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Eric Legg gets warm send off to start new job at Roane School System



All board members were present, seated left to right: David Pierson, member; Susan Bodkins, member; Philip Dobbins (on screen left), Superintendent; Phoebe Nichols (on screen right), President; Brook Jones, Vice President; and Lou Nutter, Member.

By Gary Lee Stuber

At the latest Clay County Board of Education meeting, Eric Legg gave a great director's report on two returning services individuals in the school system: Doug Cook, Physical Therapy Services, and Dr. Nancy Gillespie, Audiology Services. The two provide needed services to the school system and if past performance is any indication, they will be a great pair of assets for the coming school year. After his presentation, Board Members Phoebe Nichols and Superintendent Philip Dobbins, praised and thanked Eric for his 26 years in the Clay County School System. Eric was a casualty of the decline in attendance, leading to cutbacks in the school system. Dobbins in particular noted that Eric was professional and understanding in the matter and wished him success with the neighboring county school system. Eric is just finishing up the Clay County summer school program where he will work through July 25.

for audiology services for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Board approved the following policies: Policy 1070 Board Member Compensation and Expense Policy to be placed on Comment Period for First Reading. President Nichols clarified that any raises if determined would not happen until 2028 far beyond the period of any present board member now seated. Policy 5010 Clay County Board of Education School Security Officers (supported by the Excess School Levy) placed on Comment Period for the Second Reading. Policy 5070 Maintenance of Personnel Records and Access to be placed on Comment Period for the Second Reading. Anyone who would like to read or comment on these policies can find them on the Clay County School website claycountyschools.org.



Eric Legg.

The Clay County Board of Education also made a number of personnel changes. First, they accepted the resignation of Eric Legg as Assistant Principal at Clay County Middle School. They also approved the employment of Jeffrey Krauklis as IT Director. His prowess was visible at this BOE meeting as both Superintendent

Philip Dobbins and President Phoebe Nichols were present via electronic means from their separate locations in Florida. Philip Dobbins was present as a chaperone for the student science wiz group that was invited to the TSA National Competition in Florida.

The board approved Kris Topa as Autism Mentor Aid at Clay County Middle School; Joshua Huffman and Joanne Nine as Fourth Grade teachers as Clay Elementary School; Allison Vaughn as Multi-Categorical/Resource K-2 Teacher at Clay Elementary School; Kaitlyn Samples as Resource Teacher at Clay Elementary School; Tasha McDonough as Kindergarten ECCAT Aide at Clay Elementary School; Jamie Paxton as Third Grade Teacher at Big Otter Elementary School; Cory Stricker as Literacy Interventionist at Big Otter Elementary School; and Loretta Triplett as Literacy Aide at Big Otter Elementary School.

They approved a 21st Century Summer Custodian Jamie Tanner at Clay County High School for the June 17 through July 25 summer school period. For this same summer period they approved Lisa Haynes (Grades 1-3) and Joanne Nine (Grades 4-6) Elementary Family Literacy Coordinators; Pamela Woods as Multi-Categorical/Resource Teacher at Clay Elementary School.

The Board noted that this was the last meeting that Susan Bodkins and David Pierson would be seated with the board as new incoming board members would be seated in July. Bodkins served 8 years and Pierson served 9 this round. He had been on the board for 10 years back in the 1980's.

The next BOE regular meeting was scheduled for July 1 at 6:00 pm.



Commissioners Johnson and Kinder.

Courthouse doors will open for Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 6

By Gary Lee Stuber

Clay Mayor Jason Hubbard came before the Clay County Commission at the second regular June meeting on June 24 to ask permission of the commission to use the front square of the courthouse for the planned Independence Day festivities on Saturday, July 6, two days after the actual holiday. He got more than he asked for.

Commission President Joyce Johnson and Connie Kinder were the only commissioners present, as Commissioner Schoolcraft was absent, but they were overjoyed to help the town celebrate. They offered to open the front doors of the courthouse and keep them open through the fireworks so that the public could use the bathrooms, and perhaps get a respite from the sun. Jason asked if they could use the outside space to set up one of two bands they brought in for the

event. The commission was agreeable.

Mayor Hubbard said they originally had no plans for the event but CMI2 walked in his door and offered to fund the city event for all of Clay County. "This is all last minute," Jason said. "But last week I got a call from a Ms. Ellie Gray from CMI2 and she offered us a whole lot of money to put off fireworks. We couldn't get them for the fourth this last minute but we will have them on Saturday the 6th from 4 pm to dark. We don't have the experience of the Apple Festival people, so we are kind of jumping out of our backsides. We are going to free for all it."

In addition to the fireworks and the bands, they are setting up three big bouncy houses for kids -- all free. And they are issuing permits for food trucks and services down Main Street. The two bands are the Tim Miller Band and Logan

Independence Day, a celebration or just another day?



Fireworks will be sent up in cities and backyards.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Tyler Scott Anderson
Booked 6/27/24
Conspiracy, counterfeiting,
court order



Troy Ray Farlow
Booked 6/25/24
Family Court



Richard Lee Lafever
Booked 6/26/24
Improper MVI, improper
registration, driving sus-
pended third offense, no
insurance, unsafe and im-
properly equipped vehicles



Tami Faye McCarty
Booked 6/27/24
Domestic battery



Dustin Lee McClung
Booked 6/25/24
Capias



Terrance Dion Moore
Booked 6/27/24
Conspiracy, pass/received
unauthorized currency

BRAXTON COUNTY



Tyler Scott Anderson
Booked 6/27/24
Battery



Kasandra Dawn Utt
Booked 6/24/24
Possession with intent,
conspiracy

CLAY COUNTY



Isaac Cole Brown
Booked 6/27/24
Child abuse



Kenneth Reed Cummings Jr.
Booked 6/27/24
Arson in the first degree



Dustin Paul Hancock
Booked 6/29/24
False info to law enforce-
ment, Capias



Richard Lee Lafever
Booked 6/26/24
Capias

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9, at 9:00 am, 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.

Courthouse News



Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff":

09:00 AM, State v. Dale Franklin Frame, Pre-Trial Hearing, Domestic batter, Violation of protective order - Condition of bail, probation, or parole, Battery on gov't representatives, health care providers, utility workers, law-enforcement and EMS (2 counts)

09:30 AM, State v. Carlos Lee Gray, DUI - BAC .15 or more, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked for DUI, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, Seat belt violation, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance, Operation of vehicle without evidence of registration, Possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle

10:00 AM, State v. Seth Randolph Legg, Pre-Trial Hearing, Violation of protective order (273 counts)

10:30 AM, State v. Timothy Oral Mace, Bench Trial, Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked for DUI, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance

11:00 AM, State v. Christi Dawn Koch, Pre-Trial Hearing, 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

11:30 AM, State v. Dusty Wade Pritt, Pre-Trial Hearing, Entry of building other than dwelling; entry of railroad, traction, or motorcar, steamboat or vessel, Petit larceny; penalties

11:45 AM, State v. Hannah B Lykins, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and

road equipment

11:45 AM, State v. Hannah B Lykins, Pre-Trial Hearing, Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor), No Proof of Reg

11:45 AM, State v. Hannah B Lykins, Pre-Trial Hearing, License to be carried and exhibited on demand, No vehicle insurance

11:45 AM, State v. Hannah B Lykins, Pre-Trial Hearing, Drivers must be licensed; motorcycle licenses, state ID, Operation of vehicles with safety belts

11:45 AM, State v. Hannah B Lykins, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation of vehicles with safety belts

01:00 PM, State v. Justin R Southworth, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving while license suspended or revoked; Expiration of registration and certificates of title

01:30 PM, State v. Erick Adonias Ambrocio-Aguilar, Pre-Trial Hearing, DUI - Impaired state, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance, Possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle

02:00 PM, State v. Ronnie Lee Nottingham, Bench Trial, Petit larceny (6 counts)

02:00 PM, State v. Ronnie Lee Nottingham, Bench Trial, Petit larceny (6 counts)

02:30 PM, State v. Crystal Hanshaw, Bench Trial, Petit larceny (6 counts), Driving while license suspended or revoked

03:00 PM, State v. Eddie Ralph Ferrebee, Pre-Trial Hearing, Possession of Marijuana

03:30 PM, State v. Samantha Michelle Brown, Bench Trial, Attempt to commit misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets July Stops

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in July to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and

secure."

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

July 25: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Clay Town Offices, 956 Main St., Clay

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

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Some Things Do Have a Purpose

Dr. James L. Snyder

One thing I have learned in life is that some things do have a purpose no matter how bad they seem at the time. They don't seem to have any purpose when they happen, but you later discover a significant purpose behind it.

I try to prepare for everything in life, but there are many things that I just can't prepare for. I learned this after I got married.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has often teased me about not having a brain.

When I flub up something, she looks at me, puts both hands on her hips, and says, "Don't you have a brain?"

With all the evidence on the table, I cannot verify that I actually do have a brain. According to her assessment, if I had a brain, a lot of the stuff I flub up wouldn't get flubbed up. But, as The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage says, "It is what it is."

When I'm in trouble and can't figure something out, she usually says, "Don't you have a working brain to help you here?"

The way things turned out, I could not answer in the affirmative.

I like to think I have a brain, but the evidence along that line is not very strong.

Lately, things have begun to turn around to my benefit.

I had a health issue; I think it was some kind of flu bug, which hit me pretty hard. During one of my Sunday services, while preaching, I almost passed out. Because we were in a nursing home facility, a nurse came in and took my blood pressure. At the time, it didn't read very well.

It was then that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage told him that I had to be taken to the hospital. I didn't quite understand what was happening at the time, so I just went along with where they took me. What choice did I have?

I spent a day in the hospital and finally got out and was able to schedule a visit with my physician. He checked me over and said he thought I needed to have one of those MRIs.

At the time, I did not know what they were. But according to what I understood, it was some brain scan to see if I had a mini-stroke or something.

Given my state of health, I agreed with the doctor, who set up an appointment for me to have an MRI.

I never had one before, but I was to learn what the MRI stood for: Make Room for Intrusion. And boy, was my head ever intruded.

I went to have the MRI, and they set me up and did all

the preparatory things. They took me to the room where the MRI took place, prepared me, and then put earplugs in my ears. At the time, I had no idea what that was for. I would soon learn.

According to the technician who was with me, I was to spend 25 minutes under that machine, and there would be noise.

Boy, was that understated. As soon as I got under, the noise hit me like thunder from out of nowhere. I never heard noise quite like that before. It almost sounded like old rock 'n' roll music. Although, not quite as stupid. No, I did not start singing.

When it was over, they pulled me out, I sat up, and I couldn't hear a thing. I looked at the nurse serving me and said, "I can't hear anything."

Looking at me and smiling, she said, "Well, if you took your earplugs out you might be able to hear."

It was an adventure I hope I don't have to repeat anytime soon. But I had a brain scan and I went to the office and ordered copies of my brain scan, which they gave to me.

When I went home, I took the disk with the pictures of my brain and printed off. I looked at it again and said to myself, "Self, you do have a brain after all."

I then took a copy of that picture of my brain out and showed it to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

"See here, my dear, I do have a brain after all."

I can't explain how happy I was to prove to my wife that after all of the nonsense I created throughout the years, I actually did have a brain.

I showed it to her, chuckled, and smiled.

She studied the picture for a few moments, looked back at me, and said, "Well, this proves you do have a brain but it doesn't prove that you use your brain."

Even though I have a brain, I didn't see that coming.

I keep that picture with me all the time so that I can show people that I do have a brain. If I hadn't had that incident, I would not have gone in for an MRI, and I would not have proof in my hand that I have a brain.

While looking at the picture of my brain I thought of a scripture in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

No matter what I think, God has a purpose for my life. Each day is an opportunity to trust Him for that purpose.

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COURTHOUSE

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Happy Birthday, America!

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

As I prepared this column, I fondly remember reading that the most important thing to emerge from the historical period known as the Age of Enlightenment was the United States.

I'm not sure how historians measure such things. However, I certainly endorse the concept that these United States, a diverse mixture of people from all over the globe, was the best thing produced from a period known for logic and reason, rationality, and the search for truth.

Ours is a nation in which the common person could, and often did, triumph over those who were in positions of privilege. And that possibility remains one of the foremost motivating powers in this nation today.

I believe the governing body of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia exemplifies that idea. The three of us sit as a tribunal over utility ratemaking issues, and none of us is the product of privilege. We're your neighbors and your colleagues. What we have accomplished, we have done mostly through our own hard work.

I grew up on a farm along the Ohio River. My family wasn't wealthy. Winning the Golden Horseshoe in the 8th grade inspired me into politics. And while I have won elective offices, I've also been humbled by losing races.

Commissioner Bill Raney began his career as an inspector for the Division of Natural Resources, wearing the green uniform. He was born and raised in Mercer County and, like me, went to WVU. He served many years as a reserve officer in the National Guard. By hard work and effort, he earned an important leadership position with the coal association. Bill is also an elder in his church.

Commissioner Renee Larrick is from Beckley, and went to the University of Kentucky. She has taught in high school and college. Renee was the business manager of a law office when she was tapped to serve on our Commission. She knows what hard work is all about.

So, this is what I think of every time our great national birthday rolls around. In this country, if you work hard enough at it, you can be anything you want. I like to think we commissioners exemplify that idea.

So, as I close, let me wish you – on behalf of us here at the Commission – a very happy and prosperous Fourth of July.



Mayor Hubbard

Truman. These will probably be set up now at the courthouse, although they have several other artists who will perhaps set up at other locations on main street. "We are not charging," Jason says. "We are just trying to make this event both free and fun for as many Clay County families as possible. If the Apple Festival people can help, all the better." Of course, food trucks will charge for the food. The little growing park at the end of Clay beside the old Telfords' building next to the new Pisgah Bridge which sprays water Thursday through Sunday at 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to the delight of county children, will remain on that day till the end of the fireworks. This celebration is a work in progress and a number of events may be added by the time July 6 arrives. His assistant Megan has been doing the legwork on all of this, and the event is growing.

The commission proceeded with the routine work that the commission does, approving probate for estates, appointing administrators and executors, waivers, and settlements. They approved Roger Hanshaw and Andrea Leftwich's appointment to the Clay County Business Development Authority for three year terms each. They appointed David Hanshaw's appointment to the Clay County Public Library Board for a five year term. They approved the new plans for the Judicial Annex. They approved the County Commission Annual Memorandum of Agreement with the WVU Extension Office for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The next Clay County Commission regular meeting will be on July 8 at 10:00 am.

The aforementioned mini-water park, at the end of Clay was erected on property owned by the Clay Fire



Community garden next to the splash pad.



Megan

Department. It has what is described as a 'natural' playground. With the water spray section in the center where a miniature firetruck stands. It has three newly constructed shelters where family can sit and watch children or picnic out of the sun. The park also boasts a community garden where a variety of vegetable plants grow. It has a fun inviting presence and is something genuinely needed in this county. It is operated by the Clay County Health department, and water is provided by the city.



Splash Pad with five spray fountains



Custom bench and shelter.

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.

July 3, 1863: At Gettysburg, Union troops in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry took part in a fruitless charge against Confederate infantrymen during the waning moments of that historic battle.

July 4, 1882: The steamboats *Scioto* and *John Lomas* collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The *Scioto* sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

July 4, 1918: Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem "Appalachia," published in 1970, was her signature piece.

July 4, 1928: West Virginia dedicated Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. Droop Mountain was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

July 4, 1938: Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner's family of

13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971, he released his first album, *Just As I Am*, including his first Grammy-winning song, "Ain't No Sunshine." In 2015, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



July 4, 1944: Drummer Butch Miles was born in Ohio but grew up in Hinton and Charleston. He became one of jazz's greatest drummers, performing with the likes of Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, and Tony Bennett.



July 5, 1896: Cartoonist Kendall Vintroux was born at Fraziers Bottom. He began his career with the *Charleston Gazette* when he submitted a cartoon about the town of Poca's first paved road. Many of his drawings are now in the collection of the University of Charleston.



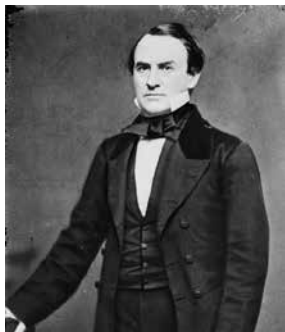
July 5, 1923: Football coach John McKay was born in Everettville, Monongalia County, and graduated from Shinnston High. McKay is the winningest coach in University of Southern California history, leading his teams to a 127-40-8 record from 1960 to 1975, when he became the first head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

July 5, 1950: Army Private Kenneth Shadrack of

Wyoming County was one of the first U.S. servicemen killed in action in the Korean War.



July 6, 1806: Statesman Charles James Faulkner was born in Martinsburg. Faulkner served in the West Virginia legislature, U.S. Congress (1851-59, 1875-77), as U.S. minister to France, and as an aide to "Stonewall" Jackson during the Civil War.



July 6, 1848: Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

July 6, 1883: Judge "R. D." Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan Massacre trial in 1921.

July 7, 1928: The Madonna of the Trail monument was dedicated in Wheeling. It is one of 12 such statues erected along the National Road to honor America's pioneering women.



July 8, 1894: Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed portraits,

families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.

July 8, 1924: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as "Roll Over, Beethoven." Berry's hit "Johnny B. Goode" was supposedly written as a tribute to Johnson.

July 8, 1961: Sutton Dam was dedicated by Governor Wally Barron. The Army Corps of Engineers operates the dam for purposes of flood control, low-flow augmentation and recreation.

July 9, 1942: An explosion at the Pursglove No. 2 Mine at Scotts Run near Morgantown killed 20 men. It was one of three fatal accidents at the mining operation in an eight-month period.

July 9, 1989: Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Wheel is different. 3. Fence is not as wide. 4. Slice is added. 5. Release lever is missing. 6. Hair is different.

ACROSS

- 1 Small order of greens
- 10 Weighing devices
- 16 Hostility halter
- 20 Preach from place to place, perhaps
- 21 Arm bones
- 22 Nights before
- 23 People who yearn to take part in a lunar landing?
- 25 "Tall" story
- 26 Wd. division
- 27 Scratch, e.g.
- 28 Give help to
- 29 Divvy up
- 30 An award-winning new device?
- 38 With little space in between
- 40 Crosswalk user, in brief
- 41 "Hear, hear!"
- 42 "I refuse to repeatedly forgo this rule for you"?
- 48 Scratch (out)
- 49 Cartoon "Explorer"
- 50 Ruby-colored

- 51 Notes after sol
- 55 Boxing weapons
- 58 Wild, irrational talk of the highest quality?
- 64 Be a suitor of
- 66 Great delight
- 67 New Delhi-based flag carrier
- 68 Greek city near Athens
- 72 Traffic tangle
- 74 Symbolize
- 75 Plan to pay later, as for bar drinks
- 77 Go very fast
- 79 Gaming cube
- 80 Vacillate about building a hydroelectric structure?
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- 99 1987 Hoffman-Beatty film

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- 104 Gofers' tasks
- 105 Football passer who hasn't eaten all day?
- 111 Swing's Shaw
- 112 Liquid in un lac
- 113 Wee bit
- 114 4G — (cellphone standard)
- 117 Wee bit
- 118 Booking to stay at a humble hut?
- 125 Sacked out
- 126 Tot's bodysuit
- 127 Entered surreptitiously
- 128 That gal's
- 129 Letter-shaped metalworking grooves
- 130 Alienates

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- 1 Unleashes (on)
- 2 "That's my goal"
- 3 Telephone sounds
- 4 Stamped thing: Abbr.
- 5 Look at
- 6 Part of ETA: Abbr.

- 7 "Leaving — Vegas"
- 8 Wee particles
- 9 Make lean, as meat
- 10 "Quiet down!"
- 11 Actor's nudge
- 12 Jordan's capital
- 13 Pope before Benedict III
- 14 Eat away at
- 15 Ungodliness
- 16 Oinker kept at home
- 17 "Elena of —" (Disney series)
- 18 Pop diva Dion
- 19 Fearsome fly
- 24 Common motif
- 29 Antlered male
- 31 Pres. after FDR
- 32 Comics cry
- 33 Ran, as colors
- 34 "Beauty is in the — the beholder"
- 35 Not many
- 36 Lupino of old Hollywood
- 37 Writer Anaïs
- 38 B-G linkup
- 39 Trickster god
- 43 Stiffly formal

- 44 R&B singer Staples
- 45 Writer Levin
- 46 Aloe —
- 47 Actor Elba
- 51 Actress Laura
- 52 Me, myself —
- 53 9-to-5'er's cry of relief
- 54 "Oho, old chap!"
- 56 Interwoven
- 57 Sub tracker
- 59 Painter Max
- 60 Pathogenic bacterium, for short
- 61 Factor of nine
- 62 Rainless
- 63 Night watch
- 65 Filmmaker Preminger
- 68 Dairy animals
- 69 Iridescent gemstone
- 70 Dream, in French
- 71 "— got a deal for you!"
- 73 Caused
- 76 Swiss capital
- 78 Sunup
- 81 Maze-running rodent
- 82 U-Haul renter
- 84 Sounding like a potato chip bag
- 85 Big crucifix
- 86 Writers Rule and Radcliffe

- 90 Belgrade native
- 92 Cover with tar
- 93 "... — quit!" (threat ender)
- 94 Columbus sch.
- 95 Monkly title
- 96 — blanche
- 97 Gun rights org.
- 98 Tic-toe linkup
- 99 Book before Jeremiah
- 100 Disco flasher
- 101 "Mad" man of Wonderland
- 102 Basic chords
- 106 Some garish lights
- 107 Judicial mallet
- 108 Spanish for "cheese"
- 109 French for "cup"
- 110 Paradises
- 115 Carry along
- 116 Baseball Hall of Famer Slaughter
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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.

January 1958

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES NOW! 'IT'S FUN'

The Widen Rotary Club and the Widen Women's Independent Basketball teams are making plans for a benefit "March of Dimes" game. The woman's team has been participating fervently for this game which will be played according to girls' rules.

Notices will be posted in prominent places around town announcing the date for this game. Rumors are circulating concerning the starting line-up, which are too funny to print. Come out and have a good laugh and JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES.

WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS WATCH SERVICE

Members of the Widen Baptist Church held a Watch Service at the church December 31, 1957. A large crowd of members and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening of fellowship. Singing was the main attraction of the evening and several groups of singers, from Widen and nearby communities, sang the New Year in. Rev. Ernest Hammack, Pastor of the Church, reports that the very delightful service was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending and those participating in the program.

Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. They are anticipating making this an annual event.

W. VIRGINIA POPULATION INCREASES DURING YEAR

MORGANTOWN — A recent report by the U. S. Bureau of the Census shows an increase of 12,000 people in West Virginia for the past year, Kenneth P. Brundage, Extension farm management specialist at West Virginia University, said here today.

"This is good news," Brundage commented. "These yearly estimates of population had shown West Virginia decreasing in population for each year since the Census was taken in 1950. Now the trend has turned."

The population estimate for July 1, 1957, was 1,976,000. This compares with 1,946,000 on July 1 of 1956. The results of the 1950 Census showed 2,005,552.

The Red and White Review
WIDEN SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL TERM — 1957-58

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Correspondence...

Dear Sally,

This time of year is always a little depressing, isn't it? Those terrible semester exams spread their shadows over everything. I vow each year to keep up on my work and not be forced to cram for exams, but I never succeeded—so when test time comes I'm a bear to live with. After ruining a good week with needless worry and late hours I managed to pass all my exams—I had to for Dad's sake! He'd had a fit! couldn't blame him I guess—He pays the bills!

J—sailed through with good grades. He plays basketball and still manages good grades — and has time left to date me! Coach told him he was improving with every game—and he gets to play more each game. Our team has made a good showing even though they haven't won a game. It's a real joy to attend a game in town. It's been 17 years since we've had a game at home.

The New Community Building is a beauty, and we intend to keep it that way.

A gang of us went sled riding the other night. We built a big fire and had a merry old time—There's nothing like the feeling you get when you take a running start with your sled at the top of a steep incline—and lose your breath when a cold sharp wind slaps you in the face as you speed down the icy hill.

Three car loads of us went to the river to skate the next night. The ice was smooth and thick. It was my first time on ice skates and I cut some fancy figures—definitely not professional! None of us were experts but we all stood up! We plan to go again soon.

We have a game Friday, I hope we win, but win or lose I know our team will play hard. They've showed good sportsmanship in their dealing with other teams, which is more than I can say for some of us.

Love, Coed.

STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH



HELEN ELLIS

Helen Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ellis of 40 Braxton street, and a member of the Senior Class, was selected student of the month for January.

Helen is a member at large of the Student Council where she is chairman of the Project Committee. She was a delegate to the annual West Virginia Conference of Student Councils at Jackson's Mill. Helen has been a member of National Honor Society since she was a sophomore and is now the president of that organization. She is also an honorary member of Dramatics Club.

Some of Helen's likes are French Fries, Black Slacks, 57 Fords, Pat Boone, and her favorite color is Blue and her ambition is to "Get Married."

WIDEN SCHOOLS WILL SUPPORT "MARCH OF DIMES"

"Survival is not enough" is the theme for the annual march of Dimes Drive. Polio cases are declining, but aid must be given to those who were attacked before Salk vaccine was available.

School children are being asked to once again fill in dime cards to contribute to the fight against polio.

Last year the Clay county schools contributed \$828.14 to this fund. Please give generously.

Students Hear School Man

Mr. V. N. Lambey, superintendent of Clay County Schools, spoke to the Widen High School Assembly on January 16, 1958. He spoke briefly about the value of an education.

This was Mr. Lambey's second appearance before the Widen student body.

The Roving Reporter

"What would you do with a million dollars."

Doris Young—"Spend it on myself."

Carl Ellis—"Oh, nothing."

Lois Frame—"Build a mansion."

Delano Facemire — "Build a dance hall."

Joanne Conner — "There ain't time to tell you"

Joyce Workman—"Buy a Cadillac"

Rosa Gibson—"Go to Ireland."

Doris Holmes—"Get outa this place."

June Lloyd—"Live it up."

Dave Wilson—"Tear Widen up."

Carol Neal—"Who needs a million dollars."

Reba Eagle—"Send Carol to a psychiatrist for saying such a thing."

Mitrie Bailes—"I would go to the moon."

April Manning—"Buy stocks and bonds."

Alice Hamrick — "Jack and I would live happy ever after."

Patricia Young—"Sit on top of the world."

Joan Truman—"Buy the Senior Class a one way ticket to New York."

Russell Butcher—"Donate it anonymously to myself."

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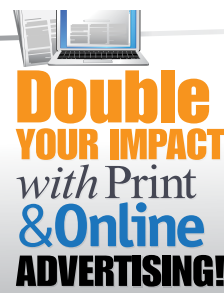
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The revised permit will discharge into Peachorchard Branch of Twenty Mile Creek of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 4.54 miles, northwest of DRENNEN, in JEFFERSON AND GRANT Districts of Nicholas County, Longitude 81° 3' 18" and Latitude 38° 19' 16" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

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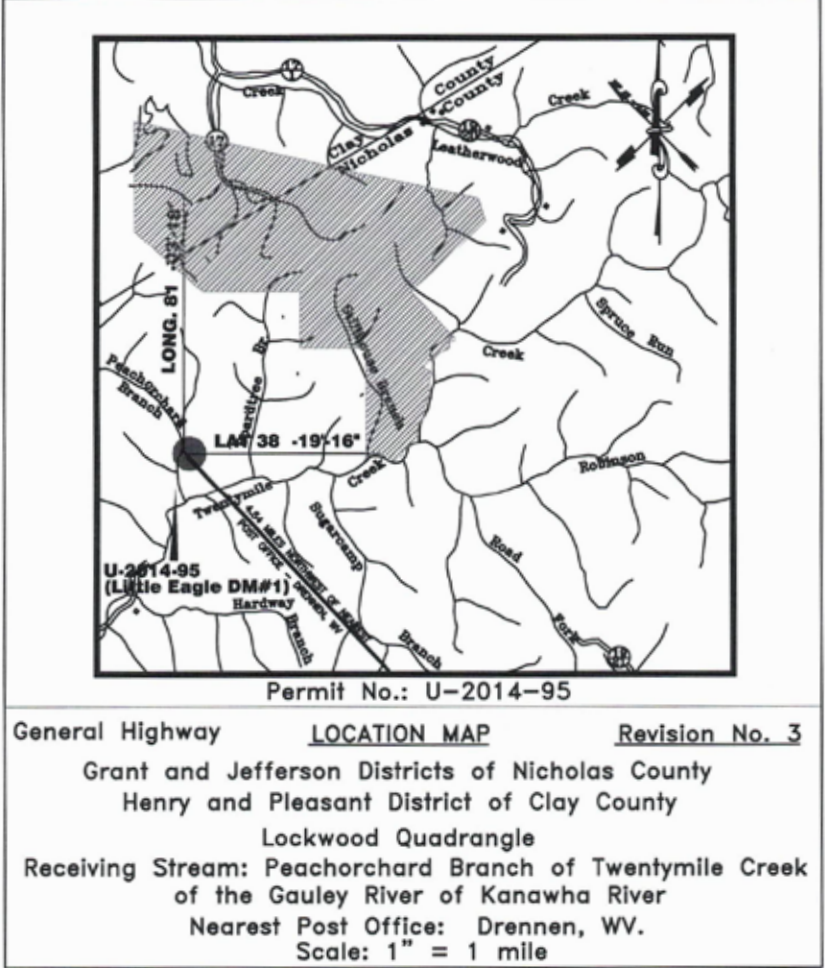
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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 8/04/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until 8/04/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm
 The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.
 DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: U201495 REV # 3
 *These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.
 Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



Permit No.: U-2014-95

General Highway LOCATION MAP Revision No. 3

Grant and Jefferson Districts of Nicholas County
 Henry and Pleasant District of Clay County
 Lockwood Quadrangle
 Receiving Stream: Peachorchard Branch of Twentymile Creek of the Gauley River of Kanawha River
 Nearest Post Office: Drennen, WV.
 Scale: 1" = 1 mile

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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, July 4, 2024
 Claim Deadline: Monday, September 2, 2024

APPOINTMENT DATE 06/12/2024
ESTATE NAME: PHYLLIS CAROLYN CUMMINGS
ADMINISTRATOR HOMER CUMMINGS
 534 TWISTABOUT RD
 PROCIUS WV 25164-8072

APPOINTMENT DATE 06/11/2024
ESTATE NAME: MELOANIE ANN MORRIS
ADMINISTRATOR ARTHUR DALE MORRIS
 5205 CLAY HIGHWAY
 BICKMORE WV 25019-9651

APPOINTMENT DATE 05/16/2024
ESTATE NAME: DAVID EDWARD ZELLER
EXECUTRIX MARGARET JARRELL
 8560 ELK RIVER RD
 PROCIUS WV 25164-8040

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/24/2024
 Sheila Stone
 County Clerk
 Clay County
 P.O. Box 190
 246 Main Street
 Clay WV 25043-0190

Asking for Truth, Dialogue Amid Unfair Homeschool Scrutiny

By Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam

Recent reports have brought homeschooling in West Virginia under a critical spotlight. State School Superintendent Michele Blatt has claimed only 37% of homeschoolers submit the required assessment results for grades 3, 5, 8 and 11. However, this accusation raises more questions than it answers and puts the homeschooling community in a defensive position based on potentially flawed data.

Homeschoolers were not given a chance to discuss these statistics with Superintendent Blatt before they were presented to the public. This public revelation has influenced opinions, not only among the public but also within the homeschooling community. It has forced homeschoolers to defend themselves against statistics that even Blatt admits may be inaccurate. This brings me to several concerns about the West Virginia Department of Education's (WVDE) findings.

First, the data spans the 2020-2021 through 2023-2024 school years. Including the chaotic years of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 is misleading. During this time, public schools were effectively shut down by Gov. Jim Justice, leading thousands of parents to turn to homeschooling temporarily. Our homeschooling groups grew more than tenfold, and many parents were either unaware of homeschool laws or chose to ignore them. Most of these students have since returned to public schools. Public schools themselves struggled to track and oversee their students during this period. Including these years in the study skews the data, as confusion was widespread for all West Virginia parents.

Second, including the 2023-2024 school year in the statistics is fundamentally flawed. The deadline for assessment results submission (June 30) has not yet even [occurred]. Thus, the WVDE can only reasonably draw data from the 2022-2023 school year. That year also saw significant disruptions, especially in Kanawha County—the county with the largest homeschool population in the state—where all the records were misplaced, and parents were asked to resubmit them. Were these missing records reported as non-compliance? It's a known issue that county school boards frequently lose assessment results and Blatt acknowledged in a recent email that managing these exemptions is extremely taxing for attendance directors. Reports from across the state describe lost paperwork, uncollected mail, false information given to homeschoolers and instances of harassment and bullying to force children back into public schools. How can we trust statistics from a system that loses

funding with each child removed? Superintendent Blatt asserts that the 37% submission rate is unacceptable, despite schools not being required to follow up on unsubmitted assessments. This is a choice, not a mandate. Public school systems have opted not to utilize the law already in place and follow up, even though state homeschool organizations have long noted that county superintendents can choose to do so.

Additionally, WVDE data showing 70% of students who left public schools were chronically absent begs the question: why did they leave? Reports indicate rising bullying, increased suicides and dangerous conditions in public schools. Berkeley County, for instance, recently faced scrutiny over significant safety issues, prompting many parents to withdraw their children for their well-being.

Blatt also mentioned the 6,000 children in the foster care system, suggesting a need to reevaluate homeschool laws. However, since the state typically denies homeschooling for foster children, this point seems irrelevant and aimed at garnering public sympathy. Furthermore, from a recent Wood County Board of Education meeting, board member Rick Olcott was quoted as saying, "The first thing we need to do is attack homeschoolers and get them back in the school system." How can a system with such animosity toward homeschoolers be trusted with their statistics? This overt hostility only deepens the distrust between the homeschool community and the public education system.

There has been a public outcry from those who believe the homeschool community should face further regulation (despite West Virginia being one of the more heavily regulated states) to prevent child abuse. But where is the outcry for public school students who have been abused in the classroom or sexually groomed by school personnel outside the classroom? Why has there not been a push for further regulation of school personnel?

The homeschool community has not been included in these discussions. Consequently, incomplete data presented out of context paints an inaccurate picture, shocking the public and legislators with claims of a lack of accountability. It is vital to bring all the facts to light and engage with legislators to counter misinformation with logical and factual arguments.

Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam, represents House District 19, which is made up entirely of Putnam County. She has served in the House since December 2021 and is the Vice Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee.

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The Gauley River PSD 2024 Consumer Confidence Report Water Quality Data is now available. To request a paper copy contact the office at 681-230-2572.

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At This Time

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with Services After
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
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Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM
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Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
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Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM
Pastor: Danny Richardson

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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

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Preaching 11:00 AM
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Worship Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
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Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM.
Everyone welcome.

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!

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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

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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

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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

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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**

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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

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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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

ROGERS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:30 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Thursday Service 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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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

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

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

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

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

V

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Independence Day, a celebration or just another day?



We do have a right to be free.

By Allen Hamrick
 July the 4th is upon us once again, and the sounds of fireworks will be splitting atoms in the sky to the cheers and empty wallets of July 4th fans everywhere. Cookouts, camping, boating and whatever else people do to entertain themselves will come and go. It is a part of our nature and right to enjoy the fruits of our labor for just a little while and possibly take a few seconds to remember what, where and how our great country got underway. Many articles will be written on the subject with different opinions that go hand and hand with the politics of the time we live in. However, depending on the history you have been taught or read, it all boils down to everyday people who had a dream to live free however they wanted in a land that flowed with milk and honey; a land where the difference of opinion between friends or neighbors didn't turn to all out war or the constant fear of revenge. We still have the freedom to do it, right? Let's face it, America's life since its conception has never been a normal one. The journey has been through political upheaval, wars, famine and drought; only a select few families have ever made it from the cradle to the grave with no problems. From the beginning, the back bone of any country is its people, not its political powers. Without taxpaying, hard working individuals who braved harsh working conditions and fought wars in an attempt to tame this land, there would be no Independence Day. At the end of the day, this country has survived. People were working, people were homeless, people were getting rich, people were getting by, people were living and people were dying - the usual. Politics were still politics or poly ticks, a self coined bipartisan term that simply means they shine things up real good then suck the life out of us. When the rubber meets the road, like it or not, most all the trouble in our country is caused by greed and power and the desire for more of each. It's in all the older history books - check it out. Other than that, it has been country as usual, we are still a country where by working hard you may just get a shot at living a decent life and have your dreams become a reality. The 4th of July represents our freedom from a tyrannical country that tried to push their agenda on a freedom loving people as greed set in when they real-

ized just how resource rich this new land was. Those that were here already were a threat to progress and the ability to make dreams come true...they had to go and that started the landslide to where we are now. Computers took over the country in the 1970's, and the normal life for families changed when cell phones emerged. Phones seem to have taken over the lives of anyone who has one; everything from calling someone to starting your washing machine is possible with the touch of a button. There is no longer the need for thought or physical action when an app will do it for you. Our ability to think for ourselves and problem solve is now at the touch of a button, excuse me touch of a screen. Many have become their own AI, a biological specimen controlled by a computer the size of the palm of your hand. The country has swelled with financial success as an electronics business became the need.

Society in our country has changed since Independence Day in 1776. Social media has taken over and friends who were friends all their life suddenly stop visiting and now base all friendship on computer based media. We, as a country, began with hard work and determination to own our own piece of the pie, the idea of working hard and succeeding was taught at home and in the schools. Now much of our great land is owned by other countries and continues to be lost acre by acre. People are selling homes and properties in rural areas and lands are being posted daily to stay out. There is a sense of panic and doom over the land as the media paints political and global disasters further dividing the people of this country like we haven't seen since the War Between the States.

The truth is this - our country began by revolving around the agendas of who was in control at the time. Once the War for Independence was over, greed once again set in as great as it ever was, proving it was a war for the political powers that was preached as a fight for the freedom of a people. In reality, nothing changed. All we had was more taxes and a government by and for the people.

It's now 2024, and a half of a year into it. This country seems to have fallen apart at the seams. People have become sheep as led to the slaughter with no mind to see that the wolves who are leading them. Has America's people changed so much that Independence Day means no more than the spittoon in the corner? The truth is not a subject to debate or dependent on interpretation; it is what it is. There are too many heads buried in the sand, unprepared and ready to make a run for the future of this country. Do we actually deserve an Independence Day? The politicians, Republican and Democrat, continue to argue about how to stop the bleeding while we, the people, look on in disbe-

lief as our country spirals out of control. The average American, black, white, yellow or brown, looks at this country as opportunity and does their best to live and communicate with each other because it is the right thing to do. A country divided will not stand. So the question is why. Why are people still protesting? How can small groups get away with dictating the rules for the rest of the country? Why are politicians waging war against each other while America burns? Are we headed for another war between cultures? Do we actually deserve an Independence Day?

Bottom line, this country was founded on the principles of freedom. It has been fought for by individuals, not politicians or the media, since the beginning. All people are welcome to exist and raise their families in peace. This country is multicultural and is the greatest because of it. We are a people set apart, and other countries hate us for it - it's just fact. We are to be governed by a political process fair to all people, no matter the culture, and to do the right thing for the country as a whole based on what the people want not what a select few want. Change is inevitable, and that change doesn't have to be the end of life as we know it.

This country is still one of the greatest countries to live in, and there are many families raising their children hoping they will have the same great opportunities as we now have. Babies are born everyday to hopeful parents that only want to raise their families and have a normal life full of the wonders that life offers. If we don't stop the chaos, there will be no future for the generations to come other than a dictated one with no room for creativity or thought. The generations of old made it because they worked together to make life bearable and better for future generations.

This 4th of July, remember what the fireworks are for, as our national anthem proclaims, "*And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.*" I can't tell you in this article the entire history of the USA and what it took to get to that song. The history of this country started long before 1776 and continues to evolve every day, sometimes good and sometimes not so good. We are Patriots, after all, and the war was a victory for people who could now find their place in society, and that they did. So, do we still deserve an Independence Day? I say, of course we do. There have been many rights and a ton of wrongs done, but this is our home as we know it. Our destiny and fate lies within our control; let somebody else do it and we are doomed. Don't forget the fireworks display and all the goings on that will be part of the Clay County Fourth of July celebration which is on Saturday, July 6.

"Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

A summertime delicacy




Raspberries are growing in abundance.

By Allen Hamrick
 What is a brambleberry? Brambleberries, as they were once called and in some circles still are, are the berries that grow on thorn laden, bee biting, snake infested brush along roadsides and edges of the woods. These areas are sometimes called a summertime hill-billy picnic area or they a forest salad area. Either way, these areas produce over a hundred types of berries in the USA; locally, its more raspberries and blackberries than any other type. These berries are unmistakable with their hues of red and black and can stop a berry eater driving 60 miles per hour in their treads. Blackberries are also known as black caps due to the fact that when picked the body of the berry stays in the blackberry while the raspberry stays on the stem. In the older days, grown up areas became the harvest fields for apron wearing women who could turn the berry into some of the finest jam to spread on a biscuit. With sweaty kids in tow, they never left a field without at least a couple of gallons of the fruit. Berry pickers lined the old roads where the berry vines hung thick as homecoming mashed potatoes.

A berry picker can get this fruit anytime between June and August during the hottest times of the year. So, it takes people with a strong constitution to withstand the elements. When they are completely cooked and jarred, nothing beats the all natural taste of a good raspberry. One might ask why waste time picking them if its so tough? These are the most abundant fruit we can eat all summer long; they are easy to find and anyone can tell what they are without worry. It is one fruit that, if you're a good picker, you can have fruit year round from nature's supply...you just have to pick them. Picking is an exercise in patience because the berries come off one at a time.

The foods you can make from berries is endless: pies, jams, jellies, smoothies, ice cream syrup and the list goes on. Healthy aspects of raspberries are that they are low in sugar, have anti-aging antioxidants and are high in fiber. So, if you get the opportunity to do some picking, get out and do some brambling - your health may benefit from the exercise and nutrition of it. One must remember that you're competing with all types of birds and beasts for the food, and it's a jungle out there.



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