Building story
 - 49 Part-goat god
 - 50 Where it's at
 - 54 "It's — real!"
 - 55 Boast
 - 58 Irritated
 - 60 Big name in peanut butter
 - 61 Break out in —
 - 62 Actress Berry
 - 63 Set to a slow speed
 - 64 Bow shapes
 - 66 Brazil of Brazy
 - 70 Some mollusks
 - 71 Loathe
 - 72 Oohs and —
 - 73 "Lord, is —?"
 - 74 Precursors of embryos
 - 75 Brief parody
 - 76 Cry of woe
 - 81 Person crying
 - 82 Golf gizmo
 - 83 Kind of tide
 - 84 Used a spade
 - 86 Cronies
 - 87 Model Macpherson
 - 88 Doe or stag
 - 92 Spaghetti sauce brand
 - 95 GPS calculation
 - 97 Egyptian — (cat breed)
 - 98 Cold cubes
 - 99 GPS calculation
 - 100 Grape cluster
 - 101 Visual insult
 - 103 Slope-hitter's headwear
 - 104 Energetic sort
 - 107 Small sailboat
 - 108 Citation
 - 109 Officiated on the diamond
 - 110 Vessel used to lure U-boats
 - 111 Foul-smelling
 - 112 Profs' degs.
 - 115 Maestro Klemperer
 - 117 Strong desire
 - 118 1940s film critic James
 - 119 "— she blows!"
 - 121 This yr.'s grads
 - 122 Hosp. VIPs
 - 123 "Give — try"
 - 124 Obtained
 - 125 Med. group
 - 126 DVD- —

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



November 1957

Students Pose

Picture taking day is always a red letter day for school children and the two that occurred this month was no exception.

A handsome group of senior boys and girls arrived at school on October 23, dressed in their most photogenic clothes. Armstrong Studios of South Charleston, made shots of various poses including those with graduation caps and gowns and white fur drapes.

Proofs were received the following week and final orders have gone back to the studio for what promises to be a collection of excellent photographs.

Everyone else had a chance on November 7, when Alston Studio of Weston, WV arrived to take pictures of all students, teachers, and school personnel.

Sports Shorts

Hopes are rising for the Widen High School basketball team which now consists of ten enthusiastic boys.

The average height of the entire team is about five feet, nine inches tall, the tallest being Kyle Barnette who is six feet, two inches and the shortest Victor Frame who is five feet, two inches. The average weight is one hundred thirty eight and one half pounds. There are nineteen games scheduled for the season. All home games will be played in the new community building in lower Widen. The schedule is as follows and shows ten home games.

Dec. 6	Sutton	Away
Dec 10	Webster Springs	Away
Dec 13	Burnsville	Away
Dec 20	Sand Fork	Away
Dec 31	Webster Springs	Home
Jan 3	Troy	Home
Jan 7	Tanner	Home
Jan 8	Ansted	Away
Jan 10	Sutton	Home
Jan 14	Cowen	Home
Jan 21	Walton	Home
Jan 22	Sand Fork	Home
Jan 23	Alumni	Home
Feb 3	Ansted	Home
Feb 7	Burnsville	Home
Feb 11	Cowen	Away
Feb 14	Troy	Away
Feb 17	Tanner	Away
Feb 25	Walton	Away
Home Games-----7:30 PM		
Widen High School		
Gymnasium		
JV Pinney-----Coach		

Juniors Sell Magazines To Finance Prom

The juniors have finished the annual campaign of selling magazine subscriptions. The money from this campaign will be used to finance the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet.

The program was carried on from October 15 to November 7. The class was divided into two teams, the red and the green.

Judy LaCorte's red team was the winning team and the underdog team led by Ruby Holcomb gave a party for the winners on Friday, November 13, in the Home Ec. Building.

Miss Judy Shaffer was high salesman with 66 dollars credited to her name, also

she was our sales manager. Second high salesman was Barbara Eagle who sold 60 dollars worth.

This program put the Juniors money making campaign well under way. We sold \$403.04 of subscriptions and we cleared \$139.00.

We the junior class would like to thank everyone who helped make this campaign a success.

Senior News Winners Told

The seniors of Widen High School announce the winners of the various carnival contests.

The winner of the popularity contest was Rosa Gibson from the 11th grade. TG Griffith and Marilyn Rapp won the King and Queen contest for the grade school. TG is in the 6th grade and Marilyn is in the 2nd grade.

The winner of the baby contest was Jeffery Lyn Frame, the eight month old son of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Frame.

Charles Lewis and Judy Sigman won the dancing contest but Timmy Nash and Doris Holmes gave them a close contest.

The winner of the talent contest was Norris Gene (Rosie) Forte. The costume contest was won by Mrs. Earl Donohue.

The senior class wishes to thank all those who took part in the contests and those who helped raise money.

The senior class has been having class meetings every home room period. The class has been working on many different things. They have talked about ordering salt water taffy but no definite plans have been made yet. Two orders of Christmas cards have come in and are being delivered but the third order has not come in yet. The class had a skating party

October 25. The seniors chanced off their shotgun at Sportsman Club shooting match on November 23.

The class held a bake sale in the YMCA on Saturday, November 16.

The money made on the sale will go in the senior trip fund.

The class wishes to thank all those who made the bake sale a success.

School News

2nd Grade (Mrs. Elliott)

The second grade has been having fun in their sand box toys which were bought with the PTA prize money.

4th Grade (Mrs. Bragg)

The fourth grade students are getting along just fine with their substitute teacher Mrs. Gene Taylor while Mrs. Bragg is absent from her position with the flu.

We also collected \$1.84 for the Red Cross.

7th Grade

Sandra Henderson was chosen Student Of The Month from October over a tough list of candidates.

Roger Baughman and Charlene McClain were chosen for the persons who have the highest averages in Widen High School, with a few ties. They were also guests of the Rotary Club Thursday, November 14.

9th Grade

The ninth grade had a skating party Thursday, October 24th at Johnson's Skating Rink.

Donreta Sigman had a birthday party Wednesday, November 20. The girls outdid the boys on the Honor Roll will 5 girls and no boys.

Widen High School Basketball Schedule 1957-58

OBITUARY



Sonjie Naomi Brown

Sonjie Naomi Brown Childers, born September 13, 1940, to the late Carl H. and Helen Taylor Childers, was called to her heavenly home on February 17, 2024, where she was undoubtedly met with open arms by her one true eternal love Paul H. Brown.

Sonjie had a very full life dash. She whole heartedly loved her family and was very active in the community

as a lifetime member of the VFW Post 4419 Auxiliary, beloved member of the Woman's Club of Gassaway, Clay Lions Club, regularly attended Ida Missionary Baptist Church, supported every sporting event of her grand and great-grandchildren including being known as the 'Dance Team Grandma,' and traveled around the state to many gospels sings.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Susie Pierson, Sandra Sparks, Jim Childers, and Dallas Childers; grandson, Paul Allen Brown Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Olivia Cliver and Xyler Brown. Also, lifelong best friend, Pearl Legg.

Sonjie is survived by her sisters Sharon and Lynn Young, Rebecca and Tim Abbott, Snow-

Fern and Carlos Doss, and Sharlene and Eddie Glenn; children Darlene and Mike Cliver, Wanda and Tim White, and Paula and CK Meadows; grandchildren Alex and Heather Brown, Jamie and Jaime Brown, Heath Cliver, Joey and Donna Brown, Miriam 'Blondie' Cliver and Brandon Prange, Kenton III 'Precious' and Toni Meadows, Kathryn Moore, and Kristen 'Pretty Girl' and Cody Hoover; great-grandchildren Holly Brady, Christopher Brady, AJ Brown, Herbie Jack Cliver, Brooke Cliver, Bailey Brown, Xavier Brown, Kenton Meadows IV, Tucker Cliver, Sadie Cliver, Elijah Meadows, Kade Cliver, Marlowe Moore, Jacob Meadows, Isabella Hoover, Etta Cliver, Briley Hoover, Jacob

and Cassie Brown, Joshua and Yasmin Brown, and Jeremiah Brown; and great-great-grandchildren Easton, Bayley, and Raylynn.

The family would like to thank Dr. 'Teddy Bear' Strickland and his special staff, as well as the staff at Montgomery General Hospital, including her 'favorite' Nurse Sharon, for the special care given to Sonjie.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, February 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pennington's Funeral Home in Gauley Bridge. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, February 21, beginning at 11 a.m. with graveside services following at Kanawha Memorial Gardens.

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STUDENTS

ity of science education in Clay County Schools.

Board members attending this meeting were David Pierson, Susan Bodkins, Superintendent Philip Dobbins, President Phoebe Nichols, and Vice President Brooke Jones. Not shown but in attendance by electronic means was Board Member Lolita Nutter.

Elizabeth House did a short but important presentation on Jobs for West Virginia Graduates and her efforts to see that Clay County was continuing to graduate students prepared for work.

President of BridgeValley Community and Technical College Casey K. Sacks gave a compelling presentation about the associate's degree program she is working to expand into Clay County High School. Apparently, there are already classes in business being offered by the high school. Soon, a Clay County teacher who already teaches welding will be certified by the college to expand his class to accreditation by BridgeValley in a Welding Certificate. She said many classes that did not require labs could be done in the high school during school hours.

Here is one of the perks: students not only get high school credit toward their graduation, but also credit toward their associate degree. She suggested some such as diesel mechanic, phlebotomy, and LPN Nursing, all of which require hands-on experience in a lab. And there is more good news: it's free to students. The education and associate's degree program will fully be covered by grants internally at BridgeValley and the only cost to Clay County Schools would be transportation (providing busses), and maybe the cost of a specialized teacher (one from BridgeValley) if required to

teach that course at Clay High School.

Tina Burdette gave a very positive look at mid-year benchmark testing results that showed students across the board that growing in educational goals established in the beginning of the year and retested at the mid-year. A generalization would note students reaching their expected level gained at least 30% overall.

In other business, the board approved three new policies: Polity 4120, Comprehensive School Counseling Program; Policy 4130, Public Complaints About Instructional Curriculum Material; and Policy 4140, Instructional Resource Adoption. Anyone interested in reading the new policies can look them up online at claycountyschools.org.

The board also gave consent for two overnight trips. In-State Overnight Trip for the Clay County High School and Clay County Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference, March 20-23 at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, West Virginia. The second is In-State Overnight Trip for the Skills USA Competition March 21-24 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Sponsors will be taking personal vehicles due to competitions in four different locations.

The board recognized only one resignation. That was Carlet Blake, an art teacher at Clay County Middle School, and effective only after the hiring of her replacement.

New employees include Jadia Mitcum, Samantha Conrad, and Hollie Withrow all as substitute secretaries. Angela Lane and John Topa were hired as substitute bus drivers. Amber Murphy was approved as a volunteer Soft Ball Coach at Clay Middle School. The Board approved the Extracurricular Contract for Gevevie DeBoard as driver for the Extra-

Mile Grant Food Box Delivery Program using her personal vehicle. And the board approved the employment of Michelle Ramsey as Itinerant Autism Mentor Aide - Personal Care Kindergarten at Clay Elementary School.

The Board of Education further allowed and authorized payment of bills and financial reports including the reading of the monthly income and expenditures.

The board wrapped up the public meeting and entered a closed hearing to discuss and determine the disciplinary status of a student at Clay County High School, which was closed to the public because of the protected status of a juvenile.

The next regular board meeting, according to their own calendar of meeting on the second Tuesday of each month will be on Mar. 12.

LEGAL

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 Otter, 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 herein 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 Book 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.

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.
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- 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.

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DELEGATES

The measure would require childcare providers be paid by enrollment, rather than by the attendance of each child.

Pushkin, who serves as the Health Committee's Minority Chair, called it "one of the most important bills we'll see this session," saying it would "help a lot of people get back to work."

Both childcare bills are awaiting debate in the House Finance Committee.

A bill that would increase the pay for attorneys appointed to represent minors in abuse or neglect cases advanced from committees this week to the full House. House Bill 5065 would increase the compensation rates for guardians ad litem from \$60 to \$105 for out-of-court work, such as interviews with clients and witnesses, travel and research. The pay for in-court work would increase to \$125 from \$80. The measure also would clarify the educational requirements for those attorneys.

The full House unanimously voted Friday to create the legislative oversight committee of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation. House Bill 5337

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would allow the committee to request records of the DCR, to review internal investigations and to go into executive session. It now goes to the Senate for debate.

Its lead sponsor, Delegate David Kelly, R-Tyler, who also serves as the chairman of the House Committee on Jails and Prisons, considers it an additional approach to improving the culture of corrections throughout the state.

"We've been saying for some time that the issues we've discovered in corrections would take more than just a cash infusion and more than just a reshuffling of personnel and leaders," Kelly said. "We're hopeful that with an inspector general minding the top levels and this magnifying glass on the lower ones, we can continue to gain confidence in the hard work taking place throughout our jails and prisons."

A total of 1,689 bills have been introduced in the House, and 124 of those have passed the full House. Twenty-five bills have completed the legislative process. The session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

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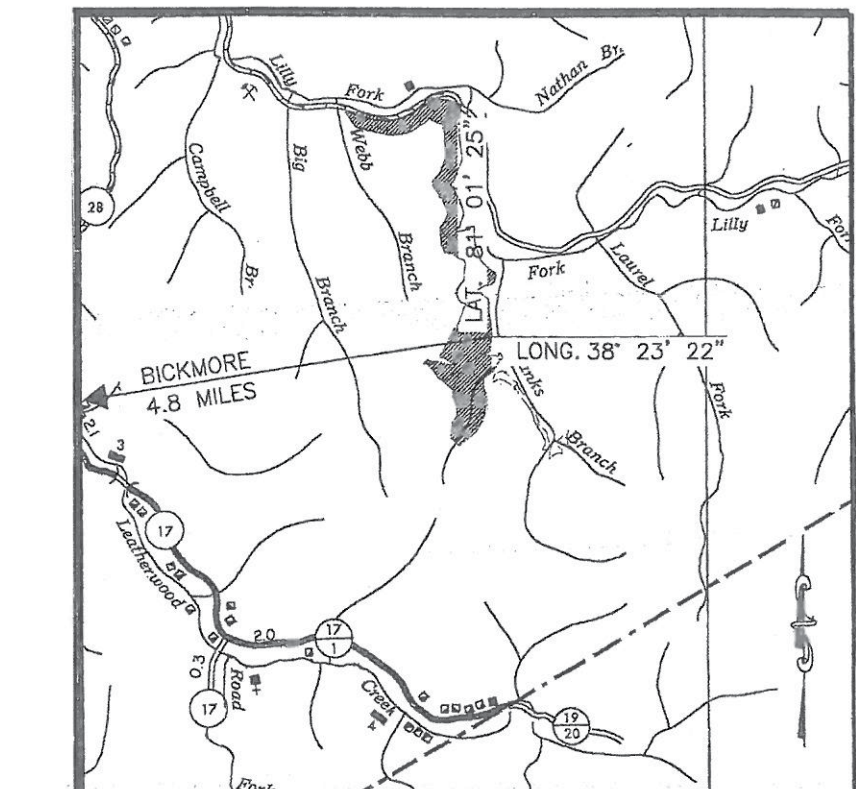
Notice is hereby given that WV Reclaim Co, LLC 2122 Leatherwood Road, Bickmore, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1, 2 and 3 Release on non-started Permit No. S201012 for the following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

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

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**.



PERMIT NO. S-2010-12 **LOCATION MAP** GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
 WV RECLAIM CO, LLC
 2122 LEATHERWOOD RD
 BICKMORE, WV 25019
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 NEAREST P.O.: BICKMORE
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 SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

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The operation is discharging into Peachorchard Branch and Boardtree Branch of Twentymile Creek of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 4.5 miles, northwest of Drennen, in Jefferson District of Nicholas County, Longitude 81° 3' 9" and Latitude 38° 20' 13" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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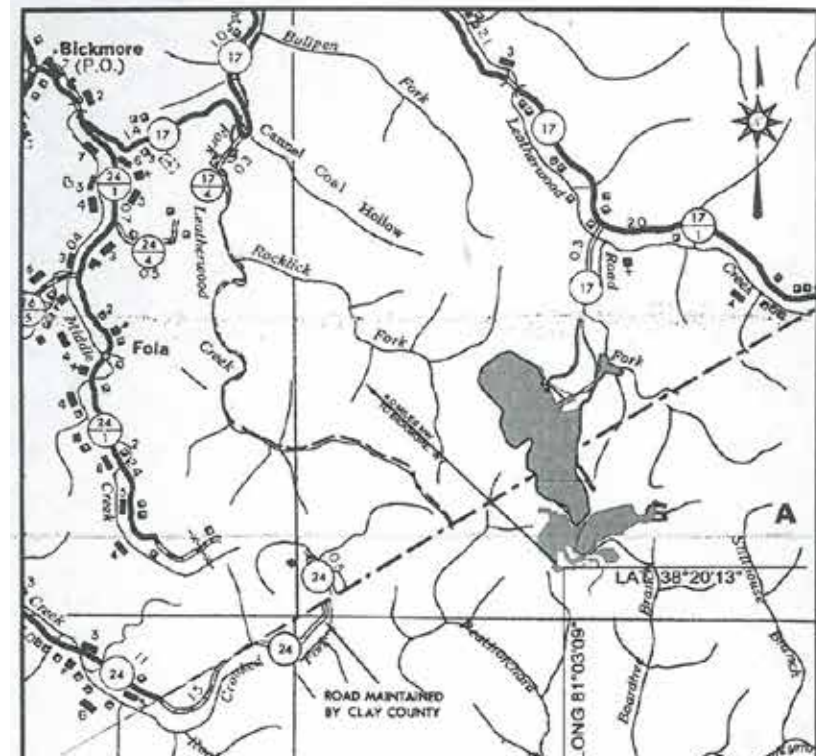
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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until March 23, 2024, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until March 23, 2024, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:
http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.
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*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.
 Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



SCREAMING EAGLE COAL, LLC
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 WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
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 HENRY DISTRICT, CLAY COUNTY
 JEFFERSON AND GRANT DISTRICTS, NICHOLAS COUNTY
 Receiving Streams:
 Road Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River and Unnamed Tributaries of Peachorchard Branch and Boardtree Branch of Twentymile Creek of Gauley River

2024 Flood Resiliency Week Recognized in West Virginia: Uniting Communities for Preparedness and Resilience

In recognition of the significant impact of flooding on communities, infrastructure, and citizens, Governor Jim Justice officially declared February 12 through 16, 2024, as Flood Resiliency Week in West Virginia. This proclamation underscores the state's commitment to fostering awareness, preparedness, and resilience against the risks associated with flooding.

"Flooding has struck our communities too many times, leaving scars on our homes, businesses, and hearts," Governor Justice said. "This Flood Resiliency Week let's turn those scars into strength. Let's come together, neighbors helping neighbors, to build a wall of preparedness against future floods. By sharing knowledge, taking action, and uniting as West Virginians, we can weather any storm and emerge stronger than ever before."

The proclamation emphasizes the responsibility of every citizen and community in emergency preparedness, urging West Virginians to collaborate in building flood resilience. It recognizes the imperative need to empower citizens with knowledge and resources to withstand and

recover from flooding events effectively.

State Resiliency Officer Robert Martin expressed, "Building flood resiliency is an ongoing effort that requires the collective engagement of our communities. This week provides a platform to enhance public awareness and encourage proactive measures in preparing for potential flooding incidents."

The proclamation also acknowledges the collaborative efforts of agencies such as the National Weather Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), West Virginia State Resiliency Office, the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, West Virginia Ready, and West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. These organizations are actively working to increase public awareness and educate individuals on flood preparedness.

"Flood Resiliency Week aligns with our commitment to creating safer and more resilient communities," emphasized WVEMD Director GE McCabe. "We encourage active participation from all West Virginians in developing

mitigation and recovery plans and using their knowledge and skills to make positive changes locally."

All West Virginians are

encouraged to participate in Flood Resiliency Week, actively engaging in activities that contribute to the development of community mitiga-

tion and recovery plans.

Together, we can create a more resilient society equipped to face the uncertainties brought by flooding

events.

For more information and resources on flood resiliency, visit <https://linktr.ee/floodresiliencyweek>

Season ends for the Lady Mustangs; Mustangs on a roll

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Mustangs represented Clay County well this season, but, alas, their season has come to an end. The girls were on a four game winning streak, beating Braxton, Geary, Spencer, and Webster before going into the game against Summersville. However, in the CWVAC tournament, it's a one loss and the season is over tournament. In the final game against Summersville, the Lady Mustangs just couldn't overcome their full court press and lost the game. That being said, the Lady Mustangs had a whale of a year and finished the season with nine wins and 11 losses. For the Lady Mustangs, it's on to softball and track.

The Mustang boys are going into the CWWAC tournament hot. They have won five of their last six games with their only loss against Webster. They will start their final season run for the gold on Monday evening at Calhoun Middle. They will have some big competition and a big hill to climb to get the gold back to CCMS. Joel Elliott has been the ace shooter for the Mustangs all season and has scored 47 points in the last three games. In order to win the tournament, a heavy weight will be on his shoulders, as well as the rest of the team, to step up their game. This CWWAC tournament has some tough teams represented, but the Mustangs have the talent to get the job done. Go Mustangs!



Joel Elliott works in the paint. Allen Hamrick photo.

Minger and Sears are the 2024 Region II Champions

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther wrestling team was in Lewis County to participate in the Region II wrestling tournament. Here is where all the work the wrestlers have done throughout the year pays dividends. Here is where it is determined who will go to the state tournament. In each region, only the top four wrestlers in each weight bracket will advance to the big dance in Hun-

tington. The wrestlers who represent Clay do an outstanding job each year, and no matter what tournament you go to, they are the ones to beat even when outnumbered.

This year, Clay will be sending five wrestlers to the state finals. Senior Zane Minger beat Braydon Helmick from Braxton to become the 2024 126 pound Region II Champion. Junior James Sears beat Jacob Nutt from

Robert C Byrd to become the, 2024 113 pound Region II Champion. Also heading to the big dance will be Freshman Blake Coleman and Logan Hobbs and Junior Dawson Chandler who all took 3rd place.

If you get the opportunity, come out and support these boys. They work

hard to be the best in their class, and the state tournament may just prove that they are. The State Tournament will begin on February 29th and will continue through Saturday, March 2nd. Congratulations to the wrestlers who made it to the state competition. Bring home the gold!



Blake Coleman- 3rd Place. Allen Hamrick photo.



Logan Hobbs- 3rd Place. Allen Hamrick photo.



Dawson Chandler- 3rd place. Allen Hamrick photo.

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