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## 99-year-old Veteran drafted at the opening of WWII gets his diploma 81 years delayed

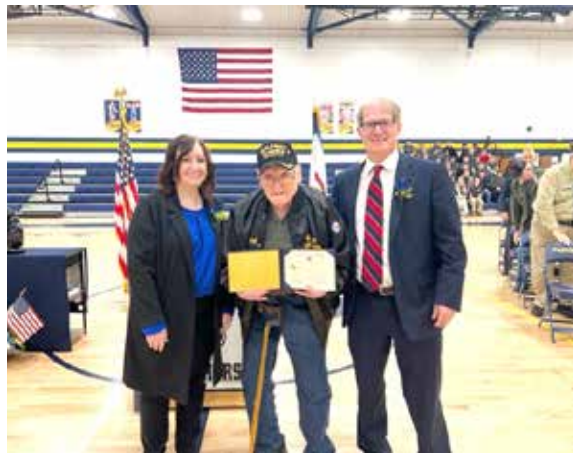
By Gary Lee Stuber

Charles "Birdy" Edward Bird, a 99-year-old World War II (WWII) veteran, was 18 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army on June 21, 1943, and did not graduate high school as a result. Through the Operation Recognition Program (ORP), Bird received his high school diploma from Clay County Schools Superintendent Phil Dobbins during an assembly at Clay County High School.

All Clay County High School students were present to witness the historic event. High School Principal Allen Tanner said in his remarks, "Charles made history, he is the first to be in the books for two graduating years: 1945 and 2024. And he will be on record as the only person I know to ever be a part of two graduating classes and the oldest to get a high school diploma from Clay County High School."

After the presentation of the diploma by Superintendent Philip Dobbins and Board of Education President Phoebe Nichols, Charles was able to sit with the entire senior class for a class photo. Ashdon Salisbury, his granddaughter who surprised him with a blue graduation cap and tassel, posed with him in the class photo, and in another photo of the class was flanked on the other side by his daughter Donna, who is Ashdon's mother.

Highlights of the ceremony included a color guard entrance with flags, the patriotic rendition of the National Anthem, and of course some kind words by both Superintendent Dobbins and Principal Allen Tanner. While the Clay County WV VFW was in attendance, the Keynote Speaker was former Marine Walter "Wally" Hatfield, a member of the WV National Guard and is Vice President of the Training and Experimentation at the Civil Military Institute (CMI 2), previously established on the old Fola mine property. They recently purchased the old Ben Murphy store and entire orchard property where they are building their multi-million dollar facility in Lizemores. Mr. Hatfield gave a very meaningful speech, primarily to the young men in the audience, about sacrifice and service. He highlighted that sacrifice that men like Mr. Bird endured was not only for himself and the friends he lost in battle, but that sacrifice extended to family left at home. For America to continue to prosper, that kind of patriotic sense of purpose and a willingness to put other lives in this nation first, must continue. He was speaking before an



Clay County Board of Education President Phoebe Nichols (left), World War II Veteran Charles Bird (center) and Clay County Superintendent Phil Dobbins (right) pose for a photo with Bird's high school diploma.

audience of many who had already made a commitment to military service upon graduation. Following the ceremony, classes were dismissed one grade level at a time and each took time to shake hands with the veteran who risked so much for his country.

After release from the Army, Mr. Bird said, "I worked in the coal mining industry 25 years underground and 15 more above ground." He expressed gratitude that God spared him when many of those who he trained with never came back from overseas. Bird served in the 131st AAA Gun Battalion of the U.S. Army as a Technician Fifth Grade (WWII equivalent of Corporal) until 1946. He is one of four remaining WWII veterans in Clay County.

The ORP (who helped sponsor and coordinate this event) is a jointly administered program between the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) and the West Virginia Veterans' Council, per WVBE Policy 4355, that provides a high school diploma to veterans with honorable service in WWII, the Korean War or the Vietnam Conflict.



Mike Sizemore Jr. at Sizemore's Greenhouse.

## Spotlight on Mike Sizemore Jr.

By Gary Lee Stuber

Mike Sizemore Jr. has a disarming and somewhat familiar smile. He is definitely a Sizemore and has that distinctive smile shared by most of his family, uncles, cousins and even grandparents.

And he has reason to smile. Mike owns and operates the biggest and most successful greenhouse in Clay County, Sizemore's Greenhouse. He is going on year nine in this endeavor. He says that retail marketing is in his blood. A long history of Clay County will verify that. From his grandpa Jack and grandma Marm who owned the famous sawdust floor market in this Maysel location through the late 1970's, even back to John A. Sizemore who owned a market in the forties and fifties in downtown Clay, retail marketing has been in the Sizemore blood. His great uncle R.T. Sizemore operated the local IGA in Clay until his retirement, which has left a hole, figuratively and literally in the center of downtown.

Now Mike has a new passion. Plants. "Years ago," Mike says, "dad built his own little greenhouse to raise plants for his own garden, and people started stopping by willing to buy plants from him. Pretty soon we were selling more plants than we wanted to."

The greenhouse he was standing in as he tells this story is huge, nearly the size of a football field. "I started doing research for two years on greenhousing and that is how it started." There are literally hundreds of hanging baskets overhead, watered by an overhead sprinkler system.

He reached up and takes a basket down. "We sell a lot of plants, spring vegetables, houseplants, annuals, perennials, even some exotic house plants and flowers. Then in the fall we sell Chrysanthemums, mums." He points to some of the exotic and perennial house plants as he talks. Those spent the winter indoors, plants from last year, under a sun lamp with perpetual watering. "We pretty much sell the standard vegetables everyone looks for: tomatoes, peppers, cabbage and more. We can't carry every variety. I have a variety of about 12 to 15 types of tomatoes. There are more than 1,000 varieties of tomato plants. If we did that it would fill up this greenhouse with just tomatoes, but the variety we do carry are tomatoes that produce well. We cannot compete with the big box stores for the standard plants, but we beat the box stores for things like the hanging baskets." He smiles, "And one thing we can offer that bigger stores can't. I have accumulated a wealth of knowledge on plant care. I can tell you how to get optimum production out of your plants. And if there is something I don't know about agricultural science I have the ability to locate someone who can."

He credits his dad, Mike Sizemore Sr., with the design. "This is completely custom," brags on dad, "You can't buy this. He scavenged the parts in the beginning to build this. He started in November and we completed it in three months. The frame is metal but the plastic membrane about it is actually double pane. And there is a fan that blows air between them, creating a pocket that provided the insulation." And they need it. They crank up planting and production in February so they get at least 12 weeks before they open to the public. This is a sight business.

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Charles Bird is flanked by his granddaughter Ashdon Salisbury (left) and daughter Donna Salisbury (right).



The presentation of the diploma by BOE President Nichols (left) and Superintendent Dobbins (right).



The entirety of Clay County High School filled the stands for the presentation.

## West Virginians Have Less Than Two Weeks to Apply for Disaster Assistance

Renters and homeowners in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison and Kanawha counties who were affected by the Aug. 28-30, 2023, severe storms and flooding have two weeks to apply for assistance. Monday, April 1 is the last day to apply.

The FEMA-West Virginia Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Clay, Harrison and Kanawha counties will close permanently at 5 p.m., Friday, March 29.

The Disaster Recovery Centers will be open through Friday, March 29 to assist survivors. The centers and their hours are as follows: Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Closing permanently at 5 p.m., Friday, March 29.

FEMA has many kinds of assistance to fit many kinds of needs. People with losses after the Aug. 28-30, 2023, severe storms and flooding should think about applying.

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/drc](http://www.fema.gov/drc)
- 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 can meet basic needs but cannot compensate for all losses. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance benefits.

Disaster Loans Application Deadline April 1 also is the physical damage deadline to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These flexible loans help homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and nonprofit organizations fund repair, rebuild, and help cover the cost of replacing destroyed or damaged real estate and personal property, beyond insurance settlements or FEMA grants.

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>. Applicants may also apply online via SBA's secure website at <http://www.sba.gov/disaster> or in person at the nearest Disaster Recovery Center. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

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

## Mustangs compete in season opener at Walton Tiger Invitational



Natalie Tanner takes 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles. Allen Hamrick photo.

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# BOOKED



# REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

## NICHOLAS COUNTY



**Edward Travis Barr Jr.**  
Booked 3/19/24  
Probation violation



**Mavin Timothy Campbell**  
Booked 3/19/24  
Assault, brandishing, trespassing



**Jordan Darrell Mullins**  
Booked 3/24/24  
Expired registration, driving suspended, no insurance, possession marijuana, possession of heroin



**Tyler Kane Taylor**  
Booked 3/23/24  
Petit larceny, possession of controlled substance, entering without breaking auto, fingerprint refusal, grand larceny



**James Stephen Myers III**  
Booked 3/18/24  
Domestic battery, bond revocation, violation of protective order



**James Edward Nichols**  
Booked 3/22/24  
Fleeing with reckless indifference, expired MVI, improper registration, no insurance, possession of meth

## CLAY COUNTY



**James Clifton Rogers**  
Booked 3/25/24  
Trespassing



**Brittany Tasha Stephenson**  
Booked 3/24/24  
Conspiracy, grand larceny, possess counterfeit or unauthorized access device with intent to defraud, financial exploitation of an elderly person

## BRAXTON COUNTY



**Mackenzie Jo Wimer**  
Booked 3/23/24  
Capias

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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 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

#### Answer

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#### Super Crossword

##### Answers

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## Treasurer Moore announces opening of hope scholarship 2024-2025 application period for new students

*Families Must Apply by June 15 to Receive 100% Full-Year Award Amount of \$4,921.39*

State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, has announced applications for new students to apply for the Hope Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year, which begins this fall, is now open.

"We've seen tremendous interest and participation in the Hope Scholarship over the past school year, and we're excited to start the application process for new students for the upcoming year," Treasurer Moore said. "This will be the first full academic year to feature our year-round application and prorated funding model, which will offer greater access and flexibility for the program and the families who choose to participate in it."

Applications are available online at [www.HopeScholarshipWV.com](http://www.HopeScholarshipWV.com).

Last year, the Board received more than 6,300 applications during the initial enrollment period. In December, Board members approved a new year-round application model that begins with the 2024-2025 school year which will allow families to apply for the program throughout the school year featuring prorated scholarship award amounts depending on when they apply.

Under this new timetable, a student application submitted within the following dates will receive the associated level of Hope Scholarship funding:

March 1-June 15: 100% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

"This new funding model will give families more time to decide which education pathway works best for their child, while also giving them more flexibility in case they decide to go in a different direction during the school year," Treasurer Moore said. "If you want to receive the full scholarship amount for next year, we do need to encourage you to submit the application by June 15 so that it can be reviewed and approved in enough time to meet the statutory August 15

deadline for us to deposit funds into your account."

Existing Hope Scholarship students are required to reapply each year, and the renewal application period for those students began in January. The deadline for existing Hope Scholarship students to submit renewal applications is also June 15.

The Hope Scholarship award amount varies each school year depending on the amount of state aid funding per pupil provided to county boards of education for public school students. The scholarship amount for the 2024-25 school year will be \$4,921.39.

The Hope Scholarship Program is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to receive an amount equal to the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.

Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2023-2024) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application and remain enrolled and attending public school until a decision is reached on the student's Hope Scholarship application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice is also available online at the program's website.

Families are reminded to notify the Hope Scholarship Board via email at [hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov](mailto:hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov) if they are awarded the Hope Scholarship for 2024-2025 but ultimately decide to remain in public school.

For more information on the Hope Scholarship, visit [www.HopeScholarshipWV.com](http://www.HopeScholarshipWV.com).

## Literacy Fair held at Big Otter



The annual Literacy Fair was recently held at Big Otter Elementary School. Students created a display board and props based on a book they read. It was a wonderful experience for students and their families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a huge success! Congratulations to the following students were the overall winners for their division:

- K - 2nd Division**  
1st Place - Adalyn Boggs (2nd Grade)  
2nd Place - Abigail Shamblin (2nd Grade)  
3rd Place - Lacey Tanner - Not Pictured (1st Grade)  
4th Place - Case Titus (Kindergarten)

- 3rd - 5th Division**  
1st Place - Lyla Titus (4th Grade)  
2nd Place - Paisley Adkins (4th Grade)  
3rd Place - Sophia Boggs (5th Grade)  
4th Place - Harper Faulkner (3rd Grade)



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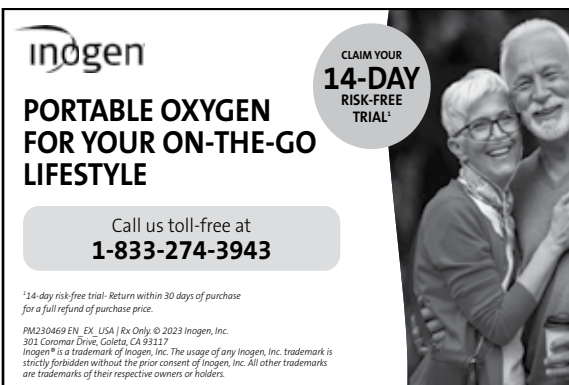
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# Spending time with Dad

By Joseph J. Mazzella

When I was a boy growing up, I looked up to my Dad so much. He was short and stout but full of life. He could fix anything and even though he came home covered in grease from his job as a mechanic, he would still let me sit with him in his big reclining chair in the evenings.

By the time he was in his 70's, however, his energy and vitality started to decline. A lifetime of smoking had brought on C.O.P.D., two types of cancer, and other health problems. After my Mom and Nana had both died Dad moved into Nana's old trailer up the road from me. Seeing that our time together was getting short I started to visit him whenever I could. I helped him tie up his tomato plants, change the tires on his truck, and fix things around his house. I helped him sort through and organize the dozen different medications he was on. But most of the time we just sat, sipped sweet tea, and talked. We talked like we never had a chance to when I was a boy. We talked about family, life, and what the future might hold. I even told him I loved him, something that I had been too shy to say as a boy. And when the cancer finally attacked his brain and he had to be moved first to a VA hospital, and then a nursing home, I missed those talks and my heart ached knowing he would soon be taken from me. I had grown closer to him in those last years than I had in my entire childhood.

After Dad passed away, my daughter moved into his home. It took me a while to get used to seeing her outside in the yard instead of him. I only wished that we'd had more talks together, and that I could see him one more time, give him a hug, and tell him how much I loved him.



Dad

Looking back now I am so grateful to God that I did make use of the time I had left with my Dad. He taught me so much about life. He taught me so much about love. He helped me to become a better child, a better father, and a better man. I love you Dad and I miss you.

# Don't Knock on the Door If You Like Breathing

Dr. James L. Snyder

I'm unsure if this is a new phenomenon or I'm just starting to catch up on the culture. I know I have a lot to catch up on, and I'm slowly doing it.

Lately, there's been a lot of activity at our front door. That's not to diminish the activity at the back porch door. That activity has to do with a variety of critters in the neighborhood. The food dish is out there, and the critters come throughout the day at their own discretion. It is an open invitation.

Two cats live on the porch, about three cats visit us to have something to eat, two possums show up regularly, and, last but not least, three raccoons show up nightly.

These critters come for the food I put out daily. I welcome them to the porch and to the food, unlike The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, who makes sure they never get inside the house.

But the front door is a different situation altogether. I've noticed lately that the activity and visitors to our front door has increased and that just frustrates me to no end.

When I answer the door, there will be somebody who has something for me that I just can't turn away. If only he knew.

When anybody tells me they can do something for free and that it will lower some bills in the house, I know what they are saying is not true at all. If it was free, how in the world do they get paid?

Several of them talked about the idea of climate control. If we switch over to solar panel power, we will solve the climate control problems.

Once, when they were telling me how much money I could save, I interrupted them and said, "If you're really interested in helping me save money, how about paying my electric bill for the year. That I would be interested in."

He looked at me as though I was an idiot. I think he was seeing his reflection in my eyes.

Another group of people that come to our front door has to do with our security system. They want to come in and examine our security system, and then they have a proposition for a brand-new security system that won't cost me anything.

I may be a country boy, but I have two brain cells that are still working. I know why they want to come in and examine my security system. The purpose is to be able to understand what my security is, and then they can override that security system and rob me.

They want to go through my house to see all of the treasures I have that they can steal for their profit. I would pay them a finder's fee if they found any money in our house. I've been looking for years and have come up empty.

If I let them in, and that'll never happen, I will only let them see my library, where I have approximately 8,500 books. If they plan to steal some of my books, they are dumber than the dead possum up the street. I have nothing worth anything that a smart-minded person would want to steal.

I was sitting in my office doing work when I heard somebody at the front door. Before I could get up and go to the door, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage beat me and opened the door.

"Yes," she asked, "can I help you?"

I didn't hear everything, but I listened to the guy at the door go into his spiel about the solar panel system he wanted to give her.

"I guarantee," he said to her with the biggest smile I've seen in a long time, "that it will cut your electric bill in half or even more."

At times like this, I wish we had a security camera to record this activity at the front door.

The guy hardly finished his spiel before The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage jumped in.

"Do you have a permit for this?" She said with a great deal of authority in her voice. "You're not allowed to come in our neighborhood and knock on our doors without a permit. Let me see your permit."

He stammered and said, "No, ma'am. I don't need a permit to do this."

Looking at him as he had not been looked at for a long time, she said, "If I say you need a permit to do this, you better believe you need a permit to do this. Now show me your permit or I'm gonna call the cops."

Can life get any better than this? If only I had the sense to turn a tape recorder on, I could at least get the audio of this interaction.

She talked to him very briefly, and as I looked at his face, I could see the blood draining out of his face; he didn't say a word but turned and walked away as fast as he possibly could.

As he walked away, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "And don't you dare come back here ever again if you love breathing."

I couldn't help but think of Psalm 118, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Man will fail me, but God will never fail me. I'm going to put my trust in God, not man.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamesnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnyderministries.com.

# SPOTLIGHT

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Mike has a large variety of plants available with an opening date at the Greenhouse of April 20.

Sometimes people come in to buy something very specific and then see something that strikes their eye. "We get some customers that see something they didn't know they needed until they came in here."

He speaks fondly about the first iteration of a smaller greenhouse in this location that was only 10 by 20 feet. "When I planted that first seed, I got the 'bug.' And then I realized that we either go big or go home. I always tell people that the information is free here, but the plants are not. But you won't find better quality plants than here." He describes that before he caught the greenhouse bug he worked in landscaping, restaurants, and sales, because retail sales runs in the family. He has a younger sister who lives in Fayetteville, but Mike is trying to make his mark here in Clay County. And he does have a son who potentially could him in the future: Mike Sizemore III.

"You know everybody makes mistakes in business," he observes, "But we were lucky we have made more good decisions than bad ones."

Opening day this year is Saturday, April 20. "Last frost in West Virginia is normally mid-May, but every year we get requests to open earlier." He said, "You can generally keep an eye on the weather and you'll pretty much know if there is a chance of frost or not. I generally tell people keep plants no later than two weeks before you put them in the ground. We would prefer to open after the first of May, but customer demand drives



The planting box.

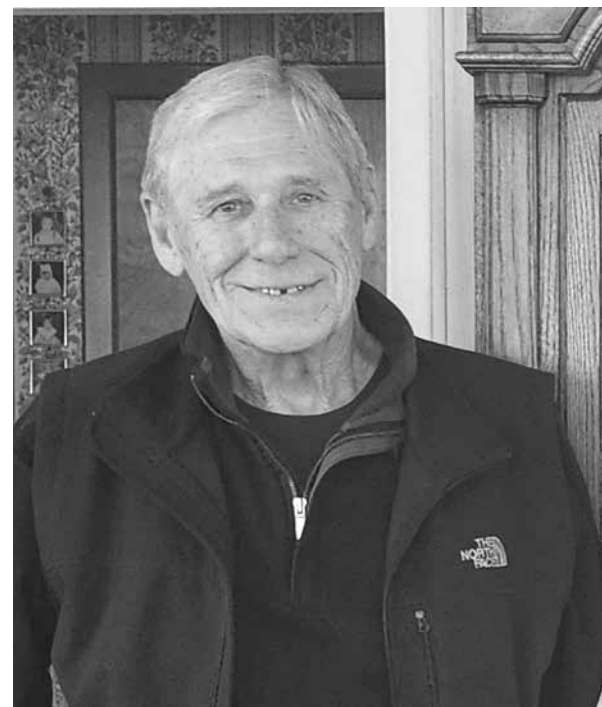
this business."

His worst enemy in the growing season is not frost or freeze. His worse enemy is humidity. Not only must he control temperature this time of the year, he has to control the moisture within the humidity levels. Mold, fungus, blight and other biological enemies can kill plants. He has to keep humidity below 85%.

"Planning is the reason for our biggest success. You don't always have plans go as smoothly as you wish but planning makes things go much better." He demonstrated his "planting box." It is a big square clear box with a metal flat top with tiny holes drilled every half inch. A vacuum line in the box makes the tiny holes draw air. He pours out a packet of seeds on the metal lid and when they come near a hole they are trapped in position. He pours off the excess seed and then turns it upside down over a small rubber flat that has equally spaced squares half filled with potting soil. When he turns off the vacuum the seeds drop in place. Then he simply covers the 50 to 100 seeds with more soil and place them on the pad that allows them continuous feed water and warmth. The whole process turns tedious work into easy tasks managed by himself, his only employee. "I tell you gardening is hard work." He insists, "If you can save a little of labor on the tedious things, you are just that much further ahead."

April 20 is not far off, be sure to mark this opening on your calendar.

# OBITUARY



Michael Glenn Naylor

Michael Glenn Naylor, 72, of Clay, WV passed away peacefully on March 17, 2024, at his home in Clay County. Mike was born on October 02, 1951, to Daniel and Sylvia (Legg) Naylor.

He is survived by his significant other of 13 years, Nikki Yakubik; and his three daughters, Tracy Naylor (Rick) of Duck, WV, Frankie (Robert) Underwood of Summersville, WV, and Jennifer (Darren) Hansen of Marietta, OH. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Shala (Brett), Monica, Zoe, Owen, and Joel. He also leaves behind nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Margie (Art) Nicholas; one brother, Blaine (Pat) Naylor; and several nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Sylvia (Legg) Naylor and the following brothers, Kent (Connie) Naylor, Dallas (Deannie) Naylor, Joe (Carol) Naylor, Paul Gene Naylor; and one grandson, Courtney Lee Wilson. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Garnett (Richard) Prim, Wilma (Allen) Sharpneck, Charlotte (Bob) Hyer, Evelyn (David) Ellison, and Margaret (Frank) Shelton.

Mike loved the simple life of being outdoors in nature. He was an avid hunter and just shot his last ten-point buck during deer season. He enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle on the open road, fishing, running dogs, cooking on open fires, playing cards, and watching football, but most importantly, spending time with his family and friends.

Per Mike's wishes he will be cremated. Later the family will be having a celebration of life in his honor.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com.

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Naylor family.



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

**March 27, 1826:** Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

**March 27, 1917:** Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accord and the Panama Canal Treaty.



**March 28, 1870:** State officials, with state records and property, boarded a steamboat called *Mountain Boy*, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.



**March 28, 1941:** Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program *Hee Haw*.

**March 29, 1834:** Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. There were strikes and riots during much of his administration, including the national rail-

road strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.



**March 29, 1858:** Clay County was created from parts of Nicholas and Braxton counties and named for Henry Clay, the U.S. senator from Kentucky.

**March 30, 1837:** The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty in Ohio County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. That school is now West Liberty State University.

**March 30, 1926:** Actor, singer and game show host



Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock in Clarksburg. His career includes Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of *The Hollywood Squares*.

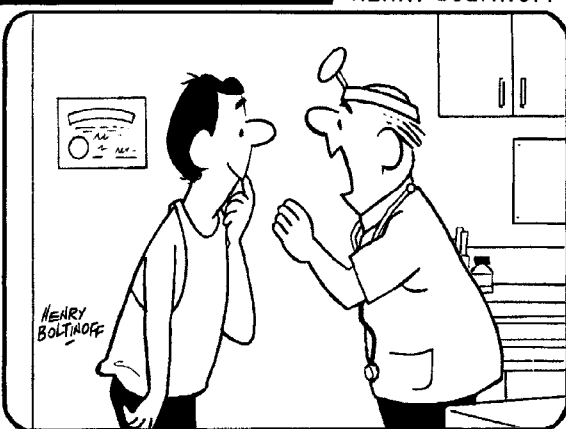
**April 1, 1884:** Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

**April 1, 1934:** A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The two-percent tax helped fill

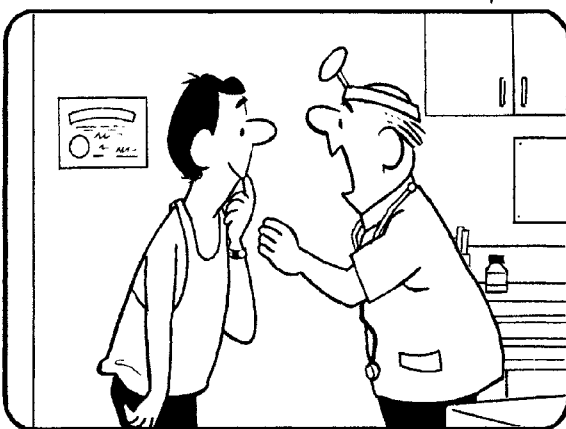
## Super Crossword PHONY-BALONEY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wearing nightclothes, for short
  - 6 Meanie's look
  - 11 In addition
  - 15 Eyelid hair
  - 19 Steel, e.g.
  - 20 Ancient Greek region
  - 21 Empty spaces
  - 22 World's fair
  - 23 Illegal detention
  - 25 Columbus is its capital
  - 26 British actor Guinness
  - 27 "Mind your — business!"
  - 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
  - 31 Without any variety
  - 35 Ingest
  - 36 Boston NBAer, for short
  - 37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
  - 41 New Nintendo console of 2012
  - 43 Big antlered beast
  - 47 Opposite of dep., in an airport
  - 48 Thin porridge
  - 50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
  - 52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
  - 58 Ecol. monitor
  - 59 Middays
  - 60 Tiny arachnid
  - 61 J. — Hoover
  - 64 Like overdue birthday wishes
  - 67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film
  - 70 Wombs
  - 71 Bible book after Prov.
  - 74 Q-V linkup
  - 75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
  - 76 Wedlock not based on love
  - 79 Cheer up
  - 81 Burros, e.g.
  - 82 — occasion (never)
  - 83 Paris' river
  - 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
  - 85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
  - 91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
  - 94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
  - 95 Betty of film
  - 97 Cindy Brady player Susan
  - 98 Former jets to the U.K.
  - 101 Bit of non-needed body art
  - 105 Sour plum
  - 107 Stage star Hagen
  - 109 Title for Kate Middleton
  - 110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
  - 117 Even score
  - 118 Forum attire
  - 119 In the past
  - 120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
  - 125 Coagulate
  - 126 Rebuke from Caesar
  - 127 Like a dweeb
  - 128 About, before a date
  - 129 At this place
  - 130 Lather (up)
  - 131 Gather up
  - 132 Hoodwinked
- DOWN**
- 1 Global finance org.
  - 2 Teacher's union, in brief
  - 3 Old TV ministry inits.
  - 4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel
  - 5 Whole lotta
  - 6 Knightly title
  - 7 Bulblike base of a stem
  - 8 — cat (two-base game)
  - 9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
  - 10 Jewish potato pancake
  - 11 Relative of a guinea pig
  - 12 Lion portrayer Bert
  - 13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
  - 14 "— Mio"
  - 15 Crude sheds
  - 16 Car shaft
  - 17 Project detail, for short
  - 18 Sell at a pawnshop
  - 24 Opponent
  - 29 "I taut I — a pudgy tat!"
  - 30 Shade trees
  - 31 Flip — coin
  - 32 DEA worker
  - 33 Irish money
  - 34 Bring about
  - 38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
  - 39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
  - 40 Bit of a bray
  - 42 Most polar
  - 44 Sea nymph
  - 45 Sovereign
  - 46 Letter two before iota
  - 49 VIP vehicle
  - 51 Margarine
  - 53 Deprives of weapons
  - 54 "Sorry, too busy"
  - 55 Bodily digit
  - 56 Big striped cat, in French
  - 57 A/C output qts.
  - 62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
  - 63 Like low-quality eggs
  - 64 City transport
  - 65 Alcohol in liquor
  - 66 Landlords or landladies
  - 67 Empty
  - 68 Having protruding hearing organs
  - 69 Yang go-with
  - 72 Sings gently
  - 73 U.S. pres., militarily
  - 77 Inquires
  - 78 "Continue"
  - 80 Architect Maya
  - 83 Chiang Kai- —
  - 84 Broody rock genre
  - 86 Investigate pryingly
  - 87 Very loudly, in music
  - 88 Miami loc.
  - 89 Stud money
  - 90 Old Storms and Trackers
  - 92 Paraphrase
  - 93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
  - 96 Two, in Chile
  - 99 Maintenance job on a car
  - 100 Indy sponsor
  - 102 Ballet outfit
  - 103 Something very easy
  - 104 Vegas casino
  - 106 Some Siouan speakers
  - 108 MetLife rival
  - 110 Concern for a dermatologist
  - 111 Concern for a dermatologist
  - 112 Horror film lab assistant
  - 113 Twice tetra-
  - 114 "Psst" cousin
  - 115 — avis
  - 116 Some old Fords
  - 121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
  - 122 Hosp. zones
  - 123 Ideal serve
  - 124 Young fella

### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.

### 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.

December 1957

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Those six words express everything that can be said to carry good wishes at this time of year from one of us to another. So, I give them to you my friends and neighbors and to all who are associated in business or in any other way with us on Buffalo Creek in Clay County, West Virginia.

Think them over, base your resolutions for tomorrow on them, and face the future without fear.

J. G. Bradley

## Governor Underwood And His Wife Proudly Pose For Picture Here



West Virginia's Governor Cecil H. Underwood and his wife, ("Cecil" and "Hovah" to thousands of their friends throughout the state,) proudly pose here for this picture of themselves; his Excellency holding the beautiful, Model 70, 308 Winchester, five-shot rifle, presented to them by the president of the Buffalo Valley Sportsman's Club, Mr. Harold L. Beattie, at the colorful ceremonies following the Governor's address to club members and their ladies on the occasion of the annual dinner and program given by the members, honoring their wives and ladies. Mr. Beattie was Master of Ceremonies.

The banquet was further highlighted by the presence and address of Mr. J. G. Bradley, president and general manager of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, who spoke briefly to the more than 400 persons present who had assembled for the opening of the new Community Center, built on the site of the old Widen store in Lower Widen.

The dedicatory prayer and invocation was given by the Rev. Ernest C. Hammack, pastor of the Widen Baptist Church, and the Widen High School Band in full uniform, gave a delightful twenty-minute concert which was unusually well received. Tom Mullins and Robert G. Elliott teamed up to present a visualized program of the Club's activities.

Following the banquet, tables were cleared from the big gym floor and dancing with the Hartley Barnette Orchestra furnishing the music, was enjoyed by hundreds of persons. This dance band now appears under the name of "The Sportsmen" and is composed of Hartley (accordian); Eugene, (singing guitar); and Harley (double bass); with Ted Griffith at the piano and W. M. (Bill) Patton, (snare drums). Dinner was served by the girls from WHS home economics department, supervised by Mrs. Garland Craft and volunteers. Chef Harry Taka was in charge.

## THE WIDEN NEWS

WIDEN, WEST VIRGINIA

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We call it the Spirit of Christmas. That wonderful good feeling of happiness, joy and good fellowship. Even battles have stopped for the day and enemy in an unknown kinship of goodwill.

Perhaps this joy which Christ's Day brings is His gift to us. No matter what the year has brought, for twenty-four hours, He gives us this feeling of well-being. All the more should we appreciate His gift, for such ecstasy in itself we could not bear indefinitely; but its memory is our rock of courage and endurance.

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# LEGAL

(2022-C-000040 - Clay County - GATEWOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS)

To: AQUAYLA FUGATE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT CLAY CORP MAP 3 PARCEL 0048 0000 0000**

You will take notice that GATEWOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000040**, located in CLAY CORP District, LT 86-88 CARR ADD SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FUGATE AQUAYLA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 4, 2023. GATEWOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after September 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before August 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 2589.	\$ 268.69
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022- 2563.	\$ 163.27
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 139.35
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 789.52
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	<b>\$ 1,360.83</b>

**You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

Given under my hand March 15, 2024

**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

**Please return this letter and payment to the  
West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections  
Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Building 1, Room W-114  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.  
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

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## WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
010 2023810009	U381-119-0.00 00	HSIP-0119(580)D	GUARDRAIL 2024 D1 GUARDRAIL PROJECT MID POINT COUNTY: KANAWHA, LINCOLN, MASON, PUTNAM

**DBE GOAL: 4 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.**

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# 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
Appleatcha 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
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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)

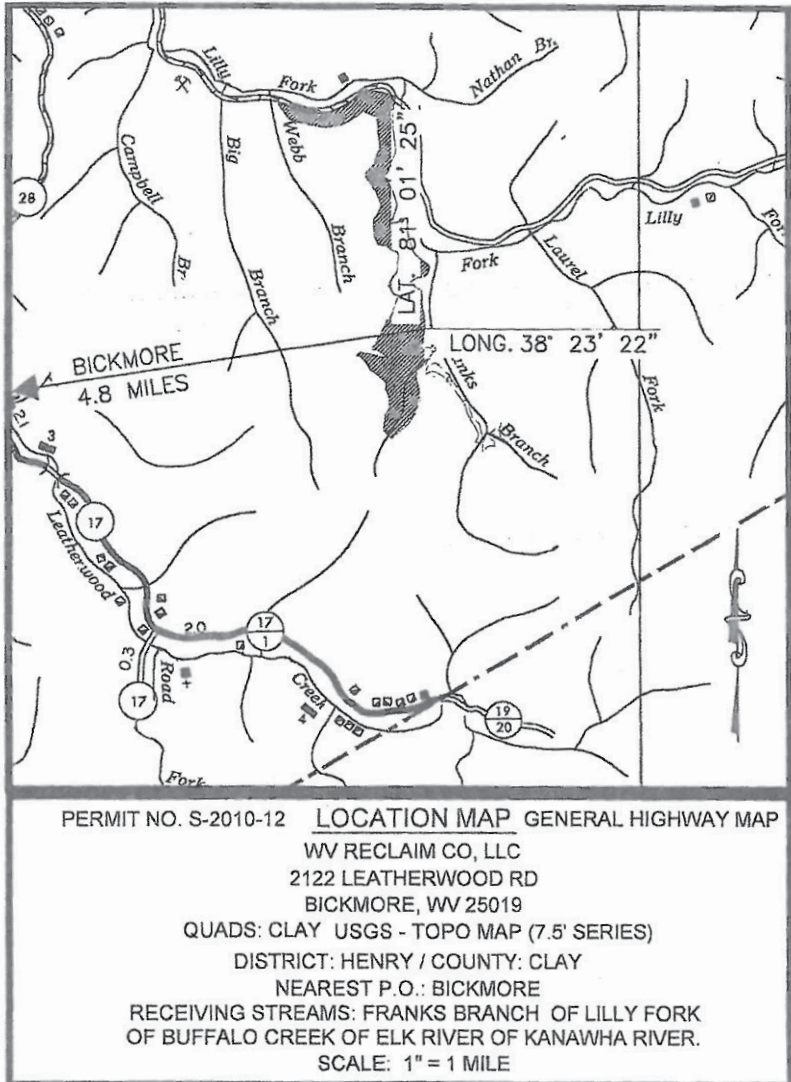
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DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219

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)



# LEGAL

## IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-D-14

PETITIONER, RESPONDENT,  
PATRICIA ANN RUSH KENNY LEE RUSH

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN  
A PETITION FOR DIVORCE:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that **KENNY LEE RUSH** may or may not be a resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that **KENNY LEE RUSH** appear for a PETITION FOR DIVORCE hearing on JUNE 6, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the **Petition for DIVORCE** filed in this action. If you fail to appear, a judgement 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.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 21st day of March 2024.

*Christina Hunsbaw*  
Clerk of the Court

# LEGAL

## PUBLIC TEST - VOTING EQUIPMENT

This is to notify the public that there will be test conducted on the DS450 Tabulator, DS200 Tabulator and the ExpressVote Voter Terminals that will be used for the May 4, 2024 Primary Election, in Clay county, West Virginia. The test will be held on April 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clay County Clerk's Office.

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**DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.**

#### REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** and Notice of the Beneficiary/Servicer'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 84°-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, Procious, WV 25164.

#### TERMS OF SALE:

- 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.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.
- 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.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 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.
- 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



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**A**  
**ALTA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Sunday Night Services  
5:00 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  
Vorship Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 1st, 2nd and 4th  
Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
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 7:00 PM  
Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville  
Everyone Welcome  
\*Pastor: Doug Newell IV

**BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH**  
in Arcosis. Across Camp Creek bridge on the left. Preaching every Sunday  
10:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM  
\*Pastor: Jerry Handler

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

**CHURCH OF GOD TRENTREE**  
Langmore Rd., Bentree, WV  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Come and worship the Lord with us.  
Everyone Welcome!  
\*Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

**CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
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

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

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

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

**FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bomont, WV  
Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
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

**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  
\*Pastor: Dean Rogers

**H**  
**HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 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

**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 AM  
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

**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

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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

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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
\*Pastor: John Osborne

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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
Everyone welcome!

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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

**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 AM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
Please join us in Praise!  
\*Pastor: Gary Walker

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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching every Sunday 11:00 AM  
\*Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

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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  
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**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 out 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  
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\*Pastor: Scott Means

**R**  
**RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH** at Maysel  
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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM  
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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.  
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**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  
Everyone 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!  
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# Mustangs compete in season opener at Walton Tiger Invitational



Andrew Tanner runs in the 3200 meter run.



Caleb Robinson competes in the 400 meter dash.



Dusty Duffield wins the 100 meter dash heat.



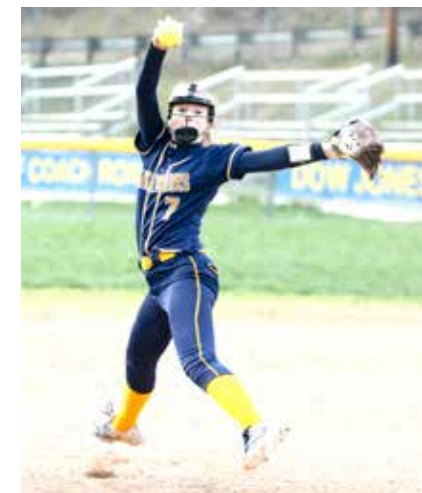
Laney McKinney runs the 4x200 relay.

**By Allen Hamrick**

The CCMS track team is in the news again and making waves in the track world. They competed this past Saturday in Roane County at the Walton Tiger Invitational. It was tough competition for the team as global warming took a back seat to winter as the wind turned the field into an Arctic landscape. Runners walked around looking like popsicles with blankets wrapped around them and huddled in groups like freezing cattle. It was not the best day for a run around the track, but these kids braved the cold and did what they had to do to survive the day. The ladies were able to hold their own being down some athletes due to the TSA competition. Natalie Tanner was a hurdling queen as she placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles and 3rd in the 200 meter hurdles. Dusty Duffield placed 4th in the 100 meter and Tara Conley placed 3rd in the 3200

meter. Victoria Conley was 4th in the discus, the 4x60 hurdle team placed 1st and the 4x100 relay team was 2nd.

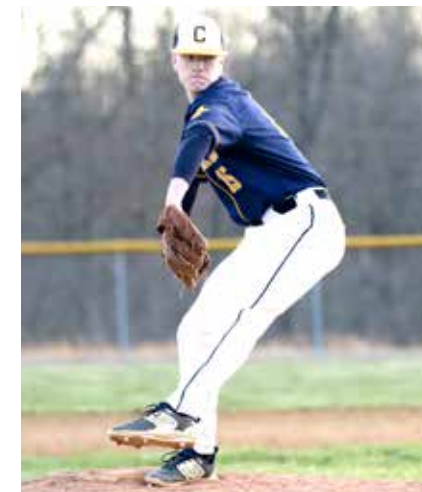
The boys also had some stiff competition but the relay teams set a bar. The 4x200 team placed 2nd, the 4x400 placed 3rd, and the 4x800 placed 4th over all. Individually, Caleb Robinson was 5th in the 400 meter run, Scotty Childs was 5th in the 800 meter, Andrew Tanner was 4th in the 3200 and Cole Boggs was 5th in the 100 meter hurdles. The team placed 4th overall in the tournament doing a great job against much bigger schools and will no doubt continue their race to the end of the season. They will compete at Roane County again on Tuesday. They have very few meets left, so come out and support the teams. Go Mustangs!



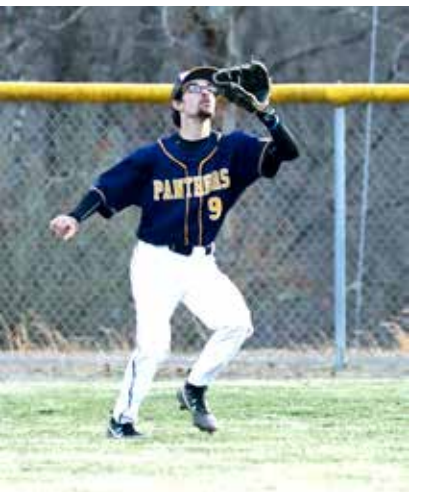
Gracie Johnson brings the heat.



Madison Morton has the big glove at short.



Ayden Brown teaches English.



Kendall Truman drags down the fly ball.

## Mustangs, Lady Mustangs set fire to the diamond

**By Allen Hamrick**

Call out the fire department! Bats were combusting into flame as the CCMS Mustang baseball team lectured the Knights of Braxton and the Greyhounds of Valley on the fine art of baseball. Bases became dance floors, and home plate was crossed like busy railroad tracks. The Mustangs sent right hander Joel Elliot to the hill to chill the bats of the Knights. When he handed the hill to teammate Lathan Brown, who came in to relieve pitch, Joel had struck out eight batters in the three innings he pitched and allowed no hits. He was smoking the fast balls, and his dirty stuff had more English than the dictionary. The Knights managed to scatter just one hit in the game. Mustang offense went to work and got the job done scoring four runs in 1st inning, three in the second and four in the third before cooling their jets.

When it was over, it was the Mustangs on top by the score of 12-0. Cooper Collins had two hits and three RBI's in the game, followed by Pierce Adkins who scored three runs had a hit and with two RBI's. Lathan Brown scored three times and drove in a run.

Valley was up next on the chopping block, and it didn't take long for the Greyhounds to figure out that this was a different team and they came to play. Pierce Adkins was on the hill, and the Greyhounds didn't know what hit them. By the time he threw his first few pitches, they knew they were in trouble. He went on to notch a no hitter on his glove. The Mustang offense didn't miss a beat - the bats heated up and the runs started crossing the plate. Pierce Adkins hit a triple in the 1st inning to get the bats rolling, and before he was done, hit an inside the park home run with some high speed at the bases. The game was over before it started, and the Mustangs won their 3rd in a row 11-0. They have allowed 0 runs in their first three games. Next up will be the World Series for the Mustangs if they can take down the

powerhouse South Harrison Hawks on Tuesday night. They will be at home again on Friday night against Ravenswood. The Mustang bats are fired up and swinging for the fences. They are on a winning streak, and if you like action, bring a chair. You will not want to miss a minute of it. Go Mustangs!

The Lady Mustangs are also smoking the diamonds, going 3 and 0 on the season so far. The Lady Mustangs opened the season on Valley beating them 17-2 and 18 -3 in a double header. One game was canceled, and then it was up against their arch rivals - the Lady Bears from Summersville. This game is one of those games you just know is going to be all out, and it did not disappoint the fans a bit. In the first three innings of the game, it looked as though the Lady Mustangs only had a pair of deuces going into the final hand. It was bluffing time, and down 2-7 in the 3rd, it was time to turn up the heat and put on a poker face. The bluff worked, and by the time the Lady Bears caught on to the hand dealt, the Lady Mustangs tied the score in the bottom of the seventh inning at nine each. It was time for a double down, and the Lady Mustangs went to work putting Lady Bear notches on their bats.

When the marathon was over, it was the Lady Mustangs over the Lady Bears 20-17 in 12 innings. Rylee Murphy was 7-8 at the plate, scoring three times and adding six RBI's to her bucket list. Brooklyn Morton was the winning pitcher going 7 and 2/3rds innings knocking down nine strike outs. Addison Taylor was also hot with the bats going 5-7 with two runs and four RBI's. The Lady Mustangs will be home Monday night against Spencer and away at South Harrison on Tuesday. Softball 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 Lady Mustang's baseball games; they have already kicked some butt, and the season has just begun.

## Lady Panthers take down Gilmer; Panthers on the move

**By Allen Hamrick**

The Lady Panther softball team has been on a run this season going 2-2 so far. Once they lose the first game of the season, they have come back with a vengeance nearly setting fire to the diamond by scoring 24 runs against Hannan High School in a softball rout. Gracie Johnson was queen of the mound as she went to work slinging strikes and sending girls to checkout. Hannan had no chance against the vengeful Lady Panthers on their own turf. When it was over, the Lady Panthers were on top by the score of 24-0 giving the Lady Wildcats their walking papers and a giant goose egg. The heavy hitters blew into town from Gilmer, and they are typically a team to beat; this day was no exception. The Lady Panthers jumped at the chance to whip Gilmer, and in the first inning, they racked up four runs before taking a chill. Not to be out done, Gilmer came back, reopened the score card and racked up points of their own. The game progressed back and forth, and by the time the stride slowed down, it was the Lady Panthers getting a big win by the score of

10-9. With a little bit of jet lag, the Lady Panthers had just one more game before they closed the season on the week. They were on the road to Roane County, just couldn't get the ball hitting their way and lost the game 0-5. However, the Lady Panthers are looking good for the rest of the season with their next game at South Harrison on Tuesday and home against Calhoun on Thursday. Go Lady Panthers!

The Panther baseball team went one for two this week and is getting back on track. Their opening season match up was against Gilmer County, and it was a barn burner. With Gilmer jumping into the lead, the Panthers had to play catch up ball the rest of the game. When the game was over, the Panthers lost by a final score Panthers 3, Gilmer 5. Next up was Roane County, and the Raiders usually put up a good fight. The Panthers, not liking the taste of losing in their mouth, decided to turn on the fan. The Panthers came out swinging, and when it was over, they beat the Raiders 10-5. It is a good start for the Panthers team but there is a lot of baseball left to play. Go Panthers!!

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L-R Barry McCune, Shawn Krajieski, Greg Gency and Bret Stover

**By Allen Hamrick**

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