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Clay County Historical Commission accepts gift of historic county painting commissioned by noted inventor



Members in attendance from are left to right are Janis Derby, Betty Robinson, Secretary Ashleigh Reedy, Vice President and Treasurer Katelin Hall, Carol Hutchison, acting Parliamentarian Oscar Hutchison, and President Jerry Stover. They would love for other members to join their ranks. Right now, while monetary and physical donations are ongoing, Katelin, who is often overwhelmed with duties, said, "I need more help than I need donations." Anybody willing to roll up their sleeves and help can call her at 304-880-0986. If you don't get an answer, please leave a voicemail. She will get back to you.

By Gary Lee Stuber

During the monthly Clay County Historic Landmarks Commission meeting on Mar. 7, Vice President and Treasurer Ashleigh Reedy read an email to the members from a granddaughter of a Kentucky inventor and businessman who was raised in Clay County: Winston Laverne Shelton. Winston was born in Lockwood, WV in 1922 to Opal and Naaman Shelton, who moved to Clay. Opal owned the Crossroads Restaurant in the early 1900s, next to her husband's Esso (Standard Oil) service station. It was there he was exposed to both food service and auto mechanics.

Winston went into the army during World War II and was in the Army's Specialized Training program where he learned much that would benefit him later. After the war he joined General Electric, and in addition to inventing the modern washing machine, he invented a large pressure fryer for Colonel Sanders of KFC fame. After 20 years at GE, he went into business with his brother in Louisville, KY manufacturing pressure fryers for KFC, as well as other food service equipment.

During that time he commissioned a painting of Clay County harkening back to his youth in the early 1900's. The staggering 3x7 foot painting of an overview of the town of Clay by Annette Cable hung for years in the company's lobby, but after his passing in 2019, it doesn't mean much to the current management. His daughter offered it to the Historical Commission who graciously accepted it during the meeting by unani-

mous vote of members present.

"I hope," Commission President Jerry Stover expressed, "to someday hang it in a Clay County historical museum. A nice place to have that museum is in the Old Clay County Courthouse and we are actively trying to possess it."

During the meeting, the board also took care of routine business, approving minutes from the previous meeting, going over the financials, and the need to update bylaws.

One of the concerns of the organization is the need to get more Clay County residents interested in preserving their own history. The more people involved the better. Citizens can join the Historical Society for only an \$18 membership fee and get periodic newsletters of activity. The Commission is willing to take both monetary and historical item donations, but what they really need is time, and people willing to roll up sleeves and get some of the small things done, including helping out with production of newsletters, the website, cataloging items and doing legwork when necessary. For anyone in this county who go back generations here, this should be a labor of love, helping to preserve your past.

If the logistics can be worked out, the commission would love the opportunity to display this amazing painting to the public this year at the Clay County Apple Festival. Meantime, if anyone is interested in more details about the fascinating life of this inventor, reared in Clay, you can actually look him up on Wikipedia: Winston Laverne Shelton.



Rene Moore stands in her fabric shop.

Spotlight on Rene Moore

By Gary Lee Stuber

Rene Moore was born Rene Nichols, and is the oldest daughter of the previous owner of the Clay County Free Press, Clinton Nichols. She, as a youngster, was an eager, ambitious and eventually integral part of the newspaper. "When I was 9 years old, I would work for Dad, when the newspaper was back up on the hill, on Saturdays," she laughs. "At nine years old I could do a bank deposit, walk it down to the bank and bring back the receipt. I could properly answer the phone and take messages. And back then you folded the papers in half and stuffed them in an envelope and label it for customers out of state."

In high school she would learn to type and then was involved in the typesetting at the paper. This is something I share in common with Rene, we got our feet wet, her with her dad, and me in Charleston, typesetting on an old Compugraphic IV. Imagine an oversize blue square box with a tiny single line screen on it. You would type one line at a time, and it would print that line before going on to the next. This was in an era before personal computers,

no IBM, no Macs. And if, while editing, there was an error in the text you would have to type that single line again and then "paste" it in with wax over the original text. We laughed about that.

For Rene, high school was also the time when she would meet the man of her dreams. "Brian and I went to high school together, but the first time that I met Brian was when he came out to cut firewood with my dad," she said. Life wouldn't be the same after.

After her time working with the newspaper, she changed gears. The old Rhodes Fabric shop, owned by Ollie and Logan Rhodes, moved to the place next door to where Prestera is located now, and was previously owned by Milford Nichols, Clinton's brother who ran a small press and competed with his brother printing his own newspaper: The Clay Messenger. After the Nichols' bought the Tales of the Elk River Inn next to it, and when Ollie and Logan sold their shop, Rene moved it into its present location (the first floor of the Inn), and has owned it for the last 21 years.

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A painting of Clay originally commissioned by Winston Laverne Shelton.

Recovery Mission Hits One Month in West Virginia

One month after President Joe Biden signed a major disaster declaration for Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties, FEMA has now provided flooding survivors with more than \$1 million in federal disaster assistance. The work is just beginning. It is a mission closely shared with the state of West Virginia, West Virginia Emergency Management Division, state offices, local governments and community and faith-based organizations that are also fully engaged.

As of March 1, 2024, FEMA has approved more than \$1 million to help homeowners and renters with temporary housing in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties following the Aug. 28-30 storms. FEMA also provided \$72 thousand to help survivors with storm related necessities like childcare, storage, disaster medical and dental expenses, and cleaning supplies.

"FEMA and our partners hit the ground running one month ago, and that dedication to helping survivors has paid off: more than \$1 million in Individual Assistance is in survivors' hands," Federal Coordinating Officer Jeff Jones said. "While it's exciting to reach these milestones, I want to assure West Virginians that FEMA and the whole disaster recovery community will remain here until the job is done."

FEMA home inspectors have completed almost 300 inspections, pushing more applications forward for review. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance specialists knocked on approximately 2,800 doors, interacting with more than 1,000 individuals, in an undertaking to meet survivors where they are and answer questions about federal disaster assistance.

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Spring is coming, trails and diamonds are heating up



Trails are waiting. Allen Hamrick photo.

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

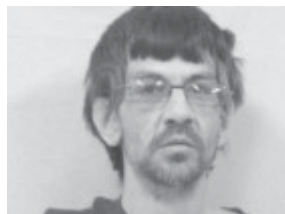
NICHOLAS COUNTY



Devonte Leon Cadle-Smith
Booked 3/10/24
Domestic assault



Stacy Marie Hughart
Booked 3/6/24
Probation violation



Matthew Dale Lipps
Booked 3/9/24
Domestic battery second offense



Damian Timothy-Thorne Phillips
Booked 3/8/24
Domestic assault



Jeremy Allen Ramsey
Booked 3/9/24
Domestic battery



Brandon Lee Wilford
Booked 3/6/24
Battery on officer

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CLAY COUNTY

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Robert Lane Wilford
Booked 3/9/24
Obstruction, DUI second offense, fingerprint refusal



Seth Randolph Legg
Booked 3/8/24
DVP violation



Alicia Anne Moore
Booked 3/4/24
Capias



Christopher Allen Neff
Booked 3/11/24
No registration, no license, no insurance, improper registration, driving on revoked license, seat belt violation, unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles



Holly Michelle Harris
Booked 3/6/24
Domestic assault



Rena Lynn Stewart
Booked 3/7/24
Aiding escape; Unlawful manufacture, delivery, transport into state or possession of fentanyl

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Clay County High School Athletic Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for this year's induction class. Online nominations link can be found at clay-countyhighschool.org. Physical nomination forms are available at Clay County High School and Clay County Bank. Forms can be mailed to: Clay County High School - Athletic Hall of Fame - c/o Trey Corwell, 1 Panther Drive, Clay, WV 25043.

The deadline for nominations is April 1. The induction ceremony takes place Saturday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m., just before the alumni dinner. All alumni are welcome to attend. Please feel free to call (304) 587-4226 with any questions.

The Elk Conservation District is holding a Fruit Tree and Plant Sale. There are raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, rhubarb, apple, plum, pear, and hardwood tree seedlings. Contact the ECD office to request an order form at 304-765-2535, 738 Airport Road, Sutton, WV.

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 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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8	7	2	6	4	5	3	1	9

Super Crossword

Answers

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Calhoun, Clay, Nicholas and Roane Counties (TMU-306 Goff Run-Linden Road 138kV Line, Linden Road-Powell Mountain 138kV Line)

Beginning at the Goff Run Substation off of US Rt's 33 and 119 east of Spencer West Virginia in Roane County. The line runs in a southeasterly direction crossing near CR 5/14 Daniels Run, CR 40 Slate Rd, CR 36/1, CR 48/3 Kaufman Rd, CR 48 Otto Rd, CR 48/2 Chambers Fork, CR 50/5 Clover Rd, CR 50 Keffer Hill, and CR 2/5 Linden Rd where the line taps into the Linden Road Substation. The line continues in a southeast direction crossing CR 27 Linden Bright Rd, and continues into Calhoun County near CR 20/8 Sang Run Rd, crossing CR 20/9 Big Run Rd, CR 1/5, Beech Fork, White Oak Rd, CR 17/2, and CR 28 Mud Fork Rd. The line then enters into Clay County crossing CR 38/1 W Fork Rd, CR 38 Clinic Dr, SR 16, Interstate 79 and Big Otter Creek, CR 19 Ossia Rd, Deadfall Run Rd, CR 16/2 Otterlick Rd, James Dunfield Rd, SR 4 Duck Rd, the Elk River, CR 11 Widen Ridge Rd, CR 11/4 Lantz Rd, Rock Camp Rd, CR 15/2 Swandale Rd, CR 52 Rush Camp, Buffalo Creek, and CR 15/4 Taylor Fork Rd. The line then enters Nicholas County and runs along Turkey Creek, crossing CR 19/26 Spruce Run Rd and US Rt 19, terminating at the Powell Mountain Substation off CR 19/41 Hookersville Rd north of Muddlety West Virginia.

For more information about Mon Power's Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.

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Rene and Brian Moore.

She and Brian are the owners of both the Fabric Shop and the Inn. "Since Ollie and Logan's grandson was Brian's best friend, they paid for Brian to go to auto mechanic school. And at that time he was still working for my dad who was teaching him to use a small printing press. He decided he liked printing so he went back to Ben Franklin got his certificate in printing and things have snowballed from there."

Snowballed indeed. Rene and Brian married and had two girls. She had Allie first, and then Abigail. Tragedy struck the family when an accident happened. Allie was crossing the road to check the mail when she was hit by a driver, but Rene did not let her daughter's death do to her family what it often does to others. "I would not let it destroy my family. We grieved, Brian and I think instead of pulling us apart it made us stronger. We had to be. We had Abbie who was only three years old at the time." She uses the loss even today to help the lives of others achieve their dreams, even if their oldest daughter could not. In the past, they have given away scholarships. This year they are sponsoring several 4-H camp students. Her faith is what helped her get through the worst of it. Rene was a Christian school student in her youth and even today practices a strong faith.

Her daughter Abbie is married to Bailey Boggs and gave her a grandson, Tatum. Rene briefly ran a daycare next door, years ago, before taking over the fabric shop. From bus driver to daycare, Rene has worn a number of hats in her lifetime, but the fabric shop is her passion. The fabric shop has over 7,000 bolts of cloth, much of it colorful and varied. She says she keeps prices down and for that reason alone her business attracts a lot of out of county attention. She can underprice material as far away as Parkersburg. Her selection rivals anything available, anywhere in the state. She sells thread, specialized buttons, and everything you can imagine would be needed for this industry. She was fortunate during the 2016 flood that only four inches of water got into the fabric shop. The loss could have been so much more devastating.

The back room of the Inn was not as lucky. She told me that renovation is always ongoing with the recent laying of new linoleum and the installation of flat screen televisions into her ten available rooms. Needed upgrades are always necessary, despite the fact that the lodging business is, was and always will be a feast or famine business. There are certain attractions, such as the Clay Apple Festival that fills the Inn to capacity, and seasons too, like early spring fishing.

"I love this business. I love meeting people, I love that I know the area and can help people by recommending places, or answer questions if they need to go somewhere they barely remember." She said. "People who come here are here for one of two reasons: they are looking for that piece of home. You know, they moved away or are coming home for a family reunion. And sometimes, that family home isn't there anymore. They are looking for that feeling of home while they are here visiting. Or they are here because they are working in the area and have no place to stay."

Rene and Brian are currently enjoying their new roles as Mamaw and Papaw, and they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at the end of last month. We don't have to wish them success, as they have been proving for a lifetime that they have that well covered.



The Fabric Shop and Inn.



Big Otter celebrates Read Across America week

This past week, students and staff members at Big Otter Elementary school celebrated Read Across America week. Each day was a different spirit day and included pajama day, animal print day, stripe/hat day, crazy hair, and old school day. Thank you to all of the volunteers and community members who read to our students! CCHS Panther football players, WV State Troopers, and representatives from the Clay County Courthouse all read to our students throughout the week.

Why Does Monday Have To Follow Sunday?

By Dr. James L. Snyder

The older I get, the more I wake up not knowing what day it is. That is particularly true on Mondays.

My favorite day of the week is Sunday. I enjoy attending church, fellowshiping with other Christians, and, of course, the Sunday worship services. I enjoy Sunday morning and evening like no other time of the week.

Since I became a Christian about 65 years ago, I have only missed a Sunday service when I was sick or had some emergency. Sunday is the most important day of the week for me, and it has been for years. I don't see it changing anytime soon.

As much as I love Sunday, I can't say the same about Monday. Sunday is filled with joy and, rejoicing and delightful fellowship. I get up each Sunday morning with great expectations. Monday is a different story, filled with gloom, doom, and a "What day is it?" mentality.

When I wake up on Monday morning, I often don't remember what day it is. Monday is the kind of day that I can't remember anything that I've done for the week because I haven't done anything for the week yet. I often forget it's the first day of the week. Confusion seems to be my partner.

Tuesday is not so bad because I can somehow remember the day, some of the things I did on Monday, and my plans for the rest of the week. But on Monday, I have to start the week all over again, and who has the energy to do that?

I understand that Saturday is the day we prepare for Sunday. I get that, and I do it every week. There should be some kind of law making Monday a day to recover from Sunday's activities and prepare for the week ahead.

Often, I'll wake up on Monday morning, look at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and say very soberly, "What day is it?"

Usually, she looks at me and says sarcastically, "I don't know; check your calendar." By Wednesday, I will be in my regular work mode and get up every morning eager to start working on my weekly plans.

I've had a thought along this line. Sometimes, I'm going to sleep all day on Monday, get up Tuesday morning, and see if I remember what day it is. That might help me understand all this nonsense I wallow in every week.

I need to be very careful along this line. For example, if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knew I got up on Monday morning not knowing what my plans were for the day, she may make those plans for me. Believe me; she knows how to plan out every minute of every day.

That's one reason I need a calendar to schedule my

plans for the week. It doesn't matter if I finish all those plans or not. It only matters that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sees I have scheduled work for myself.

The problem is that on Monday morning, when I get up, I'm not even sure what day it is, and there is a certain danger that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage may come to my rescue.

After all these years, you would think I would have discovered a better way to plan my days.

The problem is that since my retirement, I have moved my office out of the church and into our home. When my office was in the church, I could get up Monday morning and say, "I gotta get to the church office and get started on my work for the week." I then could figure out what I was going to do for the day and the week ahead of me. That worked for many years.

I must say The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has taken advantage of this weakness of mine. On a Monday morning, when I get up and shuffle out to the kitchen, she greets me by saying, "What plans do you have for today?"

At that time, I usually mumble and confess that I don't know. Then she says, "That's good because we need to go across town and pick up a few things." Where she got the "we," I don't know.

After hearing this for a few years, I discovered she was talking about a whole day of shopping. Who knew?

Maybe I could plan better for Monday if I didn't get so excited about Sunday. Perhaps I could have some things on my "to-do list" that would occupy me for the whole day. Of course, even if I have such a list on Monday morning when I get up, I sometimes can't even remember my name.

It will be a shocking Monday when I get up very lucid, remember my name, and have a plan for the day all in my head. I don't think The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would recognize me that day.

In all of my frustration, I was reminded of Philippians 4:6 - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

My frustration only brings stress into my life. Each day, I need to discipline myself to give the elements of my life over to God. Only He can sort out my life in a way that glorifies Him. Learning to pray for everything solves my problems.

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My Four-Legged Shadow

By Joseph J. Mazzella

I have discovered that I have a second shadow these days as I go outside. This one, however, has four legs instead of two. It is my daughter's adopted, black cat: Miss Alice. Every time I go out the door she is waiting on my front porch, meowing to be petted. Then she follows me down the hill to my car sometimes running in front so she can get in my way for even more pets. And when I finally return home there she is asking for attention again.

It wasn't always this way. The very first time I saw Miss Alice she was hiding under my house having just had a litter of kittens. When I looked under there I got an angry Hiss from her warning me I was in for a clawing if I got near her kittens. It took a lot of time, patience, kindness, love, and cat food from my daughter to tame her. At first she didn't want to be touched at all. Then she would only allow an occasional petting. Now my daughter can pick her up and carry her up the road to her house like a little baby. It still makes me smile to see how my daughter's loving, caring and compassionate spirit tamed this feral cat and made her as lovable as the most affectionate dog.

I guess that is the power of Love. It can heal a hurting heart. It can save a shattered spirit. It can uplift a sunken soul. It can free you from fear. It can transform your life. It can even take a vicious, feral cat and turn her into a puppy dog in a cat suit.

Embrace the Love in your own life then. Turn your



The adorable Alice.

eyes upward to the heavens and invite Your Heavenly Father's Love into your heart and soul. Welcome the love of your family and friends into your life. And let your own love flow through everything you think, everything you say, and everything you do. You will be amazed at how much your life will change. You will be amazed at the joy you will find, the good you will do, and the lives you will help.

OBITUARIES



Karen Sue Rogers

Karen Sue Rogers, 72, of Left Hand, WV, died Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Clay Healthcare Center, Ivydale, WV. She was born April 4, 1951, at Parkersburg, WV, the daughter of the late Darrell and Maxine Moore Scott. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry and Rodney Scott; and son-in-law, Randy Drake. Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Ray Rogers of Left Hand; daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Randal Tanner of Duck, WV; son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Debi Rogers of Left Hand; grandchildren, who

were the light of her life, Nathan Drake and Logan (McKenzie) Drake both of Left Hand; step grandson, Matthew (Jennifer) Tanner of Duck; brothers and sisters, John (Pam) Scott of Akron, OH, Sharon Rogers of Barberton, OH, Steve Scott, Connie Smith, and Sherry Scott also of Barberton, Donna (Muhamund) Ahmed of West Palm Beach, Fla., Darlene (Bobby) Palmer of Rittman, OH, Darrell (Jill) Scott of Clinton, OH; sister-in-law, Janet Scott of Akron; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Karen was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Epling Chapel Baptist Church, Looneyville, WV. Her pastimes included listening to music, (the Bee Gees were her favorites), singing, and spending time with her family. A graveside service was held on Monday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Moore Fork Cemetery, Ossia, V., with the Rev. Lester Tanner officiating. There will be no visitation. John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com.



Timothy Clay Samples

Timothy Clay Samples, 57, of Frametown, formerly of Clay, WV, went to be home with the lord on February 29, 2024, due to a sudden illness. Timmy was born May 3, 1966, and raised in Clay, WV. He was the son of the late Joseph Clayton Samples and Mable Emogene Samples. He was also preceded in death by his brother, David

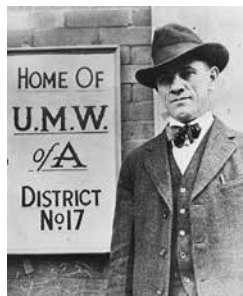
Samples; and sister, Kathy Childers. He is survived by his son, Cody Joseph Samples of Frametown, WV; daughters Maranda Lynn Baldwin (Don) of Charleston, WV, Elisa Joe Samples of Frametown, WV; sisters, Connie Jean Schoolcraft (James) of Clay, WV; Joann Hilbert of Clendenin, WV; brother Christopher Joe Samples; and six grandchildren. Timothy will be cremated upon his requested and buried in the King Family Cemetery in Ovapa, WV. "When I Come to the end of the road And the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little—but not too long And not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me—but let me go."

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.

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

March 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry battle veterans from the Civil War, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.



March 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Keeney, who went to work in the mines as a boy, became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912-13.

March 15, 1952:



Governor Earl Ray Tomblin was born in Logan County. He was elected as a Democrat from Logan County to the House of Delegates in 1974, when he was only 22 years old and still a senior at West Virginia University.



March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.

March 17, 1837: Mercer County was created from parts of Giles and Tazewell counties and named for Hugh Mercer,

a Revolutionary War general.

March 17, 1858: William Edwin Chilton was born in Coalsmouth, now St. Albans. A lawyer, U.S. senator and businessman, Chilton expanded Charleston's electric streetcar system and was publisher and editor of the *Charleston Gazette*.



March 17, 1891: West Virginia State University was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute by the legislature. It was one of 17 Black land-grant colleges established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890.

March 17, 1912: Athlete Joe Stydakar was born in Pennsylvania. A star in football and basketball at WVU, he was the first-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the first NFL draft of college players in 1936.

March 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.

March 18, 1922: Athlete Frank "Gunner" Gatski was born in Farmington. Gatski played

11 years for the Cleveland Browns (1946-56) and one for the Detroit Lions (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side.

March 18, 1950: Actor Brad Dourif was born in Huntington. He is best known for his portrayal of offbeat characters, including Billy Bibbit in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and Grima Wormtongue in Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.



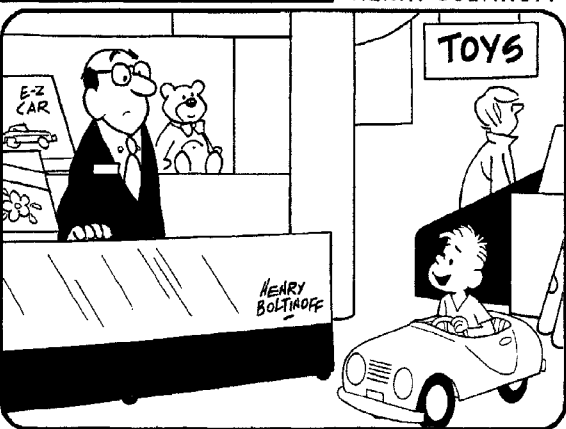
March 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 Black high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while it was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.

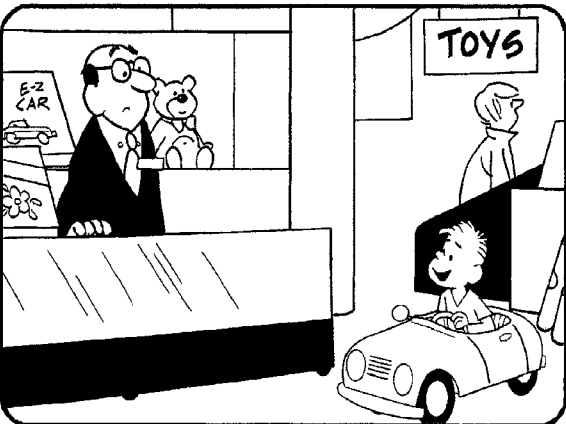
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Not suitable
 - 6 "Sorry to intrude ..."
 - 10 Capricious ideas
 - 15 Cartoonist Addams, informally
 - 19 Payments to the IRS
 - 20 Oscar winner Robert De —
 - 21 Capital of Vietnam
 - 22 Sword handle
 - 23 Fifth Avenue skyscraper
 - 26 Other, in Acapulco
 - 27 Identity hider
 - 28 Altitudes: Abbr.
 - 29 — -C (PC copy command)
 - 30 What a groom may toss
 - 32 "Uh-huh"
 - 34 Pioneer Boone, informally
 - 35 Orthodox Jewish movement
 - 37 Rapper — Rida
 - 40 Technique for viewing a slow process quickly
 - 43 Cattle farm
 - 45 Prefix with nourished
 - 46 In a daze
 - 47 First first lady of the U.S.
 - 51 Gets close to
 - 55 Sesame seed paste
 - 56 Pucksters' org. with the Calder Cup
 - 57 Newspaper think piece
 - 60 Born as
 - 61 Toon sheet
 - 62 Hedy of "Ecstasy"
 - 66 Rome's — Fountain
 - 67 Dollar bill
 - 68 Advance inquiry into a crime, e.g.
 - 72 Israeli city close to Ben Gurion Airport
 - 73 Big name in life insurance
 - 74 Decrease
 - 75 Doc for the neck up
 - 76 D-H linkup
 - 77 FDR or HST
 - 78 Former "Idol" judge
 - 79 Bob of play-by-play
 - 82 Wolfed down
 - 84 Launching of people into orbit
 - 88 Insurance payment
 - 92 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
 - 93 Was overlong
 - 94 Dual-focus course about bodily structures
 - 100 Some kitchen appliances, for short
 - 101 From a northwest Italian port
 - 102 Certain South African
 - 103 Arena level
 - 105 "Hallelujah Chorus" composer
 - 106 Rough- — wood
 - 107 City vehicle
 - 108 Gas brand
 - 112 Water, in Acapulco
 - 113 What love is, per a Four Aces #1 tune, with "a"
 - 118 Crate piece
 - 119 Capital of South Korea
 - 120 Actress Best
 - 121 Really mad
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 - 123 Day divisions
 - 124 Bargain
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- DOWN**
- 1 Bit of news
 - 2 Wine valley
 - 3 Allies' rival
 - 4 Sprightly
 - 5 Mao — -tung
 - 6 Object of hate
 - 7 Thwacks
 - 8 Before
 - 9 Woman's quaint headpiece
 - 10 Jacuzzi, e.g.
 - 11 Recital venue
 - 12 Not Rep. or Dem.
 - 13 Mimi's "me"
 - 14 Celebrates with a tune
 - 15 Animal with a backbone
 - 16 Relative of a shout-out
 - 17 Anew
 - 18 Tempestuous
 - 24 Spicy cuisine
 - 25 — Reader (magazine)
 - 31 Carrier based in New Delhi
 - 33 Hawke of film
 - 34 Salvador of surreal art
 - 35 Spicy
 - 36 From — z
 - 37 Sig Nu, e.g.
 - 38 Video game tomb raider
 - 39 Teetering
 - 41 — -di-dah
 - 42 Attila follower
 - 44 Refrigerate
 - 48 More artful
 - 49 — a soul
 - 50 "— in Manila" (Ali-Frazier fight)
 - 52 Consecrating
 - 53 Nevada airport
 - 54 In view
 - 57 Mining finds
 - 58 Sampras of the court
 - 59 Show plainly
 - 63 Poker cost
 - 64 Supplies with personnel
 - 65 Coach Parseghian
 - 66 LG or RCA products
 - 68 Petition
 - 69 "Thumbs-up!"
 - 70 Gas in signs
 - 71 Gasless car
 - 78 Tipoffs in hoops, e.g.
 - 80 Christie's "A Pocket Full —"
 - 81 Depots: Abbr.
 - 83 Not old-fashioned
 - 84 Cabinet dept. since 1965
 - 85 Twosome
 - 86 Abbr. on military mail
 - 87 Societal
 - 89 It might have mascara on it
 - 90 Pas' mates
 - 91 Opal ending
 - 94 Horror-struck
 - 95 All-Star pitcher Denny
 - 96 Yearly
 - 97 Gordie of hockey
 - 98 Itched (for)
 - 99 Seine feeder
 - 104 Trendy again
 - 106 Stimulate
 - 107 — fide
 - 109 Phony
 - 110 Creates a lap
 - 111 Blood type, for short
 - 114 Prefix with pagan
 - 115 Part of TTYL
 - 116 HST follower
 - 117 Loud noise

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Car door is different. 2. Rear tire is moved. 3. Side mirror is added to car. 4. Teddy bear is moved. 5. Nametag is moved. 6. License plate is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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THE WIDEN NEWS



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November 1956

Have You Heard That...

Car Fumes Cause Death
George W. Adkins, Jr., of Enoch, an employee of the Swandale Mill was found dead in his automobile Sunday the 24th at the foot of the hill near his home, where it is reported that gas fumes from a leaky exhaust system caused his death. His mother, Mrs. Florida Adkins, eight sisters and two brothers survive. He worked on the log carrier at the mill.

Daughter Married
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Mullins of Clay announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kay Eleanor Mullins, to Mr. Carl Warren Baker of Lisemore. They were married November 3rd in Covington, Virginia by the Rev. Ryburn T. Stancil. Both are graduates of Clay County High School and Mr. Baker is employed in Widen by the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company.

Teletypewriter Installed In Widen Office

Mrs. Pearle Williams, secretary to Vice President H. L. Beattie, recently had the operation of a teletypewriter added to her other duties when the new machine was installed at the Widen office. The teletype operates on a private line between Widen and the office of Monongahela & Ohio Coal Company in Cleveland and permits instant communication without the necessity of waiting for a telephone call to be put through. With certain modifications, it is operated like a typewriter, and the message is printed automatically on paper at the other end of the line. This machine is one of the miracles of modern electronics, not only in the mechanical operation itself, but by virtue of the fact that the teletype message is carried over a telephone wire without interference with a conversation over the same wire that may be going on at the same time. The teletypewriter not only speeds up communications between offices but also relieves a portion of the heavy load on the telephone lines out of Widen.

NEW ARRIVALS



Mrs. Paul H. Johnson
Mrs. Johnson is shown here holding her first-born, three weeks old Paul Richard, Junior, who checked in promptly at the Gassaway Hospital on November 4th, weighing eight pounds. His mother said "I call him 'Little Paul,' but his grandmother, (Mrs. E. H. (Red) Truman,) says to her he is 'Dicky'." Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Clara Truman, WHS graduate and clerk at the YMCA counter. Paternal grandparents are the Theodore Johnsons.

Swandale Heads List!
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis (Miss Helen Paxton) of Swandale began the baby parade with a seven pound daughter, Sherry Lea, born November 5th at Charleston General.

Rev. and Mrs. George Adkins of Swandale welcomed seven pound, two ounce Gayla Elaine on 7th, to their now sizeable family. Rev. Adkins is pastor of the Pleasantdale Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey, also of Swandale, a daughter, Sandra Jean, born on November 7th. Mrs. Ramsey is the former Virgie Nicholas of Dille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nicholas.

The Fred Pattersons also have a new baby, but details were not immediately available.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Nutter welcomed their first child, daughter Vickie Lynn on the 7th. Mrs. Nutter is the former Helen Triplett, daughter of Mrs. Mary Triplett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Hamrick of Widen, are the parents of a new son, born October 26 at Kanawha Valley Hospital at Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McClain of Braxton Street brought "another first" to Widen, Sunday the 24th, when their seventh child, a nine pound, six ounce son was born at the Widen Medical Department while waiting for the ambulance to take Mrs. McClain to the hospital. It was also the first child delivered in Widen by our new physician, E. Burns Gray, M. D.

District Club Officer Honored at Tea Here

Mrs. H. L. Beattie newly elected vice-president of the Capitol District Women's Clubs was honored with a reception held at the Widen Clubhouse on Friday, Nov. 1 given by the following club members: Mrs. Scott Williams, Miss Hazel Baugman, Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Robert Manning and Mrs. Joe LaCorte.

Mrs. Beattie, past president of the Widen Woman's Club was presented with a sheaf of red roses. Refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed tea table.

Other club members present were Mesdames Richard Manning, Herbert C. Johnson, Marvin Shaffer, B. E. Taylor, Carmel Ramsey, Joseph Potasnik, Newman Butcher, Leo Lykins, E. B. Gray, Robert Dagle, Melvin Conner, D. L. McMillion, Onas Bailes, G. D. Craft, John L. Henley, Robert Osborne, John Beattie, Oakmont, Pa. and Misses Lola Mick and Emma Jo Sigman.

WIDEN SCHOOL HOME ROOM MOTHERS SERVING IN NOV.

Mothers who were in charge of refreshments after the regular meeting of the group in November were: Blanche Conner, Dora Hamrick, Hazel Manning, Gertrude Holcomb, Maude Hamrick, Wahina George and Deeta Ellis. There is no meeting of the group in December.

Registered Nurse Leeson Shown at Instrument Case



Mrs. Anna Mac Leeson, R. N., is pictured here in one of the many dozens of times she is called on at the Widen medical department to choose just the right instrument for use in daily treatments of employees and their families who trek there for medical service. Doctors E. D. Moyers, M. D., and E. Burns Gray, M. D. are on an around-the-clock tour of duty to see that all needs are met. Mrs. Leeson's experience as a former Clay County Health Nurse has already made her acquaintance with many Widen area residents. She is a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing in Clarksburg; and has been head nurse in the office of Dr. George Rose also in Clarksburg; extended service in the Veteran's Administration Hospital there; was employed for a time in the University of North Carolina's Public Health Nursing Division, and for four years has been the Clay County Health Nurse. Mrs. Leeson is a sister of Richard Shelton, a member of the mine supervisory staff of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company in Widen. Her husband, Mr. Robert Leeson, is an instructor in Clay High School. They have a five-year-old daughter, Carla Louise.

Local Women Visit Sutton

The Widen and the Gassaway Women's Clubs were guests of the Sutton Woman's Club on Thursday evening November 7 at the Sutton Community Building. Attending from Widen were Miss Hazel Baugman, president and the following members: Mesdames E. D. Moyers, Richard Manning, H. L. Beattie, Melvin Conner, Ronald Brown, Robert Osborne and Mrs. John Beattie of Oakmont, Pa.

Major S. R. Fenn, resident engineer of the Sutton Dam project was the guest speaker. His talk was about the construction of the dam and the possibilities of the recreational area that will be built when the dam is completed.

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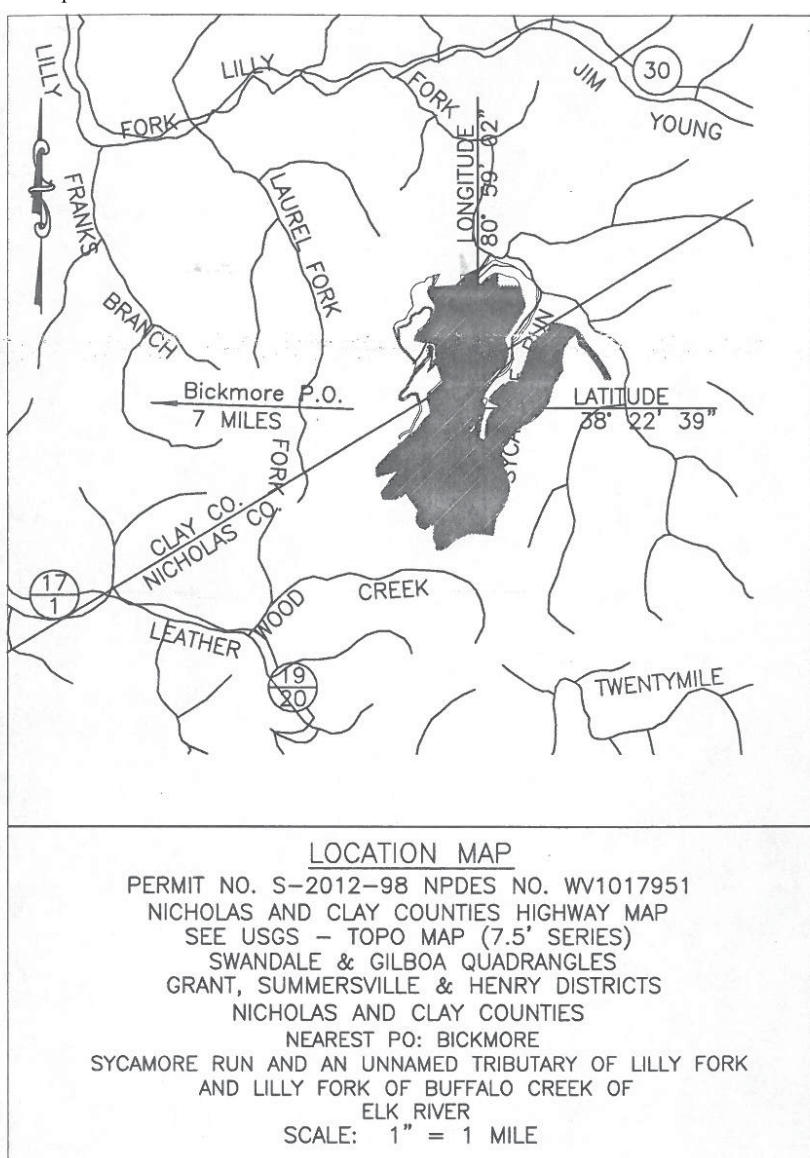
Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1017951 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to maintain, monitor and operate a coal haulroad, highwall/auger mining and surface mine operations in the Kittanning, Clarion, Stockton and Coalburg seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into Sycamore Run and unnamed tributaries of Lilly Fork and Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River and is located 7 miles east of Bickmore, in Grant, Summersville and Henry Districts of Clay and Nicholas Counties, Longitude 80° 59' 02" and Latitude 38° 22' 39" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 4/15/24, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone Number 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No: WV1017951



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Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019, has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 207 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number S201012 to operate a surface coal mine in the Clarion and Coalburg seam of coal.

The operation is discharging into Frank's Branch and Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River and is located 4.8 miles, east of Bickmore, in Henry District of Clay County, Longitude 81° 1' 25" and Latitude 38° 23' 22" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Alliance Prime Associates, Inc.	200 Park Ave Ste 400, Orange Village, OH 44122
Allegheny Rural NMTC, LLC	8809 Lenox Pointe Dr Suite B, Charlotte, NC 28273

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Appletcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave Ste 400, Orange Village, OH 44122

*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Appletcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave Ste 400, Orange Village, OH 44122

Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
PH Timber, LLC	Larson & McGowin, LLC PO Box 1307, Mobile AL 36633

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 5/6/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until 5/6/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

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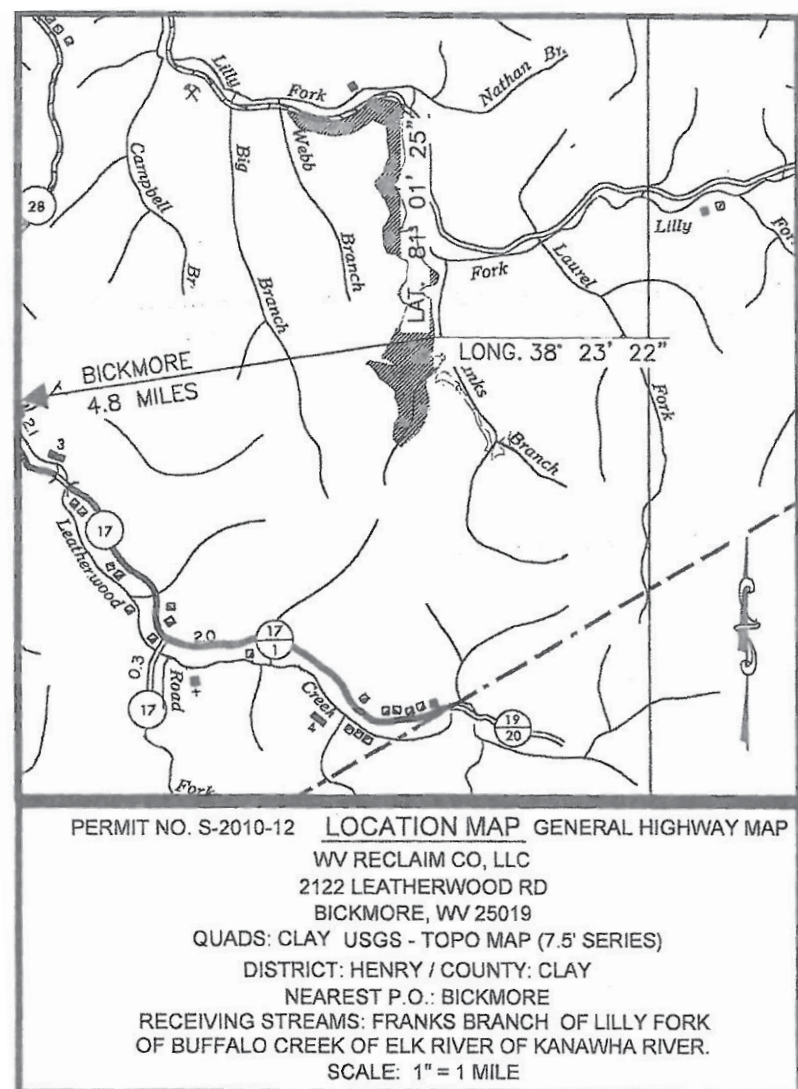
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219

Permit Number: S201012

*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.

Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Successor Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of that certain Deed of Trust, dated August 29, 2003, made by Steve Morris, and Daniel R. Grindo, as Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 107, at page 1066 (the "Deed of Trust"), to secure indebtedness described therein payable to Bank of Gassaway, in the amount of \$65,000.00, as evidenced by that certain Promissory Note dated August 29, 2003, made payable by Steve Morris to the order of Bank of Gassaway (along with any renewals, adjustments, extensions, or modifications, the "Note"), which Deed of Trust covers certain real estate situate in Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly described herein;

WHEREAS, Peoples Bank, as successor by merger, is the owner and holder of the Note and Deed of Trust. Pursuant to authority granted in the Deed of Trust, Peoples Bank, the owner and holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, appointed Zachary J. Rosencrance, a resident of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to serve as Successor Trustee, by that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee, dated December 6, 2023, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Miscellaneous Book 36, at page 815.

Peoples Bank, the owner and holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, has notified the Successor Trustee that Steve Morris is in default under the terms of the Note and the terms of the Deed of Trust, and has requested, in writing, that the Successor Trustee sell the real property described in the Deed of Trust at public auction, in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and applicable law.

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned Successor Trustee will offer for sale **at public auction on the 4th day of April, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern time, at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia**, all those certain lots, tracts, or parcels of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, easements, rights of way, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Clay County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows (hereinafter the "Real Property"):

The surface only of that certain tract or parcel of land, situate on the north side of Elk River and bordering on State Route Nos. 4 and 16, bordering on the northern right of way line of said State routes a short distance above the State Garage, in Henry District, Clay County, West Virginia, and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in said State Routes rights of way line, which stake is the upper corner to the land conveyed to Jennings P. Martin and which stake stands 275 feet upstream from the Williams line where same crosses said State Routes right of way line, and running thence up the hill with a line of the said Jennings P. Martin tract to a stake in the back line of the J.B. Wheeler 100-acre tract of land of which this is a part; thence up the ridge with said Wheeler's line 275 feet to a stake in said Wheeler's line; thence a straight line down the hill to a stake in the Carrie Reed heirs land; thence with the said Lower line of said Carrie Reed land to a stake in said State Routes right of way line; thence downstream with said right of way line 275 feet to the place of beginning, containing 7.5 acres, more or less.

BEING the same property conveyed to Steve Morris and Jeannie Morris, his wife, from Cecil L. Butcher and Wanda E. Butcher, his wife, by that certain deed dated the 11th day of July, 1985, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 140, at page 189. Further being the same property conveyed by Jennie Morris to Steve Morris, by that certain deed dated the 26th day of August 1992, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 158, at page 521.

TERMS OF SALE

The Real Property will be sold for cash in hand on the date of sale, or under any different, other, or additional sale terms as the Successor Trustee, in his or her reasonable discretion, determines to be appropriate or advisable. The sale shall be further subject to the following:

1. Real estate taxes delinquent, due or payable or to become due and payable, all of which shall be the responsibility of the purchaser;
2. Any statutory lien or liens that may affect the subject property;
3. All covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record in the chain of title to the property, or which may be visible from a physical inspection of the subject property;
4. All liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges, having priority over the deeds of trust referred to herein.
5. The purchaser at the sale shall be responsible for paying the costs of recording the Successor Trustee's Deed and the tax imposed by the State of West Virginia on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamps to be affixed to the Deed).
6. All of the property to be sold will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" in the present condition and with all faults and defects, if any, and without any warranty or representation, express or implied. The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Real Property to vacate said property. The Successor Trustee will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code § 38-1-6. The Successor Trustee makes no representations and warranties about the title to the real estate to be conveyed. If the Successor Trustee is unable to convey insurable or marketable title to the purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.
7. In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.
8. The undersigned Successor Trustee expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and the right to adjourn the sale from time to time without notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for the sale. Such adjournment may be for a period of time deemed expedient by the beneficial owner and shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right to make the sale contemplated by this Notice.
9. The beneficiary of the Deeds of Trust and holder of the Note thereby secured reserves the right to submit a bid for the Real Property at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid.
10. The successful bidder will be required to execute a memorandum of sale upon the acceptance of the successful bid by the Successor Trustee.
11. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that none of the grantors filed for bankruptcy protection before the conclusion of bidding, in which case the sale will be null and void and the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or in equity, will be return of deposit without interest.
12. The trustee's sale shall be open to online bidders.
13. A 10% buyer's premium will be added to the high bid for the Real Property. The high bidder shall pay the buyer's premium plus an additional 10% of its bid on the day of the sale (the "Good Faith Deposit"), with the balance to be paid in cash at closing within 14 days after the date of sale.

Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

Any inquiries regarding this sale may be directed to Zachary J. Rosencrance, Successor Trustee, 600 Quian-ier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, telephone (304) 347-1100.

DATED: February 21, 2024

/s/ Zachary J. Rosencrance
 Zachary J. Rosencrance, Successor Trustee

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No.: 23-D-59

The Marriage of:
 Carey Beth Stutler and Joshua Don Stutler
 Petitioner Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLAY II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Joshua Don Stutler is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or had an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Joshua Don Stutler serve upon Carey Beth Stutler, petitioner, whose address is 119 Circle Dr., Ravenswood, WV 26168, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before the 28th day of March, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

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RECOVERY

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FEMA continues to ensure federal support is available to all affected communities, including people with disabilities, people with access or functional needs, and those in underserved populations.

There are also six Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC's) in the designated counties, which provide one-on-one assistance to survivors. More than 300 survivors and their families have spoken with specialists at a DRC. To find the closest center to you, visit DRC Locator.

How to Apply to FEMA Federal disaster recovery funds may be available for eligible individuals in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties who suffered damage from the Aug. 28-30, 2023, heavy rain event that caused landslides, mudslides, and flooding. Residents who sustained storm-related property damage should register with FEMA.

To do so, survivors can:

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov;
- Download the FEMA mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store; or o Call FEMA's toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362, open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time with language translation available. If you use a relay

service such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, provide FEMA with your number for that service when you apply.

- Visit one of our Disaster Recovery Centers for a list of locations and more information visit the DRC Locator. Impacted residents may be referred to SBA to request a low-interest disaster loan after you submit your FEMA application.

Survivors are encouraged to go through the entire process, as this may open the door for additional resources for your recovery. FEMA is working closely with the state of West Virginia and the West Virginia Emergency Management Division to support those residents in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Kanawha, and Harrison counties who were impacted by the Aug. 2023 flooding. There are many partners involved, including local and state agencies, nonprofits, voluntary and faith-based organizations, and the private sector, to assist in survivor recovery.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/disaster/4756 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

Miller Secures \$11.8 Million for Water Projects, Medical Assistance in West Virginia

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) secured a total of \$11,823,000 worth of funding for a variety of projects around West Virginia. Thirteen out of the fifteen Community Project Funding requests Congresswoman Miller submitted passed the House of Representatives, and funding will be available for projects to access once the Senate passes and President Joe Biden signs the Consolidation Appropriations Act of FY24 into law.

"I'm thankful to have secured \$11.8 million worth of funding for many important projects throughout West Virginia. My priority was to ensure as many West Virginians as possible have access to clean water and medical attention, and I am pleased to see that many of my community project funding requests have been passed. No matter where you live, everyone deserves uncontaminated water and access to quality health care. This is only the beginning of the funding I hope to deliver for West Virginia, and I'm looking forward to seeing these projects completed soon," said Congresswoman Miller.

Below is the breakdown of the funding:

- \$1 million for Water System Improvement Project in Clay County.
- \$905,000 for Marshall Mobile Medical Unit that will serve Logan, Mingo, Lincoln, Boone, Mason, Cabell,

- and Wayne Counties.
- \$211,000 for Mobile Law Enforcement Technologies Project in Braxton County.
- \$750,000 for Pre-Treatment Facility Construction Project at the Salt Rock Sewer Public Service District wastewater treatment plant in Cabell County.
- \$1.75 million for Sewer Construction Project in McDowell County.
- \$1 million for Wastewater Improvements Project in Wayne County.
- \$1 million for Sarvis Fork Water Service Extension Project in Sandyville in Jackson County.
- \$750,000 for Williamson Water System Infrastructure Project in Mingo County.
- \$1.5 million for Crab Creek Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project in Mason County.
- \$750,000 for Brenton/Baileysville Waterline Extension Project in Wyoming County.
- \$1 million for the St. Albans Boys and Girls Club in Kanawha County.
- \$557,000 for Bluefield Economic Development in Mercer County Carbon Corridor.
- \$650,000 for REACHH Family Resource Center in Summers County.

Change your clocks and check your smoke alarm batteries

Daylight Saving Time began again this weekend on March 10, and this is a perfect time to check your smoke alarms and check the alarm's batteries.

Take the time to see if your smoke alarm works, if the batteries are functioning properly, if the batteries need changed (if you have an older smoke alarm) and to go over your home escape plan.

Newer smoke alarms with ten year batteries do not need to be changed but it is a great time to check if they are functioning properly. Any smoke alarm over ten years old needs to be replaced, so if you are unsure how old your alarm is, simply take it off the ceiling or wall and check the back for its manufacture date. If it is over ten years old, it is time to get a new one.

WVDOH awards eight bridge projects

Eight bridge projects are among 16 construction contracts awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Thursday, February 29, 2024, and Friday, March 1, 2024.

The contracts were awarded from a bid letting conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

Projects awarded from the February 13 bid letting include:

Highway Safety Inc. was the low bidder on a road striping project in District I, with a bid of \$364,635. (Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Mason counties)

Tempo Construction LLC was the low bidder on a renovation project on the Malden Overpass Bridge on US 60, with a bid of \$206,790. (Kanawha County)

Tempo Construction LLC was the low bidder on a project to replace the Howell Hollow Bridge, with a bid of \$1,338,000. (Randolph County)

Elite Industrial Painting Inc. was the low bidder on a project to clean and paint the Blue Jay Bridge, with a bid of \$477,246. (Mineral County)

Elite Industrial Painting Inc. was also the low bidder on a project to clean and paint the Clarence Martin Jr. Memorial Bridge, with a bid of \$827,436. (Berkeley County)

Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Company was the low bidder on an ADA ramp project on East Baltimore Street and other locations, with a bid of \$436,100. (Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel counties)

Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Company was also the low bidder on an ADA ramp project in South Wheeling, with a

bid of \$773,100. (Ohio County)

Thaxton Construction Company Inc. was the low bidder on a slide repair project on Rum Creek, with a bid of \$345,330. (Logan County)

Kelly Paving Inc. was the low bidder on a paving project on US 50 from Ellenboro to Pennsboro, with a bid of \$3,486,086. (Ritchie County)

West Virginia Signal and Light Inc. was the low bidder on a traffic signal project on US 60, with a bid of \$691,193. (Cabell County)

SMH Construction Company Inc. was the low bidder on a project to replace the Eastwood Lane Bridge, with a bid of \$1,579,158.18. (Boone County)

McK Construction LLC was the low bidder on a renovation project on the John G. Chernenko Bridge, with a bid of \$339,576. (Brooke County)

W-L Construction & Paving Inc. was the low bidder on a turn lane and traffic signal project on Jefferson Avenue in Charles Town, with a bid of \$591,865.25. (Jefferson County)

Elite Industrial Painting Inc. was the low bidder on a cleaning and painting project on the Mary Draper Ingles Bridge, with a bid of \$3,347,600. (Summers County)

Triton Construction Inc. was the low bidder on a deck overlay project on the Wendell "Dell" Hester Memorial Bridge, with a bid of \$514,978. (Hardy County)

Triton Construction Inc. was also the low bidder on a project to widen the US 50 and Interstate 77 interchange to six lanes, with a bid of \$13,482,200. (Wood County)

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West Virginia is the place to be this spring

By Allen Hamrick

Spring will officially be here very soon. If you haven't noticed, peepers are peeping and the new vegetation in the woods is defying the last vestiges of winter, just breaking the surface of the dirt. Ramps will soon spring into action, and dates will be set for the much anticipated dinners around the area. New life will begin in the young and old alike as the warm sun starts refueling our engines. Once fueled, gardens will be planned and ploughed, and green houses will be in full bloom of new seedlings waiting to be planted. The river fish will wake up and start their processes of spawning and feeding, and for the anglers, it's time to bend some fishing rods. With winter in a sort of retreat, all hope is renewed and it's time to get busy.

The great outdoors and mountain adventures are waiting, whether it is on

things from a different light and angle. The Elk River trail provides many opportunities for some serious trail riding, and with the possible sighting of Bigfoot, it just gets better and better. Make sure you carry your camera and Bigfoot spray just in case; statistics shows he or she will not take your bike but prefers a stealthy approach, so keeps a sharp eye. Kayaking is also exhilarating, especially those long fishing trips that make you forget your hip pain until you try and get out so watch those four hour trips. The Elk is home to some of the best small mouth bass fishing although they prove hard to catch sometimes.

The rail train up Buffalo Creek will pick up the pace and is projected to open in May which will bring many tourists into the county, so be prepared. There is plenty of hiking to do, not only in Clay but in surrounding counties, as well. This spring should not be a time



The trails are plentiful for hikers.



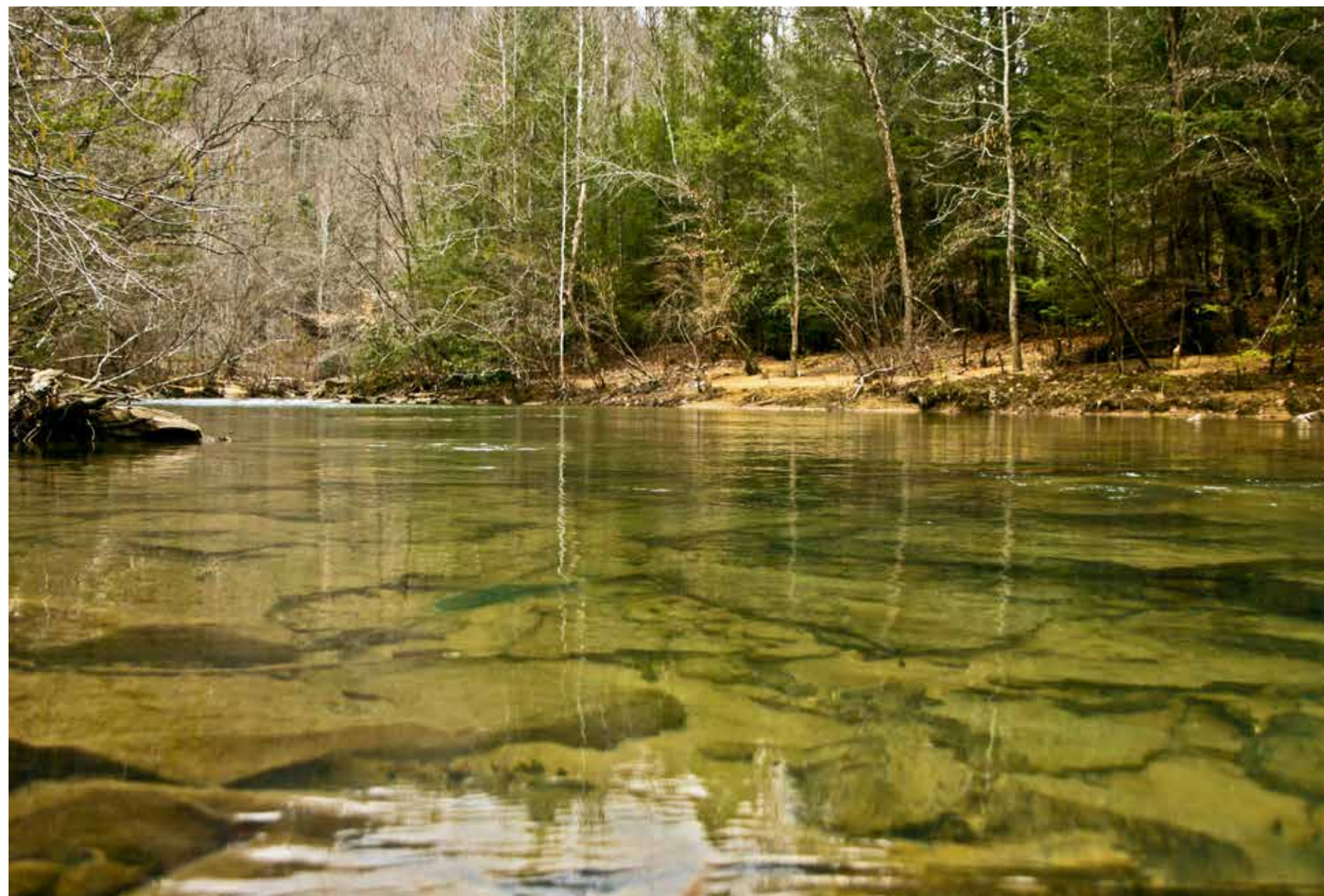
Biking is available on easy trails and tough courses.

bikes, kayaks, ATV's, fishing, hiking or whatever gets you outside. There are many trails that will lead you to places that take adventure to new levels. However, political chaos, wars and rumors of wars and the gloom and doom talk that seems to be in every corner of the restaurants are just sitting and waiting on the horizon to strike our peaceful existence. I'm often reminded of what one of the greatest books ever written said - you have just one chance to enjoy life, do it while there is hope because hope dies when you do. Enjoy your life while there is still a chance to do so, and the outdoors is one way to do it. Take the time this year to go beyond your comfort zone and really live the way our ancestors did, even if it's just for the weekend.

Biking is a physically demanding sport but a great way to get fit and see

for just sitting at home unless that is your preference. Bucket lists need to start being checked off because it seems opportunity to do so is getting slimmer by the day, depending on how you look at things. Enjoy the little things in life now, while you can, because one day you will look back and realize how big they really were.

It won't be long until CCHS baseball and softball teams will be hitting the diamonds with games beginning this week, and track teams will be lacing up their shoes to begin their season. The CCMS baseball and softball teams will be hitting the fields, as well, this week. In the not so distant future, younger players around the county will be hitting the fields, from tee ball to major league, and take part in that great American pastime. Get out and enjoy the great outdoors in whatever way you can!



Rivers and streams are warming up.