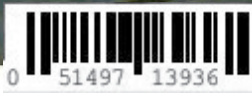




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## Clay County High School has its own internet radio station broadcasting around the clock



All Clay County School Board Members attended this meeting and pictured left to right are David Pierson, member; Susan Bodkins, member; Philip Dobbins, superintendent; Phoebe Nichols, president; Brook Jones, Vice President, and Lolita Nutter, member.

**By Gary Lee Stuber**

Clay County High School teacher Trey Corwell is realizing a dream. A few years ago he sought a grant for and received funding to create a student-led internet radio station at the high school—a station that broadcasts a recorded lineup 24 hours a day. And while the station itself plays music, airs commercials, and frequently does PSA's and interviews, the real goal is as a class tool teaching a select group of students a potential career in radio broadcasting. This hands-on technical education teaches students all facets of the radio, podcast and journalism skills to give them options upon graduation.

Trey gave a presentation at the Mar. 12 Clay County School Board meeting. "We have been invited to Nashville Tennessee," Tray announced, "To take a tour of iHeart Radio, K-Love and AirOne studios to meet with on-air personalities."

Such a trip has been scheduled for four of his eight most senior students, who would derive the most benefit from the trip. "If approved we have already arranged trips to the

Grand Old Opry House and the Country Music Hall of Fame where we will not only be taken to those two locations but will get a behind-the-scenes look at how things are run. We have a tour of the Opry recording studios where they actually record events at the Opry."

Students even have a luncheon scheduled with Jim Hauser who is the Senior Vice President of K-Love. They will also get a tour of a prominent podcast studio that records for worldwide distribution. "This also might lead to internships upon graduation," he said.

If there was one glitch in the April trip it would be transportation. Despite heroic attempts to secure a ten passenger bus rental for the dates, it has remained an elusive goal.

During the meeting, the public was also treated to a few words from Lucas Vance, the General Manager of the student-led online Panther Nation radio station.

"I have worked for this radio station for the last two years," Lucas told the Board, "I have worked relentlessly to try to get our ad program up and ready, and now that I have, I real-

ize now just how hard this is to do. Ever since I first started this class, I was kind of drawn deeper into it and now, this is what I want to do with my life. I see now the real potential in internet radio and in broadcasting in general. And this trip isn't only beneficial for the class, it will be beneficial for me, if, when I get down there I can apply for an internship and set my future up." The senior has a plan for his life, and if his management of the radio station is any indication, he has a promising future indeed.

Trey Corwell added that presently the student's record the program the last three periods of the day and it cycles until the next day as it is not feasible to do live broadcasting during the school day. But they record the weather, news, interviews, and commercials, and do a pre-programmed set of music and transitions according to their own taste. They have been doing live broadcasts of both the girls and boys basketball teams, which gives them one more facet of broadcasting: live sports.

The radio station is available for free as an application download from

the Apple Store for iPhone and is only in the development stage at Google. Every Clay County citizen is invited to download the free application and listen into to yet another Clay County radio station. Go to the Apple Store and search "Panther Nation Radio." You can listen to the high school's best pre-programmed fare and even contact them with comments and suggestions within the application.

In other news, Crystal Gibson gave the board the update on her Extra-Mile Box Food Delivery program. The program is funded by a grant and serves 200 Clay County families with the Thursday morning delivery of a box of food. While there are food stamp programs that cover the largest part of a family's food needs, with the ever increasing cost of food, and the often lapse in the updated food stamp coverage, this food delivery is making a difference in the lives of Clay County families. Volunteers put together boxes on Thursdays and then the grant money pays to get drivers on the road with deliveries. There is at least one spot still available for a

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Judy Rowe

## Spotlight on Judy Rowe

**By Gary Lee Stuber**

Any given morning you'll find her there, like a fixture behind the cash register, at GoMart in Clay. Her familiar face greets customers as they come in for coffee or gasoline. She is loud, boisterous, and always helpful, and she has been here at this GoMart since the doors opened. I don't mean today; I mean August 26, 1991. With over three decades at GoMart, she is 74 and would not ever think of retiring.

"If you retire, you are sitting all the time." Judy Rowe says, "I couldn't do it. I am up here all shift standing behind the register, making coffee or whatever needs done." Yes. She is old school that way.

Judy was born Judy Osborne to Hershel and Grace Legg Osborne as their youngest daughter. She has three older sisters, Colleen House, Kay Graham, and Laraine Payne, and two brothers, Teddy and Charlie Osborne. Kay, who lives in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Charlie, who lives in Summersville, are the only siblings presently living outside the county. Although for about a space of 17 years, Judy was living in Ohio while her second husband worked at the Ford Motor Plant.

"I came back to Bickmore and me and my son lived with my mom." She said, clarifying that her son Chad Hickman was the son of Buck Hickman her first husband, and the father of her only grandson, Dominic Hickman, who just turned 14.

She is also proud of her step-granddaughter Mikia Jackson, a phlebotomist at Raleigh General Hospital.

From high school Judy graduated with a scholarship, which she did not use as she knew her parents could not afford the expense of sending her to school. She had aspirations of being a merchant or a hairdresser. For her first job she was a teacher aide at the Bickmore School working for John Gency. Upon her return from Ohio she found work at Hills on Patrick Street in Charleston as a cashier, working minimum wage of \$3.87 an hour and driving to Charleston from Bickmore and back every day. Her next job was closer to home when she worked for her brother-in-law B. A. House at the Hartland Superette, a very small convenience store that sold gasoline, groceries, and beer. After that she managed a grocery store in Dixie for B.A. House, and when that was about to close she thought she might have to go back to work in Charleston.

However, the present manager of Clay GoMart #65 Lolita Nutter, who everybody at GoMart calls 'Lo', back when she managed a GoMart in Burnsville, called for Judy to come in and interview for the first GoMart they were opening in Clay. Since then Judy has been a fixture here.

"I've worked everything since I have been here. I used to work evening shift, now I work mornings. I've done every shift but night shift. I won't work any shift that I am afraid. I don't do night

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## House Adopts Budget, Adjourns Sine Die

The West Virginia House of Delegates adjourned Saturday, March 9 at midnight after having completed 280 bills, including Senate Bill 200, the budget bill.

The bill, which goes next to the governor for action, covers Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It totals \$4.996 billion in General Revenue funds and includes pay raises for state workers whose pay scales are in state code. State Police personnel would receive a \$2,900 annual salary increase, teachers will receive a \$2,460 annual pay increase, and school service personnel would receive an additional \$140 a month. The budget bill also empowers state agencies with the authority to give all other state employees raises if funds are available to do so.

The full Legislature unanimously

passed a bill to eliminate the state income tax on social security benefits through a three-year phase-out. Under this proposal, like the one enacted in 2019, all the taxable social security benefits received in 2026 and beyond would be exempt from tax. Members of the House of Delegates stopped to applaud after taking the vote to pass it on to the governor just after 10 p.m. Saturday.

Finance Committee Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood, had told members of his committee to think of the budget adopted during the 60-day regular legislative session as "act one." Senate Bill 200 listed nine items in Section 9, what commonly gets referred to as "back of the budget" directives for surplus money generally allotted for one-time spending.

## Lady Mustangs set the diamond on fire in season opener



Jaedon Delwarte was a terror at the plate. By Allen Hamrick

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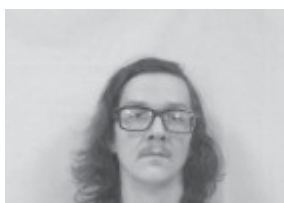


# REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

## NICHOLAS COUNTY



**Brett Wayne Altizer**  
Booked 3/14/24  
Violations of domestic violence order



**Nicholas Reese Coale**  
Booked 3/13/24  
Bank robbery



**Nathan Ray Elliott**  
Booked 3/16/24  
Domestic assault second, refuse to fingerprint, domestic battery second



**Addison Ray Hughs**  
Booked 3/17/24  
Attempted armed robbery, shooting across road, possession of a controlled substance, shoplifting second offense



**Marissa Lynn Rice**  
Booked 3/13/24  
Negligent homicide



**Derick Mitchell Robinson**  
Booked 3/16/24  
Burglary

## CLAY COUNTY



**Jarred Michael Bright**  
Booked 3/13/24  
Conspiracy, grand larceny

## BRAXTON COUNTY



**Courtney Michelle Amick**  
Booked 3/15/24  
Capias



**Holly Michelle Harris**  
Booked 3/15/24  
Domestic battery

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## 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 claycounty-highschool.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

#### Answer

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### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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## Courthouse News



### Monday, March 25, 2024 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff"

09:00 AM, State v. Ryan Alan Stone, Bench Trial, Receiving or transferring stolen goods, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription (x2)

09:30 AM, State v. Derek Shane Douglas, Preliminary Hearing, Wanton endangerment involving a firearm (x2)

10:00 AM, State v. Sheila Stewart, Pre-Trial Hearing, Contributing to delinquency of a child, Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ threats of harm

10:30 AM, State v. Adam Fredrick Wood, Pre-Trial Hearing, Persons prohibited from possessing firearms - Convicted of a crime punishable by more than 1 yr (x3)

11:00 AM, State v. Anna Marie Moore, Bench Trial, Unlawful removal, injury to or destruction of property

11:00 AM, State v. Anna Marie Moore, Bench Trial, Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ threats of harm

11:30 AM, Rose Lett vs Dylan Miller, Pre-Trial Hearing, Making, issuing, etc. worthless checks on a preexisting debt

01:00 PM, State v. Jessica K Jarvis, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equipment; Operation of vehicles with safety belts

01:00 PM, State v. Jessica K Jarvis, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving while license suspended or revoked; General-Driver on Suspended or Revoked; No vehicle insurance

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving while license suspended or revoked; No vehicle insurance

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor)

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation of vehicles with safety belts (x2)

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, No vehicle insurance, No Proof of Registration

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equipment; License to be carried and exhibited on demand

01:00 PM, State v. Logan A. Sigman, Status Hearing, Misdemeanor Offense for violation of Protective Order Permissive Provisions §48-27-503

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, Defective Equipment Exhaust, Operation of vehicles with safety belts

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor), Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor

01:00 PM, State v. Anthony W McClain, Pre-Trial Hearing, No vehicle insurance, Driving Suspended

01:00 PM, State v. Dusty Wade Pritt, Pre-Trial Hearing, Entry of building other than dwelling; entry of railroad, traction, or motorcar, steamboat or vessel; Petit larceny

01:00 PM, State v. Christi Dawn Koch, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operators license - Driving while license suspended or revoked, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance, Registration card to be carried and exhibited on demand, No bodily injury

01:00 PM, State v. Russell Lee Wartenburg, Bench Trial, Receiving or transferring stolen goods

01:30 PM, State v. David Whitney Starcher, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked for DUI, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, Operation of vehicle without evidence of registration, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, Operator's License - No license in possession, Registration card to be carried and exhibited on demand, Seat belt violation

## West Virginia value of production of 2023 crops

Corn for grain value of production totaled \$24.13 million in 2023, a decrease of 31 percent from \$34.78 million in 2022. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$5.20, down \$1.70 per bushel from the 2022 average price of \$6.90 per bushel. The value of all hay production totaled \$155.09 million in 2023, a 5 percent increase from the 2022 value of \$148.11 million. The average price received per ton was \$148.00. This was up \$11.00 per ton from the 2022 average price of \$137.00 per ton. The value of alfalfa hay production totaled \$6.17 million in 2023, a 12 percent decrease from the 2022 value of \$7.04 million. The average price received per ton was \$199.00. This was down \$2.00 per ton from the 2022 average price of \$201.00 per ton. The value of all other hay production totaled \$148.92 million in 2023, a 6 percent increase

from the 2022 value of \$141.08 million. The average price received per ton was \$146.00. This was up \$11.00 per ton from the 2022 average price of \$135.00 per ton.

*United States value and marketing year average price with 2022 comparisons:*

Corn for grain value of production - \$73.89 billion, down 17 percent; \$4.80 per bushel, down \$1.74. - All wheat value of production - \$12.74 billion, down 10 percent; \$7.20 per bushel, down \$1.63. - Soybeans value of production - \$52.81 billion, down 13 percent; \$12.70 per bushel, down \$1.50. - All hay value of production - \$21.31 billion, down 1 percent; \$211.00 per ton, down \$28.00. - Alfalfa hay value of production - \$10.58 billion, down 10 percent; \$232.00 per ton, down \$41.00. - All other hay value of production - \$10.74 billion, up 10 percent; \$167.00 per ton, down \$10.00.

## West Virginians: You have less than three weeks to register with FEMA

If you suffered damage or losses from the Aug. 28-30, 2023, severe storms and flooding, you have less than three weeks left to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for federal disaster assistance. The deadline to register is Monday, April 1.

Individual disaster assistance grants for homeowners and renters are available to eligible residents of Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison and Kanawha counties.

Here is how to register: Visit your nearest Disaster Recovery Center. Find that center by calling 800-621-3362 or going online to [www.fema.gov/dr](http://www.fema.gov/dr).

Call 800-621-3362 (voice, 711 or video relay services) or 800-462-7585 for TTY users;

Go online to [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov); FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

You should register even if you have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but if you

have losses insurance doesn't cover, you may receive help from FEMA after your insurance claims are settled.

To fully cover your losses, you may also need a low interest disaster loan. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides these loans, not just for small businesses, but also for renters, homeowners, businesses of any size and private nonprofits to cover uncompensated real or personal property losses. The deadline to apply for an SBA physical damage loan is the same as for FEMA assistance, Monday, April 1. There is no fee to apply for a loan and you do not have to accept one even if it is offered.

For more information about SBA loans, call SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or visit <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>. TTY users can call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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**Slow Down and Enjoy Today**

By Joseph J. Mazzella

I'd entered into another one of those busy periods in life that we all have from time to time. It is those times when in addition to the usual hustle and bustle of life a dozen other things suddenly show up that need done right away as well. This extra long to do list was running through my mind while I was at the local dollar store picking up a few things we had run out of.

After grabbing what I needed, I walked through the aisle containing mostly knick knacks. There were printed paintings, wind chimes, photo frames, and inspirational sayings printed on wood that you can hang in your house. As I walked by one of them seemed to jump out and catch my attention. It was a little saying pasted on a cheap wood square no bigger than my hand with a string attached to hang it on the wall. In cursive writing along the top it said: "Slow down &" while below it in big block letters were the words: "ENJOY TODAY." I just stood there and read this message from Heaven over and over. And as I did I felt a calm settle over my soul. It was as if my rushing and stressing and worrying had melted away and I had for the first time that day allowed God's Peace and Love to flow into me again.

I started to put the saying back down but decided instead to pay the dollar it cost and bring it home with me. I hung it on the wall in my bathroom so that every time I made one of my many trips in there I could see those words again and follow their wonderful advice.

In this sometimes crazy life we all need to remember to "slow down and enjoy today." God didn't put us here to rush about doing a million needless things. He put us here to Love. He put us here to Love Him, to Love ourselves, and to Love everyone as ourselves. He put us here to find Joy in each and every day and to share that Joy with the world. Slow down then. Enjoy Today! Rejoice in this life God has given you.

**Touch My Coffee And You Die**

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Recently, illegitimate aliens of the worst kind have invaded our house illegally.

It came to a head just the other day when we were sitting down to lunch, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had a lovely bowl of tomato soup. I forgot what I was eating because all the attention went to her bowl.

As I was eating my lunch, I glanced over at her bowl of tomato soup. The top of it was covered with little black dots of some sort. Looking at it, I asked her, "Oh, my dear, what kind of soup are you eating today?"

She looked down at her soup, and her world came to a crashing end. She jumped up and yelled, but I had no idea what was happening.

Looking at her soup again, I noticed that those little black dots were swimming around in it. As I looked closely, I noticed they were the tiniest little bugs I had ever seen, but there they were, swimming cheerfully in her soup.

Being the affectionate husband I am, I laughed uncontrollably as I pointed to her soup. "You do make the best soup in town." And then I laughed some more.

Looking at her, I noticed she was not laughing. She was doing the opposite of laughing, so I had to calm down just a bit.

I don't believe in karma. I think it's a bunch of knucklehead idiocy. But in my experience, I have had things come back on me in a very alarming way. I wasn't thinking of that as I was making fun of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and her bug-infected tomato soup.

That was just the beginning. From then on, the bugs were everywhere in our house. Whenever I saw a bug, I would look at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and say, "Do you want this one for your tomato soup?"

For some reason, I'm not sure why, she didn't find any of that very funny.

But things were about to change.

Those bugs flew around my head, and one landed on my nose. Not thinking, which is my MO, I smacked that bug with my right hand as hard as possible. Of course, I did not consider that the bug was as small as it was, and it was on my nose. I'm unsure if I hurt the bug, but my nose began to bleed.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage caught me and said with a little smirk, "Are you having fun playing with your little bug friends?"

I wouldn't say this out loud in her presence, but I deserved that.

The next incident was a bunch of those bugs flying up my nose. I sneezed 17 times, and the bugs went everywhere in the room.

Laughing at me again, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "The next time you sneeze cover your nose and mouth with your hand." I think she was having a giggle attack at the time.

Later that afternoon, the bugs were still flying all around. As I sat in my easy chair drinking coffee, I noticed bugs flying around my coffee.

I grabbed my coffee and shouted to those illegitimate aliens, "Touch my coffee and you die!"

I'm okay if they spoil the tomato soup, but my coffee is an entirely different situation. Something about my coffee prohibits these illegitimate aliens from drinking it.

Where these illegitimate aliens come from and how they got in our house, is a mystery to me.

For example, the cats on the porch are allowed to look in our house, but they're not allowed to be in our house. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has some idea that they have fleas and other things. But if they're not allowed in, what gives these bugs the right to enter our house? Do they have permission from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage?

To take control of the coffee in my cup is a severe malfunction of what is right. Therefore, there must be consequences to that kind of activity.

I saw these little bugs flying around everywhere I walked in our house. Something has to be done to deal with this major calamity in our house.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage noticed that I was getting somewhat agitated by these bugs. No matter what we did in the house, they were still there.

Towards suppertime, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Why don't we go out for supper tonight and celebrate a bug free zone?"

I know my wife is right all the time, and this time, she was more than right, so I was all in with her on this.

A little later, I thought of a bible verse along this line. James 3:5, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" Sometimes I don't realize how important such little things are. Looking back on my life, I remember some small events that turned into big events.

The biggest distractions in my life are the little things we sometimes ignore.

Sometimes just a few words can cause a big problem, which can last for a long time and cause a big problem. Say one wrong word and the problems begin.

No matter how big a fire is, it always starts with a small flame.

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**Book signing set for April 13****Heather Day Gilbert**

Award-winning West Virginia author Heather Day Gilbert will be conducting a book signing at Clendenin Branch Library on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Heather's bestselling Barks & Beans Café cozy mystery series is set in Lewisburg, West Virginia. She looks forward to meeting new and loyal readers at the signing. Find out more at [heatherdaygilbert.com](http://heatherdaygilbert.com).



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The Barks & Beans Café cozy mystery series

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**Lo Nutter**

shift," she insists. Over the years, this location has not closed its doors, even during the derecho, snow storms that put power out for weeks, and the infamous 2016 Thousand Year Elk River flood.

"Before we got the generator here, there were times we would come in, sit in these booths wrapped in blankets." She laughs, "When we had power out for days, we would hand write out everything that was bought, keep the cash and make change. Then when the power came on, we would have to go down the list and pull items of the shelf and ring up every purchase all over again, so that accounting and inventory could be kept current."

She has seen many employees come and go, and pretty much knows every Clay County resident by name. "I love my job. I love the people I work with and the people I serve." She tells me about some of her favorites, "Phil Shuman was one of my managers here once, and now he is General Manager over all the GoMarts."

"Judy has been a very valuable employee," Lo brags, "She has been here whenever I have needed her, in fact she often comes an hour early." And Fannie Woods, a 27-year employee who has managed the deli forever, echos, "Judy always comes an hour early, and that is something I learned from her, and she is right, coming in early makes it easier on you. I come in a half hour early and it makes it easier on me." Fannie says she has been friends with Judy for the 27 years she has worked closely with her and knows her embarrassing stories.

"I worked one day here and my stomach was hurting me," Judy told me, "A coworker drove me to the hospital in Charleston where they admitted me for 34 days. Cancer." She says, "Colon Cancer. I'm a cancer survivor. I had surgery where they took out eight inches of my colon

**Fannie Woods**

and then I had chemotherapy for a year." She explains, "As soon as I was healthy enough to stand again, about five months after surgery, they let me come back to work. I would take off a day just to go get chemo." That was 30 years ago and it has never come back. That is where Fannie and Judy's lives dovetail. They are both cancer survivors. Lo adds, "Both of these women had cancer and took chemo. And yet they still came in to work."

"Music is my life now," Judy insists, "and dance. I go to a lot of live music events." And she often does it with her sister Colleen. "I've got some great sisters. We do as much together as we can. Every year I go to Myrtle Beach to stay with my sister Kay for 11 days. This year Colleen is going with me, and for the first time we are going to fly down."

She does a lot of local events with Colleen. The girls are quite close. "They all take care of me. My momma made them promise that they would look after me and they do. But we are all close." That is good to know there are still families that stay close in an era where many families don't even speak to one another. "What's the saying?" she asks then answers her own question. "Momma raised us well." Indeed she did. Again, another old school value.

Clay GoMart is without a doubt, the busiest enterprise in Clay. Whether it's for coffee, gasoline or some of the counties best deli food, serving chicken daily, as well as a daily special, almost everybody in Clay stops in there on a regular basis. Judy feels healthy enough to put in another decade, and I believe she could. She has too much to live for and too many friends to serve to think about quitting now. Tell Judy hello the next time you see her behind her register.

**Time to Fix Household Leaks**

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

A simple household leak can cost you a lot of money. Most are simple to fix once you locate them, but leaks can be sneaky. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is participating in Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24 by encouraging everyone to be vigilant in finding and repairing leaks in household plumbing fixtures.

Did you know that across America, homes waste more than a trillion gallons of water every year? That is shocking. The average home loses almost 10,000 gallons of water per year to simple leaks. That is the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry. And every drop that is wasted still shows up on your water bill.

When you repair a leaking faucet, a running toilet, or a broken sprinkler head, the money you save on your water bills will soon pay for the small cost of fixing those leaks.

To help save water, the Commission offers the following tips:

Look at your water bill. If a family of four uses more

than 12,000 gallons per month, you could have a serious leak. Turn off all water, then read the meter at the beginning and end of two hours. If the meter changes, you likely have a leak.

Monitor possible toilet leaks. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Worn flappers often cause silent toilet leaks, but new ones are inexpensive and easy to install.

If your faucet drips, tighten connections and replace the aerator with a WaterSense labeled model to save water without a noticeable difference in flow.

Leaky showerheads caused by a loose connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem can usually be fixed by wrapping the pipe stem with pipe tape.

Fix a Leak Week is sponsored every year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense. You can find detailed instructions for how to find and fix those sneaky leaks at [www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week). We also have more ideas for how to save water on the PSC website. Visit [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us) and click on "Lower Your Water Bill."

# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**March 20, 1849:** Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.

**March 20, 1897:** Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped instill a blues strain into modern country music, and was influential among coalfield musicians.

**March 20, 1936:** Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Potomac River, hitting record levels at Harpers Ferry. The Ohio River at Parkersburg reached 10 feet above flood stage.



**March 21, 1914:** The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had the

state's largest and finest gymnasium.



**March 21, 2018:** Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.



**March 22, 1922:** Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962,

Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.

**March 23, 2003:** Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.



**March 24, 1890:** Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."

**March 25, 1878:** Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

**March 26, 1851:** Upshur County was

created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.



**March 26, 1863:** The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

**March 26, 1920:** Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University) and rejected from joining the Tuskegee Airmen because she was a woman.



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Phone is moved. 2. Card is larger. 3. Tie is different. 4. Chair is missing. 5. Hand is missing. 6. Window is not as wide.

## Super Crossword

WELL-DEFINED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ran after
  - 8 — oil (trendy marijuana extract, for short)
  - 11 Old TV ET
  - 14 Feudal peons
  - 19 More ill-bred
  - 20 Loaf in a deli
  - 21 Palme — (Cannes award)
  - 22 "La Traviata," e.g.
  - 23 120-Across #1
  - 25 "Over here!"
  - 26 Sieved, as potatoes
  - 27 Folk rocker DiFranco
  - 28 Drink holders
  - 29 120-Across #2
  - 31 120-Across #3
  - 36 Suffix of enzymes
  - 37 Don effortlessly, as shoes
  - 38 Toxin-fighting fluids
  - 39 Functional unit of a kidney
  - 42 Wield a saber or foil
  - 45 Sky twinkler
  - 48 Stray calf
  - 49 120-Across #4
  - 55 Plead
  - 56 Cabinet chief: Abbr.
  - 57 Muse of poetry
  - 58 Mimosa tree, e.g.
  - 62 "Put — Happy Face"
  - 64 DiCaprio of "Titanic"
  - 70 120-Across #5
  - 75 More furtive
  - 76 Possess
  - 77 Gets the impression
  - 78 Core belief
  - 81 Light tan
  - 84 Groom's vow
  - 85 120-Across #6
  - 94 "Take —" ("Jot this note")
  - 95 Water spigots
  - 96 Extort money from
  - 97 Fit to reside in
  - 100 Architect Saarinen
  - 103 Island near Bora Bora
  - 107 Rage
  - 108 120-Across #7
  - 113 120-Across #8
  - 116 Male sweetie
  - 117 Day, to Juanita
  - 118 Totally lost
  - 119 Bruins' Bobby
  - 120 What this puzzle literally provides eight times
  - 124 Wee
  - 125 Hitler's stat
  - 126 Single-named R&B singer
  - 127 Erase
  - 128 Some Canadian gas stations
  - 129 Tot's "piggy"
  - 130 Bible translation, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 131 Lobby sofas
  - 8 Burial vaults
  - 9 Poet Percy — Shelley
  - 10 — Moines, Iowa
  - 11 One-off, as a committee
  - 12 Lerner's songwriting partner
  - 13 Skillet
  - 14 Ilk
  - 15 Grand-scale
  - 16 Give new energy to
  - 17 Region prohibiting slavery prior to the Civil War
  - 18 Made unhappy
  - 24 — -Puf (facial sponge)
  - 29 Really hate
  - 30 Suffix with serpent
  - 32 Resist boldly
  - 33 Singer Lisa
  - 34 City in Sicily
  - 35 Once, once
  - 40 Word file alternative
  - 41 — polloi
  - 43 Syringe amts.
  - 44 Stretch (out)
  - 46 — Lingus (Irish carrier)
  - 47 Writer Dahl
  - 49 The Beatles' "— Work It Out"
  - 50 Tequila plant
  - 51 Sacred image
  - 52 Big Apple address abbr.
  - 53 Sch. near the Rio Grande
  - 54 Axes, e.g.
  - 55 Scrooge's outbursts
  - 59 U.S. spy org.
  - 60 Fluid in a pen
  - 61 Anxiousness
  - 63 In times past
  - 65 Scot's denial
  - 66 Novelist Rand
  - 67 Varnish stuff
  - 68 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
  - 69 — buco
  - 71 Artist Jan van der —
  - 72 "Nola" composer Felix
  - 73 Actor Wilson
  - 74 How much '90s music was recorded
  - 79 LAX info
  - 80 High-quality
  - 82 CSA soldier
  - 83 Web address
  - 85 Certify
  - 86 The "E" of UAE
  - 87 Overturns
  - 88 Singer Sumac
  - 89 Word before goblin
  - 90 Employed
  - 91 — bad example
  - 92 Split
  - 93 Ritalin treats it, for short
  - 98 Science writer Willy or ESPN anchor Bob
  - 99 Urge strongly
  - 101 Kind of steak
  - 102 Like some headsets
  - 104 Chemist's "I"
  - 105 Brief pang
  - 106 For a really long time
  - 109 Muscle car booster
  - 110 Macabre
  - 111 Interval
  - 112 Is really angry
  - 114 Lotto variant
  - 115 Deposits, as eggs
  - 120 License-issuing agcy.
  - 121 Palindromic file suffix
  - 122 Fitting
  - 123 Cashew, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 The Sims or Minecraft, say
  - 2 Muse of astronomy
  - 3 Fast part of a river ride
  - 4 Govt. stipend
  - 5 Adm.'s org.
  - 6 Brain wave test: Abbr.
  - 7 Harry Potter bully Malfoy

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

## "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

November 1956

### Swandale Youngsters Give Thanksgiving Play

Mrs. Denney McClung's room in the Swandale Elementary School delighted the pupils, parents and friends at a clever Thanksgiving play last month, entitled "Danger Everywhere." Principal characters in the cast included: Mavis Frame, Ruth Ann McKinney, Freda and Sharon Belt, Robert Cummings, Gary O'Brien, Steve Gregorich and Roger McKinney. The setting was on the stage in the Community Building and the entire room took part.

#### 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 Lizesmore. They were married November 3rd in Covington, Virginia by the Rev. Ryburn T. Stencil. Both are graduates of Clay County High School and Mr. Baker is employed in Widen by the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company.

#### Section Foreman's Wife Dies

The death of Mrs. Alton Workman (Runa May) of Dundon brings bereavement to a very large family. The Workmans have lived on the job for a quarter of a century. Mr. Workman is a section foreman on the logging track in the deep woods, and they have lived close to their work, at Taylor, Swandale and recently on Lilly with their large family of six daughters and three sons. Left to mourn her passing also are her parents, four sisters, four brothers and 18 grandchildren.

### Animal Conservation

Although some of us never realize it, our wild animals are very important to us. Even the small animals are important. We would be overthrown by insects, if the birds did not eat a great many of them. The beavers help save water when they build their dams. The owls help keep down the number of rodents.

Nature has worked out a system, which we call the "balance of nature." A large part of keeping this balance from upsetting is up to man.

For example, let's take a thoughtless hunter, whom we will call Harry. When squirrel season comes, Harry heads for the woods. To his great joy, he finds that the squirrels are abundant. He proceeds to shoot as many as he can, paying no attention to the limit that is set by the law. Harry thinks that since there are so many squir-

rels, it will not hurt to kill as many as he wants as long as he is not caught.

But that is where Harry is wrong. Next year when he goes back to the same spot, he will not find squirrels. No wonder—Harry destroyed them the year before.

We are not finished yet. Harry's big day comes when he goes deer-hunting. All day long he hunts, without getting anything. Suddenly he sees a movement in the brush. A deer! Harry shoots. When he goes to see if he got it, he finds to his dismay, that he has killed a doe. Poor, stupid Harry. He shot before he knew what he was shooting at. It was lucky for him that he had not shot another hunter.

Harry leaves the doe where it is. He is not going to let anyone know that he was the one that shot it. That night Harry finally gets his deer—by shining a torch in it's eyes and blinding it, so he could shoot it.

Harry goes home bragging, of course, about being a great hunter. He's really proud of himself. Why shouldn't he be? He's a great sportsman.

But is he, really? Think it over. Are you a little like Harry, always thinking it won't hurt to break a little "unimportant law"? The laws for hunting have been made for a reason. Let us obey them, and keep the "balance of nature" running smoothly.

### Widen Relief Committee

The regular monthly meeting of the Widen Relief Committee was held at the offices of Elk River Coal & Lumber Company at Widen on Friday, October 25, with H. L. Beattie, vice president, representing the company, and Harold Dawson, Ernie L. Acree, and Doyle Waggoner representing the employees.

Retirement pensions of \$100 each were approved for the same 27 employees as last month.

Disability benefits were provided for ten employees for the full month of October and for three others for a portion of the month. Two of the latter, Ernie Triplett and Frank Donohue, returned to work during the month.

There was no change in the list of survivors receiving benefits this month.

Hospital and medical benefits were provided for 158 active or retired employees and their families at Charleston, Clay, Clendenin, Gassaway, and Glenville, Sutton, Webster Springs and Weston, W. Virginia, and Kingman, Arizona, this month. Only one bill was refused payment, and that was an old one on which action had been deferred because the employee's dependency card shows him to be single with no dependents and the bill was for medical care for his wife. This employee had been given ample opportunity to fix up his card in the Widen office but had neglected to do so, and the Committee directed that payment of the bill be refused.

Altogether, 186 employees received direct benefits from the Committee following this meeting, along with 51 surviving children and 30 widows of deceased employees.

### Some Thoughts

A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice

You don't need to underline or shout if you use the right words

An income is what you can't live without or within

Remember that every hardboiled egg is yellow inside

You're not so sharp just because your head comes to a point

Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back till he starts working

The world owes you a living only when you have earned it

A "drive-in theatre" is where a guy turns off the ignition so he can try out his clutch

An egotist is someone always me-deep in conversation

The most utterly lost of all days is the one in which you have not smiled once

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY



## A

**ALTA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Sunday Night Services  
6:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Everyone is welcome!  
**Pastor: Paul E. Young**

## B

**BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
NO Scheduled Services  
At This Time

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

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH** of Adonijah.  
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM  
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

**BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Porter Creek Road, Bomont, WV  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM  
Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Junior Davis**

**BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH** located at Bickmore on Fola Road  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM  
Wednesday evening services 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Ralph D. Lane**

**BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: Danny Richardson**

**BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:15 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th  
Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Pete Shaffer**

**BLUE KNOB CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Everyone is Welcome!

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

**BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH** in Precious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry Chandler**

## C

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

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

## CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM.  
Everyone is Welcome!  
**Pastor: Wilma Dobbins**  
**CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
10:00 AM – Sunday School  
11:00 AM – Preaching  
6:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:30 PM  
**Pastor: Fred Walker**

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

**COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE**, Upper Falling Rock, Clay County  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM  
Sunday School 11:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM  
Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM  
Teachings from the King James Bible  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Darris Barker**

**CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, Rt. 3, Newton  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Service/Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Roy Huffman**

## E

**ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Saturday Night 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Brace Cook**

## F

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Bret Wiley**

**FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dutch Ridge Laurel Road  
Sunday Service 6:00 PM  
Tuesday Service 6:00 PM  
Everyone Welcome!  
**Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans**  
Associate Pastor: Lee Roy Anderson

**FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bomont, WV  
Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Nick Bird**  
Phone 304-548-6665

**FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM  
**Pastor: Chris Johnson**

**FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Daniel Tanner**

## G

**GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Kids/Children/Youth 7:00 PM  
**GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. All Sunday night services begin at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.  
**Pastor: Rev. David Smith**  
**GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday Service 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Friday Service 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Dean Rogers**

## H

**HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM  
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Michael Jackson**

**HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb**

**HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Joe Dawson**

**HOUSE OF PRAYER**  
Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel, WV (off Rt. 36)  
Pentecostal/Full Gospel  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM  
Wednesday evening 7:00 PM  
Pastor: (304) 587-2996 (home), (304) 587-2703 (church)  
**Pastor: James R. Paxton**

## I

**IDA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bentree  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.  
All ages welcome. Also have crafts, etc., all children welcome.  
**Pastor: Larry Skaggs**

**INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM  
Sunday Class 11:00-12:30  
Preaching Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM  
Wednesday Service 6:30-7:30 PM  
Everyone welcome!

**IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship Service 11:00  
Everyone Welcome!  
304-395-9990  
**Pastor: Freddie Elliott**

## J

**JODIE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Come Worship with Us!  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

**JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Vineyard Ridge  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

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

## L

**LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** of Adonijah  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

**LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

**LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Night: Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and Youth Group 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: John Barnhouse**

## LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 10:00 every  
Sunday Morning  
Sunday Night Services 7:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Come worship with us!  
**Pastor: Herb Vance**

**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Mark Dudley**  
Phone 304-286-5909

**LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
Everyone Welcome!  
**Pastor: David McLaughlin**

**LIVING GOD WORSHIP CENTER**  
We invite you to come and worship with us.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
**Pastor: Cecil Lee**

**LIZEMORE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School 10-11:00 AM  
Church Service 11-12 Noon  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Robert Thomas**

## M

**MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Monday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!

**MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Everyone Welcome  
**Pastor: Jim Hamrick**

**MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: John Osborne**

**MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Everyone welcome!

**MUD FORK CHURCH**  
Sunday & Jr. Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night & Jr.

Church Service 7:00 PM  
Everyone Welcome!  
**Pastor: Christopher Stout**

## N

**NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Preaching every Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Preaching, Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday at 7:30 PM

**NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

Please join us in Praise!  
**Pastor: Gary Walker**

**NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching every Sunday 11:00 AM  
**Pastor: Kenneth Boggs**

**NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Darius Walker**  
**Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher**

**NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Thursday 7:00 PM  
Sunday 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.**

## O

**O'BRIEN ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: James L. Balsler**

**OVAPA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching every Sunday at 9:45 PM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday is at 10:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Phone 304-587-2955  
**Pastors: Cindy & Roger Dunlap**

**OTTERLICK COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Bible Study Thursday 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Gene Copen**

**OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching every Sunday, except 5th, 11:00 AM  
Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening  
**Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams**

## P

**PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Take time out for Jesus, he took time our for you.  
**Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft**

**PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Dennis Vance**

**PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM  
Wednesday night Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Saturday Night Preaching  
**Pastor: Wayne Litton**

**PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
Everyone welcome.  
**Pastor: Wayne Smith**

**PROCIOS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Welcomes You!  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:15 AM  
Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: David Walker**

## Q

**QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C. CHURCH**  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
Thursday Night 7:00 PM  
Everyone Welcome!  
**Pastor: Scott Means**

## R

**RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH** at Maysel  
Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM followed by Religious Education 9:30 AM  
Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Father Matheus Ro SVD**  
Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD

**ROGERS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Delbert McKenzie**

**RUSH FORK COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday 11:00 AM  
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday Singing or Preaching 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Come see us in church.  
**Pastor: Harry Dobbins**

## S

**STRANGE CREEK CHURCH**  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
Preaching 10:30 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Thursday Service 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Jason Belt**

## T

**THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST**  
Saturday Services 7:00 PM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
**Pastor: Hiram Lewis**

**TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM.  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Clifford Samples**

## U

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES**  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
PMEveryone welcome  
**Pastor: Don Dobbins**

**UNITY GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!

## V

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

## W

**WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 9:45 AM  
Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome.  
**Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell**

**WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Pastor: (304) 332-5503  
**Pastor: Jimmy Adkins**

**WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 10:00 AM  
Thursday Evening Service 7:30 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Lester Tanner**

**WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Paul Coon**

**WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall**

**WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Randy Tinney**

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



# LEGAL

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** and Notice of the Beneficiary/Service's election to sell property is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 5, 2020, executed by Henry E. Haynes, II to Gerald M. Titus, Jr., Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Book 146, at Page 605. Bailey & Slotnick, PLLC was appointed as Trustee by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 20, 2024, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 36, at Page 948. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will sell the following described properties to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Clay County, in Clay, West Virginia, on:

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024, AT 1:00 P.M.**

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the waters of Headwater of Dulls Creek and fronting on State Route 4, in the District of Union, County of Clay, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Secondary Route 13/8, a.k.a. Forest Hills Drive, a thirty (30) foot right-of-way, r.o.w. at a corner of Donald Dobbins (DB 212, PG 21) and Donald Ray Dobbins and Wilma Dobbins (DB 121 PG 103-the tract of which this survey is a part). Thence through and with Donald Ray and Wilma M. Dobbins two new division lines. N 87°-19'-30" W, at 30.25 feet passing through a 5/8 x 30-inch Rebar set, hereinafter referred to as (RBS) in all, 76.08 feet to a Utility Pole (unused). Thence, N 18°-12'-00" W, at 67.9 feet passing the West end of a 15-inch culvert, in all 214.28 feet to a (RBS) on or near the South r.o.w. of State Route 4, a forty (40) foot r.o.w. Thence with the South r.o.w. of State Route 4 S 82°-53' 24" E. 643.34 feet to a point on said r.o.w. at the centerline of Secondary Route 13/2, a.k.a. Twistabout Road, a thirty (30) foot r.o.w. Thence with said centerline, S 04°-23'-07" W, 50.76 feet to a point at the centerline intersection of Secondary Route 13/2 and Secondary Route 13/8, a.k.a. Forest Hills Drive, a thirty (30) foot r.o.w. Thence with the centerline of Secondary Route 13/8 and Basil Wayne Smith (DB 1 93 PG 021) four lines, N 86°-21'-46" W, 215.96 feet to a point, thence; S 840-08'-39" W, 68.58 feet to a point, thence; S 71°-37'-15" W, 74.02 feet to a point, thence; S 66°-21'-25" W, 150.21 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.52 acres, more or less, a surveyed by Westfall Land Surveying (Job No. 18056) and shown on a plat titled "Plat of Survey for Donald Ray and Wilma M. Dobbins" dated 11/08/2018.

Being the same property conveyed unto Henry E. Haynes, II, from Donald Ray Dobbins, Wilma M. Dobbins, husband and wife, and Donald Tacy Dobbins by Deed dated March 4, 2020, and of record in the said Clerk's office in Deed Book 226, page 222. And being the same property conveyed unto Henry E. Haynes, II, from Donald Ray Dobbins, Wilma M. Dobbins, husband and wife, and Donald Tacy Dobbins by Correction Quitclaim Deed dated October 13, 2021, and of record in the said Clerk's office in Deed Book 231, page 329.

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.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 42 Forest Hills Drive, Prociuous, WV 25164.

### 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 § 11-22-2.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the light to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate the property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by cashier's check, cash or money order within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with a minimum deposit of \$3,000.00 payable to the Trustee by cashier's check, cash or money order at the time and place of the sale.

Given under my hand this 11th day of March, 2024.

**BAILEY & SLOTNICK, PLLC-TRUSTEE**

By:

**Marc J. Slotnick, Member**  
500 Virginia Street East, Suite 600  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301  
Phone: (304) 346-1800  
WV State Bar No. 5956

# LEGAL

## ADVERTISEMENT

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:

[http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm](http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm)

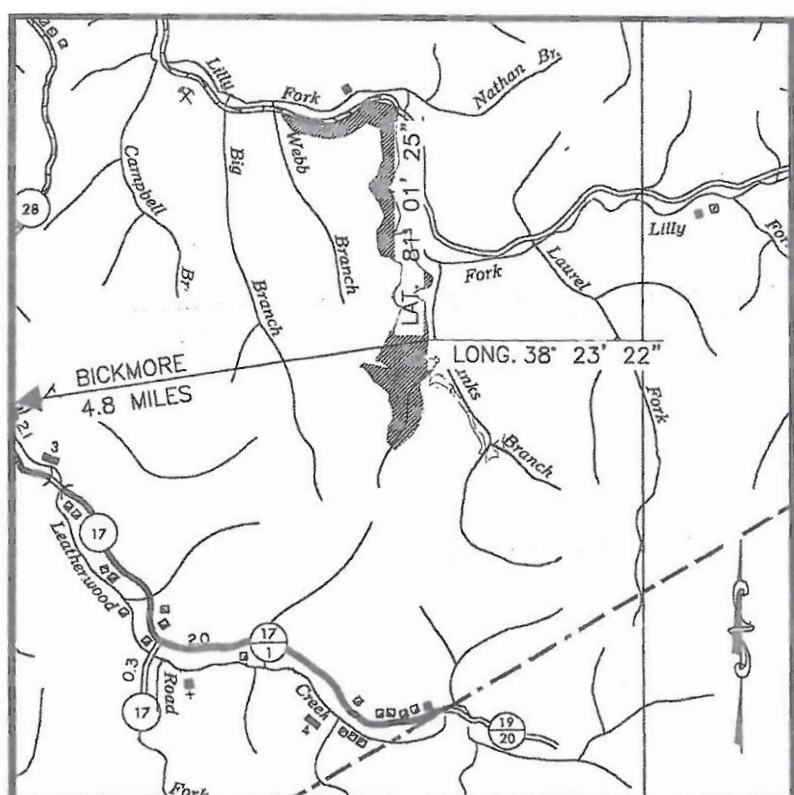
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

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)



PERMIT NO. S-2010-12 **LOCATION MAP** GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
WV RECLAIM CO, LLC  
2122 LEATHERWOOD RD  
BICKMORE, WV 25019  
QUADS: CLAY USGS - TOPO MAP (7.5' SERIES)  
DISTRICT: HENRY / COUNTY: CLAY  
NEAREST P.O.: BICKMORE  
RECEIVING STREAMS: FRANKS BRANCH OF LILLY FORK OF BUFFALO CREEK OF ELK RIVER OF KANAWHA RIVER.  
SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

# LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0956-E-IDS

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
WHEELING POWER COMPANY,

Application for approval for Written Plan for  
the Construction of Utility Infrastructure at two  
West Virginia Business Ready Sites and for Associated  
Cost Recovery Pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1n.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on December 28, 2023, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update their Business Ready Sites Program (BRSP) surcharge rates, per W.Va. Code § 24-2-1n and the Commission's April 14, 2023 Order in Case No. 22-1059-E-IDS. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to the Companies' customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. The Companies propose to increase BRSP rates by approximately \$2 million, effective for the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential	\$0.24	0.14%
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Other	\$0.01	0.04%

The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The proposed BRSP surcharge represents a 0.11% increase in total rates with an impact on the average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month receiving a \$0.24 increase in monthly bills from \$169.29 to \$169.169.53 or 0.14%.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on Thursday, May 2, 2024. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by March 15, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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paid fully licensed driver with their own vehicle to make deliveries. Interested parties can inquire at the School Board office. Crystal invited any citizens who would like to volunteer to help prepare these boxes on Thursday mornings to get in touch with her office.

Other school board business included approving three new policies: 4150 Clay County High School Class Ranking, that improves fairness in class ranking not generated by the present formula; 8010 School Employee Uniforms; and 8020, a new Wellness Policy. Additional details can be found online at claycountyschools.org

or at the Board of Education offices. Additionally the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Clay County Schools and Legal Aid of West Virginia effective March 13 for the remainder of the school year.

Personnel changes included the approval of the resignation of Kelly Duffield as Clay County Project AWARE Coordinator and the hiring of the following: Rikki Taylor as Special Education Transportation Aide - Extra-curricular Contract and as Substitute Bus Driver; Melissa Samples as Math Teacher 6-8 at Clay Middle School; Quincy Post-



Trey Corwell

anik as Substitute Teacher; David Klumpenhower as Substitute Aide; Scott Bass as Volunteer Track Coach and Bo Roat as Volunteer Assistant Track Coach at Clay Middle School and Clay High School; Jeffrey Krauklis and Jerry (J.C.O) Osborne as Volunteer Baseball Coaches at Clay High School. They also approved four Camp Mustang Teacher Positions: Crystal Black, English Language Arts; Tracy Wayne, Music; Carlet Blake, Art; and Erika Maloney, Science.

They also approved four Camp Counselors for Camp Mustang: Holt Dawson, Christina Brown, Gra-

cie Johnson and Lakyn Elliott. For the 2024 Summer Learning Program they hired cooks Betty Frazier and Jennifer Coleman for Clay County High School and Jo Carver and Patricia Neff for Clay Elementary.

They hired four bus drivers for the summer activities: Michael Barss, Norman Ramsey, Brenda Griffin McCutcheon and Dustin Fitzwater. Summer School Facilitator for both Clay High and Clay Middle School is Michael Kiser. Secondary Summer Learning Program Site Coordinator for Clay High and Clay Middle School is Michelle Hamrick and Patricia Black. Second-

ary Career and Technical Education Camp and Enrichment Teachers include: Melody Hubbard, Julie Greenlee, Ronnie Hamrick, Allen Hamrick, Jamie Tanner, Kelsey McFarland, Elizabeth Hubbard, Hali Simmons, Kristan Stone, Alexis Gilliland and Erika Maloney. Clay Elementary School Learning Program Site Coordinator is Marlene Lewis.

Clay Elementary School Learning Program staff includes: Genevieve DeBoard, Guided Independent Reading Practice, full day; Jaqueline James, Guided Independent Reading Practice, half day; Christina Belt, Read Aloud, Vocabulary and Fluency, full day; Jordan Pierson, Read Aloud, Vocabulary and Fluency, half day; Hannah Hannah, DO the Math Teacher, half day; Jessica Stone, DO the Math Teacher, half day, Sherri Markle Ramsey, Healthy Choices Teacher, half day; Tara Grose, STEM, half day; Julia Triplett, Substitute as needed, and Joshawa Koch, Substitute as needed.

And that leaves only one remaining subject touched on by the board, and given as a presentation by Superintendent Philip Dobbins. This was an update on the Clay County Schools Excess Levy on the Clay County ballot, part of this spring's West Virginia Primary Election on Tuesday, May 14. Superintendent Dobbins passed out fliers to all those present and then gave an overview of the information on it.

The purposes for which funds are needed falls into these categories: school health, safety, and security, including but not limited to the hiring of two school security officers, as well as upgrading safe school entrances for all schools,

intruder locksets for doors and surveillance and communications upgrades. Extra-curricular and co-curricular programs and transportation for sporting activities, competitions, band, chorus and other activities. The school would also pick up the cost of a Clay County Citizen Pass for regular season home game sporting events, making attendance free for county citizens to support their team. Maintenance, repair and improvement of school buildings, playgrounds, and athletic facilities. Support student-related community organizations and agencies, among these are an obligation to maintain the Clay Pool, provide water and power to Maysel Park, the Clay County WVU Extension office 4-H program, Clay County Health Department, and the Clay County Public Library. Free textbooks and workbooks (including digital and electronic equivalents) for all students in pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Instructional supplies, materials and equipment for classrooms. The establishment of a Permanent Improvement Fund allowing construction of new facilities, remodeling and major improvements and a contingency fund for inflation and other unforeseen costs. And finally, contracted services, including but not limited to speech, occupational and physical therapy services for qualifying students; required inspections- maintenance and pest control; and random drug testing and background checks and/or legal services. They gave as an example a Class II personal property home with an assessed value of \$50,000, for illustrative purposes, would generate \$136 in taxes.

## Big Otter promotes math and physical education



Recently, Josh Grant and Julie Craig from the West Virginia Department of Education visited Big Otter Elementary School to promote math and physical education. Mr. Grant and Mrs. Craig worked with students during Mrs. Boggs' P.E. classes to teach students math relays, dice exercises, and many other fun, math-filled activities. Students enjoyed exercising their bodies while exercising their minds!

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## Caden Delwarte signs to wrestle at Fairmont State

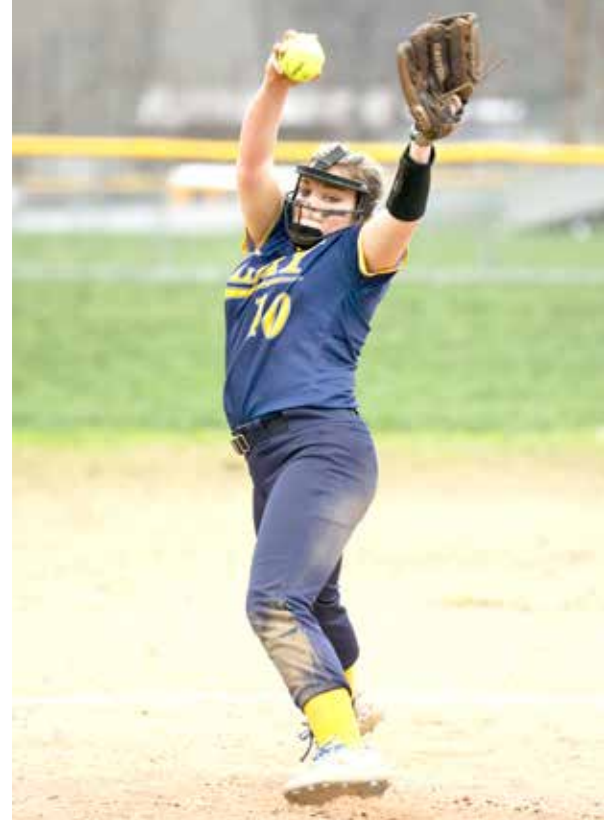


Caden Delwarte with coaches and family. Photo Trey Corwell

**By Allen Hamrick**  
Caden Delwarte has meant a lot to the CHS wrestling team during his career at CCHS. He is now a senior with his Panther years behind him and has signed his letter of intent to wrestle at Fairmont. Here, he will take his mat skills to the next level. Delwarte has shown hard work and dedication to his sport on and off the court. He has been on the mats since he was in his youth and has participated in other sports as well. His bracket will definitely be a tough fill for the coaches next season. The wrestling fans of this county will remember him as one

tough kid who put it all on the line for the fans. Clay County High School has been fortunate to have Caden Delwarte with his desire to succeed and a work ethic to go along with it. He now has the opportunity to take his ground game to new ground and make a difference on another team.

With all his success, he was every bit a team player and was a fan favorite. He is truly a class act; he made wrestling fun to watch and kept you on the edge of your seat with his abilities on the mat. I would say good luck to him in the future, but he has no need of luck - the boy has skills.



Rylee Murphy bringing the heat.

## Lady Mustang bats swing hot

**By Allen Hamrick**  
The smoke was raising at Bradley Field as the Lady Mustangs set fire to the diamond, opening the season with the crack of a bat that laid an open wound on the Valley Lady Greyhounds' season hopes. It was a double header where the Lady Mustangs brought out the whooping sticks and sent the Lady Greyhounds back to their pound. The Lady Mustangs showed no mercy as big gun Rylee Murphy took to the hill and proceeded to fan flames in the catcher's mitt and burn the Lady Greyhound batters. Simply put, if you can't see the ball when it crosses the plate, you aren't going to hit it. Murphy struck out seven batters and had just one batter accidentally hit it. Rylee's reign as queen of the hill lasted just three innings as the Lady Mustangs offense went to work bending aluminum and ending this game in a hurry as Valley fans looked on in disbelief. Jaedon Delwarte brought out the big girl stick and scattered hits all over the field and notched one home run, driving in four runners and scoring three times on her own. Rylee Murphy also went 3 for 3 with a double and two singles driving in three. When it was over and the white towel was thrown in, the Lady Mustangs amassed 17 runs with Valley scoring two.

With that game in the books, the next game put smokin' Brooklyn Morton on the mound who, since last season, has added quite a bit more speed to her arsenal of pitches. The ball smacked the catcher's mitt sounding like an M80 going off. The Lady Greyhounds stood no chance; Brooklyn's brutal all out pitching gave new meaning to fear in a batter's box. She pitched four innings and struck out nine of the batters - the girl was pitching head stones. On the bat side of the ball, Brooklyn went 4-4 with a home run, double, two singles, had 5 RBI's and 3 runs scored. McKinley Mahan also had the hot bat going 4-4 with three doubles and scoring four times with three RBI's. When the door was shut, the final score was Lady Mustangs 18, Lady Greyhounds 3. The Lady Mustangs got the job done on defense and offense and are turning the diamond into their own private party. They will be back in action on Tuesday when they meet up with Summersville on their turf. They will be back at home on March 25<sup>th</sup> against Spencer. These games will be a true test for the Lady Mustangs as neither of those teams are easy targets. Come out and support the Lady Mustangs as they set the softball world on fire.

## CCHS track squares off at the Don Williams Memorial



Olivia Witt



Sawyer Dobbins



Daymian Stricker

**By Allen Hamrick**  
The CCHS track team took their act on the road this week opening the season at the Don Williams Memorial held at Roane County. It is a good place to work out the bugs in the pistons before the larger Invitationals. The boys took 2<sup>nd</sup> place over all, just nine points behind Roane County in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Individually, Seth Robinson took 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter dash. Daymian Stricker was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400 meter as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 meter hurdles and was number one in the high jump. Sawyer Dobbins was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3200 meter run and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1600 meter. Evan Bass was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110 meter hurdles and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 300 meter hurdles. Takota Quinn was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 110 meter hurdles and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the high jump. The boys took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 4x200 relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4x800 relay, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> in the 4x110

meter shuttle hurdle relay. Elijah Holcomb took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump and Jarod Ferree took 1<sup>st</sup> in the discus throw and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the shot put.

The girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> over all as a team and individually. Jayda Stricker took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 meter dash and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 meter hurdles. Olivia Witt took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1600 meter run and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3200 meter run as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 meter hurdles. Cheyenne Taylor took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3200 meter run. The girls took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 meter relay and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 4x102.5 Shuttle Hurdles. Xena Legg took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the shot put and 5<sup>th</sup> in the discus.

Both the Lady Panther and the Panther track teams are a force when they are at full strength, making them difficult to beat. In time, we will see if they can dog out another season and send even more to the states than last year. Go Panthers and Lady Panthers!

## Mustang baseball stomps Yellow Jackets



Brooklyn Morton loading the gun.

**By Allen Hamrick**  
The CCMS Mustangs opened up their baseball season at home going up against a tough Yellow Jacket team from Spencer. Joel Elliot took to the mound to begin the show-down, and the heat started flying. The Mustangs were on the board first and never looked back as the bats started splintering. Joel went four innings, allowing just one lucky hit and striking out eight batters, then switched positions with Pierce Adkins who was catching. Pierce began teaching English to the Yellow Jackets, and they never did get the hang of it as Adkins went on to strike out all nine batters he faced. The Mustang fielders didn't have much of a chance to warm up as the Yellow Jackets mustered little offense.

When the game was

over, the Mustangs beat the Yellow Jackets 6-0. Big bats in the game were Pierce Adkins with two hits, one run and two RBI's followed by Lathan Brown with three hits and two runs and Collin Elliot with two hits, one run and one RBI. Joel Elliot also had three hits and two RBIs. This game was a good season opener for the Mustangs. The next game will be Monday night at home against Braxton and then Valley on their turf on Wednesday. Baseball is a game full of bursts of action and intense, edgy moments. If you want to see this for yourself, get to one of the Mustang's baseball games; they have already kicked some butt and the season has just begun. The Mustang bats are fired up and swinging for the fences. You will not want to miss a minute of it.



Joel Elliot fires from the mound.

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