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Cooks in the kitchen.

H.E. White holds Farewell Forever event

By Gary Lee Stuber

On Sunday morning, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., hundreds of former and present teachers, principals, staff, students and parents gathered at H.E. White Elementary School in Bomont, WV in Clay County to celebrate the camaraderie of at least four decades of service to eastern Clay County families. Tables of photos of photographs representing almost every class from the early eighties from 1980 to the present greeted the public as they came through the door.

The "Farewell Forever Dinner and Fundraiser" to raise money for this year's end-of-year activities did very well, considering the parking outside that filled up even the ball field, and the number of people inside. Candi-

dates running for Clay political offices took advantage of the invite, as well.

The meal was ham, fried potatoes, green beans, rolls, brown beans, and cornbread with bottled water or soda. There were a variety of home-baked deserts. Take out dinners were available, but most chose to eat at the tables with former friends or staff they worked with. PTO members were the event sponsors, with President Jeannie Evans and Vice President Lynn Taylor working registration or meeting needs as they came up.

Memories and hugs were shared generously with everyone.



Former H.E. White teachers, principals, and staff members.



Former principal taking tickets for meals.

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Former Mayor Josh Shamblin passes away

Josh Shamblin, former mayor of Clay, passed away unexpectedly last week. He was twice elected to the mayoral position for the town, once in 2019 and again in 2023, before stepping down earlier from the role earlier this year due to personal reasons.

"The Town of Clay is deeply saddened by the passing of former Mayor Josh Shamblin," the town announced on social media last week. "Josh served the Town of Clay as both a councilmember and mayor. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time."

A candlelight vigil was held at Tiskelwah Park on May 2 in his memory, with numerous speakers addressing the large crowd of attendees.

Bill McCourt Candidacy Announcement



My name is William "Bill" McCourt, Jr. and I am a candidate for Circuit Judge, Division 1, in Braxton, Clay, Gilmer and Webster Counties. I have over 27 years of legal experience, which makes me the most experienced candidate for Circuit Judge.

My wife Kathy and I have been married for 25 years. We are the proud parents of two daughters, Amber and Bryce, and one son, Will. I was born and raised in Webster County. My grandparents and parents taught me to work hard. My first job was at a gym in Webster Springs while I was still in high school. I started college at WVU in 1985 and worked every summer and school break at Elk River Sewell Coal Company.

In 1986 I began working during school breaks for Lady H Coal Company in the prep plant and coal lab. In 1988 I switched to the engineering department for Lady H Coal. I graduated from WVU in 1989 with

a degree in mining engineering and continued to work for Lady H Coal as a mining engineer in underground and surface mines and the coal prep plant until I started law school in the fall of 1991.

I spent my law school summers working in the law offices of Jack Alsop. I also worked for Bill McCourt Trucking from 1994 until 1996. In 1996 I began working at Jack Morton's Law Office until I went to work as an attorney at the law office of Larry Losch in Summersville in late 1996. In October of 2004 I became a named partner of Losch and McCourt, PLLC and maintained that office until it closed in July of 2023.

I also served as Braxton County Assistant prosecutor from June of 2016 through April 2018. In April of 2018 I took a job as Webster County assistant prosecutor so that I could be closer to home to assist my parents. In June of 2023 I accepted my current position as assistant prosecutor and returned to Braxton County.

I have handled countless civil and criminal cases and have extensive experience with real estate, worker's comp, social security, personal injury and property matters. As a partner at Losch & McCourt, I have prepared and handled hundreds of deeds, contracts, wills and estates. I have handled many child abuse and neglect cases, both as a civil attorney and as an assistant prosecutor. In my time as assistant prosecutor I have also handled many juvenile, misdemeanor and felony cases. I also have over 10 years of experience as a city judge for municipal court.

As my father would say, I have kept busy at "good, honest work", all while being the first in my family to graduate college. I will work hard for you if you elect me as your next Circuit Judge. Thank you for your consideration.

Spotlight on Don Jarvis



Don and Keyota Jarvis

By Gary Lee Stuber

Don Jarvis is an American Hero. The 96-year-old former Navy Aviator and Clay County advocate had a stroke about five years back and suffers presently with memory issues, but looked bright eyed and bushy tailed with his third wife Keyota Jarvis acting as his advocate, and at times, his voice.

Don was born to Greely and Gladys Engle Jarvis. She was a school teacher and Greely operated a store in Amma in Roane County before the interstate would one day divide their property. He had one brother, John, and a sister, Betty. They are both deceased. Don graduated out of Spencer High School in 1941 and went to Potomac State University for a couple of years and joined the Navy. He was appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis Maryland. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1951. He started flight training upon graduation. He would become a flight instructor and maintenance officer before he went to flight photo school where he became an aviator. Unlike the digital, computer-assisted photography of today, this was old school. Taking photos of sensitive areas in the world on film cameras, at various heights and weather conditions. He worked flying reconnaissance taking sensitive, sometimes classified, photographs of some challenging places in the world as part of the Photographic Squadron in 1962. Cuba. Central America, Europe,

North Africa and Bucharest. He took a photo of an atomic bomb test once over water (location not elucidated).

On February 12, 1967 he was shot down over water in Vietnam. He was rescued by an Air Force pilot who previously had been rescued by a Naval pilot, technically 'returning the favor.' For years on the anniversary they sent each other small gifts. He was in the water a little while because when they came to rescue him they took small arm fire from the bank. They rescued the navigator first, and then came back for Don, who had broken a shoulder by gun fire, by bringing reinforcements.

He retired after 35 years from the Navy in 1981 as a Captain and moved into Maysel, marrying his second wife, Jean Jarvis, who was principal at Clay Elementary for years. After her passing, Don would marry a third time to Keyota. She has three sons who survive, and Don has two children who survive as well, son Donald Jeffrey Jarvis who lives in Florida, and a daughter Alice Jarvis who worked at Dupont in South Charleston for years and now teaches at a University in Delaware. Don and Keyota both had four children and have outlived their other children.

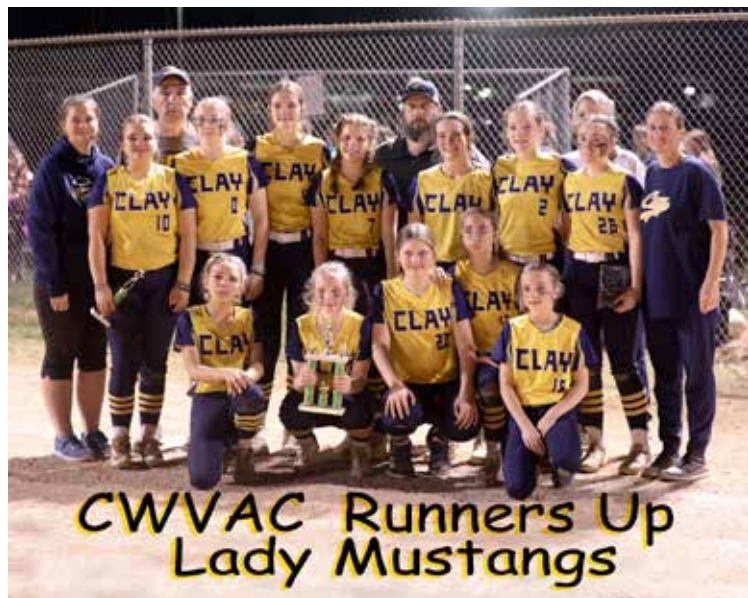
Don worked for many years for conservation. He would work for Parks and Recreation, but was involved in many volunteer organizations as well. He was a Mason. He was president of the Lions Club worked every season for years on the



The site before it was Maysel Park.

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Lady Mustangs take 2nd in CWVAC Tournament



The 2024 CWVAC Runners UP - Lady Mustangs

See story on Page 20

BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Adam Dale Foster
Booked 5-3-24
Conspiracy to Possess w/
intent to deliver, Posses-
sion with Intent to Deliver a
Controlled Substance

Michael Dale Proctor
Booked 4-30-24
Home Confinement Viola-
tion

Kendal Nichole Riffle
Booked 5-3-24
Poss W/Intent, Conspiracy
to commit drug related
charge

Bruce Aric Vanpelt
Booked 5-4-24
Expired MVI, DOR/DUI 2nd,
POSS C/S

Emily Louise Cooley
Booked 5-5-24
Domestic Battery

Dale Franklin Frame
Booked 5-1-24
Domestic Battery, Violation
of Bond, Battery on Officer

BRAXTON COUNTY



Michael Shane Wood
Booked 5-1-24
Fleeing in vehicle with reck-
less indifference to the safety
of others

Alan Keith Hoover
Booked 5-5-24
Domestic Assault, Domestic
Battery

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m., at the PSD office in Birch River.

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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4	5	8	2	6	3	9	1	7
9	6	5	7	4	1	8	3	2
8	3	4	6	2	5	7	9	1
1	2	7	3	8	9	6	5	4

Super Crossword

Answers

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Students Enjoy 4th Annual Brave Warrior Challenge



Big Otter Elementary School held its 4th Annual Brave Warrior Challenge. Students raced through an amazing obstacle course, danced on the field, and enjoyed popsicles. With the help of friends, family members, and businesses students also raised money for our school. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers and PTO for helping make the Brave Warrior Challenge a great success for our students!

ELECT

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H.E. WHITE

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Last of its kind, gone for good.



One of the tables filled with old photographs for the attendees to peruse.



The dining room shows how well-attended the event was.



Volunteers in meal line.

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An Oak Tree In A Graveyard

By Joseph J. Mazzella

It was many years ago. I was still a young man with nothing better to do than drive around with his friends on a Saturday exploring old back roads here in the mountains of my home. We found an old, winding gravel one that curved up the side of a mountain. When we reached the top, however, there was nothing there but an old, abandoned graveyard.

We got out to look at it. The last person buried there dated from the 1940's. But there were some graves from the 1800's. A few gravestones had fallen over from neglect and a few of them were so eroded from the years that you could no longer read the names on them. It saddened me seeing this. I wondered if someday I too would end up buried in a forgotten grave with no one alive remembering who I was.

As I stood up and got ready to go, though, I saw something that lifted my depressed spirit and

brought joy to my sad heart. There at the very top of the mountain just outside the graveyard stood a massive, towering oak tree. Its branches seemed to stretch towards the heavens and around it a dozen smaller oaks were growing, most likely from the acorns that had fallen from this one. I looked at it for a moment and smiled. I thought about how that oak tree had started as a single acorn but then had grown into something so beautiful and had given so much back to the Earth. I thought too that maybe I could be an oak tree in my own life, do a lot of good and plant a lot of acorns before I left this world.

In this life every kind thing we do, every good word we speak, and every bit of love we share is an acorn we plant. And in the end these acorns will grow into something more beautiful than we can ever imagine. Take your place then in God's garden of Love. Plant well and watch your trees grow. They will last far beyond your life here into eternity.

Dancing in My Pajamas

Dr. James L. Snyder

After 2 1/2 weeks of being sick with many days in bed, I have come to appreciate what some people go through when they have a severe sickness. My sickness wasn't that devastating. It just sucked the energy out of me and caused me a lot of coughing and sneezing.

I barely had enough energy to get out of bed, walk to the living room, and sit in my easy chair for my morning cup of coffee. I paused for a few moments to catch my breath after that strenuous trip.

Because of my sickness, I had to go to the bathroom at least five times during the day. I had to run to the bathroom and slowly walk back to my easy chair, which took a lot of energy.

I do remember my grandmother's home in the mountains of Pennsylvania. They didn't have indoor plumbing and used an outhouse in their backyard. Who knows what an outhouse is today?

If you had to go to the bathroom at night, she put something out in the hallway, which she called a "potty pot." I was thinking about that the other day and almost asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if that would be a good idea during my sickness.

After considering that idea, I had enough energy to erase it from my mind and just race back and forth during those potty trips.

During this time, I never left the house, I didn't have enough energy to change out of my pajamas and get into my pants. I've never been in my pajamas for so long, but of course, I didn't realize what I was doing at the time.

Once, when I had to get up from the easy chair and run back to the bathroom, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Is that your pajama dance?" I had no time to stop and respond, or serious consequences would occur.

When I got back from the bathroom and passed the kitchen area, I could see The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage smiling. I wanted to respond to her, but at the time, I didn't have the energy. I could either respond to her or make it to my easy chair. I took the latter.

Those bathroom trips aren't fun by any stretch of the imagination, and believe me; my imagination was stretched to its limit.

I'm not sure how many pajama dances I did during my sickness, and I'm not sure if I have perfected them yet. I did what was necessary to get through the situation. I perfected a "Woody Waltz" but didn't have the energy to explain it to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Maybe one day I could enter the "Dancing with the Star-Blazers."

One thing I remember during that time is that I could not remember what day of the week it was. I didn't know when I got up in the morning if it was morning, afternoon, or evening. I had to rely upon The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to tell me what time it was and where in the world I was.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me breakfast, and by the time I ate the last crumb, I didn't remember if it was breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

I couldn't remember anything, so I thought of something. It's a wonder I had the energy to think of anything then, but I did.

With my trouble remembering, how did I know what I was eating? Could it be, and I thought about this, that without my knowing it, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage snuck a piece of broccoli onto my plate?

The more I thought about it, the more confused I got. Certainly, she could not sneak a slice of broccoli when I was in good health, but maybe this was an opportunity she'd been looking for.

I thought about this, and my wife asked, "What are you thinking about?"

I knew I could not tell her exactly what I was thinking, so I said, "I'm just thinking about what I had for lunch this afternoon."

What worried me was that she giggled one of those mysterious giggles when I said that. I did not know what to think about that.

If I ask her about that, she could say, "Ha ha, I got you with that one."

That was the last thing I want to hear before bed that night.

Not long after that, my memory improved and returned to normal. I was happy about that. I noticed every time The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me a plate of food, she was giggling. I was tempted to ask her what she was giggling about, but I just wasn't going to give her the opportunity to tell me.

In my devotions this morning I read, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).

Thinking about this verse I was reminded how sickness brings a state of fear in my life. That fear tricks me into thinking I all alone in this situation. This verse reminds me that God is with me. When I trust my problem to the Lord He is faithful and gets me through it victoriously.

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SPOTLIGHT



This Maysel Park opening day dedication photo was taken in 1999. Governor Underwood (far left) stands with Don Jarvis (holding plaque) and Clay County icon R.T. Sizemore (far right)

Clay County Apple Festival, and was instrumental in getting the Clay County Pool. He would scrub the pool out and start filling it with water at night in the spring. It took a long time to fill the pool that way. In the mornings he would have to race back to shut the water off so the town of Clay could have water. He was the only one certified at the time to apply the chemicals to the pool. He called Bingo every week for years, was the driving force behind the town Christmas Parade and children's party.

And on top of all this, Fran King brags that Don was the single driving force behind the location, the clearing and final construction of the Clay County Park at Maysel. A panoramic photo shows Don pointing out at an empty land that would one day in 1999 be dedicated as Maysel Park. While land was donated by a number of Clay County landowners, including Jim Haynie, it was Don and the volunteers he pressed into service that did the heavy lifting. Don would go out to the park most nights, just a short drive up the road from his house, to do landscaping or mowing. Originally the plan included much more than is presently there. The money never arrived to do the ambitious project that the blueprints drew up. They did what they could. Don went out to Amish country to get good playground equipment built for the park. The day it all arrived, they returned his check for the job. When they saw what he was doing, they donated



Jarvis saluting.

the beautiful playground equipment.

Don was like that, he could inspire others to give of themselves to the cause. Many of these institutions and volunteer organizations still thrive in Clay County because Don brought many of the present volunteers and office holders up under his wing. His own wife was pressed into his old position on the Conservation Board, because of her willingness to continue the good work her husband can no longer do. She says, "He knew me, but not well, and shortly after the death of his second wife, he saw me at GoMart and said, 'Hey, why don't you come up to the park and help us this weekend.' And I did. I spent a lot of time up there working at the park and eventually he asked me to marry him. That was fifteen years ago."

Don's influence is felt even at home. Keyota says that her two boys who were still in high school when she married Don, joined the Navy after graduation because of Don's influence. Hero. Patriot. Philanthropist. Volunteer. Dedicated conservationist. Father.

Keyota says, "They don't make men like that anymore."

This county owes Don Jarvis a lot of gratitude. He doesn't get many visitors these days. And sometimes he won't remember those who do. But the more years that pass, the fewer the people who remember the man they owe so much too.



Jarvis' retirement photo.



Jarvis' military decorations.

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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 8, 1864: Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.

May 8, 1998: For-



mer U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1932 and served a total of 40 years in Congress.

May 9, 1800: Abolitionist John Brown

was born in Torrington, Connecticut. His 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South in the lead-up to the Civil War.



May 9, 1843: Confederate spy "Belle" Boyd was born in Martinsburg. On July 4, 1861, Boyd shot a Yankee soldier and started her spy career.

May 9, 1863: Confederate raiders arrived at Burning Springs, Wirt County. There they set fire to 150,000 barrels of oil, oil tanks, engines for pumping, engine houses, wagons, and oil-laden boats.

May 10, 1863: Just before dying of

wounds suffered at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Stonewall Jackson uttered the words, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." He is buried in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington, Virginia.



May 10, 1908: The first official observance of Mother's Day was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and simultaneously in Philadelphia. The holiday resulted from a vigorous campaign by Anna Jarvis, who wanted to commemorate the spirit of her mother's work as a social activist.

May 10, 1960: John F. Kennedy defeated Hubert Humphrey in the West Virginia primary. It dispelled the widely held belief that being a Roman Catholic was an insurmountable obstacle to becoming president.

May 11, 1909:



Filmmaker Ellis Dungan was born. After years of working in the feature film industry in India, he settled in Wheeling, where



he shot documentaries and produced films for the state and the region.



May 11, 1930: Physician John C. Norman, Jr., was born in Charleston. A noted thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and researcher, he was best known for his work toward creating an artificial heart.

May 12-14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining towns in the Matewan-Williamson area, and nonunion miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Edi-

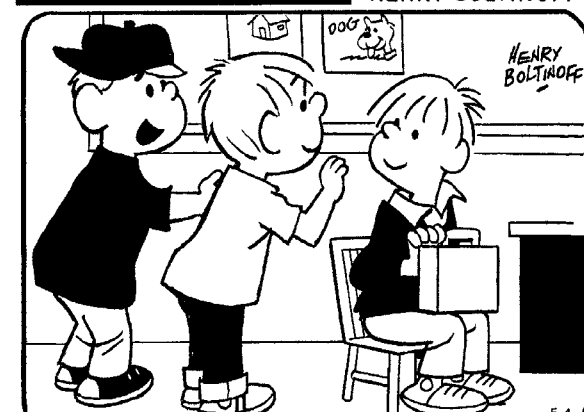
torial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, Payne was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

May 14, 1878: Photographer Rufus "Red" Ribble was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. For nearly 40 years he traveled the coalfields making panoramic photographs of miners, towns, family reunions, church congregations and school groups.

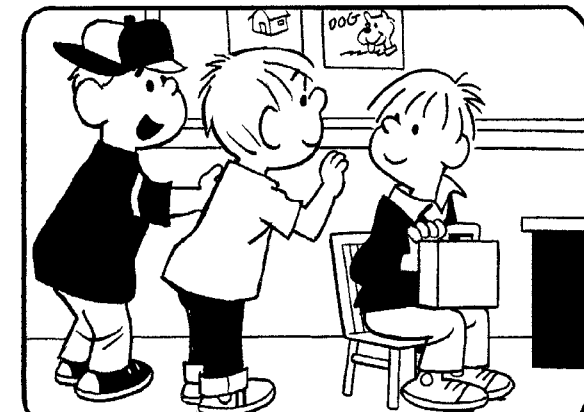
May 14, 1906: Social reformer Mary Behner was born in Xenia, Ohio. From 1928 until 1937, Behner worked in the coal camps along Scotts Run near Morgantown, fighting poverty and creating social and educational outlets for families.

May 14, 1943: Alan Mollohan was born in Fairmont. Mollohan served in the U.S. Congress from 1983 to 2011.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Desk is moved. 2. Chalkboard isn't as wide. 3. Stripe is added to sleeve. 4. Cap is different. 5. Chair rung is higher. 6. Sneakers are different.

Super Crossword

QUALITY COUNTERFEITING

ACROSS

- 1 Pour drippings on
- 6 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 9 Blocks up
- 14 Sailing
- 19 Earthy hue
- 20 Arsenal for weapons
- 22 Limericks, e.g.
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Color qualities
- 26 Drain-clearing chemicals
- 27 Forster's "— With a View"
- 28 Frequently, to a bard
- 30 Unadorned
- 31 Brandy fruit
- 33 Riddle, part 2
- 38 Halt
- 40 Everyday worker
- 42 Disembarked
- 43 Sings Alpine-style
- 44 "Listen up!"
- 46 Vaping device brand
- 47 Crafty
- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 51 Analyze, as an alloy
- 56 Belgian painter James
- 57 Pro photog's camera
- 58 Bamboozle
- 60 "Pride and Prejudice" actress
- 61 Fleming who created Bond
- 64 Shaving balm brand
- 67 Handheld telescope
- 69 Riddle, part 4
- 75 Golden-coated horse
- 76 "Star Wars" princess
- 77 To this point
- 78 Uganda's Idi
- 79 Side in sports
- 81 Pewter metal
- 83 Kinds
- 88 Certain believer in God
- 90 Riddle, part 5
- 95 Marina del —, California
- 97 Bucks' mates
- 98 Car fuel
- 99 Walk over
- 103 Trig ratio
- 104 Uses teeth
- 105 Australian state: Abbr.
- 106 End of the riddle
- 109 See 10-Down
- 111 Best Picture of 2012
- 112 Arbor Day mo.
- 113 Poker champion Stu
- 115 "Ticklish" doll
- 118 Top hats' go-withs
- 120 Riddle's answer
- 125 Old TV parts
- 126 Captive's angry shout
- 127 — Carlo
- 128 "Full House" actor Bob
- 129 Walk over
- 130 Crimson, e.g.
- 131 Limerick penner Nash
- DOWN**
- 1 Cereal holder
- 2 In need of a massage, maybe
- 3 Border collies, e.g.
- 4 In need of a massage, maybe
- 5 History unit
- 6 "M*A*S*H" actor Jamie
- 7 Small streams
- 8 "No more for me"
- 9 Federal health agcy.
- 10 With 109-Across, Beatles song or album
- 11 Brand of nail polish
- 12 Start to melt
- 13 Rod's partner
- 14 Liable
- 15 "It's a shame"
- 16 Upper House of Congress
- 17 Celebrity chef Lagasse
- 18 Size up
- 21 Rikishi's sport
- 24 Golfed acceptably
- 29 "Bye 4 now"
- 32 Pithy saying
- 34 Membrane enclosing a fetus
- 35 Supermodel Heidi
- 36 — Olay (face cream brand, formerly)
- 37 Boxer Oscar de la —
- 38 Additionally
- 39 12:00 p.m.
- 41 "Either you do it — will"
- 45 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1974 hit)
- 46 Amount of jelly or olives
- 47 Visit casually
- 49 Smeltery stuff
- 50 Sammy with 609 homers
- 52 Part of SASE
- 53 — -Pei
- 54 Additionally
- 55 Polite rural assent to a lady
- 59 Singer Lovett
- 62 Doing the job
- 63 A ripe old age
- 65 Sports draw
- 66 The way things stand
- 68 Scrams
- 69 Tablet since 2010
- 70 Appoint
- 71 Livy's 552
- 72 Bits in physics
- 73 Ark crafter
- 74 Alexander of Reagan's Cabinet
- 80 Military doc
- 82 Match under the stars, maybe
- 84 Hooting bird
- 85 Bonn's region
- 86 Sunbathes
- 87 Gumbo, e.g.
- 89 Horse gait
- 91 The last Mrs. Chaplin
- 92 Rod's partner
- 93 Not, to Scots
- 94 Whirling
- 96 "Exile" New Age singer
- 99 Noisy kisses
- 100 Albanian capital
- 101 Yule drink
- 102 Singer Snow
- 103 One hanging ten
- 104 Ember
- 107 Eye-teasing paintings
- 108 San — Obispo, California
- 110 Envelop in haze
- 114 In the sack
- 116 Put in silent mode
- 117 Yaks, e.g.
- 119 Former Brit. Airways jet
- 121 Corrida shout
- 122 Stephen of "Roadkill"
- 123 Incensed
- 124 Angsty rock genre

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

Elk River Coal and Lumber Company's Annual Contribution To Community

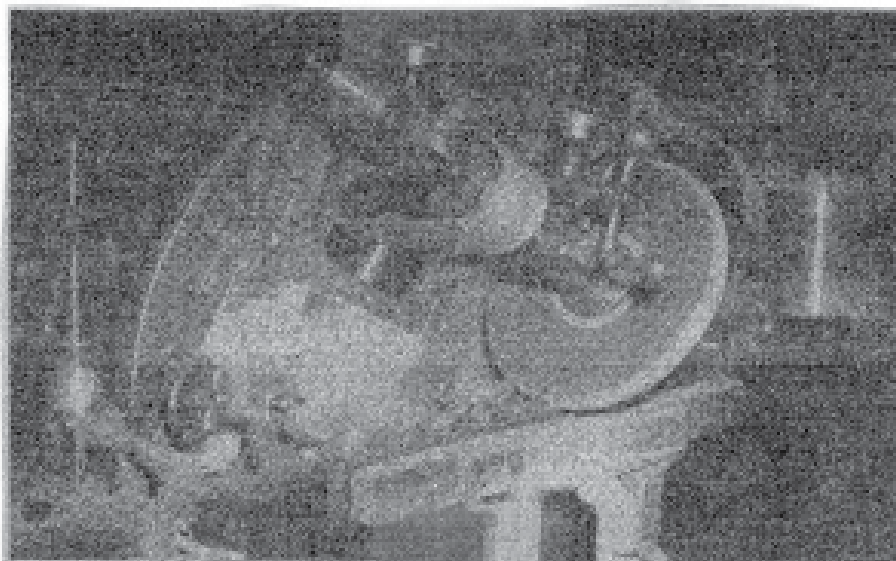


View the 53 ft. "native soil" Christmas Tree brought to life with 725 lights. Crowned with the "Star of Bethlehem" and erected in the park immediately in front of the new Community Building recently opened to the public. This is but one of the many contributions made to the community by the Company through its Vice President In Charge of Operations, H. L. Beattie. It will spread its cheer until the day after New Years. The photo is by courtesy of The Clay Messenger.

WIDEN WOMAN'S CLUB TESTED RECIPE FROZEN SALAD

- 2-3oz. Pkgs Cream Cheese
 - 1 cup Mayonnaise
 - 1 cup Heavy Cream Whipped
 - 1/2 Cup red Maraschino Cherries quartered
 - 1/2 Cup green Maraschino Cherries quartered
 - 1 No. 2 (2 1/2 cups) crushed Pineapple drained
 - 2 1/2 Cups dried marshmallows (about 24)
- Combine Cheese & Mayonnaise, blend until smooth. Fold in whipped cream, fruit and Marshmallows. Pour into 1 qt. refrigerator tray. Freeze firm. Serves 8 to 10.
- Submitted by Hazel Baughman, President, Widen Woman's Club.

Snazzy Saw Sharpener Puts Wicked Teeth On Band Saws



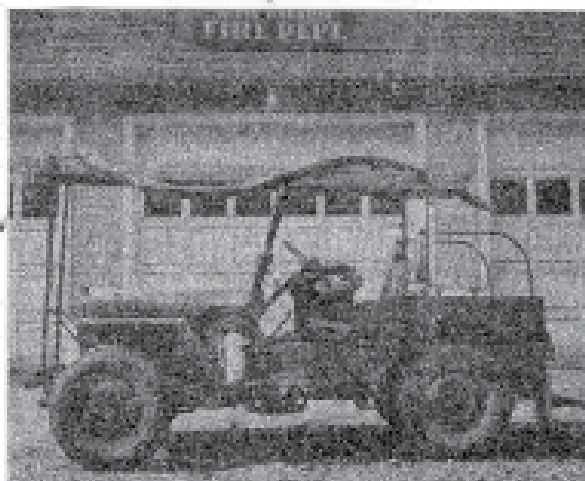
One of the skilled workmanship jobs at the Swandale Mill of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company is this swiftly whirling wheelstone designed to do with a delicate touch the job of keeping the big, eight foot band saws in razor-sharp condition.

Assistant superintendent Noble Conner said that this same type filing machine, a Covell-Hanchett product, has been in use at the mill since it opened in April 1920, with Clarence Baker as the saw filer. C. F. Hildebrand is the present filer and has been on this job since June 7, 1949.

Other filers who worked at the same job include, Wakeman Rader, Charlie Centers and T. I. Beam.

Fire "Squirtnik" Clever Piece Of Equipment

One of the resourceful gestures made by members of the Widen Volunteer Fire Department is the above photo of the 1950 Jeep donated by the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company to the department which promptly converted it into the useful and swift moving vehicle that it is.



It is equipped with a Worthington 200 gallon per minute pump, 200 ft of 1 1/2 inch hose, 4 hand extinguishers, a pick-axe-shovel-bar combination, a 16 ft ladder, 20 ft of 3 inch suction hose, and a first aid chest.

Members of the department and their respective duties, according to Chief Jerle Hamrick, include: Robert Manning, assistant chief; Larry Kitzmiller and Eugene Frame, pumper truck drivers; Paul Johnson, ambulance driver; Bert Hickman, fireman.

A threesome which has rendered yeoman service at fires and many public affairs, is the Fire Police unit consisting of members Arlie Houghton, Robert Thompson and Chilton Wilson.

The board of directors includes: H. L. Beattie, president; E. R. Ketchka, secretary; John L. Henley, treasurer; Scott Williams, Robert Manning and Jerle Hamrick, committee. Plans are now under way to complete the interior of the 1 1/2 story building housing the fire equipment, and hold regular weekly meetings of the membership there for skull practice, drills, and open discussion of methods and manner of fire fighting.

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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:

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Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Programs and Transportation , including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain activity buses for August for fall sports and extracurricular activities, along main routes, to transport students for practices, competitions, and educational field trips. • Pay for buses to transport students to afterschool football, baseball, track and cross-country practice to Maysel Park and to Dundon; • Alleviate expenses incurred for national competitions by qualifying teams; • Pay for travel for Clay Middle School and Clay High School bands, chorus, choir and the arts to competitions; and/or • Offer free admittance for students, employees of Clay County Board of Education, and residents of Clay County with a school issued pass to attend regular home sporting events. 	\$88,640
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Total:	\$1,107,988

As noted above, the amounts set forth above are the anticipated average annual amounts for each purpose. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

2. The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes over five fiscal years, after making reasonable allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$5,539,940 or the average sum of \$1,107,988 annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax and the needs of the Clay County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

3. If additional State, Federal, private or other special funds are made available to the Board for any of the above-stated purposes, the amounts herein set forth may be used, solely or on a matching basis, to secure said additional funds or provide additional services. Additional funds received by grant, or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other public or private source, for the above-stated purposes, may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the funds obtained from this Excess Levy.

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.

5. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this Excess Levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of Clay County, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.

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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
Class II Property	\$126,973,769
Class III Property	\$158,115,872
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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In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine, in its discretion, which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year, and the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.

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

LEGAL

PERSONAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT LIST FOR CLAY COUNTY

The following is a list of Personal Property in the County of Clay delinquent for the non-payment of taxes for the year 2023. The total due amount listed is the amount due if paid during May 2024.

2023 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY

TICKET #	NAME	AMOUNT			AMOUNT
BUFFALO DISTRICT					
300017	ADKINS MICHAEL W	123.81	300381	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300023	ASBURY JOHN W	252.17	300382	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300040	BP MINERAL HOLDINGS	24.58	300383	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300047	BUTCHER BRANDON & DIANNA	463.72	300384	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300070	CARUTHERS TYLER & SIDNEE	280.64	300385	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300078	COOK CLEVA N	120.99	300386	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300087	DANCY FRANKLIN W & JOAN Y	162.80	300387	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300090	DEBOARD LEO	39.77	300388	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300104	DODRILL WAYNETTE	121.87	300389	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300111	DUFFIELD ANTHONY & JENNIFER	190.50	300390	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300121	DUNN JENNIFER	219.42	300391	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300122	ELK RIVER GAS LLC	24.36	300392	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300123	ELK RIVER GAS LLC	183.69	300393	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300124	ELK RIVER GAS LLC	24.36	300394	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300125	ELTON ENERGY	1119.15	300395	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300126	ELTON ENERGY	12110.77	300396	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300127	ENERVEST OPERATING LLC	24.36	300397	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300137	FRAME TONY L	391.62	300398	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
300148	GREENLEE JULIE & BRIAN	266.73	300399	R&R OIL & GAS LLC	24.36
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302524	SEABOLT DONALD	28.69
302525	SEABOLT JONATHAN	32.70
302543	SMITH ETHAN	38.24
302573	STARCHER CAROL ESTATE	64.63
302579	STONESTREET LANDS CO	24.36
302580	STRICKER MARY	195.07
302614	TRUMAN JARRELL II	28.69
302655	COZY CORNER	43.20
302658	D & L QUALITY HOMES LLC	2776.39
302662	DREE'S QUICK MART	86.46
302663	DUBS PUBS	23.07
302674	STEVE MARKS CONSTRUCTION LLC	1259.58
0400000001-S	ADKINS SHAWN & BRITTANY	133.70
0400000002-S	ARNOLD MARK	394.94
0400000005-S	BLAKE JESSE RAY & KIMBERLY	396.50
0400000046-S	BLAKE JONATHAN M	342.89
0400000008-S	CHRISTY ELIZABETH	214.81
0400000009-S	CLAYPOOL RESSA & MICHAEL W	528.46
0400000064-S	D & L QUALITY HOMES LLC	181.26
0400000073-S	D & L QUALITY HOMES LLC	148.43
0400000063-S	DRAKE RICHARD & TERESA	150.49
0400000014-S	GROSE HUBERT	47.54
0400000091-S	HAROLD MEGAN B	236.18
0400000016-S	JACKSON DOUGLAS R & LAURA ANN	313.09
0400000017-S	LAMBKEY MAKAYLIA	52.83
0400000043-S	LANE JOHN ANDREW	244.68
0400000076-S	MOLLOHAN SHAWN	62.49
0400000062-S	MURPHY BRITTANY	132.09
0400000135-S	MURPHY BRITTANY	136.87
0400000179-S	MURPHY BRITTANY	189.09
0400000023-S	PRINGLE CHERYL	132.09
0400000024-S	PRINKEY SHELVA	24.59
0400000102-S	RAPP DEBRA R	34.92
0400000041-S	TRUMAN JARRELL II	272.92
0400000029-S	WILMOTH JEREMIAH	75.55

PLEASANT DISTRICT

302685	ADKINS WILLIAM L JR	258.69
302691	ARNOLD ANDY	104.49
302693	ATHA JARED	24.36
302695	AUXIER ELIZABETH	153.15
302696	AUXIER MICHAEL E & TARA	140.54
302697	AUXIER NOAH	31.31
302708	BHAMCO LTD	281.66
302709	BIRD DANNY	125.07
302722	BOGGS PAMELA L	140.76
302733	BROWN DARIN	75.38
302736	BROWN ELIZABETH	74.51
302752	BROWN PAUL	37.39
302756	BROWN SCOTT	437.01
302768	CALDWELL PAULINE	24.36
302787	COLEMAN DANIEL	271.51
302788	COLEMAN FRANK	51.27
302794	COLEMAN LLOYD W	284.15
302799	COTTRELL HAROLD JR	428.17
302803	COTTRILL KEVIN	393.79
302824	DEBOARD GLENN & GENEVIE	47.80
302825	DEBOARD LEVI G	367.87
302827	DEBOARD STEPHEN OR TERRICA	67.14
302981	DUFFIELD PATRICK	455.26
302982	EAKLE JUDITH	50.34
302988	ENERVEST OPERATING LLC	57.89
302989	ERWIN MARIE	20.60
302993	FITZWATER JASON E	415.08
302995	FITZWATER KARL K	207.67
303002	FOSTER JESSE	74.09
303019	GRAY MICHAEL & ANGELA	177.41
303020	GRAY MICHAEL S OR MOLLY BRAGG	550.16
303062	GROSE KENNETH R OR VICTORIA C	110.94
303068	HANSHAW BOBBY RAY SR	47.17
303076	HARVEY WILLIAM SR	95.60
303082	HITCHCOCK DONALD	312.79
303097	HOLCOMB JEREMY & JENNY	100.36
303104	HOLCOMB JUSTIN B & RENEE	476.31
303119	HUBBARD TERRY & TAMMY	452.43
303121	HUGHES KORIE BETH	28.53
303126	JARRETT JACOB	98.64
303142	JONES CECIL & GLORIA	35.81
303146	JONES JONNICA	157.05
303176	LEGG LOREN MONTANA	188.55
303196	MCCUNE DANNY & NANCY	66.48
303201	MCGLOTHLIN KRISTOPHER	109.93
303262	MILLER SANDRA	241.98
303269	MOORE GREG & MELISSA	656.59
303275	MOORE MARY	193.97
303287	MORTON AARON & JESSICA	338.51
303289	MORTON ANDREW C & SHEENA	688.83
303292	MORTON KATIE & RANDOLPH	115.57
303319	NEAL CONNIE S	305.60
303332	NEAL RICHIE OR SARAH	226.99
303333	NEAL ROBIN	148.59
303334	NEAL RODNEY	291.87
303336	NEAL SONDR A & JUSTIN	22.18
303348	NICHOLS JAMES E	216.77
303354	NINE JOSHUA & HOLLY	433.09
303355	NORTON JASMINE	127.94
303357	NOTTINGHAM BRADFORD WAYNE	203.74
303364	NOTTINGHAM SAVANNAH	125.78
303386	PARSONS IRIS	126.22
303387	PATRIOT ENERGY INC	75636.47
303393	PECK BRANDON	229.16
303416	PRITT SHIRLEY A	108.62
303417	PRITT TAMARI	176.37
303419	QUINN AUSTIN	145.10
303420	RADER CARL	240.68
303424	RAMSEY CODY ALLEN	274.99
303426	RAMSEY HANNAH	143.58
303436	REED TINA LYNN	108.83
303443	ROBINSON MICHELLE L & JOHN	498.48
303446	ROSE TIMOTHY	51.93
303453	SAMPLES ARTHUR II	39.55
303456	SANDERS DONALD	24.36
303459	SANDERS PAUL ANTHONY & MELISSA	286.05
303469	SIZEMORE CHARLES	36.15
303471	SIZEMORE ROBERT O	57.37
303474	SMITH ROGER BRANDON	115.57
303480	STONE BRANDON	193.76
303488	TANNER BILLY	31.57
303491	TAYLOR CARL A & DEBRAH S	155.58
303498	TAYLOR JOSHUA	82.52
303499	TAYLOR JOSHUA D & LESLIE	143.38
303509	TAYLOR VALERIE	183.55
303511	THOMAS CHARLES</	

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DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE LIST

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Table with columns for property ID, owner name, address, acreage, and sale price. The table lists numerous properties under the Buffalo District, including owners like Davis David Etal, Erskine Josie L, and various industrial and residential sites.

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DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE LIST

HENRY DISTRICT continued from previous page

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Description, Value, and Notes. Rows include properties from 5265 to 9504, such as '5265 KOCH DAYMON ETUX SUR 3.44 AC WTS SANDY 131.64' and '9504 CUMMINGS LOIS ETAL SUR 10.10 AC WTS SANDY 24.36'.

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DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE LIST
OTTER DISTRICT continued from previous page

Table with columns for parcel ID, owner name, and description of the property. Includes entries for 12846, 12847, 12848, etc., up to 14733.

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OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT	OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
<p>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</p> <p>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 \$1,107,588, 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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</p> <p>School Health, Safety, and Security, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment of two school security officers (one to service Clay High School and Clay Middle School and one to service Clay Elementary and Big Otter Elementary); • Installation of safe school entrances for Big Otter Elementary School, Clay Elementary School, and Clay Middle School; • Intruder locksets for all classroom doors; and • Panic alert systems; • Surveillance and communication upgrades, including security cameras and telephone and intercom systems; and/or • Accident and liability insurance. <p>Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Programs and Transportation, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain activity buses for August for fall sports and extracurricular activities, along main routes, to transport students for practices, competitions, and educational field trips; • Pay for buses to transport students to after-school football, baseball, track and cross-country practice to Maysel Park and to Landrock; • Alleviate expenses incurred for national competitions by qualifying teams; • Pay for travel for Clay Middle School and Clay High School bands, choral, and the arts to competitions; and/or • Offer free admittance for students, employees of Clay County Board of Education, and residents of Clay County with a school issued pass to attend regular home sporting events. <p>Maintenance, Repair, and Improvement of School Buildings, Playgrounds, and Athletic Facilities, including but not limited to the following:</p> <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 equipment; • Custodial and maintenance supplies and equipment. <p>Support Student-Related Community Organizations and Agencies, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and keep the Clay Pool open, purchase of pool supplies, chemicals, water, sewage, maintenance and utilities; • Pay for water and electricity for Maysel Park usage for Clay High School baseball, Clay Middle School baseball, Clay County Youth baseball and Clay County Youth Football; • Clay County Health Department; • Clay County WVJ Extension Office (4-H); and • Clay County Public Library. <p>Free Textbooks and Workbooks (including digital and electronic equivalents) for all students in preschool through twelfth grade, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required textbooks and tuition for Advanced Placement and dual credit courses at Clay High School; • Required textbooks for grades Pre-K-12; • Software to facilitate virtual school instruction; and/or • Software and licenses for supplemental programs. <p>Instructional Supplies, Materials and Equipment for the classroom, teachers and students, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copiers, toner, paper, and contracts to service copy machines; • Replacement of iPads, laptops, mobile computer labs, and printers; and/or • Other electronic equipment for all students as needed. <p>Establishment of a Permanent Improvement Fund to allow for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing new facilities; • Remodeling and major improvements to existing facilities; and/or • A contingency fund for inflation and other unforeseen costs. <p>Contracted Services, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech, occupational, and physical therapy services for special education and qualifying students; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required inspections; • Maintenance and Pest control; • Random drug testing and background checks; and/or Legal services. <p>Total: \$1,107,588</p> <p>As noted above, the amounts set forth above are the anticipated average annual amounts for each purpose. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.</p> <p>The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes over five fiscal years, after making reasonable allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$5,539,940 or the average sum of \$1,107,988 annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Clay County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.</p> <p>If additional State, Federal, private or other special funds are made available to the Board for any of the above-stated purposes, the amounts herein set forth may be used, solely or on a matching basis, to secure said additional funds or provide additional services. Additional funds received by grant, donation or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency or other, or from any other public or private source, for the above-stated purposes, may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the funds obtained from this Excess Levy.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this Excess Levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of Clay County, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.</p> <p>In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine, in its discretion, which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year, provided that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>INSTRUCTION TO VOTER</p> <p>Those favoring the additional levies, make a selection "FOR THE LEVIES"; and those against such additional levies, make a selection "AGAINST THE LEVIES".</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR THE LEVIES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE LEVIES</p>
<p>CLAY COUNTY LIBRARY LEVY BALLOT</p> <p>Special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028 and July 1, 2029 for the purpose of providing operating money for the Clay County Library in the approximate amount of \$80,117 annually and \$400,585 during the term of the levy, according to the order of the Board of Education entered on the 23rd day of January 2024.</p> <p>That the additional rate of levy in cents per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property shall be:</p> <p>Clay County Library</p> <p>Class I zero dollars and .84 cents Class II zero dollars and 1.88 cents Class III zero dollars and 3.76 cents Class IV zero dollars and 3.76 cents</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For the Levies</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Against the Levies</p> <p>Instructions to Voters: Those favoring the additional levies make a selection before "For the levies". Those against the levies make a selection before "Against the levies".</p>	
	<p>VOTE BOTH SIDES</p>

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Notice of Public Comment Period
State of West Virginia
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0440
Fax: (304) 926-0463

Public Notice No.: SM-40-2024
Public Notice Date: May 7, 2024

**GENERAL WV/NPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE
STORM SEWER SYSTEMS
WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0116025**

The Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Water Pollution Control Permit WV0116025. The General Permit covers discharges to waters of the state from small municipal separate storm sewer systems as defined in the General Permit. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five-year term.

The reissued General Permit will supersede the existing General Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0116025, which expired on August 11, 2019.

The Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management retains authority to require any owner/operator to apply for and obtain an individual WV/NPDES Permit. This authority will be exercised when the Director determines that such individual permits will better protect the receiving water.

The draft permit and fact sheet are available on the WVDEP website at <https://dep.wv.gov/WVE/Programs/stormwater/MS4/Pages/default.aspx>. Hard copies are available for review at WVDEP headquarters in Charleston or any of the agency's regional field offices, and can be mailed upon request.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 1-800-422-5700. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments will be accepted until June 21, 2024. They should be addressed to:

Sharon Mullins
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Sharon Mullins
E-mail: Sharon.A.Mullins@WV.gov

All comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the draft General Permit. Correspondence should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised.

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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 any questions about Early Voting, please call Sheila Stone, County Clerk at 304-587-4259.

LEGALS

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, 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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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CLAY COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA
THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY**

IN RE: State v G.Y., Case Nos. 24-JA-5-8
In the matter of G.Y., and the unknown whereabouts of Richard Blankenship, Adult Respondent Father of said Infant,

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
And
NOTICE OF ANSWER

To: **Richard Blankenship**
(The object of this action is to notify the Adult Respondent Father of an abuse and neglect petition herein filed so that said Adult Respondent Father may answer the same to protect their interest).

You are hereby notified that an abuse and neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 19th day of April 2024, and assigned Case Numbers 24-JA-5-8, wherein it is alleged that the adult Respondent Father of the Infant Respondent G.Y. (DOB: 10/02/17), is Richard Blankenship, and that said Infant Respondent be placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, with said Infant Respondent remaining in the care, custody and control of the said Department since that time in accordance with WV Code §49-6-3. You are hereby notified that you have the right to answer said petition and you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Adult Respondent, Richard Blankenship, shall appear before the Honorable Jack Alsop on the **20th day of May 2024, at 2:30 p.m.**, at the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against them at any time thereafter, and termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

BY: Jim E. Samples, Prosecuting Attorney Clay County, West Virginia
Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 3rd day of May 2024.

Clarissa D. Hanshaw
Clarissa D. Hanshaw, Clerk of Court

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The Clay County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Clay County High School on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The proposed budget will be available for public review May 10 through May 21 at the Central Office during normal business hours.



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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 Run, 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

How to Read Mon Power and Potomac Edison Bills

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

Today I would like to take a look at Monongahela Power and Potomac Edison's monthly electric bill and explain it to you.

At the top right of the bill is the date the bill was sent. Right under that is the 12-digit account number.

In bolded black lettering inside a blue box is the amount due. Right under that is the due date. In the top left of page one, under the company's name, is the period the bill covers. Below that should be your name and the billing address for where service is provided.

Immediately below that, bracketed between two page-wide bars containing a blue field are three phone numbers. The first is an 888 emergency number. The second number is for customer service. For Mon Power, it is 1-800-686-0022. For Potomac Edison it's 1-800-686-0011. The third, also an 800 number, is for payment options.

Below the telephone numbers on the left are messages from the company. On the right are four sections called: Account Summary, Usage Information, Charges from the Utility, and Detail Payment and Adjustment Information.

The "Account Summary" gives a brief financial summary for the month, the total amount owed, and the date by which it is due. "Usage" shows your meter readings. "Charges from the Utility" gives an explanation, in plan language, of the monthly charges in the total bill. The final section discusses any payments applied or adjustments made during the billing period.

Down and to the left, a bar graph illustrates your usage over the past year. It is lined out by month for your scrutiny.

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the address where the bill is to be mailed. The bill includes a return envelope to make it easier for you.

Page two provides additional details and repeats important telephone numbers. This page also includes a series of five circles that look like clock faces. This is designed to help you read your meter yourself, and a number is provided to call for help.

We at the Public Service Commission hope this explanation will help you read your electric bill. Please use the utility's customer call line if you have any questions.

Manchin announces \$24.7 million to strengthen healthcare services across West Virginia

This week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$24,724,116 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to strengthen healthcare services across West Virginia. The funding will specifically support 15 local health centers, enhance maternal and child health services, and advance scientific research at West Virginia University.

"I'm pleased HHS is investing more than \$24.7 million to strengthen healthcare services across West Virginia," said Senator Manchin. "The investments announced today will support the critical efforts of 15 local health centers, provide essential services and resources to mothers and newborns, and advance important healthcare research at West Virginia University. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources that enhance the health and well-being of West Virginians across the Mountain State."

Individual awards listed below:

The HHS Health Center program provides critical resources to support local health centers and clinics.

- \$2,596,878 – Bluestone Health Association, Princeton
- \$2,320,719 – Community Care of West Virginia, Rock Cave
- \$2,313,795 – Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Martinsburg
- \$2,246,690 – Preston Taylor Community Health Center, Grafton
- \$1,799,114 – WomenCare, Inc., Scott Depot
- \$1,498,234 – Cabin Creek Health Systems, Inc., Dawes
- \$1,289,553 – Clay-Battelle Health Services, Blacksville
- \$1,288,005 – New River Health Association, Scarbro
- \$1,266,707 – Wirt County Health Services Association, Elizabeth
- \$1,266,238 – Monroe County Health Department, Union
- \$1,202,932 – Lincoln County Primary Care Center, Hamlin
- \$1,196,096 – Change, Inc., Weirton
- \$1,166,575 – Monongahela Valley Association of Health Centers, Fairmont
- \$1,067,886 – Camden-On-Gauley Medical Center, Camden on Gauley
- \$1,038,908 – Pendleton Community Care, Franklin

The HHS Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health program provides funding to support health services, food assistance, emergency supplies, transportation to care, housing navigation, and other critical social supports.

\$1,008,333 – West Virginia University

The HHS Universal Newborn Hearing, Screening and Intervention program provides funding to help identify hearing loss in infants and guide families to the appropriate services.

\$102,742 – West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

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Appalachian Power, Wheeling Power file for recovery of increased fuel, vegetation management costs

Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power have submitted Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) and Vegetation Management Program (VMP) filings to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC).

The ENEC filing ensures the companies are reimbursed on a dollar-for-dollar basis for coal and natural gas to fuel power plants and for purchased power. The VMP reimburses the companies for right-of-way vegetation management. Both filings are made regularly to ensure the amounts included in rates accurately reflect past and ongoing expenditures to generate and deliver electricity.

In the ENEC filing, the companies propose a \$1.9 million decrease in ENEC rates for residential customers and a \$22.3 million increase for other customers, totaling \$20.4 million, or a 1.13% increase, over total revenues, which include the ENEC under-recovery deferral rate increment of \$37.6 million previously approved by the Commission to begin September 1, 2024. The last rate increase associated with ENEC costs was effective in September 2023.

The companies propose to increase VMP rates by \$1.2 million, or 0.07%. The previous rate increase associated with VMP costs was effective September 2021.

“While the company has taken steps to minimize increases in our customer rates, we understand any increase can be a challenge,” said Aaron Walker, President and COO of Appalachian Power. “These adjustments are necessary to ensure that the amount of money being collected from customers matches the actual costs incurred by the companies.”

If the PSC approves the filings, a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month will see a decrease of approximately \$0.47 or -0.27 percent effective September 1.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP’s approximately 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation’s largest electricity producers with nearly 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including approximately 6,100 megawatts of renewable energy.

The American Red Cross Sound the Alarm initiative installs alarms in Kanawha County

Celebrating 123 Lives Saved Locally through Free Smoke Alarm Installation

The American Red Cross Central Appalachia Region held a Sound the Alarm smoke alarm installation event in the North Charleston. The event was kicked off by remarks from Erica Mani, Chief Executive Officer for the American Red Cross Central Appalachia Region, Kanawha County Commission President Lance Wheeler, and Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin.

Since April 8, over 1,600 alarms have installed in more than 600 homes throughout the region. The goal is to prepare and protect our community from home fires, the most common disaster. Home fires claim seven lives every day, claiming more lives in a typical year than all natural disasters combined but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half.

Every second counts when there’s a home fire. To help protect your household, test your smoke alarms each month and practice your escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes. Smoke alarms are key to that plan. That’s why the American Red Cross has partnered with the Kanawha County Commission, Kanawha County Emergency Management, City of Charleston, local fire departments and community partners to make homes safer with free smoke alarm installations and information to prepare families to act quickly when disaster strikes.

This effort is part of a national Sound the Alarm series of events-- like ours throughout the Kanawha Valley-- where the American Red Cross will be installing over 50,000 smoke alarms in over fifty locations nationwide. Since 2014, the American Red Cross has installed over 2.6 million free smoke alarms making over 1.1 million homes safer and saving 2,102 lives and counting. Locally, we are celebrating that in our Central Appalachia Region we have installed over 55,000 smoke alarms and have documented and verified 123 lives saved, and 10 of those lives were saved right here in Kanawha County-- because when it mattered most, the smoke alarms sounded and people’s lives were saved.

The Signature Financial Sponsor of this year’s Sound the Alarm is the American Electric Power Foundation. Special thanks to our other generous financial donors including First Energy, Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, Kanawha County Commission, WV American Water, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company, City of Charleston, Dow, Marathon, US Methanol, Camp Landing Entertainment District, Scioto Foundation, Toyota WV, Beckley Area Foundation, Mountaineer Gas, Parkersburg Area Foundation, Plamondon, Dutch Miller, Enterprise, Huntington Banks and the City of South Charleston.



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Mustangs Baseball Season Ends



Cooper Collins owns the hill.



Pierce Adkins nails a double.

By Allen Hamrick
 The Mustang baseball team competed in the CWVAC tournament this past week. Their season was one of those dream seasons with the anticipation that they would come home with the championship. They were well coached and had great talent on the team. It was a no lose tournament, and they started with the Calhoun Red Devils. Both teams had a slow start, but the Mustang bats got cracking and by the 4th inning led the Red Devils 7-2. Pierce Adkins took the hill first and pitched an inning before Joel Elliott hit the mound in the second. Neither one allowed any runs in the inning they pitched before the game was turned over to Cooper Collins in the third. Cooper pitched the rest of the game and did a good job cooling the bats of the Red Devils. Lathan Brown and Pierce Adkins were getting the wood on the ball going with Brown 4-4 at the plate and scoring three runs each while Adkins drove in four RBI's. When the dust settled, it was the Mustangs over the Red Devils 14-4. It was on to the next game against Ravenswood, and a win here would send the Mustangs to the championship game. Ace pitcher Pierce Adkins took the mound for the Mustangs. It was going to be a tough game, but at this level it has to be. The Mustangs got on the boards first when Cooper Collins singled driving in the first run of the game. Ravenswood also got a run across and the score was tied after the first inning 1-1. Ravenswood started getting the bat to the ball in the bottom of the third inning scoring two more on an error. By the fourth inning, Ravenswood scored five runs to lead the game 2-5. The Mustangs made another run at the boards in the top of the fifth scoring two more but that was it. When it was over, the Mustangs came up short losing the game 4-5. It was a close game, and the Mustangs did not hit Ravenswood, but they just made too many errors on defense. By the time this writing comes out, their season will be a memory, but it will go down as a great one. Once again they had a winning season finishing 12-5, and each player on the team has played a part in their success. The coaches led this team to be the best they could be and instilled in them a desire to win and to be focused.



Evan Bass competes in the high hurdles

CCHS Track Competes at LKC; Lady Panthers' Season Ends

By Allen Hamrick
 The CCHS track team traveled to Williamstown Friday evening to compete in the LKC Championship. Here, they, without a doubt, ran into the toughest competition they will face this year. Thirteen teams from their region competed. Most of the runners and field event athletes were ranked in the standings among some of the best individual competitors. The Panther Shuttle Hurdle team, who has reached the level of the best of the best, would have their hands full running against other teams who have some of the best hurdlers in the state. When they got to the final, they were neck and neck. In the final 50 meters, the Panthers turned on the after burners and ran the fastest time at 1:04.09 beating Webster for 1st place. It was a great display of what can be accomplished with the right amount of focus and determination. As I said, it was a tough meet, and as a team, the boys were 10th and the girls didn't make it into the top ten. Placing top five was Evan

Bass 3rd in the 110 meter hurdles, Justin Nida 4th in the 110 meter hurdles and Daymian Stricker 4th in the high jump. The Panthers will be competing in the regional level competition on Thursday, May 9. Here, it will be determined who goes to the state level track competition. Good luck CCHS Panthers.
 In other CCHS sports, the Lady Panther softball team ended their season in a double elimination sectional tournament. They were pitted against the Lady Huskies of Hoover and the Minutemaids of Lewis County. One could see from the start it would be a long tournament for the Lady Panthers after dropping the first game to Hoover by the score of 0-15. It was Lewis County up next, and it was a better played game, but in the end it was Lewis over the Lady Panthers 4-6. The Lady Panthers finished 12-10 this year - a pretty good season looking back - but the team is young and will be back next season to rule the diamond. There's no doubt they will be stronger, and perhaps next year will hold a different result.



Caden Delwarte competes in the pole vault



Lilly Langhorn competes in the high jump

Lady Mustangs are CWVAC Runners Up

By Allen Hamrick
 The season ended for the Lady Mustangs this past week in the CWVAC tournament. To get to the championship, they needed to win two games, the first against Calhoun and the second against Wahama. It was going to be a tough road, but the Lady Mustangs can get the job done and that they did. The first game against Calhoun was a tight one, but the Lady Mustangs made quick work out of it and advanced into the second round with a 9-3 win over Calhoun. Then they had to match bats with Wahama who is no slack softball team. They were pretty equal in strength to the Lady Mustangs. The game started, and it was a nail biter from start to finish. The Lady Mustangs played the perfect game with some great defense and base running. In the end, it was the Lady Mustangs winning the game and for the first time, from the information I have, heading to the championship game against Ravenswood. Ravenswood would be a tough win, but the Lady Mustangs had the talent to do it. The game started off well with the Lady Mustangs getting on the boards first by scoring a run in the 1st. Brooklyn Morton took the hill and pitched a great game, but errors will kill any momentum a team can muster. The defense just couldn't get the ball and the glove to cooperate, and it allowed Ravenswood to rack up the runs. The Lady Mustangs were hanging in there as they were only down two in the bottom of the third inning with the score at 2-4. However, errors in the fourth and fifth innings, along with some questionable calls, gave the win and the CWVAC championship to Ravenswood. Ravenswood played a good game and just capitalized on mistakes. The Lady Mustangs also played a good game and gave Ravenswood their money's worth but had a hard time with the easy outs. In the end, it was Ravenswood over the Lady Mustangs 11-3. Jaedon Delwarte and Layla Parker were named All Conference and Rylee Murphy and Brooklyn Morton were All Tournament. These girls are well deserving of the award and the whole team is the CWVAC runners up, and that is a well deserved honor. It was a great season and one that will be remembered. Once these girls get to CCHS, it is hard to tell how far that team will go. Congratulations to the Lady Mustangs and their coaches.



Brooklyn Morton brings the heat.



Conference winners- L-R Jaedon Delwarte and Layla Parker All Conference, Rylee Murphy and Brooklyn Morton All Tournament



Peyton Johnston gets the out at first.