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## Clay County Opioid Settlement Takes A Bite Out of Jail Bill



County Commission (from left to right) David Schoolcraft, Joyce Johnson, Connie Kinder, and Clay County Clerk Shelia Stone

**By Gary Lee Stuber**

While the two Clay County Commission monthly meetings may have been sparsely attended, they were chock full of optimistic news. Catherine Hicks recently assigned as the new spokesperson for the NRCS under the US Department of Agriculture Watershed Projects, made a presentation before the Clay County Commission during its first meeting in March, and gave all those present a hand-out. She gave listeners an earful of grant resources, as well, the best of which is offered by the West Virginia Grant Resource Center a joint venture between Marshall and West Virginia University that was created a little more than a year ago as an assistant to potential grant writers in all 55 counties. In the spring of 2022 the Center did a survey that discovered that 83% of grant applicants did not have a dedicated grantwriter, and that 78% would welcome assistance on grant writing from the Center.

Catherine noted that of the 55 West Virginia counties, Clay County was one of nine that they had yet to assist. So, on Monday, April 29, at 5 p.m., the West Virginia Grant Resource Center will be at the Clay County High School Panther's Den to address that deficiency and offer help to those who attend. The Grant Centers support proposals involving workforce development, community development and outdoor recreation, job creation and retention, infrastructure and site development and/or economic devel-

opment that will help address Clay County's challenges and capture new opportunities. Clients can come to this meeting from various backgrounds and industries, including city and county government, nonprofits, public and higher education, local businesses and for-profit organizations.

In other commission business on March 12, Terry Martin told the board that the deadline for the grant they were working for the Grassyfork water project was coming up on April 19. The commission scheduled the next public hearing on the HUD Community Development Block Grant with discussion on the selection of the HUD-CDBG Project for 9:45 a.m. on April 8. This is of course, 15 minutes before the first Clay County Commission regular session for April in the same location.

Commissioner President Joyce Johnson and Commissioner David Schoolcraft were the only two commissioners present and were able to take care of other commission business of approving wills, estates and assignment of executors or administrators. The Commission got an update on the Judicial Annex, and approved projects for Congressional Directed Spending and Community Projects through our Congressional Delegation. The commission also agreed to be the fiscal agent for a grant to TC Energy and the GKRC&D for the Buffalo Creek Watershed. The grant would be for the installment of stream restoration struc-

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Donna Salsbury and Cindy Mullins

## Mason Taylor named to Ohio University's Dean's List

Ohio University Scripps College of Communication student Mason Taylor of Indore has been named to Ohio's Fall 2023 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2023, approximately 6,000 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean's List. Ohio University strives to be the best student-centered, transformative learning

community in America, where students realize their promise, faculty advance knowledge, staff achieve excellence, and alumni become global leaders. OHIO is committed to fostering, embracing, and celebrating diversity in all its forms. Our Athens Campus offers students a residential learning experience in one of the nation's most picturesque academic settings. Additional campuses and centers serve students across the state, and online programs further advance the University's commitment to providing educational access and opportunity. Visit [www.ohio.edu](http://www.ohio.edu) for more information.

## Spotlight on Kathy Taylor

**By Gary Lee Stuber**

If you have done business in the town of Clay in the last 50 years, you probably know Kathy. But do you really know Kathy? She was born Kathy Phillips to Helen Reed Hubbard and Jessie James Phillips in 1957. She said, like the other Jessie James who was famous for his hit and run activities in the Wild West, her father was never more than a donor who only gave her a last name, as he was never a part of her life. Her single mother lived in Bickmore and Kathy was raised there with her four sisters and three brothers.

She was the "middle child" as she describes it. "Fifth one down or third one up. I was good to be the middle child. But I wasn't good." She has for the most part been a Bickmore native all her life.

When she was 12 years old she worked for Morgan Fitzwaters who owned and operated a little grocery store just down the road from where Allen Ramsey's Dairy Bar and Laundromat are located now.

"I would stop there on the way home from school and he asked me if I would like to work." Yes, that is always the right answer. "I stocked shelves there at that little grocery store along the highway." She attended Bickmore Grade School all eight years. "I started my freshman year up at what is now Clay Middle School but where the high school burnt I finished my freshman year at the new Clay County High School when it opened its doors that same year." The high school burnt in January 1969.

"Through my high school years I was able

to work on the Summer Youth Program set up for low income people. I worked on that every year I could. Then I worked for B.A. and Coleen House at their Superette right out of high school. I've been in Bickmore all my life. I never did move away. Just across the road." She laughs as she says that. "I went to other places. I saved up my money to go, but I never worked anywhere else outside of Clay County. I would stay elsewhere as long as a month, run out of money and come home and get a job."

Kathy started work at the old Dollar Store in Clay in 1978 located at that time in the Lyons Building. She had a son in 1979 and began her brief years as a single working mother. Her son, Heath Branden Taylor, now works at Dupont. Married to Lisa Lane Taylor, Heath has three children, Allison Wriston, 28; Madison

Taylor, 18; and Canaan Taylor, 6. Kathy would have had a third granddaughter, Maci Taylor, who would have been 10 this year, but died shortly after birth.

In 1984, Kathy married David Taylor, and they remodeled a Bickmore home. After 30 years together, David passed on June 4, 2014.

"All my life I have just wanted to help people. I believe in my heart that's what I am called to do. And so I just wanted to help our little community in the town of Clay. I started the flower shop and a bed and breakfast." Then her eyebrows furrow, and she says, "After I fell and broke both knees I could no longer use the steps so I continued the flower shop, but I had to give up the bed and breakfast." Her mood brightens when she adds, "I had that flower shop ten years. I loved it, I enjoyed it."

Here is where the close-

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Kathy Taylor

## CCHS track participates in the Lindsay Mann Memorial Invitational



Jayda Stricker was burnin' the earth in the 100 meter dash. Allen Hamrick photo.

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# BOOKED



# REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

## BRAXTON COUNTY



**Ashley Nicole Alexander**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Possession with intent, conspiracy



**Mark James Andrejack**  
Booked 3/27/24  
Sexual abuse by parent/guardian/custodian, sexual assault first degree, sexual assault third degree



**D'Azian D. Cargill**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Conspiracy to commit drug related charge, possession with intent



**Paul Andre Gary**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Possession with intent, conspiracy to commit drug related charge



**Noah Keith Kushak**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Conspiracy to commit drug related charge, possession with intent



**Carissa Marie Liberti**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Possession with intent, conspiracy

## NICHOLAS COUNTY



**Joseph Samuel Allen**  
Booked 3/29/24  
No insurance, driving revoked for DUI third



**Dustin Shawn Bailes**  
Booked 3/31/24  
Wanton endangerment



**Richard Aurthur Brown**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Possession of marijuana, obstructing an officer, resisting arrest, battery of officer without weapon



**Jarry Wayne Dickens**  
Booked 3/26/24  
Domestic battery



**Rebecca Hammons**  
Booked 3/27/24  
Court order



**Anthony Wayne McClain**  
Booked 3/29/24  
No insurance

## CLAY COUNTY

## PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 9 a.m., at the PSD office in Birch River.

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 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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## BRAXTON COUNTY



**Ashlan Nicole Rogers**  
Booked 3/29/24  
Probation violation



**Chase Dwight Thomas**  
Booked 3/30/24  
Conspiracy, possession with intent

## HELP WANTED: F/T General Laborer needed.

**Must be 18+ years old.**

Competitive wages. Medical, Dental, Vision benefits available after waiting period. Drug Screen required.

Call 304-587-2804 for more details.

## Clay TSA Achieves Remarkable Success



The Clay County High School TSA Team



The Clay County Middle School TSA Team



**Morgan Payton - WV TSA Vice President**



**Juliann Gallaher - WV TSA Secretary**



**Taylor Adkins - Retiring WV TSA Sergeant at Arms**

On March 20, the Clay County Middle School and Clay County High School TSA teams traveled to Cedar Lakes in Ripley for the WV State Competition. Led by their Advisor Jessica Ramsey, 45 students made the trip, 26 from the middle school, and 19 from the high school.

TSA is the Technology Students Association. It is a student organization where students work and learn about STEM, or the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The competitions are all strategy, problem solving or research based. Each student worked many hours perfecting projects. Their hard work and dedication paid off.

This year's conference theme was Evolution of Excellence, and our students certainly excelled. Clay County Middle captured 14 first place, 10 second place, and four third place victories. CCMS was named Outstanding Middle School Chapter in the state of West Virginia. The award is determined by the total number of awards taken away from the conference. Clay County High School captured 10 first place, six second place, and three third place finishes. CCHS placed second overall. In total, 28 students earned the honor to compete at the national TSA competition in Orlando, Florida from June 26 to June 30, 2024. State winners were as follows:

#### Clay County Middle School State Winners

**1st Place Winners:** Biotechnology - Marissa Atha, McKinley Mahan and Layla Stewart; Cata-pult Design - Asher Dorsey and Trenton Parker; Career Prep - Gunner Dobbins; Challenging Tech Issues - Gunner Dobbins and Trenton Parker; Community Service Video - Gunner Dobbins and Trenton Parker; Construction Challenge - Bailey Frame and Autumn Rapp; Children's Stories - Madison Holcomb and Addison Jones; Digital Photography - Abigail Grandon; Inventions and Innovations - Bailey

Frame, McKinley Mahan and Roxy Schoolcraft; Off the Grid- Avhyn Davison and Abigail Grandon; Prepared Speech - Gunner Dobbins; Problem Solving - Canaan Payton and Cheyenne Adkins; STEM Animation - Lyla Hunt and Jayda Woods; and Tech Design- Marissa Atha and Roxy Schoolcraft.

#### 2nd Place Winners:

Chapter Team - Cheyenne Adkins, Brooke Cliver, Avhyn Davison, Abigail Grandon and Gabe Shamblin; Digital Photography - Brooke Cliver; Inventions and Innovations - Cade Hamrick, Jacob Vance and Owen Potasnik; Leadership Strategies - Cade Hamrick, John Paxton and Autumn Rapp; Mechanical Engineering - John Paxton and Autumn Rapp; Medical Technology - Bailey Frame and Roxy Schoolcraft; Prepared Speech - Cheyenne Adkins; Promotional Marketing - Gunner Dobbins; System Control - McKinley Mahan, Jacob Vance and Canaan Payton; and Tech Bowl - Lyla Hunt, Jayda Woods and Gabe Shamblin.

#### 3rd Place Winners:

Logo Design - Jayda Woods; Children's Stories - Brooke Cliver and Abigail Grandon; Leadership Strategies - Abigail Grandon, Brooke Cliver and Lyla Hunt; and Mechanical Engineering - Alex Holcomb and Madison Holcomb.

#### Clay County High School State Winners

**1st Place Winners:** Chapter Team - Taylor Adkins, Morgan Payton, Jaxon Brown, Adrianna Belt, Juliann Gallaher and Dylan McCumbers; Debating Technological Issues - Isaac Brown and Sawyer Dobbins; Digital Video Production - Sawyer Dobbins and Ariel Dobbins; Extemporaneous Speech - Parker Taylor; Forensic Technology - Avery Brouillard; Future Technology Teacher - Ariel Dobbins; Geospatial Technology - Taylor Adkins, Jaxon Brown and Morgan Payton; Music Production - Jaxon Brown; Promotional Design - Ariel Dobbins; and Video Game Design - Dylan Mc-

Cumbers and Juliann Gallaher.

**2nd Place Winners:** Audio Podcasting - Sawyer Dobbins and Nathan Wynn; Board Game Design - Taylor Adkins, Isaac Brown, Morgan Payton and Dylan McCumbers; Data Science - Jaxon Brown; Future Tech Teacher - Juliann Gallaher; Tech Bowl - Alex Davison, Dylan McCumbers and Parker Taylor; Technology Problem Solving - Ilyana Evans and Cadence Williams

**3rd Place Winners:** Children's Stories - Ariel Dobbins; Forensic Technology - Ayden Brown and Summer Corwell; and Photographic Technology - Jaxon Brown.

At Cedar Lakes, state officers for the 2024-2025 school year were also elected: Morgan Payton will serve as State Vice President and Juliann Gallaher will be State Secretary. Morgan is retiring as secretary for the current school year and Taylor Adkins is retiring as sergeant-at-arms.

Ms. Ramsey is very proud of these students for not only being successful in competition, but for their success in their behavior too. They are carrying on a strong tradition set by TSA students over the past decade. Ms. Ramsey would also like to thank Mrs. Lindsay Schoolcraft, Ms. Elizabeth Gallaher, Mr. Mike Kiser, and Mrs. Luella Dancy for their time and hard work helping students with projects or serving as chaperones along with the parents, grandparents, and family members who help make sure the students' projects are complete.

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and the same can be said about TSA. It takes a community to bring success and CCMS and CCHS students are fortunate to have that community support. This success would also not be possible without the support of the administrators at Clay County Middle School, Clay County High School, the Clay County Schools Administrative Staff and the Clay County Board of Education. We thank you!



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## Why Do Birds Sing

By Joseph J. Mazzella

It was a wonderfully warm day for March here in the mountains of my home. It was already warm by the time the sun slowly rose over the mountains and everywhere you could feel hints of the spring to come. I saw the first dandelions and daffodils blooming through the grass. The air had lost its cold winter chill. Buds had appeared on the limbs of my Maple tree. And my ears were blessed with a glorious symphony of bird song. I could make out at least a dozen different bird songs blending together not counting the ear jarring caws of the crows. I smiled when I heard this sweet music of nature. It was a chorus of joy that always made my heart sing as well. And it was a wonderful sign that spring was close at hand.

I was thinking recently, though. Why do the birds sing in the spring? What is the reason? Experts put it all down to mating and reproduction. The males arrive to stake out a home for raising the future baby birds. Their songs attract the females who arrive a few weeks later and then they start building a nest to raise the next generation of little singers.

I think there is a deeper reason, however. I think there is a reason that science alone cannot explain. Why else would I still hear birds singing late into the summer and even some days during the cold winter? Maybe their songs aren't just some biological necessity. Maybe their songs also offer praise and love to their Creator. Maybe like us and the angels, their songs share their joy, their love, and their connection with all things.

One thing I have learned from hearing this Heavenly music each spring is to share my own song as well, not just through my voice but also through my life. Each day here is a glorious gift from God. Each day here is a new beginning. Each day here is a fresh chance for us to share love, to scatter joy, to help others, and to sing! May we all do so.

## Second Thoughts Can Be Dangerous to My Health

Dr. James L. Snyder

Many things in life can be rather dangerous. For me, the most dangerous things in my life are thoughts.

I thought about this one day, and by the end of the day, I was in deep trouble. Thoughts have a way of doing that with me.

My New Year's resolution one year was to have one thought per day. After the first week, I ran out of thoughts.

This year, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I will be married 53 years. During that time, I discovered how vital just one thought can be.

If anybody thinks a lot, it is The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She has everything thought through before I have a chance to even know what it is. Like most women, she is an expert in multitasking. That means it takes a lot of thought to do all those things simultaneously. She does it quite well.

She often says how many headaches she has during the day, and if I could put several thoughts together, I might tell her that those headaches are a result of all that thinking she does during the day. But, on second thought, I better just leave that one alone.

Over the years, I have tried to focus on thinking, but I haven't gotten very far. This may be why I don't have any headaches during the week. From my point of view, that's one benefit that I relish every day.

I was once relaxing in my easy chair and staring at the ceiling. Looking at me, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Me thinkst thou ponderous too much."

Once, while we were driving along the highway, she was driving, and I was staring out the window. She took one quick look at me, and said, "What are you thinking about?"

Looking back at her, I responded, "You're not really thinking that I'm doing any thinking, are you? That's way above my pay scale."

Of course, she laughed, and I laughed along with her, but sometimes the truth is the truth.

One of her favorite phrases along this line is, "Do you have any second thoughts on that?"

Recently we were remodeling our house and adding a room that would be my office upon retiring. I had some really great ideas, at least I thought so, and I shared them with her. When I was done with my presentation, she looked at me and said, "Do you want to give that a second thought?"

It was enough for me to give her the first thought, let alone come up with a second thought. But by that time, I was all thought-out.

Then she gave me a whole list of her thoughts about the project and she did it so fast I couldn't keep up with it and I had no idea what she was talking about. I was almost ready to say, "Do you want to give them a second thought?" I knew if I did that, her second thought may not be what I want it to be; if you know what I mean.

Over the years, we have become a wonderful team. I call it the T&N team. What that means is that she Thinks, and I cannot Nod my head in agreement, I'm sure I didn't think that through, but I must confess it sure does work. It has produced almost 53 years of marital bliss.

After 53 years of being "thought-free," my life is quite remarkable. I've had very few headaches because there is nothing up there to ache.

Sometimes, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will ask me about a particular problem and ask, "What do you think about that problem?"

After 53 years of the T&N team

experience, I simply shoot back, "I'm not sure. What do you think about it, and what should we do?"

And when I say that, I can sit back and listen to all the good advice and nod my head at the appropriate places, and at the end, we both are smiling. No thought on my part involved.

The best thought I have ever had, and where I harbor no second thoughts, is when I asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to marry me. I'm not sure what her thought process was then, but I can assure you there were no second thoughts on my side of the aisle.

I can sit back and remember a lot of the things I did in the past. Of course, at my age, my memory is not up to par, but at least there's a little bit left. There were a few times when I thought about something and then had second thoughts, and it was the second thought that got me into trouble.

I have learned that I need to gather all the information before exercising my first thought. If I have everything before me, then I can proceed to the next step in making a decision based on my thought process.

I remembered a special verse of scripture that encouraged me in this regard: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

This is where I need to surrender all my thoughts to God and obey His Word.

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## SPOTLIGHT



Kathy pictured in her store

ness of the family comes in. "But then my daughter-in-law Lisa came to me and we had another opportunity. And I took it." She points to the back of the big used furniture store she operates as a side line, to the offices beyond. It is the offices of Advantage Home Health Care that she and Lisa operate jointly. In a county like Clay where few real good paying jobs exist, youthful, energetic high school graduates are pretty much forced to move to bigger cities inside West Virginia or outside of it to find work. As a result there exists a disproportionate number of elderly and aging in the county that need home health care.

While there are other agencies, most operating outside the county, Lisa and Kathy found a way to help. Their business helps 50 to 60 clients. And since the ratio requires nearly one on one daily help, that means they keep that many hired as well. These programs are monitored and supported by the State of West Virginia and requires licenses, background checks, drug testing, training and ongoing supervision.

Kathy expresses one regret, she holds up an Iphone. "I wish these things were banned from work. It is the one thing that can sideline good care." The schools in this state have the same regret.

Although the Advantage office has its own outside entrance across from the Clay County Bank, the entire front of the same floor is a huge space that fronts main street. "The furniture store came six years later. We looked around and said, what can we do with all this space? What inspired me to do this was the flood of 2016. After the flood many people had a need for furniture and no where to find it. People who knew me from the flower shop would come to me and I would go out and buy it and the next thing you know we had a business. And it's a good business."

Kathy has had some setbacks along the way. She injured her back a few years ago and had a knee replacement, and she is of the age to draw her social security, but she just won't give up on these two businesses that help people.

And she does help. She gathers donated food all month, even diapers, and gives them away to the needy out of her shop. I have seen her modify prices of her furniture for those she knows need it but can't afford it. "Remember when those apartments burnt up there near the church? There were like six of them. We supplied all of them."

And perpetually, she cooks meals for the homeless. "The first ten days or so of the month, we know that most of these people have money from some sources, after that they are looking around for meals. I am happier doing this than flowers. We have had some clients, seriously, that I have gone out and mowed their yards. Not as many since I hurt my back, but I can still do it. But I love helping people. We have a couple in this town, they wouldn't want me to name them, but every month they come in and give me \$200 with no restrictions, and I buy food with it to feed the homeless. We will make two big pots of chili and they can eat on that for two days. The cheapest thing we have made here is pasta, but whatever it is we make here, and we have made it all, they absolutely are not picky and will eat it all up. It's like watching people eat their last meal. It may be the first meal they have had in a long while."

She remembers what her mother told her: "Small towns have small ways, but in them anybody can make a difference." Kathy is indeed making a difference. She has a strong Christian set of values and as a member of Middle Creek Baptist Church does everything she can to help those that she can. "How hard is it?" She asks, "To look at some one and smile? How hard is that? We shouldn't be judgmental about anybody. I mean we can. The bible says we are to know the tree by its fruit. But I think if we just concentrated on fixing

ourselves, we'd have our hands full." That is biblical too. Christ says we should take the mote, or beam, out of our own eye before we try to fix our brother.

"In a small town like Clay, we know them, those that are homeless, or struggling with drugs, we know who needs our help." The thought harkens back to her mother's quote. "And," she says excitedly, "I've had the privilege of taking six people to rehab. All of them stayed but one. Good does come out, being good to people. I like to give that to the Lord; He did it. We reach out, but He reaches in. We have all been there one time or another, needing someone else's help."

That is why despite her own ailments and family responsibilities she wants to keep working. "There is a great need in this county, even as small as it is, but you can't help if you are sitting at home."

Everyone that knows Kathy, certainly knows that she has had a speech impediment all her life and many just never ask if she has struggled with it. "No. It doesn't bother me. It's a part of me. It's a gift: God gave it to me. My natural father was a drunk, so I call it the 'drunk syndrome talk.' Because I was the only one in the family that got it." She doesn't need to be self-conscious, because no one has a problem understanding her. And her exuberance as well as her speech makes her distinctive and may actually be part of the reason she shows so much kindness to others.

"Life ain't about us," she declares, "Once we get saved, it is not about us no more. I had a brother that just got saved Monday. He was 72. I got saved in 1988 and all my other siblings are saved and in 1988 we pleaded with him, begged him. And Monday he was gloriously saved. Saved at last. As far as I know my entire family is saved, even by little grandson Canaan went to the alter the other night."

Kathy is living her best life, since she has reached that goal she wanted back in high school to help as many people as she could.

If you have aging parents or grandparent who need home health services or are someone who wants to try a career as a home health provider, call Advantage Home Health Care at 304-587-9992. Or you might want to browse Kate's Furnishings for everything from toys, glassware, primitives, furniture, and appliances. They are open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. They aren't hard to find, next to the bank, across the street. And while you are buying maybe you could even slip her a few extra dollars to help make meals for the homeless. Then you too can be an 'anyone' in a small town.



Heath and Lisa



Madison, Canaan, and Allison

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tures on Buffalo Creek. The commission meeting was sparsely attended this time and aside from the two presenters previously noted, was relatively short and sweet as commission meetings go.

The second meeting of the month was also sparsely attended the 25th, but was also full of helpful information. All three commissioners were present for this 5 p.m. meeting.

The Commission approved the use of the allocated funds from the opioid lawsuit, approximately \$278,000 to \$279,000 of Clay County's portion of the fund, to make a payment to Clay County's jail bill at the Central Regional Jail. This is barely a dent in the \$2 million dollar plus debt.

Commissioner Schoolcraft announced that the Annual Clay County Clean-up Sponsored by the Solid Waste Authority and Waste Management, Inc. will be Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Solid waste, metals, appliances, etc., will be accepted at Pierson Lumber lot as they have in the past. The tires, however, will be collected this year at the high school. Come early and be prepared for long lines.

Commissioner Johnson announced that on April 22 and April 23, Teresa Davis, the county commission, the high school, and any volunteers who are willing to help, will do a main highway cleanup. Buses will transport volunteers to various locations on Routes 4, 16, and 36, and bags and reflective vests will be provided by the DOH who will also collect the bagged trash. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Bring a good pair of gloves and a good attitude as we attempt to beautify our county.

Donna Salisbury and Cindy Mullins of the Clay Family Support Center has recently opened for business in the old NAPA building diagonally across from the new courthouse and Judicial Annex. They also announced a successful family event held the previous weekend at the Maysel Park. Instead of an egg hunt, the Support Center did an Extravaganza, carnival style series of booths with games serving 250+ families. Smith Funeral Home and Flower Shop provided hot dogs and snacks. It was well received. In the Clay facility they offer Yoga free every Tuesday, Zumba free every Thursday, both events are from 6 to 7 p.m. April 12 they will do an SAT ice cream social for the kids at the high school taking their SAT's.

In other business the commission approved a list of Election Officials for the May 14, 2024 Primary Election. They accepted Greg Fitzwater's resignation from the Solid Waste Authority, and adopted the Ambulance Enhancement Fund Policy. They accepted a letter from Allen King to appoint Nathaniel M. Legg as a part time Bailiff/Process Server/Home Confinement officer for the Sheriff's Office and accepted the resignation of Britany Jarrell as 911 Dispatcher and moved Christopher Parsons from part time to full time dispatcher. They approved various Wills and Testaments and approved Waivers and Administrators.

The commission also approved a resolution to accept a grant agreement from the West Virginia Economic Enhancement Grant to finish work on the Judicial Annex. Terry Martin announced that they hired ZMM, and approved invoices submitted by them. They also approved a resolution for the President to sign and submit Congressional Directed Spending Application for the relocation of Clay County 911 Communications Center to Triplett Ridge across from Clay First Baptist Church at the old camp ground. After approving invoices for Chapman Technical Group for design of the Big Otter Nebo waterline extension, the commission continued to Wednesday, March 27, to approve the Clay County budget for fiscal year 2024 to be ready at that time.

Your county commissioners invite the general public to attend these meetings and are encouraged to ask questions on items on the agenda. Commissioners acknowledge this as your opportunity to participate in your government and voice your opinions that are on the docket. The next Clay County Commission meeting will be held at the Commission room at the Clay County Courthouse at 10 a.m., on Monday, April 8.

## WV Department of Arts, Culture and History to Accepting Entries for its Annual Juried Quilt Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will accept entries for the 2024 West Virginia Quilts and Wall Hangings Juried Exhibition until Wednesday, April 24, at 4 p.m.

This is the 43rd year for the exhibition which will open Friday, May 24, with an awards ceremony at the annual Vandalia Gathering at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex. The free summer-long exhibition will be displayed through Sept. 9, 2024.

Quilts and wall hangings can be mailed, or hand delivered to Chuck Ocheltree, museum operations manager for the department, at the Culture Center.

Quilts and wall hangings, handmade or machine made, by West Virginia residents are eligible for the exhibition. Special consideration will be given to hand-quilted entries. Entrants may submit one quilt and one wall hanging. There is a nonrefundable fee of

\$20 per entry. Quilts and wall hangings shown previously in a Department of Arts, Culture and History Quilts and Wall Hangings juried exhibition are not eligible.

A quilting workshop will be held on May 3 by Kathryn Zimmerman, NACJQ Certified Quilt Judge, titled "Swoon Quilt Workshop West Virginia." Participants will use old and new piecing techniques to create a perfect 24-inch block of the popular Swoon quilt pattern. Swoon patterns must be purchased. There are limited spaces available, and an RSVP is required.

The prospectus and entry information for the 2024 Quilts and Wall Hangings Juried Exhibition can be found at <https://bit.ly/3T6QZpy>.

For more information about the exhibit, workshop, or to request a printed prospectus, contact Ocheltree at 304-558-0220 or [Charles.C.Ocheltree@wv.gov](mailto:Charles.C.Ocheltree@wv.gov).



# 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)

**April 3, 1755:** Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.



**April 3, 1908:** Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Al-

bert B. White.



**April 4, 1948:** Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song "Sweet Beulah Land."

**April 4, 1980:** Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

**April 5, 1856:** Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join

his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.

**April 5, 1920:** Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.



**April 5, 2010:** An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.

**April 6, 1938:** The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

**April 6, 1944:** Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.



**April 7, 1927:** A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock

market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments. He died in 2003.



**April 7, 1947:** Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while dragging a wounded soldier to safety.

**April 7, 2004:** Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State

and Concord.

**April 8, 1891:** The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

**April 8, 1951:** An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

**April 9, 1900:** Physician Margaret Byrnside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.

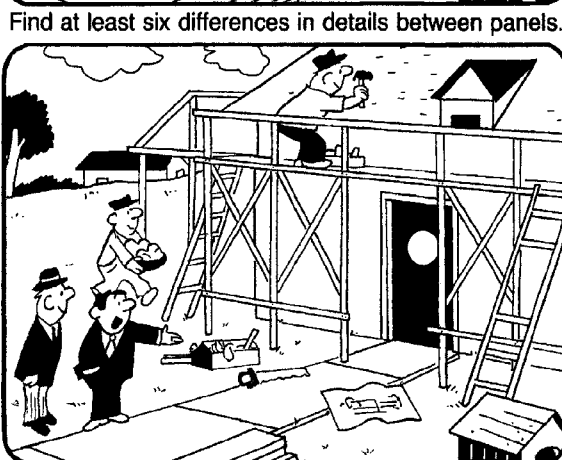


## PUTTING ON A GOOD FACE

## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Very little bit
  - 5 Large Indian city
  - 10 Discover by chance
  - 15 Elegant
  - 19 Liposuction target
  - 20 Take out — (borrow cash)
  - 21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns
  - 22 Actor Cronyn
  - 23 Initial impression
  - 25 Printer cartridge contents
  - 27 Still in the future
  - 28 Harsh review
  - 30 Admit defeat
  - 31 Wonder
  - 32 Like bedroom communities
  - 35 Partners of 84-Down
  - 36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston
  - 40 Slide down a slope
  - 41 Cuts of pork
  - 42 Disney who drew
  - 43 Toot one's own horn
  - 46 Gaius' garb
  - 50 Rand of objectivism
  - 51 "Viva — Vegas"
  - 52 Base coat on a wall, maybe
  - 54 Is a little too fond of
  - 57 Rest on top of
  - 59 Writer Nin
  - 60 Prefix with conscious
  - 61 Dock
  - 62 Honey liquor
  - 64 Cpl., e.g.
  - 65 Big grant-giving group
  - 72 Totally
  - 73 Granny
  - 74 Dog food brand
  - 75 Places with lots of IVs
  - 76 Mental picture
  - 78 Dictators
  - 81 Row of PC-screen buttons
  - 85 Cabaret where the cancan originated
  - 87 Kilmer of "Tombstone"
  - 88 Kitchen utensil brand
  - 89 "Little" actress Rae
  - 90 Decorative tattoo dye
  - 91 Very little
  - 93 Garden pest
  - 95 Mem. of the family
  - 97 Annotation in the text of Christian scripture
  - 100 Server overseer, informally
  - 103 Convention speeches
  - 105 "... flaw — feature?"
  - 106 Mixed with cognac, e.g.
  - 108 Flip (out)
  - 109 Clip out
  - 113 Something cast at sunset
  - 116 What you have passed when you figure out this puzzle's theme?
  - 118 Hydroxyl compound
  - 119 Cooling, as champagne
  - 120 French gal pals
  - 121 To be, to Livy
  - 122 Really resist
  - 123 Former quarterback Rodney
  - 124 French governing body
  - 125 Letters after pis
- DOWN**
- 1 Not definite
  - 2 "Rolie Polie —" (kids' book)
  - 3 Sour
  - 4 Refrain from drinking
  - 5 Patted lightly
  - 6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"
  - 7 Baseball's Gehrig
  - 8 Wields influence
  - 9 Occupy
  - 10 TV's Linden
  - 11 Lupino or Tarbell
  - 12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"
  - 13 Brand of fake 69-Down
  - 14 — a one (zero)
  - 15 Go through the motions
  - 16 1/16 pound
  - 17 Aroma
  - 18 "— Johnny!"
  - 24 Small cities
  - 26 Ankara native
  - 29 Convent sister
  - 32 Span. women
  - 33 Steel support for concrete
  - 34 Grill
  - 36 Dressed (in)
  - 37 "Around-the-world" toy
  - 38 Dryer fluff
  - 39 Actor McGregor
  - 40 Fuel additive brand
  - 44 Strong ill will
  - 45 Dutch artist Jan
  - 47 Certain Arab
  - 48 State Farm alternative
  - 49 Fiery crime
  - 51 Spa sponge
  - 52 Actress Valerie of "Lenny"
  - 53 Storm-finding systems
  - 55 Cartoon cry
  - 56 Act starter
  - 57 Qatar export
  - 58 Letter #22
  - 61 Take selfish advantage of
  - 63 "It's —!" ("You're on!")
  - 65 "Darkman" director Sam
  - 66 Actor Edward James —
  - 67 Santa —
  - 68 — nous
  - 69 Liposuction target
  - 70 Mantra words
  - 71 "For shame!"
  - 77 In a harshly bright way
  - 79 Pass quickly on foot
  - 80 "To repeat ..."
  - 81 Unveiling cry
  - 82 — chic
  - 83 Pivot point
  - 84 Fishing sticks
  - 86 Devils' org.
  - 87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief
  - 91 Nissan car models
  - 92 Reason for extra innings
  - 93 Get — on reality
  - 94 Ceiling coat
  - 96 Terminates
  - 98 Arrow shooter
  - 99 Short-horned grasshopper
  - 100 Differently — (other-skilled)
  - 101 Pilotless craft
  - 102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"
  - 103 Cartoonist Bil
  - 104 Comic and actor Murphy
  - 107 Breakfast chain, in brief
  - 109 "I — bad moon rising"
  - 110 Meeting period, slangily
  - 111 — buco (veal dish)
  - 112 Map nos.
  - 114 Tenth mo.
  - 115 Very little
  - 117 Cousins, e.g.

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Door is taller. 2. Toolbox is moved. 3. Man is taller. 4. Dormer is moved. 5. Ladder rung is missing. 6. Line in walkway is moved.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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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

## Correspondence . . .

Dear Sally,

I love this yuletide season best of all, don't you? I like the warm friendliness that seems to greet you everywhere. I like the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas day, the hiding of gifts, the pinching of wrapped packages, the whispering behind closed doors, and the whole general excitement of the holiday.

I have decided to get J— an Ident bracelet for Christmas. He says I'll really be surprised at his gift to me. No amount of begging or pleading has brought to light even a hint of what it is.

Our Sunday school class is planning a special program for Christmas. I'm to be one of the Angels in the Holy Choir. I really can't sing well, but I want to have a part in all the church affairs. Don't you love the Christmas Story? It never gets old or dull with the years.

J—is one of the Shepherds in the play. I'm glad he goes to Sunday School. It's always a joy to look forward to seeing him, and besides. We share more ideals that way. It's more fun to practice for a program when there's someone "special" to walk you home.

I guess all the old gang, college students, service men, and working girls will try to be home sometime during the holiday. It'll be exciting to hear their adventures first hand.

J— has asked me to the senior's Christmas dance. I bet it'll be gay and colorful. We'll have fun, but then we always do, whenever we go.

A group of us young people has planned to go caroling on Christmas eve. I hope there's snow on the ground. Our town is always beautiful at this season, and singing carols seems to be a part of that beauty.

Mother said I could have the gang in afterwards for hot chocolate and sandwiches.

Why don't you and Bill come up, if Bill can get the car? You know most of the gang and we'd love to have you.

J— sends his regards. He's hard at work with the team getting ready for our first game this weekend. He's practiced every night till 5 or 6 but he says, it's paying off. Gee, I hope they win, but win or lose I intend to be there to cheer them on. J— says it really helps to know that we're there, and pulling for them.

A Merry, Merry Christmas to you and yours from me and Mine.

Love,  
Coed

### Fox Chaser Has Birthday

"The old fox chaser is 70 years old today and still going strong. I want to say hello to my many, many friends in Clay County. My good friend Harry Straw and his family, and including his mother-in-law Mrs. C. L. Baker who spent the week-end with us two weeks ago. Mrs. Baker lives in Cleveland, Ohio. I was at the D. Mullins farm in September of this year, and D. sure has got that old farm built up in good shape. The only thing I saw on his farm that interested me was his eight fox hounds. While I stood there looking around I took a good look at the big knob and thought of all the coons and foxes that I had caught around in Sand Fork and Rock Camp. I felt rather sad just thinking of 30 years ago. I had a long talk with Leff Gray while I was there. I asked if he still looked at an ace-in-the-hole and some times. I was surprised at Leff looking so good at the age of 74. I stopped to see D. G. Legg and I'm so glad that Dock is doing so good. I saw my old boyhood friend T. T. Bragg. T. T. and I was raised up together over on Steers Creek. I'd like to tell what a dirty trick he played on me one time when we was boys, but I'll let him tell that. Omer Gregorich, his sister and family was up to see us a few weeks ago and I had about a pint of poker pennies and I gave them to Omer and told him to give them to the Swandale Sunday School. Well, I'm hatching this week and my wife and my daughter-in-law Doris Beam are visiting friends and relatives in Akron, Ohio. Well this will do for this time as I'm celebrating my 70th birthday. So long to all." (Signed) T. I. Beam

Widen News keeps old friends in touch with each other, as well as what goes on in the town. "Imagine it! (says N. C. Schlichter of Herndon, Pa., in walks Richard Starcher of Widen, W. Va. Who can tell what the rest of the story will be? He is stationed near me and will see me often. So I am close to Widen again." (Dick is recruiting officer at Sunbury, Pa.)

**Man Mounts Deer Heads**  
Local deer hunters with trophies on hand will be glad to learn that Kenneth Jarvis, Taxidermist, has set up a shop in Gassaway.

### Tipple Crew Featured

Shift Foreman Alton G. Houghton's crew, which will be No. 3 shift in January, will be the featured team in the January issue of Widen News Pictorial. The crew includes Kent Keener, Burke Talbert and Luther DeMoss of Dille; John King and Howard Friend of Ivydale; Dorleen Keener and Everett Sallsbury of Clay; Alton Houghton, Orris Rinehart and Cecil McCoy of Strange Creek; and Russell Mullins, Jr. Oba Workman, H. V. Butler, Roy Butcher, Perry Houghton, Jerry Givens, Mike Chapman and Keith Hamrick of Widen.

### Buries Eldest Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. French Young, Mr. and Mrs. DeForrest McMillion, and other members of the families motored to Greensboro, N. C. in November to attend the funeral services of the Young's eldest daughter, Mrs. George Shanks who died rather suddenly the first part of that month from complications following an attack of Asiatic flu, through which this mother of four had successfully nursed her entire family.

Mr. Young is stock-man and deliveryman for the Dille store of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company. Mr. McMillion is a son-in-law.

### Serving For January

The Home Room Mothers group responsible for serving during January includes: Goldie Henderson, Betty Woods, Marjorie Baughman, Faye Marple and Maxine Russell.

### Newcomer Overlooked

One of the recent arrivals in the area to teach school at Dille is Mrs. Evelyn D. Boggs (Roscoe) of Otter District, who has had nine years experience, and is now teaching in her husband's school at Dille. She is teaching fifth and sixth grades.

### Moyers To California

Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Moyers spent a short stay with their son, Dr. E. D., Jr., in San Francisco, California the latter part of November. They made the round trip by air via Capitol Airlines. While there, they crossed the longest cantilever type bridge, over San Francisco Bay, recently completed. The traffic flow on this already famous bridge in on two levels.

### Mrs. Gandy Writes

Mrs. Harry L. Gandy has recently returned to her home in Los Gatos, after a visit with her sister in Seattle, Washington and daughter, Mrs. Helen Louise Holmquist in Richlands. Their son, R. J. Gandy, advance procurement specialist for the Atomic Power Equipment Department of General Electric, has just returned from Tokyo, Japan where he was on a business trip.

### CONSERVATION

Conservation means saving. We generally think of conservation as the saving or good management of our natural resources. When men first came to West Virginia, game, water, and forests seemed so plentiful that they could never all be used up.

But soon men began to realize that natural resources wouldn't last forever. So the state formed the "Conservation Commission."

It is their job to take care of the game, and suggest to the legislature laws to help save game, to buy land for state forests and parks, to hire conservation officers to enforce these laws.

The commission teaches how to save soil, to reforest land, and the methods of farming. Recently they have been stocking fish ponds for farmers.

Our mineral resources are ones which we cannot replace. It took nature millions of years to produce them and only takes man minutes to destroy them.

The forest can be replaced in about thirty years but all it takes to set a forest fire is, one match, cigarette, or a campfire left unattended. The aftermaths of the forest fire is the starvation of game which survives, soil erosion, droughts, and floods.

### Conservation

Clay County Schools have set up a program for the study of Conservation throughout all the grades. Each teacher has received a copy of "Living, Learning, Loving West Virginia", a course of study for his students, published by the State Department of Education and Conservation Commission of West Virginia.

Widen Schools are Complying with this program. Mrs. Leona Griffith's English Classes have written summary essays on Conservation of Wildlife and Conservation of Natural Resources.

Among the best were these two by Eugene George, Jr., 9th grader and Dawne Backus, 10th grader.

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(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
<b>Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.</b>	<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.**

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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.  
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# LEGAL

## 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.

**REMARKS:**

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's 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.

# 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
Appleatcha 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)

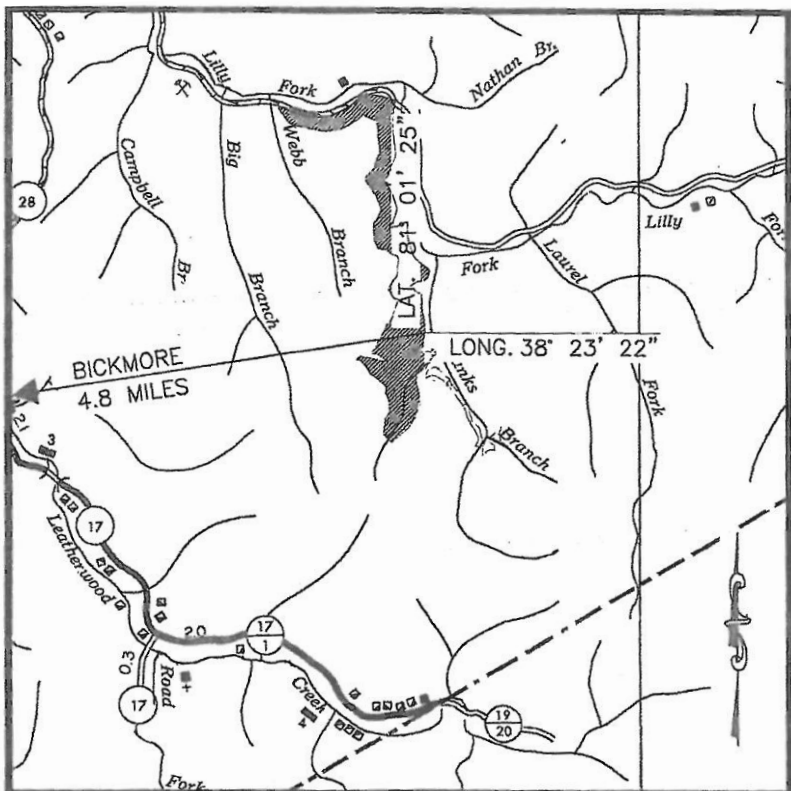
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

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

## PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES Clay COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 16th day of April 2024.

Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>Class I</b>		
Personal Property	\$ 19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-
<b>Total Class I</b>	-	-
<b>Class II</b>		
Real Estate	104,738,960	38.80
Personal Property	3,683,884	-
<b>Total Class II</b>	108,422,884	420,680
<b>Class III</b>		
Real Estate	59,705,760	77.60
Personal Property	55,943,126	-
Public Utilities	46,913,072	-
<b>Total Class III</b>	162,561,958	1,261,481
<b>Class IV</b>		
Real Estate	6,567,590	77.60
Personal Property	2,753,902	-
Public Utilities	2,617,744	-
<b>Total Class IV</b>	11,939,236	92,648

<b>Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections</b>	<b>\$ 282,924,038</b>	
Less uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies		8.00% (141,985)
Less tax discounts		1.00% (16,328)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		-
<b>Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund</b>		<b>1,616,496</b>
Less - Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00% (32,330)
<b>Projected Net Taxes to be Collected</b>		<b>\$ 1,584,166</b>

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

SIGNED THIS 19th DAY OF March, 2024 by

Philip R. Dobbins

SECRETARY OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Philip R. Dobbins*  
Signature

## PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES Clay COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Class	Levy Rates/\$100	Excess Levy	Permanent Improvement		Taxes Levied	Bond Levy	
			Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>Class I</b>							
Personal Property	0.94	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Class I</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Class II</b>							
Real Estate	1.88	19,691	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	693	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Class II</b>	-	20,384	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Class III</b>							
Real Estate	3.76	22,449	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	21,035	-	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	17,639	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Class III</b>	-	61,123	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Class IV</b>							
Real Estate	3.76	2,469	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	1,035	-	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	984	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Class IV</b>	-	4,488	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections</b>	<b>\$ 85,995</b>	\$ -	\$ -
Less uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies	8.00% (6,880)	5.00%	-
Less tax discounts	1.00% (791)	1.00%	-
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			-
<b>Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation</b>		0	
Less-Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	0.00%	-	
<b>Projected Net Taxes to be Collected</b>	<b>\$ 78,324</b>	\$ -	-
<b>Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies</b>	<b>\$ 1,662,490</b>	-	-

SIGNED THIS 19th day of March, 2024 by

Philip R. Dobbins

SECRETARY OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Philip R. Dobbins*  
Signature

# LEGAL

## ADVERTISEMENT MR-34-BR

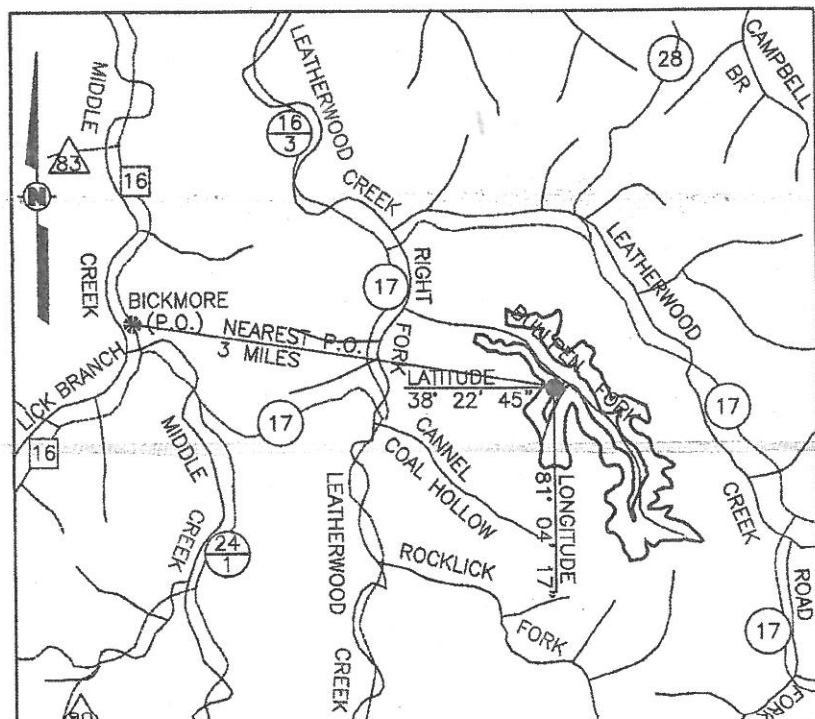
Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1017934 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to maintain, monitor and operate a surface mine, haulroad and augering/highwall mining in the middle kitting and lower kitting seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into Bullpen Fork of Right Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River and is located 3 miles east of Bickmore, in Henry District of Clay County, Longitude 81° 04' 17" and Latitude 38° 22' 45" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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

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

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and **must** also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 5/6/24, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone Number 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No: WV1017934



**LOCATION MAP - WV1017934 / S-2007-98**  
WV DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS  
HENRY DISTRICT OF CLAY COUNTY, WV  
LOCKWOOD (NO. 441) AND CLAY (NO. 298)  
QUADRANGLES SCALE : 1" = 1 MILE



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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
008 2024890001	R089-GRDRL-24 00		GUARDRAIL D9 2025 REM GUARDRAIL District Wide Guardrail and Fence Installation and Repair COUNTY:

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
009 2023990067	S399-081/00 0 00	HSIP-0081(047)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2024 RPM STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

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

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# LEGAL

## Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

- Publication Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024  
Claim Deadline: Monday, June 3, 2024
- | APPOINTMENT DATE | ESTATE NAME             | ADMINISTRATRIX          |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 03/12/2024       | GEORGE W BROWN          | KIM LEA BROWN           |
| 02/22/2024       | RONDELL ELWOOD LOVE     | SHIRLEY YOUNG           |
| 01/29/2024       | HUBERT R MOLLOHAN       | MICHELLE MOLLOHAN SENCY |
| 02/13/2024       | SILAS WHITNEY STARCHER  | MARY ETTA STARCHER      |
| 02/16/2024       | CHARLES D STRICKLAND II | NICOLE E HAWLEY         |

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 3/27/2024

Sheila Stone  
County Clerk  
Clay County  
P.O. Box 190  
246 Main Street  
Clay WV 25043-0190

# LEGAL

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

### Civil Action No. 23-D-55 NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR DIVORCE

To: BARRETT JOHN PAUL DAVIS, Respondent,  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §48-1-304, that a Petition for Allocation of Custody Responsibility has been filed before the Family Court of Clay County, West Virginia, which seeks the attention of the Respondent, BARRETT JOHN PAUL DAVIS. A more particular description of this suit is contained in the Petition for Allocation of Custody Responsibility on file in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia.

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of May 2024 at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, in the Family Court of Clay County, West Virginia, a hearing will be held on the petition. You are ORDERED to appear and defend on or before May 2, 2024, or a judgment adverse to your interest may be entered by the Court.

A copy of the Petition can be obtained by the Clay County Family Clerk.

Erica Brannon Gunn  
402 Market Street  
Spencer WV 25276  
Phone: 304-927-6161  
Counsel for Petitioner

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## B

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At This Time

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Thursday Night 7:00 PM  
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Sunday Morning 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM  
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

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7:30 PM  
Thursday Night Service  
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Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM  
Wednesday evening services  
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**Pastor: Ralph D. Lane**

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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  
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Everyone Welcome **Pastor:  
Doug Newell IV**

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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**

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

**CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM.  
Everyone is Welcome!  
**Pastor: Wilma Dobbins**

**CLENENIN 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 Fall-  
ing Rock, Clay County  
Sunday Morning Worship  
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Sunday School 11:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Service  
7:30 PM  
Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM  
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James Bible  
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**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**  
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Bomont, WV  
Sunday Service 10:00 AM  
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Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
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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  
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7:00 PM  
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Youth 7:00 PM  
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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  
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**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**

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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
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**IDA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Wednesday Prayer Service &  
Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.  
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have crafts, etc., all children  
welcome.  
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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!  
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Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

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

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Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Mark Dudley**  
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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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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**

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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  
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Service 10:00 AM Sunday  
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## N

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Sunday School 11:00 AM  
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Wednesday at 7:30 PM

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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer  
Meeting 7:00 PM

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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meet-

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

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9:45 PM

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Dunlap**

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

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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.  
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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Bible Study  
& preaching 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Dennis Vance**

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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM  
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7:00 PM  
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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
Everyone welcome.  
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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:15 AM  
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Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
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## Q

**QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C. CHURCH**  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
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## R

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Saturday Prayer Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
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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.  
**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 LIZEMORE**  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00  
PMEveryone welcome  
**Pastor: Don Dobbins**

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

## 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 Sun-  
days 9:45 AM  
Bible Study Wednesday Eve-  
ning 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**  
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Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
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# Panther track teams place second overall



Evan Bass runs the hurdles.



Olivia Witt runs the 1600 meter run.



Cheyanne Taylor runs the 3200 meter.

**By Allen Hamrick**

It was time to burn some cleats this past Saturday at the Lindsay Mann Memorial Invitational held at Roane County High School. Saturday was the perfect day for a rematch against Roane County after coming so close to a win the last time they met. With just six teams participating, the Panther track teams had a better than good chance at bringing down the Raiders. Scott, Calhoun, Gilmer and Sherman had some dogs in the hunt as well. Scott High School had some runners that could scorch the earth as well as perform in the field events thereby making it difficult to get the points needed to oust the Raiders as top dogs. Sherman also brought in some heavy hitters that could rack up the points.

The Lady Panthers went head to head in all the events with the top scoring Lady Raiders, and in the end, it was the Lady Raiders coming out on top with the Lady Panthers just seven points behind. It was a good day for the Lady Panthers. Jayda Stricker was a scoring machine grabbing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 meter dash, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 meter hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400 meter run and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump. Olivia Witt also did a good job notching points placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 meter run, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600 meter, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3200 meter and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter hurdles. Cheyanne Taylor took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3200,

the 4x400 team took 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4x102.5 meter shuttle hurdles team also took 1<sup>st</sup>. Ariel Dobbins took 5<sup>th</sup> in the discus.

The boys also did well placing second overall, just 30 points behind the first place Raiders. Individually, Evan Bass was setting points on the board placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110 meter hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 300 meter hurdles and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump. Trent Hinkle was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 110 meter hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3200 meter run and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the pole vault. Takota Quinn was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 110 meter hurdles and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump. Daymian Stricker took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pole vault and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the high jump. Kane Nida took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1600 meter run and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3200 meter run. The 4x100 team took 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 4x110 meter shuttle hurdles took 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4x200 team took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Justin Nida was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 110 meter hurdles.

The Panther track team is working hard to put CCHS track back on the map for Clay County. Track is a tough sport; if you don't think so, run from the couch to the refrigerator and back in under 15 minutes but keep an oxygen bottle close.

Congrats go out to Nathan Wynn and Olivia Witt for receiving the Lindsey Mann Memorial award for those seniors who exhibit great pride in doing what it takes to get their team to the top. Go Panthers!



Daymian Stricker hits 9 feet in the pole vault.



Takota Quinn hits the high mark.



Trent Hinkle hits 8 feet in the pole vault.



Jaylyn Belt runs the 4x200 meter.



L-R, Nathan Wynn and Olivia Witt receive the Lindsay Mann Memorial award. Photo Matt Stricker