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Clay County Highways Get Commission-Sponsored Cleanup



At the Clay County Commission meeting were (from left to right) Clerk Shelia Stone, and Commissioners David Schoolcraft, Shelia Johnson, and Connie Kinder.

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission met for their second regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 22, at 5 p.m. But eight hours prior to that meeting, County Commissioners David Schoolcraft, Joyce Johnson, and Connie Kinder were getting their hands dirty doing clean-up work. The Commission sponsored a highway cleanup day, both Monday at 9 a.m. and the following day. In addition to many adult volunteers, the county solicited almost 50 volunteers from the Clay County High School to do the county-wide clean up. The Department of Highways supplied the bags, gloves, even reflective vests. And they would supply the trucks that would haul away the perhaps thousand bags that volunteers would leave along the highways.

As you can imagine it is not possible to cover the more than 10,000 miles of county roads, in only two days, so only the main roads, Route 4, Route 16, and Route 36 were selected, likely because they are the roads that visitors see as they pass through our county. As commissioners Kinder and Johnson expressed, it is a shame that there are still people who throw trash from their windows as they drive through Clay County roads. Students who participated get community service hours for their efforts, hours that count toward their graduation.

The Commission took care of routine business at their Monday meeting, approving minutes, bills, purchase orders, budget revisions, invoices and a variety of wills, testaments, waivers, estates, other such tasks. They approved the Clay County Ambulance Payroll Enhancement Distribution provided by the state legislature to get local 911 employees up to par with other county ambulance authorities so that retention and hiring will be easier. They also approved Connie Truman's, Assistant Director of the Ambulance Service, request to hire Riley Rush as an EVOG driver. They also approved Assessor Teressa Davis' request to hire Stephanie Wayne as part-time data entry clerk.

The Commission also scheduled and then executed a public testing of the new voting machines for Clay County, prior to their use in the May 14 Primary Election.

The Commission had a busy week: two cleanup days and two days of voting ma-

chine tests. On Tuesday there was a full testing of all 33 voting machines, making sure that all candidates could get at least one vote each on all 33 machines. It was also a dry run for the public testing a day later.

This is the first time ever, in Clay County elections, primary or general, that electronic voting machines will be used to select, tabulate, and count votes. Because this is new to Clay County, one of three remaining counties in West Virginia, kicking and screaming being dragged into the twenty first century, it is not only wise to test, but prudent to demonstrate the use of these machines. Even the most non-technical among our citizenry will easily master this. Technician Michael from Casto and Harris out of Spencer, WV helped with the technical side of things while County Clerk Shelia Stone and Deputy Assistant Clerk Stacy King did the actual demonstration on the equipment. Commissioner Joyce Johnson oversaw the testing.

"First," Michael explained, "these machines are just big pencils. They don't have any data storage system to keep count of votes." He holds up a strip of paper maybe four inches wide by 18 inches long. "This is blank thermal paper, like what your cash register machines run. There is a thermal printer inside of this voting machine. After a person has made their selections on multiple screens, this 'marks' this thermal card with their selections. So there is a paper ballot that exists. At the top is a series of bar codes, and below is their selections in English. And that stub is torn off just like in the old paper ballots. That ballot is put into a metal can and at the end of the day they are transported here where they will be read on that machine." He points to a large machine sitting in the room. It sounds so simple.

"Poll workers will put the paper in the machine," Shelia said, as she put the first sheet in, "At the individual precincts there are three of these machines, so several can vote at once, and there should be no long lines. There you choose Republican or Democrat. If you are non-partisan you will have to choose a party for the primary." She selected a screen that showed the candidates, starting with President. You could vote only one vote per candidate, unless, like the school board candidates you can vote more than



School students pose just before day one clean up.



Stacy King (left) Joyce Johnson (center) and Shelia Stone (right).

one. It will clearly say if that is the case otherwise you get an alert that you must choose only one. You cannot overvote. The machine will not allow it. You can leave a category blank. You can even leave the whole ballot blank. It will warn you but allow it. You advance page after page through your selections, and then come to a review page. There you can go back and change any selection. After you review you get the option to change a vote, or to print. Once your paper is printed, it is put into a canister, as it was in the past, until at the end of the day the canister is taken to the courthouse. As part of the demonstration, both Shelia and Stacy entered a number of ballots from a preprinted stack of paper ballots that allows them to be sure that all candidates get at least one vote. Where allowable, even write-in candidates can be entered on screen (not this election as no write-in candidates have registered).

Stacy entered a pile of votes on the other machine, representing early voters. For purposes of demonstration, they

will vote all on the machine as precinct one as every voter could be from a different precinct and the first selection for early voting would be precinct. Shelia's stack representing a precinct on election day was taken to the big machine #DS450. It ran all the vote slips it was fed. It even accurately separated three blank votes. Stacy, representing early voting at the courthouse, took her stack to the taller tabulator that looked for all the world like an older video game.

At the end of all counts, a thumb drive is unlocked and removed from both machines and taken to an election dedicated computer that merges both early and election day votes, verifies the math, and generates an election report that presents on paper a lot of visual information quickly. The test worked flawlessly. After the election, the paper ballots will be locked away and kept by law for 22 months.

Michael, optimistically says, election workers could be home and in bed by 10:00 p.m. We will see, God willing.

Spotlight on Angela Brown



Angela Brown

By Gary Lee Stuber

Angela Brown is one tough mother. Not just in her capacity as Director of the Clay County Health Department, where she excels. Not as a champion of grant writing, where she also seems unequalled. No. It is her capacity as mother. Where she not only champions her own children but has kind of become a tough mother for an entire youth sports league. Probably

to most under twelve she is 'Coach Brown.' She is coach to 45 youth members of the Clay County Soccer League. She would love to expand her league to the teen crowd, but to do that she has to grow soccer practice space at the Maysel Soccer field. Those pesky sports regulations. It will happen someday.

"She was relentless," Clay County Commissioner Connie Kinder says of the Health Department Director who is a friend of the commission. Joyce Johnson nods her head in agreement. "A bunch of Clay County parents got together, and with Angela's direction they got it done." Angela had just left the commission meeting after telling the commission that they had their first soccer game the previous weekend on their new field at Maysel Park.

It was a long time in development. But Angela is also a patient person. "I

have been director at the Health Department over 10 years. At the Health Department you are trying to look at a population's health as opposed to an individual's health. So, you try to do things that will affect more than one person." She illustrates: "We follow up on a septic complaint or a water complaint, because that has the potential to affect a lot of people." And with that, she segways into grants. "We will look at grants into food, because that might affect diabetes. And exercise, because that too can reduce the chance of developing diabetes. Access to better foods and exercise can at least delay the onset of diabetes in a susceptible population."

She briefly weighs into Covid. "It was a very trying time. But we had some very helpful partners that we worked with. It was something new. We have taken many of the things we learned into the pres-

Legends of the hunt— Kendra Taylor



Soon to be legendary hunter Kendra Taylor. By Allen Hamrick

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



David Joseph Angle
Booked 4-24-24
Fleeing with Reckless Indifference



Jami Mae Crist
Booked 4-26-24
Probation Violation



Dennis Eugene Day
Booked 4-22-24
Prohibited person w/fire-arm-1, poss w/intent



Janet Mae Haines
Booked 4-28-24
Domestic Assault-1



Billy James Hardman
Booked 4-22-24
Capias-1



Teddy James Kyer
Booked 4-22-24
Poss C/S-2, DUI 1st offense, DOR/DUI, driving revoked

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Tyler Nathaniel Lafever
Booked 4-27-24
Destruction of property-1, grand larceny



Jordan Daniel Lane
Booked 4-26-24
Capias-1



Douglas Scott Swink
Booked 4-25-24
Prohibited person w/fire-arm-1



Tanya Lou Raulston
Booked 4-28-24
Domestic Battery 3rd-2, Domestic Assault 3rd



Kevin Don Drake
Booked 4-25-24
Sex abuse by parent, guardian-1, Sex abuse 1st degree (5-25 Yrs)



Donald Lee Cogar
Booked 4-27-24
Assault on Officer, Obstructing an Officer-1

BRAXTON COUNTY

CLAY COUNTY



Jacob Lee Adkins
Booked 4-22-24
Burglary-1, Destruction of Property

Correction:

Last week's article, "School Board announces personnel changes affected by school closings," referenced "the closing of the H.E. White, Lizemore, and Ivydale elementary schools," where Ivydale Elementary has already been closed and should not have been referenced. AWARE Coordinator Barry Payton was referred to as Barry Paxton, and Hanna Hanna's name was shorted to simply Hanna, erroneously. All other employees referenced in the article were directly listed correctly from the agenda for that BOE meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

Manchin Statement on Vote to Advance National Security Package

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on his vote to advance the bipartisan National Security Package. The legislation passed 79 to 18 and will now go to the President's desk.

"American leadership means standing with our allies and standing up against authoritarianism. I am proud to vote for this national security package that advances America's interests both on the world stage and right here at home. This bill will ensure Ukraine has the weapons and ammunition necessary to prevent a larger war in Europe, and it allows the U.S. and our allies to seize and use frozen Russian Central Bank assets as a way to punish Putin. It also sends a message to Hamas, Iran, and its proxies that we will continue to support Israel until they are victorious. It will deter China from further aggression in the Indo-Pacific region and protect Americans' data from its Chinese-owned company, ByteDance, by requiring it to be sold to an American company.

"By investing in our allies, we are also investing in our own economic interests by creating new jobs to produce weapons here in the United States and reinvigorating our defense industrial base. Today, we are demonstrating our commitment to peace through strength and I look forward to seeing the President quickly sign this package into law."

Courthouse News



Wednesday, May 15, 2024 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff"

09:00 AM, State v. Timothy Oral Mace, Bench Trial, Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked for DUI, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance

09:30 AM, State v. Christi Dawn Koch, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operators license - Driving while license suspended or revoked, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance, Registration card to be carried and exhibited on demand, Reckless driving - No bodily injury

10:00 AM, State v. Jonathan Fitzgerald Stutler, Bench Trial, Operators license - Driving while license suspended or revoked, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance

10:30 AM, State v. Adam Dwayne Parsons, Bench Trial, Operators license - Driving while license suspended or revoked, Improper use of evidences of registration, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription

11:00 AM, State v. Samantha Michelle Brown, Pre-Trial Hearing, Attempt to commit misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail

11:30 AM, State v. Adam A Jarrett, Pre-Trial Hearing, Simple assault

01:00 PM, State v. Christopher Ray Tucker, Petit larceny, Breaking and entering non-residence

02:00 PM, State v. Jillissa Nicole Stutler, Pre-Trial Hearing, Shoplifting - Removal of merchandise

02:30 PM, State v. Eric Andrew Barnett, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation of vehicles without evidences of registration, No vehicle insurance

02:30 PM, State v. Eric Andrew Barnett, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving while license suspended or revoked; General, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor

03:00 PM, State v. Syamantaka N. Detamore, Pre-Trial Hearing, Expired motor vehicle registration, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate

03:00 PM, State v. Syamantaka N. Detamore, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, Expired motor vehicle registration

Big Otter students enjoy the outdoors



It was a fun afternoon for students in the Afterschool program at Big Otter Elementary School! Students enjoyed a water slide, huge inflatable, and water balloons in the school's field. Thank you to all the Afterschool teachers and volunteers that made this event a fun time for the kids!

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Stumbling Towards The Light

By Joseph J. Mazzella

If there is one thing I have learned over the years it is that God refines and purifies our spirits not only through great challenges but also through everyday encounters and simple moments. I got another reminder of this just the other day at the grocery store.

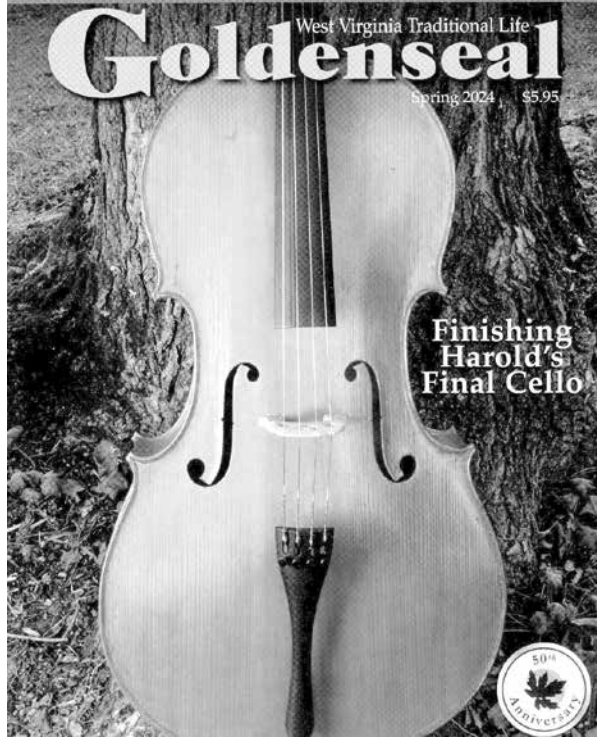
It was a windy, chilly, and rainy day and all I wanted to do was grab my stuff and go home. As I hurried towards the store entrance I saw a little, old lady bent with age, walking slowly in the rain with a cane in her hand. I didn't stop to speak with her, though, but hurried on into the store. Later as I was pushing my cart quickly through the aisles I saw her again in a motorized cart slowly steering out of other people's way. Again I ignored her and hurried on.

Thankfully, God in His infinite love gave me a third chance. This time as I turned into the aisle with the rice I saw her again, sitting in her cart looking up sadly at the boxes she couldn't even reach if she was standing. This time I stopped and asked if I could help her. She gave me the most beautiful smile and pointed to a box on the top shelf. I stretched up and grabbed it for her. Then we talked for a few minutes, two souls connecting in a beautiful way, until we said "goodbye" and headed for the checkout counters. As I was leaving the store I felt a sense of peace, a sense of love, and a sense of grace I hadn't felt all day long. I smiled and thanked God for giving me enough chances to finally get it right.

In this life we are all stumbling towards the light with varying degrees of love and success at any given moment. Thankfully God keeps giving us countless opportunities to grow and learn, to be kind and loving, and to become who we truly are. May your own journey towards the light be full of faith, full of love, and full of grace. And when you stumble like I did, may you always reach out, take God's hand, rise up, and begin again.

Department of Arts, Culture and History Celebrates 50 Years of GOLDENSEAL Magazine with New Exhibit Opening

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GOLDENSEAL Magazine's 2024 Spring Edition. Cover photo by Stephen Brightwell, WVDACH photographer.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) announces the opening of a new exhibit celebrating 50 years of GOLDENSEAL Magazine, the magazine of West Virginia Traditional Life. The exhibit opened at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston on Sunday, Apr. 28 at 2 p.m. Produced by the WVDACH, GOLDENSEAL takes its stories from the recollections of West Virginians living throughout the state. Oral history fieldwork and documentary photography result in four issues per year with articles on subjects such as labor history, folklore, music, farming, religion, traditional crafts, food, and politics.

GOLDENSEAL was first published in Apr. 1975 by the West Virginia Department of Commerce and the Arts and Humanities Council. Founding editor Tom Screven wrote in the first issue that the purpose of GOLDENSEAL was to "serve not only as a device to preserve many aspects of the state's traditional life, but also as a means of communication for students and enthusiasts of West Virginia's folklife." That remains their mission today. In 1976, GOLDENSEAL's offices were moved to the new Science and Culture Center, now known as the Culture Center, and was published under the new Department of Culture and History. GOLDENSEAL has had five editors in its 50 years of existence.

The West Virginia State Museum and GOLDENSEAL Magazine have worked together to create a showcase of photos and artifacts related to past GOLDENSEAL subjects and the museum collection. Like GOLDENSEAL, the exhibit aims to showcase the people and stories of West Virginia.

The culture and community of the Mountain State, as covered by GOLDENSEAL over the last 50 years, is highlighted in the exhibition through sections related to the history of the magazine, music, rural life, industry, and artists and craftsmanship. The photographs of state photographers Steve Payne, Rick Lee, Michael Keller, Tyler Evert and Steve Brightwell, who contributed regularly to the magazine, are used throughout the exhibit.

This exhibition will be on display through Oct. For more information about the GOLDENSEAL exhibit, contact Laiken Blankenship, GOLDENSEAL editor, at (304) 555-0220 or Laiken.J.Blankenship@wv.gov.

Being Sick Is Not My Cup Of Tea

by Dr. James L. Snyder

I do not have a history of being sick. I rarely even have a headache, but I must confess, I give headaches.

The last two weeks have been different for me. I have never experienced such a long stretch of sickness before. One day in the hospital and then two weeks in bed. What kind of experience is that?

The great thing about being sick, if there is anything great about it, is that you have a big excuse for not doing anything. For several days, I did not even get out of my pajamas or out of bed.

I can't imagine anybody being sick all the time; it just doesn't make sense to me.

If there is a good side—and I'm really not convinced there is—I have yet to find it. When I think things are coming to an end, the road suddenly turns right.

For several days, I coughed and sneezed and coughed and sneezed. One day, I sneezed so bad that I sneezed my brains out. No problem. I haven't missed my brains.

Getting well is a process I'm not very familiar with. I've had to take more pills than I have ever seen in my life. And, thanks to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage I take those pills every day. She is my drug lord. I never knew drugs were so important.

There is an ongoing contest with me. That is, how soon can I get to the bathroom? The bathroom is at one end of the house, and my easy chair is at the other end. Oh boy, I've never seen such a long distance before.

Most of the time, I made it on time, but that's for another time.

In thinking about my medication, I have found myself a little woozy when I get up to walk. It doesn't last long, just long enough to make me feel crazy.

Not only did I spend one day in the hospital, but I had several trips to the doctor's office for checkups and to monitor the medication I was taking.

At one doctor's visit, the nurse had to do blood work for me. She came and brought all of her equipment, I looked at her and said, "Why don't you just punch me in the nose and get my blood that way. That would be easier for both of us."

The way she looked at me seemed like she was ready to punch me in the nose. But all that poking on my arm with needle after needle after needle I think she got even with me. Why is my blood so important to them? After all, it's my blood, so let me keep it.

For some reason, they can look at my blood and tell my whole health history.

SPOTLIGHT

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Angela's boys Isaac (left) and Carson (right)

ent. Covid is still with us. Like pneumonia. Like flu."

Angela was born Angela Fitzwaters to Dawn and Danny Fitzwaters. She has a sister, Shanna Taylor who is a teacher at Clay, and a sister Katherine, who was killed in a car accident. Her father Danny was also a teacher at Clay who taught Special Education classes. Her mother, however, was probably her role model. Dawn worked 40 years at the Clay County Health Department. "You have to have a heart for the work," Angela says, and thinks her nephew is one she sees with it. Her parents are both retired.

Her husband Greg gave her two sons: Issac, who is now a senior at Clay County High School, and Carson, who is a fifth grader at Clay Elementary.

"Issac is a coach. That is just because we need coaches," she laughs and she wouldn't be the last mother to press her son into service. "We have never seen ourselves as a soccer family. But Carson when he was about five he said, 'I wanna play soccer.' And I said let's just try t-ball instead because it was in county and we went and he tried, and his socks were too big and his shorts were too small and he said, 'At least I look like a soccer player.' I said we will try our best to find soccer next season." Next year they would find it in Braxton County. There were no

The thing about my sickness is that my energy has gone on vacation. I hope it enjoys the vacation wherever it is, and I'm anxious for it to return and hear it's stories.

I didn't realize how unenergetic I was until the other day when the great-granddaughter stayed with us. She was running around in circles, giggling, jumping up and down, and doing all kinds of things, and I got tired just watching her do all of those things.

I wanted to grab her, but I didn't have the energy, and find out where she gets all that energy and ask to borrow some of it just for a day.

In pondering this, I've come to the conclusion that the older you get, the less energy you have. If I had known this when I was young, I would not have spent all of my energy so foolishly. I would have put some of it in a savings account for my senior years.

One good thing about the great-granddaughter, as I watch her running and jumping and giggling and rolling on the floor, I forget about what I'm doing at the time. I even can laugh a little.

Once I get better, and that will be TOMORROW, I will be cautious about how I use my energy. I'm going to find some way to put a little bit of energy every day into some kind of savings account to use later. I'm not sure how that works, but I'm going to take the time I have getting better trying to figure out how I can do that.

There could be a good side to all of this sickness nonsense. Once I get better and return to normal life, I could use the experience for my own benefit.

For example, when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asks me to do something I'm not very anxious about, I can say, "Oh, boy. I'm starting to feel dizzy right now?"

Then, she will feel sorry for me, lead me to my chair and help me sit down. I'm not sure how long I can play this violin, but I will play it as long as I can.

Someone once said that there is a rainbow after every storm. I guess this is my rainbow.

A verse of scripture came to mind as I thought about being sick. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Prayer is the solution to every problem, even my health.

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leagues in Clay County. Not even as school sports options. "Not many soccer fields are lighted so everything must be done by dark, so you dash there after school and then have to eat out since you are coming back so late. There were five or six other Clay County kids playing soccer in Braxton. Most Clay County families cannot afford to do that."

So even before Covid back in 2019, Angela was working on getting a Clay County Soccer League started. Her first grant dollars she acquired from the BeHealthy Grants through the WVU Extension Office. That was just the beginning. She first started looking at sites and it took her to the old Philcon site there on Route 36. Big field, odd angles, private equipment sitting in places. And then they set their sights on Maysel Park. She pulls up a photo from earlier this winter, which is an aerial view of a mostly brown field. On it are drawn-up soccer fields. She points to places where the ground is low or uneven that she one day hopes to fill in and level out, as that would give her the field size to add a Teen Soccer League. She will get it. She is tough that way. In the meantime, she is using the rest of the field for her existing teams. No longer brown it is lush and green and landscaped for the games. Right now they must bring equipment with them as they have no storage building to store equipment on site. This is their first year, first season, and they had 45 kids sign up. The future is bright.

Signage for the site would also be a great opportunity for a business to sponsor the club. As one would expect, whether you have children or grandchildren in the league, all Clay County citizens are invited to come up and cheer on the teams. Bring your own seating. Food truck is available. There are two more weekends before the season ends until this fall. The US-12 game is 6 p.m. on Friday May 3. Three games starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday May 4, and the remaining four games on Saturday, May 11, which will also be the Spring Season Year End Event that will give awards to players at 3 p.m. Check out their web page for more details: claycountysoccerleaguewv.org

"You have to be patient in public health. When you work in a hospital, or with a doctor's office, you see results almost immediately, very quickly you watch them going out better, or they are not." She smiles, "In public health you have to be very patient and wait, because sometimes it might take you two years. I have been working on this for five and I finally got to see a game played last Saturday.



This aerial shot shows the soccer fields.



The first soccer games are just now beginning.

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.

May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).



May 1, 1930: Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act "as a curse upon the nation" that violated her

right to have a beer instead of water.

May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the gradual emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.



May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmas-

ter general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.



May 3, 1948: The plane of test pilot Howard "Tick" Lilly, a Raleigh County native, crashed on takeoff in California. Lilly was the first of many government test pilots to die in the line of duty. Six weeks earlier, he had become only the fourth person to break the sound barrier.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston

ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.



May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robinson Delany was born in

Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only Black Civil War officer to be given a field command.



May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

May 6, 1968: Newspaper publisher and Bluefield native John S. Knight received the Pulitzer Prize for his long record of service and his series of columns opposing the Vietnam War.

May 7, 1824: Logan County was created by the Virginia General Assembly from parts of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell and Kanawha counties.

The county seat was first known as Lawnsville, then Aracoma, and finally Logan.

May 7, 1857: William A. MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.

May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theatre opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.



Super Crossword

STEEP STAIRWAY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Offer hush money to
 - 6 Strip of gear, as a ship
 - 11 Weight unit for a druggist
 - 15 "I am at your — and call"
 - 19 "Elementary" actor Quinn
 - 20 Sonata, often
 - 22 Many a cruise stopover
 - 23 Unconcealed
 - 24 Customized for
 - 25 Lee of Marvel Comics
 - 26 Like a swine
 - 28 Also-rans
 - 29 Like a diluted drink
 - 31 Parceled out
 - 33 "Haven't — before?"
 - 34 Shout of discovery
 - 35 Having two hues
 - 37 "It could go either way"
 - 39 Rival of Delta or United
 - 41 Urgent
 - 42 Fire residue
 - 46 Taxpayer's ID
 - 48 Dedicates
 - 50 Fender guitar, for short
 - 52 Ltd. cousin
 - 53 Pot toppers
 - 55 Edits for publication
 - 57 Conflict
 - 59 Sad paper notices
 - 61 Say a different way
 - 63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa
 - 64 Gets broader
 - 66 "No outlet" street
 - 68 Always, in music scores
 - 69 Keyboard instrument
 - 71 One of three womb-sharers
 - 73 Florida's Key —
 - 74 Charges for not paying on time
 - 76 Decongestant brand
 - 78 Legal claim on property
 - 79 Broke a fast
 - 80 Filmmaker
 - 82 Non-PC person?
 - 84 Suffix with Taiwan
 - 85 Bothersome types
 - 87 Boring type
 - 89 Relax after working hard
 - 91 Red-tinged jewelry alloy
 - 94 Removes hair from
 - 97 Second-to-last king of Egypt
 - 100 Greeting sent online
 - 102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is — Sense"
 - 103 Tropical rabbit lookalike
 - 104 Shrink back
 - 106 Brings about
 - 107 Finger-paint
 - 108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"
 - 111 Like many allergy sprays
 - 112 Robbie Knievel's father
 - 113 Remark from the sharp-eared
 - 114 1950s-'70s baseballer Boyer
 - 115 Actress Russo
 - 116 Deck crew officer, in brief
 - 117 Puts in order
 - 118 City on the Ruhr
 - 16 Lauder of fragrances
 - 17 Lois' partner
 - 18 Its capital is Nairobi
 - 21 Aspiring doc's major
 - 27 Person stashing stuff
 - 30 In the buff
 - 32 Cracked, as a cryptogram
 - 36 Info group to be input
 - 38 "Dagnabbit!"
 - 40 Bee-luring fluids
 - 43 Chief female officers in sacred rites
 - 44 Gets bigger
 - 45 First division of a 13-Down
 - 46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause
 - 47 Utter with a hissing sound
 - 49 Arena relative
 - 51 Crafts' counterparts
 - 54 Apple's Jobs
 - 56 Pop in a blended family
 - 58 Egypt's Nasser
 - 60 Detects like a dog
 - 62 Intertwined
 - 65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
 - 67 Neutralized, as a bomb
 - 70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles
 - 72 Planes' first fliers, often
 - 75 Operations
 - 77 Infer (from)
 - 81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
 - 83 Faith
 - 86 Difficulty
 - 88 Finisher just under the winner
 - 90 Beach footwear
 - 92 Overalls for hitting the slopes
 - 93 Sci-fi automatons
 - 95 Grand home
 - 96 Purloined
 - 97 Soundboard control knob
 - 98 Mojave plant
 - 99 Northern French city
 - 101 Inflicted upon
 - 105 Actor Bert
 - 109 "Well well!"
 - 110 Fedora, e.g.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Can is larger. 2. Brush has no paint on it. 3. Rail is lower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Sleeve is different. 6. Ear is larger.

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
♦♦♦ 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

Sport Shorts

Dundon Red Ash Coal Popular At The Local Level

Buffaloes Lose First Game
The Sutton Blue Devils romped over the Widen Buffaloes in the opening game of the 57-58 season at Sutton, Friday, December 6th.

Stewart led Sutton with thirty four points, while Hamrick led Widen with eighteen.

Other points scored were:
C. Ellis 5
P. DeMoss 3
R. Butcher 3
K. Barnett 3
D. Wilson 2

Widen Bows To Webster Springs
Webster Springs defeated the Widen Buffaloes Tuesday, December 10.

At the first half, the Buffaloes trailed by six points.

The final score was 48 to 33. Dick Stemple led Webster scoring with Twelve Points.

C. Ellis 18
K. Barnette 6
P. DeMoss 2
A. Holmes 2
D. Hamrick 5



Some time ago, Widen News carried pictures and story of how our Dundon Red Ash Coal is handled on the Great Lakes, and here we show the Dundon coal yard and the powerful, 25 ft. Fairfield conveyor belt (drag type) used at the coal yard in Dundon to load coal for shipment to local customers.

The conveyor belt is set in place before the bottom gates of the coal car are opened, and gravity feeds the entire carload to the belt which is electrically operated by a push button; the coal is carried

up the boom which can be adjusted to any desired height.

The Buffalo Trucking Company, Messrs W. H. Bower and Harold G. Boggess, co-owners, keep two trucks busy hauling about one third the total volume handled, while consumers haul their own supplies, loaded as this truck is being loaded, averaging the other two thirds. The price of this popular coal is only \$8.80 per ton at the coal yard, presently being managed by Albert Shamblin, attendant, who is on duty from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. daily.

I want a flame paint job, that shines like steel,
I want leather upholstery that matches the feel.

I want a high speed "cam" the racing kind,
I want to leave my mark behind,
When you see two tire prints, for a quarter of a mile,
You can tell them that's me, peeling out in style.

I'll "drag" all the other hot rods in town
"When I hit a hot second, they'll be "setting around."
There'll be power to spare when I pull away,
"Ain't any use trying." is all they can say.

Now come on Santa, let's be kind, and fair
Bring me that present, don't be "no square"
In these cold winter months, I get kinda cold.
But if I had a car, I'd be real brave and Bold.
I'll close for now, Santa, I've got to rest,
But I know your choices are always best.
So if there's a car like that to be had,
Give me a Merry Christmas.
"DIG ME DAD!"

"ORCHIDS AND ONIONS"

Orchids To:

Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Henderson for the turkey dinner on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Craft for helping the Seniors out.

Girls who refuse to write on the bathroom walls.

Phillis Sigman, Mary Jo Morris, and Sandy Holliday for washing down the bathroom wall.

Kids who refuse to push in the lunch line.

Carl Ellis, for going after the school mail every morning.

Joan Truman and Joanne Connor, for taking time out to deliver and collect for Christmas cards.

Onions To:

People who write on the bathroom walls.

Kids who bother other people while they are trying to work.

Students who can't seem to let the things on the teacher's desk alone.

All those who forget their manners.

The person who smeared candy on the trophy case.

Kids who push in the halls.

Students who go through other people's desk and coat pockets.

People who are constant griping.

Kids who throw paper wads.

Seven Dille Students Admitted To WHS Band

One Widen boy, Richard Gibson, clarinet; and seven Dille students, as well as two from Wilson Ridge, were officially elected to membership in the Widen High School Band at the regular meeting of the audition committee in the YMCA building this week.

From Dille the band received Mickey Talbert, trombone; Marion Gibson, trumpet; Milton Persinger, drum; Barbara Cowen, trumpet; Freddy Donohue, clarinet; Ruthie Donohue, clarinet; and Steve Keener, clarinet.

From Wilson Ridge, Janice Triplett, trumpet and Karen Mick, bells.

Band Director Gerald Simmons reports that there are twelve more beginners for which auditions will be held the beginning of the next semester, and that W.H.S. now has a 43 piece band.

A Letter to SANTA

Dear Santa,
I'm writing this letter to you today, To tell you something I'd like brought my way.
I want a car, a fast one, too. A '58 Merc. or a Ford will do.
Now get this, Santa, I like to "jive,"
I want twin carburetors and an overdrive.
I want twin spot lights, and the windshield chopped,
A set of loud pipes, and the rear end dropped.
I want a set of "skirts"—crusiers will do,
I want extended rear bumper, and continental, too.

OBITUARY

Tammy Sue Pritt Osborne, age 56, passed away, unexpectedly, at her home in Martinsburg, WV, March 22, 2024. She passed due to a cardiac event, that occurred in her sleep.

Tammy was born, December 12, 1967, to Eugene Carroll "Pete" Osborne (father), and Margie Jane Greathouse (mother), in Summersville, Nicholas County, WV.

Tammy graduated from Clay County Hight School, May 13, 1986. She attended Glenville State College for three years, studying to become a nurse. Then, life took an unexpected turn, and she was unable to complete her training. However, while at Glenville State College, she met the love of her life David Charles Pritt, Jr. After an intense courtship, they married on May 15, 1993. They made the decision to be "child-free", and dedicated their lives to each other.

After leaving college, Tammy worked at many different jobs. Her last position was at Lowes Home and Hardware, as a trainer/coordinator. She had worked in many different departments for Lowes over the years, including cashier, hardware, mill work, and "installed sales items". She was a valued member of Lowes, and was selected to be a trainer/coordinator, because of her ability to Lowes provide a better experience for their customers.

In addition to being an outstanding member of the Lowes team, Tammy was devoted to her hobbies. She was a fantastic cook, and excellent knitter, an avid reader, but most of all, she was a stalwart member of Society for Creative Anachronism. The S.C.A. is an educational group that explores many aspects of pre-17th century life through "hands on" experiences. She dedicated her time, energy, and efforts to helping others engage with historical cultures in a fun and interesting way. She organized events, sewed clothing, managed youth activities, and fed many with her cooking. She held several offices, fulfilling each flawlessly. She wrote, edited, and coordinated articles, newsletters, and reports; not only for her local group, but for groups across the S.C.A. Her

unceasing efforts to be of benefit to others, earned her the highest award for the service the S.C.A. bestows - she was inducted into the Order Of The Pelican.

Tammy not only loved her hobbies, she also loved her local community of Martinsburg, WV. She had recently joined the local service group, Sleep In Heavenly Peace. This group builds and donates beds to children in need. She took pride in building safe and sturdy beds. Delivering the beds and seeing the smiles on the faces of the recipients brought her joy. She really believed that "no child should sleep on the floor in this town".

Tammy also believed in making the world a better place, not just locally, but everywhere. To that end, she supported the international charity KIVA. KIVA is a micro-finance group, where people volunteer to become donors/lenders. Each donor selects a recipient from a list of micro-loan borrowers and their projects. The borrower receives a small loan for the donor, for the specific project described by the listing. Tammy was a donor for several projects, with recipients all over the world. It was just one more way for her to live her motto "Make things better than you found them."

Tammy was pre-deceased by her father, Eugene Carroll "Pete" Osborne, and her mother Margie Jane Greathouse. She is survived by her sisters, Vicki Brackett, Debbie Childers, Nova Adams. She is also survived by her stepfather, Garrett Adams, and her husband David Charles Pritt, Jr.

There will be no services. Tammy donated her body to J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, a teaching facility in Morgantown, WV. It was her wish that, even in death, she could still be of service, and "do something for others." If you wish to honor her memory, please make a donation to: Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Inc., Berkeley County, WV. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=Z6C8C8DL2C8YE, or consider joining KIVA and support a borrower in memory of Tammy Sue Pritt, Her Excellency Dame Hrefna Ulfvarinsdottir.

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR SCHOOL BOARD EXCESS LEVY ISSUE
TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2024**

TO THE VOTERS OF CLAY COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That at a duly held meeting, The Board of Education of the County of Clay adopted and entered of record the following Excess Levy Order:

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Clay [West Virginia] (the "Board"), being of the opinion that the levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Code"), will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of general current expenses of schools in Clay County, West Virginia, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, and having ascertained that the approximate average amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by the Board, subject to variations from year to year, during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that the question of increase of such levies should be submitted to the voters of Clay County at a primary election to be held on May 14, 2024, in accordance with applicable law, it is hereby ORDERED and DECLARED that:

1. The purposes for which additional funds are needed during the term of this five year levy, and the approximate average annual amount for such purposes after due allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, subject to variation from year to year as set forth herein, are as follows:

PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE
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Maintenance, Repair, and Improvement of School Buildings, Playgrounds, and Athletic Facilities , including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground equipment at Clay Elementary School; • Outdoor basketball court at Big Otter Elementary; • Cost to improve and maintain athletic facilities including but not limited to: - Funding source to turf Bradley Field; and/or - Improvements required by local, state, and federal agencies to ensure the safe and efficient operation of facilities; • Pay for repair and replacement of instruments for Clay Middle School and Clay High School bands; and/or • Custodial and maintenance supplies and equipment. 	\$177,279
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4. The Board reserves unto itself as the levying body, in its discretion, the right and authority to reduce the rates of this Excess Levy if increased property assessments result in funds in excess of the projected needs in any year specified in this Order in accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-6g.

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7. The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within Clay County for the assessment year ending June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Class I Property	\$0
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Class IV Property	\$12,339,574
TOTAL	\$297,429,215

8. That the proposed additional rate of levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1024, July 1, 2025, July 1 2026, July 1 2027, and July 1, 2028, is as follows:

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9. That the proposed years to which the excess levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning **July 1, 1024, July 1, 2025, July 1 2026, July 1 2027, and July 1, 2028.**

10. That the question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote at a primary election to be held in Clay County, West Virginia, on the 14th day of May, 2024.

11. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order for said election in the *Clay County Free Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Clay County School District, as qualified by the West Virginia Secretary of State. All the provisions of the laws concerning primary elections shall apply as far as they are practicable.

12. The official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

FORM OF BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**Special Levy Election
to Authorize Additional Levies
According to the Order of The Board of Education
of the County of Clay Adopted and Entered on January 23, 2024**

Special election to authorize additional levies (the "Excess Levy") for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, in the approximate average amount of \$1,107,988, annually, for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Clay (the "Board"), including for the purposes hereinafter set forth; all according to the Order of the Board entered on the 23rd day of January 2024, and as more particularly described below.

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If a majority of the voters approve the proposed additional levies, the Board will not issue bonds in connection with the approval of such additional levies.

The additional levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, shall be on Class I property **13.00 cents**; on Class II property **26.00 cents**; on Class III property **52.00 cents**; on Class IV property **52.00 cents**.

That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

INSTRUCTION TO VOTER

Those favoring the additional levies, mark in the square "FOR THE LEVIES"; and those against such additional levies, mark in the square "AGAINST THE LEVIES".

FOR THE LEVIES

AGAINST THE LEVIES

END OF FORM OF BALLOT

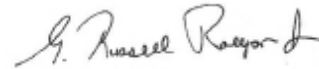
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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of CLAY have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Clay County Courthouse beginning at 9:00 AM in the morning, on the 29th day of May, 2024.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT NO.	YEAR SOLD	NAME 1	NAME 2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
082310	2020	BRIGHT LANDS LLC		5 AC FRAMES RUN COAL 1/3 INT	BUFFALO
082311	2020	MAGOUN BESSIE MAE		PT LOT VILLA NOVA 1/6 INT FEE	BUFFALO
082312	2020	MAGOUN BESSIE MAE		19 AC S S ELK 1/6 INTEREST COAL	BUFFALO
082313	2020	VAUGHAN IRMA JEAN GOAD		PT LOT VILLA NOVA 1/6 INT FEE	BUFFALO
082314	2020	VAUGHAN IRMA JEAN GOAD		19 AC S S ELK 1/6 INT COAL	BUFFALO
082315	2020	WILLIS PAGE	BIRD ANNA JEAN (2021)	4 AC DILLE RUN MIN COAL OUT	BUFFALO
082316	2020	GEARY DOLLIE EST		PT LOT LOCUST STREET SUR 1/3 INT	CLAY CORP
082317	2020	BRIGHT LANDS LLC		50 AC RUSH FORK MIN 1/9 INT	HENRY
082318	2020	BRIGHT MOUNTAIN ESTATES LLC		37 AC ELK & BUFFALO COAL	HENRY
082319	2020	BRIGHT MOUNTAIN ESTATES LLC		72 AC GRANNIES CREEK COAL	HENRY
082320	2020	BRIGHT MOUNTAIN ESTATES LLC		105 AC WTS TWO RUN COAL	HENRY
082321	2020	GEIGER THOMAS SR		.12 AC WTS LAUREL SUR	HENRY
082322	2020	STAPLES ROBERT W ETAL		41 AC N S ELK MIN 1/3 OF 1/8 INTEREST	HENRY
		REVOCABLE TRUST			
082323	2020	BRIGHT LANDS LLC		43 AC NS ELK COAL 1/18 INT	OTTER
082324	2020	BRIGHT LANDS LLC		10 AC WTS WEST FORK COAL	OTTER
082325	2020	BRIGHT LANDS LLC		66 AC WTS STINSON COAL	OTTER
082326	2020	BRIGHT MOUNTAIN ESTATES LLC		160 AC WTS O'BRION COAL	OTTER
082327	2020	BRUNER LAND COMPANY INC		.5 AC WTS OTTER & BARBER SUR	OTTER
082328	2020	HAMRICK MICHELLE (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	20 AC WTS ELK MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082329	2020	HAMRICK MICHELLE (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	76 AC N S ELK MIN 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082330	2020	HAMRICK MICHELLE (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	71.25 AC TWISTING CHUTE O&G 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082331	2020	HAMRICK MICHELLE	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	77.32 AC WTS O'BRION MIN 1/2 COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082332	2020	HAMRICK MICHELLE (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	32.5 AC CROOKED RUN MIN 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 2/7 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER
082333	2020	HAMRICK MICHELLE (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	41 AC BUTLER FORK COAL 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082334	2020	LORI JANET MARLENE (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	66.5 AC OTTER MIN COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/2INT	OTTER
082335	2020	LORI JANET MARLENE		99.5 AC OTTER MIN COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER
082336	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	133.5 AC LOG SHOALS MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082337	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	137 AC WTS OTTER MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/15 OF 1/11 INT	OTTER
082338	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	20 AC WTS ELK MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082339	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	76 AC N S ELK MIN 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082340	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	71.25 AC TWISTING CHUTE O&G 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082341	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	77.32 AC WTS O'BRION MIN 1/2 COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082342	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	32.5 AC CROOKED RUN MIN 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 2/7 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER
082343	2020	MOORE MISTY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	41 AC BUTLER FORK COAL 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082344	2020	SAMPLES WARREN N ETAL		24.6 AC WTS OTTER MIN (O&G OUT)	OTTER
082345	2020	SAMPLES WARREN N SR		12 AC GOULD MIN 1/2 INT	OTTER
082346	2020	SAMPLES WARREN N SR ETAL		100 AC WTS STINSON MIN 1/8 INT (O&G OUT)	OTTER
082347	2020	SAMPLES WARREN N SR ETAL		84.5 AC N S ELK MIN 1/6 INT (LESS O&G)	OTTER
082348	2020	STRADER MANDY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	133.5 AC LOG SHOALS MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082349	2020	STRADER MANDY	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	137 AC WTS OTTER MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/15 OF 1/11 INT	OTTER
082350	2020	STRADER MANDY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	20 AC WTS ELK MIN COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082351	2020	STRADER MANDY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	71.25 AC TWISTING CHUTE O&G 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 OF 2/9 INT	OTTER
082352	2020	STRADER MANDY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	77.32 AC WTS O'BRION MIN 1/2 COAL OUT 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082353	2020	STRADER MANDY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	32.5 AC CROOKED RUN MIN 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 2/7 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER
082354	2020	STRADER MANDY (2020)	DAWSON, KAREN ARELENE MOORE (2021)	41 AC BUTLER FORK COAL 1/5 OF 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	OTTER
082355	2020	TANNER NOLAN		18.124 AC WEST FORK MIN 1/32 INT	OTTER
082356	2020	HILL MELISSA		1 AC WTS BIG SYC SUR 1/5 INT	PLEASANT
082357	2020	HILL MELISSA		LOT WTS SYCAMORE FEE 1/5 INT	PLEASANT
082358	2020	MCCLASKEY T L ETAL (2020)	EASY STREET (2021)	8 AC WTS SYC SUR 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	PLEASANT
082359	2020	BRIGHT LANDS LLC		6 ACS N S ELK MIN 1/13 INT (LESS 3/4 O&G)	UNION
082360	2020	DUNN S JILL ZEGER		81 AC QUEEN SHOALS COAL 1/3 OF 3/16 INT (PIERSON)	UNION
082361	2020	MICHAU MARGARET W		81 AC QUEEN SHOALS COAL 1/3 OF 3/16 INT (PIERSON)	UNION
082362	2020	SMYTH MARK A ETUX		LOT PORTER FEE	UNION

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Given under my hands this 5th day of April 2024.


G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of Clay County

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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Publication Date Thursday, May 2, 2024
Claim Deadline Monday, July 1, 2024

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/28/2023
ESTATE NAME: **ERNIE PAT DAWSON SR**
EXECUTOR ERNIE PAT DAWSON JR
134 SYCAMORE ST
CLAY WV 25043

APPOINTMENT DATE 01/26/2024
ESTATE NAME: **CARROLL LEE FITZWATER**
EXECUTRIX MARIE E FITZWATER
103 JANE CREEK DR
GENEVA FL 32732-9619

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/27/2024
ESTATE NAME: **MICHAEL GLENN NAYLOR**
EXECUTRIX FRANKIE UNDERWOOD
298 CLAYPOOLE DR
SUMMERSVILLE WV 26651-9363

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 04/25/2024
Sheila Stone
County Clerk
Clay County
P.O. Box 190
246 Main Street
Clay WV 25043-0190

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AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE

Notice of Application

Notice is given that Cunningham Energy, LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a modification permit, for a natural gas production facility located off Shelton Road near Bomont, in Clay County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are 38.42740 and -81.22660.

The applicant estimates the following emission increases of Regulated Air Pollutants:

Pollutant	Tons/yr
VOCs	0.95
Hexane	0.62
Benzene	0.04
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	0.02
Toluene	0.03
Ethylbenzene	0.01
Xylenes	0.03
Total HAPs	0.76

Modification of operation is after the fact removal of a vapor recovery compressor and a result of production decline. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEPAirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 2nd day of May, 2024.

By: Cunningham Energy, LLC
Ryan Cunningham
President
3230 Pennsylvania Ave.
Charleston, WV 25302

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Publication Dates Thursday, May 2, 2024 and May 9, 2024
Claim Deadline Monday, July 1, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: **2526**
APPOINTMENT DATE 03/22/2024 Referred
ESTATE NAME: **CHARLES EDWIN SURFACE**
ADMINISTRATRIX MISTY KING
489 CLAY ROAD
SPENCER WV 25276
Fiduciary Commissioner: Ceason Ranson
Attorneys At Law
122 South Church Street
Ripley WV 25271-1402

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

To maintain necessary clearances for safe and reliable electric service, Appalachian Power Company plans to manage vegetation along the Clendenin - Amma portion of its 34 kilovolt distribution system in Kanawha, Clay and Roane County, WV. Around May 8th, 2024, contract crews will begin to trim and remove trees and brush and apply herbicides where applicable along our rights-of-way. Work will be done in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines and take into account factors such as tree species, growth characteristics, line voltage, etc. In unmaintained or undeveloped areas cuttings will remain on site so as to minimize soil disturbance and to promote biodegradation.

Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: Gabe Rd., Amma Rd., Cottontree Rd., Thorofare Rd., St. Rt. 119., Clio Rd., Big Sandy Creek Rd., Left Hand and Little Left Hand Rd., 2 Run Rd., Grannies Creek, Big and Little Pigeon, Little Blue Creek, Glory Road, Reed Fork, Doctors Creek, Bufflick Rd., and many immediately adjacent or connecting roads in the area.

Representatives will attempt to personally contact resident property owners at least seven business days prior to working on their property. Specifics regarding your property may be discussed at that time. If you are a nonresident property owner and have questions regarding our right-of-way maintenance they may be directed to:

Appalachian Power Company
Forestry Department
P.O Box 1986
Charleston, WV 25327
304-746-2663

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ESTATE NUMBER: **235501954**
APPOINTMENT DATE 04/22/2024
ESTATE NAME: **BONNIE M PHILLIPS**
ANCILLARY HOMER PHILLIPS
ADMINISTRATOR 6112 EASY LANE
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46259-6816

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EARLY VOTING - CLAY COUNTY

Voters may vote an Early Ballot for May 14, 2024 Primary Election in the Clay County Clerk's Office at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043 the following days:

May 1, 2024 thru May 3, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 4, 2024	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 6, 2024 thru May 10, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 11, 2024	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have an questions about Early Voting, please call Sheila Stone, County Clerk at 304-587-4259.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Water and Waste Management
 601 57th Street SE
 Charleston, WV 25304
 Telephone: (304) 926-0495
 Fax: (304) 926-0463

GENERAL WV/NPDES MULTI-SECTOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
 STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES
 WVNPDES PERMIT NO. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: SM-38-2024
 Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association
 Publication Date: April 26, 2024
 The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Multi-Sector Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from industrial categories determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to surface waters of the state for industrial operations. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit. The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/multisector/Pages/home.aspx>. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 26, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024. During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:

Director
 Division of Water and Waste Management
 601 57th Street SE
 Charleston, WV 25304
 Attention: Sharon Mullins
 Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43808
 E-mail: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above. Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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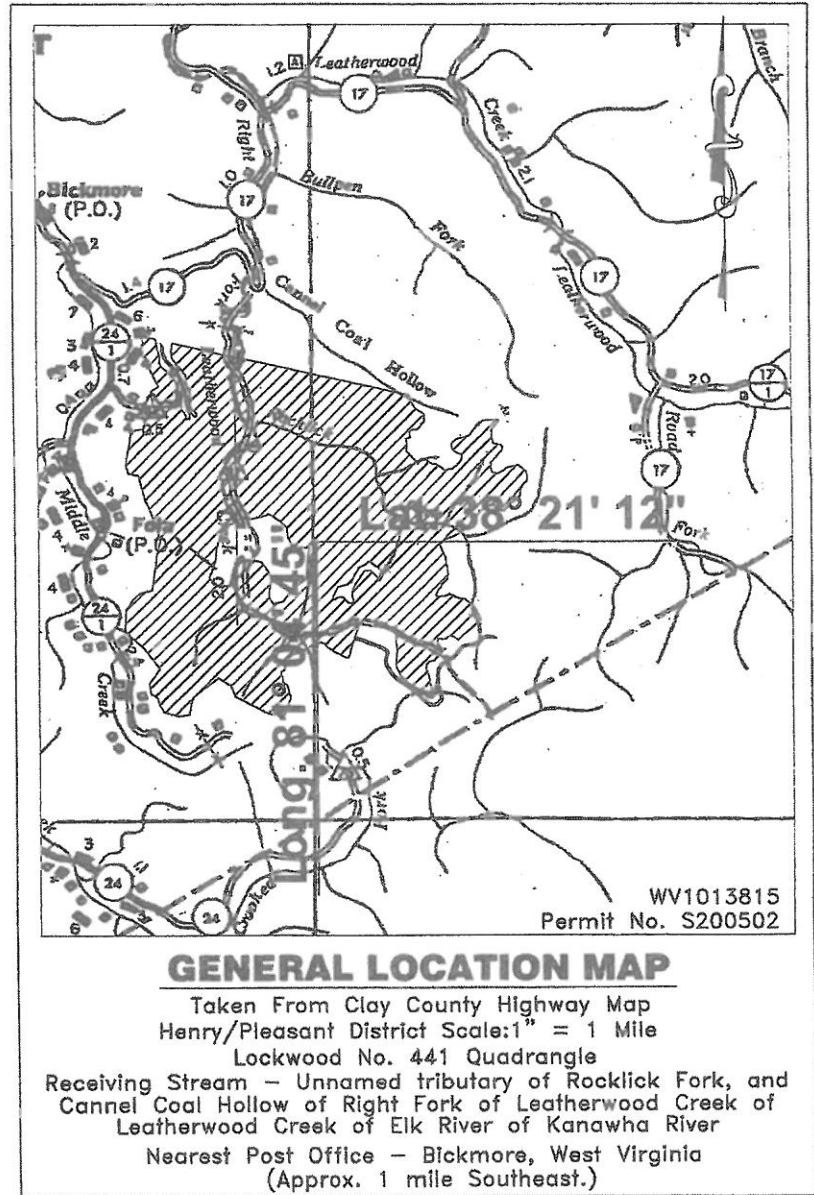
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Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suit 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 release on Permit Number S200502 Increment Number 1 issued for 1507.94 acres.

The permit is located in Henry/Pleasant District of Clay County, 1.0 miles southeast of Bickmore on unnamed tributary of Rocklick Fork, Rocklick Fork and Cannel Coal Hollow of Right Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River.

WV RECLAIM CO, LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 6/1/2016 and is requesting release of 60 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$825,920.00.

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until 6/3/24, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication.



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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

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CASE NO. 24-0274-E-PC
 APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Consent and Approval of Cost Recovery for three purchased power agreements for renewable energy

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On March 6, 2024, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (together, the Companies) filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) seeking the recovery of future costs associated with APCo's agreements to purchase renewable energy products from the Elliot, 7 Bridges, and County Line solar facilities. The Companies' Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301, and at the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

The Commission has set an evidentiary hearing in the matter for August 21, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m., to be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, 25301. Interested persons may attend the hearing and will have an opportunity to make public comments.

The purchase of the aforementioned renewable energy products can be expected to ultimately impact the Companies' West Virginia retail rates at some point in the future. The Companies do not expect these transactions to lead to any significant increase in customer rates. Rather, the Companies project that the transactions will reduce customer rates over the lives of the solar facilities.

The Companies have a Renewable Power Plus (RPP) Tariff to be offered on a voluntary basis to all customers in addition to the Companies' standard tariff offerings. It is anticipated that, over time, the costs of the proposed renewable facilities will be offset by the customers subscribing to the RPP Tariff, special contract revenues, and the cost-of-service benefits produced by the facilities. The costs of the renewable energy PPAs with the solar facilities are proposed to be recovered in expanded net energy costs (ENEC) rates.

The renewable facilities have varying in-service dates, but the Companies project that rates would increase by approximately \$1.3 million, on an aggregate basis after offsets, during a hypothetical first year that assumes all three facilities are in service, as shown in the table below. Such rates will likely be phased in as of the date of the Appendix A Page 2 of 2

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Companies' annual ENEC rates for the Elliot, 7 Bridges, and County Line solar facilities. The estimated rate increase in the hypothetical "Year 1" for each of the Companies' tariff classes is shown in the table below. By way of example, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a net monthly increase of \$0.12.

"Year 1" of Proposed Portfolio Estimated Rate Impacts by Tariff Class						
Tariff Class	Current Revenues (000)\$	Gross Increase (000)\$	Gross Increase %	Cost Offsets (000)\$	Net Increase (000)\$	Net Increase %
Residential	774,308	6,552	0.8%	(6,043)	509	0.07%
SWS	10,678	101	0.9%	(93)	8	0.07%
SGS	37,684	289	0.8%	(267)	22	0.06%
GS	307,180	2,875	0.9%	(2,652)	223	0.07%
LCP	538,968	6,274	1.2%	(5,788)	486	0.09%
IP	20,051	423	2.1%	(390)	33	0.16%
Special Contracts *	32,128	392	1.2%	(361)	31	0.10%
SS	31,154	299	1.0%	(276)	23	0.07%
OL & SL	15,450	61	0.4%	(56)	5	0.03%
Total	1,767,601	17,266	1.0%	(15,926)	1,340	0.08%

* Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.
 The increases shown above are based on totals for all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than the percentages shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges among the various classes of customers are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Commission in its review of the Companies' filing.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the matter should file a written petition to intervene on or before June 3, 2024. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request and comply with the rules on intervention outlined in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Manchin, Collins Lead Bicameral, Bipartisan Letter To The Usps Opposing Consolidations, Operational Changes Across The Country

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee, and Susan Collins (R-ME), Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, led their bipartisan, bicameral colleagues in sending a letter to United States Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. The lawmakers expressed their opposition to the United States Postal Service's (USPS) recent nationwide consolidation and review announcements that could severely diminish mail service reliability for postal networks across the nation.

"A common theme of these announcements is the so-called 'modernization' of Processing and Distribution Centers (P&DCs) into Local Processing Centers (LPCs)," the lawmakers wrote in part. "Taken together, these proposals dismantle parts of the Postal Service's robust network that helps distribute mail across the country and places outgoing sorting into more distant facilities. The result of this change is that mail will need to travel farther from its origin to its sorting, creating inefficiencies in the system, especially for local mail."

"These consolidation proposals never have had any discernible support from local communities. On the contrary, we have heard strong opposition to these efforts from USPS customers, community leaders, local businesses, and postal employees," the lawmakers continued. "Rather than marching forward with these plans and offering short and vague statements dismissing concerns, the Postal Service should be communicating why the organization believes these changes are beneficial and what the specific impact of the changes will be to mail service."

The letter was also signed by Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Peter Welch (D-VT), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), and Angus King (I-ME) and Representatives Jared Golden (D-ME), Steve Womack (R-AR), Lisa Blount Rochester (D-DE), Barry Loudermilk (R-GA), Eric Sorensen (D-IL), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Jack Bergman (R-MI), Mark Alford (R-MO), Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Mike Ezell (R-MS), and Chris Pappas (D-NH).

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 CLAYCOUNTYFREEPRESS.COM



CHURCH DIRECTORY



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE
 Sangamore Rd.,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

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 10:00 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Preaching 6:00 PM
 Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday Service 10:00 AM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
 Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone welcome!

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

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

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

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

NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Service 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
 Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

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

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH
 Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Prayer Meet-

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM
Pastor: Darius Walker
Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

T
THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST
 Saturday Services 7:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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 Preaching 11:00 AM
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 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM
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V
VALLEY RIDGE CHURCH
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 Preaching 10:00 AM
 Thursday Evening Service 7:30 PM
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 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

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Legends of the hunt— Kendra Taylor

by Allen Hamrick

There are legends and those destined to be legends who are born into this world, find their place and pursue their purpose. There are men and women who, from an early age, were taught to be self sufficient and need no one to survive, those who would take action when all seemed hopeless and do it continually. From blazing trails west to fighting wars, men and women who have received the call of the wild have made vast changes in future events and passed into history. With names like Annie Oakley, Paulina Brandreth, Osa Johnson, and Jessica Taylor Byers, it would be a hard list to earn a place on, but one local girl just might do it in her lifetime. Her name is Kendra (Huntress) Taylor; she got her first white tail deer at age 4 and hasn't looked back. Now at age 8, she has claimed one more deer, a bobcat and in her latest hunt, her first turkey. At age 8, she can already out shoot most adult hunters and take her kills from hoof to dinner plate. Kendra is also an avid trout angler who can fill a fry pan quick. She is raised by super parents Kenny and Jessica Taylor with the occasional tag in from grandparents Ken and Teresa Taylor. Adventure is in her soul - walking into the woods in the early dawn hours while the sun is still sleeping behind the horizon is her time to hunt, her time to be a part of the circle of life.

It was the wee hours of the morning when Kendra got up for the day of the hunt. On this day, it was Grandpa Ken who took his turn as the hunt guide for the day's pursuit. Outfitted with camouflage, Kendra, with her 4-10 and guide, set off into the woods to bring home the

elusive turkey. It was dark and the only thing that can comfort a hunter in the dark is light. In the early morning hours, the woods are quiet and every sound a hunter hears raises their suspicion as to just what was making the sounds. Soon, the sun started peeping up sending its rays through the trees and everything changed. The unsuspecting turkey had wandered into Kendra's zone, her gaze set on a broad shot, but it needed to be just a little closer. Patiently she waited, laying quiet and still as the big tom very slowly walked into her sight. The tom was on edge - it knew something was off but just wasn't sure what. Its eyes scanned the woods as it slowly stepped on the forest floor like it was walking on nails. A little closer Kendra thought as her nerves became like banjo strings, her trigger finger just slightly off the trigger waiting. Her pulse was pounding as grandpas teeth gritted in anticipation. The only sound in the woods was the crackling of the tom's footsteps on the dry leaves; it was as if the world was getting ready to explode. Finally ol' tom was within range. Kendra's finger began its pull on the trigger and the silence was soon over as the air was filled with the shrieks of birds surprised by the sudden boom. Kendra had hit her mark, but tom, with all he had left, ran over the hill. In pursuit were Kendra and Grandpa Ken. She fired one more shot and the hunt was over. With her nerves unwinding and grandpa catching his breath, she held high her first turkey and it will certainly not be her last. Remember the name Kendra Taylor - she may be the next Annie Oakley with her own stories told all over this country. She is a legend in the making.



L-R – Kendra and Grandpa Ken show off her first turkey.

CCMS after school program ends



Autumn Thompson shows off her hand stitched leather bag.

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS after school program, now under the direction of Crystal Gibson, has long given middle school students the opportunity for an after school experience like no other including help with homework and a variety of other programs that get students' minds motivated toward their future. In the program, students have an opportunity to go above and beyond their perceived capabilities in a class that not only works their minds but puts their hands to work to create one-of-a-kind projects. Students have made everything from Native and mountain man jewelry to leather bags and bird houses. They learned the uses of paracord and completed several projects using the medium. They have applied math skills using hot wheels cars and also created in line spinners for fishing. Students learned rope and knot tying skills as well as participated in a literacy program that involved creating and writing radio mystery programs. They have had the opportunity for music lessons, art projects, leadership and personal development through 4-H and gaming activities that involve state of the art gaming computers. The specialty after school classes are for the purpose of getting students' minds involved in something that might be helpful to them as they get older or perhaps spark an interest in a new idea.

It is important to help a student in-

crease natural knowledge and to apply scientific methods to investigate every decision in their life. Through time, the garment of make believe has to be removed in order to understand what is expected in whatever decision one makes toward education or work. A good mind needs fertilizing as the body needs different nutrients, a special food that it desires perhaps; the mind is no different. The health and well being of the youth of this generation depend on a well educated and a well used mind. There are far more minds that rust than there are that ever wear out. Our youth today need their brains to embrace all things, great ideas as well as smaller ones, to see themselves as fearless in going beyond their comfort zone and finding themselves.

Students must see the world as it is. From the cradle, the human mind develops, from that grows skills and from there passion for a future of making a difference. In order for these principles to work, they must give richness and thought to creativity. Many times the ones who go to work right out of school flipping hamburgers are the ones that change the world. To be involved with the CCMS after school enrichment classes is a great opportunity for the students to advance their way of thinking as well as learn to make better decisions with a greater understanding that habits, good or bad, dictate the future are ultimately their choice.



Isaiah Deems installs blue bird nesting boxes on the Elk River Trail.



Colt Nichols catches a nice bass on a spinner he made in after school.