County Commission moves three polling places for this fall's General Election

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Left to right: Shelia Stone, Clay County Clerk; David Schoolcraft, Commissioner; Joyce Johnson, Commission President; Connie Kinder, Commissioner.

By Gary Lee Stuber

The first regular meeting of the Clay County Commission on July 8 saw the change up of three previous polling places in the county. One of these former places was an elementary school that has been closed and given back to the original property owner. The other two were to comply with new polling place rules established for 2024. Polling place

rules require phone communication service, restroom facilities, and ADA compliance. These changes of locations are:

Polling Place for Precinct #1 – Harrison located at Norman Johnson's Garage will relocate to share Precinct #4 Polling Place at Walnut Grove Baptist Church due to phone service, restroom facilities and ADA compliance.

Polling Place for Precinct #25 – Ivydale will relocate to the Big Otter Volunteer Fire Department 5462 Big Otter Highway due to the lack of communication options and ADA compliance.

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Polling Place for Precinct #36 – H.E. White Elementary School at Bomont will be relocated, because the school is permanently closed,

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Elk River Trail Foundation receives grant for benches

An announcement from the Elk River Trail Foundation:

We are thrilled to share that we are one of 343 grantees selected to receive a 2024 AARP Community Challenge grant from AARP Livable Communities and AARP West Virginia! We are incredibly proud that AARP selected us for this investment to make our trail towns of Sutton, Gassaway, Clay and Clendenin and the other communities along the Elk River Trail more livable for residents of all ages. Through this grant we will purchase and install thirteen new benches along the 73- mile Elk River Trail in Clay and Brax-

ton Counties. The benches will add to the five very popular benches installed in Kanawha County that were funded with a grant from the Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement.



Gov. Justice celebrates success of state's first railbike excursion

National Leader Rail Explorers expands operations in Clay County

Gov. Jim Justice announced last week the expansion of the newly opened Rail Explorers, the nation's leading railbike operator, location in Clay County due to its overwhelming success after opening just five weeks ago.

The West Virginia location has not only added additional tour times but also increased its fleet of railbikes, raising the capacity from 36 to 60 people per tour.

"This new attraction in our state has been a major success so far," Gov. Justice said. "It's hardly been a month since they opened their doors, and now they're already experiencing growth in their business. Rail Explorers has without a doubt made an impact on tourism in Clay County and the state as a whole."

On Rail Explorers' comfortable, 2- and 4-person electric-assisted railbikes, riders can now easily pedal a scenic 12-mile round-trip stretch of historic railroad along the Elk River and Buffalo Creek. The new Elk River location joins the company's popular sites in California,



Rhode Island, New York, Iowa, and Kentucky.

"We're thrilled to add new tour times and increase our capacity for Rail Explorers: Elk River," Mary Joy Lu, Rail Explorers co-founder and CEO said. "This allows us to share the magic and beauty of West Virginia with even more adventurers. The response we've gotten since opening a month ago has been tremendous. We are proud to offer this unique, unforgettable, inclusive and accessible outdoor experience to people from across the country."

The state's newest tourism attraction traverses the tracks of the former Buffalo Creek & Gauley Railroad, which transported coal and lumber beginning as early as 1904. The rail line remained functional for over a century until it was severely damaged in the June 2016 flood. The corridor has since been repaired and is being repurposed to bring tourists to the region. The route is very scenic and features Devil's Sawmill Waterfall, the newest addition to the wildly popular West Virginia Waterfall Trail.

Tours are now open Thursdays through Mondays at 874 Buffalo Creek Road, Clay, WV 25043. Riders can choose a Quad Railbike (up to four riders) for \$160 or a Tandem Railbike (up to two riders) for \$80. Clay County residents are eligible for discounted rides on 'Locals' Days.'

The company's Elk River location is expected to employ 15 to 20 people, including seasonal guides. The project was made possible through a public-private partnership with the West Virginia Department of Transportation.



Clay County has seen increases in visitation since the opening of the Elk River Trail in 2019, and today's announcement positions the county for even more significant growth. Rail Explorers has had more than 2,000 riders hailing from 14 U.S. states since opening just five weeks ago.

About Rail Explorers:

Rail Explorers founded the railbike industry in America. Its state-of-the-art railbikes are pedal-powered, have hydraulic disc brakes, and feature a custom-built electric motor – the REX Propulsion System. The technology leads the world in safety, design, and ease of operation. The combination creates a truly effortless ride for guests of all ages and abilities.

Tours are open to the public and pet-friendly. Limited seating is available, and reservations are recommended. Visit RailExplorers.net/tours/elk-river or call 877-833-8588 to learn more and reserve tickets.

Annual Elk River Canoe and Kayak Float Set July 20

Come out and enjoy the 10th annual Elk River Summer Float on Saturday, July 20 at the Sutton Dam. This five-mile float is the perfect trip for beginner kayakers or groups with varied skill levels. Activities start at 9 a.m. The float starts at 11 a.m. Come early to check-in, drop your gear, then drive to the Elk River Camp and RV. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. Day-of registration will be available, but event shirts will be first come, first served.

This event is sponsored by WV American Water, TransCanada, the Braxton County CVB, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Go Mart.

Once parked Elk River Camp and RV, board the shuttle back to the Sutton Dam to begin the float. Check-in's and gear drops will start at 9 a.m. Visit https://braxtonwv.org/things-to-do/elk-river-water-trail/events/ to register online or to download a paper registration form.

Directions from I-79 to the Sutton Dam: Take Exit 62 Sutton, Gassaway exit, turn left toward Sutton, once in the Town of Sutton turn right onto 2nd Street, continue on 2nd Street crossing the green metal bridge, after the bridge turn left onto Stonewall Street, drive until the Sutton Dam is visible always turning

toward the lower dam areas, this is where

the float will start. If you find yourself at the top of the dam, turn around and take the first right toward the bottom of the hill.

Parking is permissible at the Sutton Dam, in the lot nearest to the dam. The lot furthest from the dam will be reserved for unloading passengers and gear.

Parking will be provided at the takeout point, Elk River Camp and RV, 360 Little Buffalo Road, Gassaway.

Directions to Elk River Camp and RV from Sutton Dam: Travel South on Route 4 toward I-79, reversing the directions above, pass the on-ramps to I-79 and continue toward Gassaway, pass Kroger on your left and continue south on Route 4, cross the first bridge you come to on the left, turn right toward Elk River Camp and RV, park at Elk River Camp and RV and board shuttle.

and board shuttle.

Shuttle buses will be waiting at Elk River Camp and RV starting at 9 a.m. If multiple buses are in a line, board the front bus. Once full, the bus will depart and the second bus will begin boarding passengers. If needed, busses will return to pick up more passengers until all participants have been transported back to

the Sutton Dam.

Lookin' for big bass in the summer heat



Drawing the lunkers out of the deep shadows. Allen Hamrick photo.

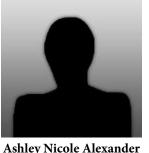
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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY



Booked 7/9/24 Home confinement violation



Booked 7/12/24 Public intoxication, indecent exposure



Michael Lynn Harrison Booked 7/10/24 Probation violation, probation revocation



Joshua Matthew Richardson Booked 7/14/24 Aggravated DUI, possession of a controlled substance



John Michael Wright Booked 7/11/24 Invasion of privacy



CLAY COUNTY —

Betty Jo Adkins Booked 7/8/24 No insurance, possession of meth

NICHOLAS COUNTY



David Austin Bare Booked 7/13/24 Sexual abuse third degree, sexual abuse by parent/ guardian/custodian, sexual assault third degree

NICHOLAS COUNTY

Sarah Renee Rogers

Booked 7/12/24

Grand larceny

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Polling



Candice Marie Bess Booked 7/12/24 Trespassing

Allen Wesley Shaffer

Booked 7/12/24

Improper display, fraud/

fraudulent app. for registra-

tion, fleeing from officer, fleeing on foot, no helmet,

no insurance, no license, no

operators, no passing zone

to Horners Fork Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 5815

The County Clerk will send notices to all registered

In other news, David Bland of the West Virginia

Painters Union gave a presentation to the board, not just

highlighting the various services rendered by the union,

but presented information on training and apprentice-

ship opportunities. Clay County was his third stop in an

effort to make presentations to all West Virginia County

Commissions. Commissioners have information available if anyone has interest in pursuing an apprenticeship

Puzzle Answers

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voters in Precincts 1, 25, and 36 notifying them of these

changes well before the general election this fall.



Joshua Caleb Bolen Booked 7/13/24 Interfere with law enforcement, shoplifting, organized retail theft, conspiracy

Robert Lane Wilford

Booked 7/13/24

Domestic battery

till June 30, 2025.



Raheem Bishop Bond Booked 7/11/24 Possession of controlled substance, possession with intent, prohibited person with firearm

John Junior Woods IV

Booked 7/13/24

Parole hold

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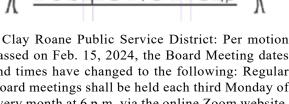


Jerry Wayne Dickens Booked 7/10/24 DVP violation



Andrea Michele McKinney Booked 7/12/24 Domestic battery, Capias

PUBLIC NOTICES



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.

WANTED:

Someone to haul some stone to fill in mud holes on the **Butcher Cemetery** road in Dille. For more information call: 304-332-5367.

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Outside of regular and routine commission business

of bills, purchase orders, budgets and wills and final

settlements, the commission also appointed Barry Mc-

Cune as a citizen representative to the Regional Inter-

governmental Council effective July 1, 2024 and active

The next regular meeting of the Clay County Com-

mission will be held at 5 p.m. on July 22, 2024.

David Bland

OBITUARY

Larry James McDonald



Larry James McDonald, 78, of Mt. Zion, WV passed away June 7, 2024 at Minnie Hamilton Hospital in Grantsville.

Larry was born January 13, 1946 in Grantsville and was the son of the late Ralph and Ethel Stemple McDonald.

Larry was a retired mechanic from Chevrolet. He enjoyed working on cars and computers, fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his three children, Charles "Charlie" McDonald, Tonya McDonald both from Youngstown, OH and Crystal Swanson (Adrian) of Las Vegas, NV; six brothers, twin brother Ralph McDonald (Naomi) of Canton, OH, Marvin McDonald of Canton, Delford McDonald (Shelby) of Grantsville, Lawrence Mc-Donald (Vali) of New Philadelphia, OH, John Mc-Donald (Vicki) of Canton and Virgil "Lee" McDonald (Reva) of Kingsman, AZ; 10 grandchildren; sevgreat-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Fisher McDonald; two children, Wanda McDonald and Larry James McDonald, II; and siblings, an infant brother, Veda McDonald, Mildred McDonald, William Watkins, Jr., Troy McDonald, Norman Mc-Donald.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 A.M. ~ Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer, WV with Pastor Jackie Roberts officiat-

Arrangements provided by Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer, WV. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www. taylorvandalefuneralhome. com

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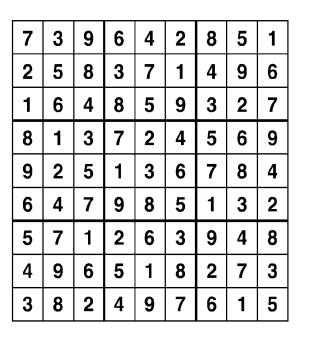
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A Winged Visitor And A Gift Of Joy

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

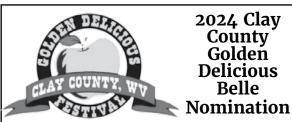
We were in the eighth day of a heat wave that seemed to have no end. The summer heat and humidity were draining and it had gotten so hot that I was even having trouble falling asleep at night. My body felt tired and not ready to take on the day. I sat slowly drinking my morning coffee and hoping that it could help to lift up my eyelids more than half-way. It was early in the morning and already felt afternoon hot. I knew it was going to be another scorcher.

As I sat there not wanting to get up from my kitchen table, I glanced lazily out my window. The buttercups and dandelions were popping back up again after the last time the grass was mowed. I saw a few bumble bees bouncing from flower to flower and my weary face managed a weak smile. Then out of nowhere a brilliant, yellow butterfly appeared. It circled around my window as if to say "Hi!" then dropped down to the nearest dandelion. After resting a moment it flew back up to my window circling around joyfully. Watching this, my smile widened and my heart filled. I have always had a special love for butterflies since my Mom passed away. Once I told my daughter that I was sure Mom's spirit was still dropping down to check on us, riding invisible on the back of a butterfly. And ever since I said that my days have been filled with winged visitors. Each time I see one I thank God and tell Mom how much I love her.

I watched as this butterfly circled up to my window one last time and flew away. And as it did I didn't feel quite so tired anymore. I was ready to embrace the day. I was ready to open my heart, share my love, and add a little more kindness to the world.

In this life you can't know what each day will bring, but you can choose how you live it. Live yours then with Love, Laughter, Kindness, and Joy. Each new day here is God's gift to us. And how we live it, is our gift to God. Make yours fantastic.





The Clay County Golden Delicious Festival Committee is accepting nominations for the 2024 Golden Delicious Belle. The nominee must be a resident of Clay County, who is at least 65 years in age.

2024 Clay

County

Golden

Delicious

Belle

Your nomination letter should tell why you think the person should be named the 2024 Belle and must include a non-returnable photo to use for printing.

All entries should include a contact person's name, and phone number for the person providing the entry, as well as the name and phone number of the person nominated.

All entries must be received by Friday, July 31, 2024. Entries may be mailed to: CCGDF Apple Belle Nomination, Attn: Laura Scott P.O. Box 416, Clay WV 25043, or can be dropped off at the Clay County Assessor's office to Teresa Davis. Or email with a photo attachment to clayapplefestival@ gmail.com.

The festival Board of Directors will vote for a winner during the August 2024 board meeting.

Age Is Just a Number...Or Is It?

Dr. James L. Snyder

Recently, one of our granddaughters reached the magical age of 16 and was applying for her driver's license.

When I learned of that, it brought back so many memories of my own. I remember when I turned 16 and was going for my driver's license. What a day that

I can't remember how long ago that was. I don't have a calendar in front of me.

The time leading up to my 16th birthday was exciting because I couldn't wait to turn 16 and get behind the wheel. That was the great goal of my life as a teenager. At 16, my life would change, and

When I reached 16, my next goal was 21 because I would be an official adult, and my parents couldn't tell me what to do.

I'm not sure what happened, but I never really became the official adult I dreamed about. I just became older.

Some people attach great significance to age. I remember my grandfather saying, "Son, age is just a number. Don't you worry about it."

Grandfathers can't be wrong, or can they?

It's been hard keeping up with my age because it changes every year. Why does my birthday have to come so often? There was a time when I couldn't wait for my birthday. It was like it took five years for my birthday to come.

Now, my birthday comes every other month. How old am I really? Honestly, I don't want to know.

Several years ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I celebrated birthdays at a restaurant. Her birthday is two days after mine.

As we ate our birthday dinner, she looked at me and said, "So, my dear, how does old feel?"

Without even thinking, which is my MO, I reached across the table, grabbed her arm, started squeezing it, and said, "It feels rather nice."

Well, there went my birthday

One day this past week, I was searching through my library for a book I wanted to read. As I was searching, I found my high school yearbook. I don't remember the last time I saw that book.

I pulled it out, took it to my seat, sat down and started looking through that album. I saw things I had long ago forgotten about. As I looked at the photographs,

I remembered some of my friends from way back then and wondered how they might look today. Then, I came across a name I recognized: James Snyder. I rec-

ognized the name, but I did not

recognize the picture. Who was

that person there using my name? I stared at that picture for a while and did not remember anything. There it was, a young boy with lots of hair and rather skinny. I was tempted to go to the mirror and check out what I looked like

today, but then I declined. Why

ruin a good thing? When my grandfather said that age is just a matter of numbers, I was beginning to think he was way off his rocker. What I looked like in 1969 when I graduated high school is far from what I look today.

I tried to remember back in those days, and some things came to me. I had a lot of fun playing baseball at school, and I did a lot of things that I wouldn't have the energy to do today.

One of the things I remember was how hard it was to go to sleep at night. My parents had a curfew at 10 o'clock at night, which is when we were supposed to be in bed sound asleep. I remember those times and how hard it was to

sleep at 10 o'clock at night.

Now, right after supper, I look at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and say, "Are you thinking what I'm thinking?'

She will laugh and nod her head. One of the things that we try to find an excuse to go to bed early, like right after supper.

I couldn't keep up with all the

activities I did back then. In the

morning, when I get out of bed, walk to the living room, and sit down, I need to rest for a moment because of all that activity. It doesn't take very much to get me tired. Thinking about this the other day, I wondered what my life

would be like if I had the energy today that I had 50 years ago. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that if I had that kind of energy today, I probably would be getting into trouble.

What I fail to remember about those days of endless energy is that it always got me into some kind of trouble.

Now that I'm old, I don't have the energy to get into trouble. When you think of it, that's a good thing. Getting old isn't as bad as I once thought.

As I pondered this I was reminded of what good, old Solomon said. "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this" (Ecclesiastes 7:10).

I may have some good things in my past, but my best day is today. I don't have any guarantee for tomorrow. All I can be sure of is today, so I need to make today the best day of my life.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamessnyder51@gmail.com, www.jamessnyderministries.com.

Treasurer Moore encourages residents to check mail for third round of 'West Virginia Cash Now' notices

Nearly \$3.3 Million in Unclaimed Property Slated to be Returned This Fall

is encouraging West Virginians to be on the lookout for checks for their unclaimed properties in October. letters that will be mailed next week notifying certain residents they will receive an unclaimed property check from the Treasurer's Office this fall.

The letters are part of the Office's annual "West Virginia Cash Now" program, which automatically sends unclaimed property checks to verifiable residents without the need to go through the regular claim paperwork

"Now in its third year, the West Virginia Cash Now program has helped us return roughly \$7 million worth of unclaimed property to our citizens without the need to file paperwork with our Office," Treasurer Moore said. "This tremendously successful program is one of the many ways we have modernized the State Treasurer's Office to better serve the people of our State."

West Virginia Cash Now launched in 2022 following passage of House Bill 4511, an unclaimed property modernization bill Treasurer Moore proposed to lawmakers. Among its many provisions, the bill created a more automated approach to claims processing which now allows many West Virginians to be reunited with their missing money automatically - no paperwork required.

Through the West Virginia Cash Now program, the Office's Unclaimed Property Division can quickly issue checks to residents who already have addresses and contact information that are readily verifiable in legal databases. The Cash Now program this year targets the most common types of claims: Individual property owners with claim amounts ranging from \$500 to less than \$5,000.

The Unclaimed Property Division is preparing to send 2,697 notification letters next week, representing nearly \$3.3 million worth of unclaimed property claims.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore The letters will inform residents they will be receiving

Treasurer Moore emphasized that once you receive the letter, you simply have to wait for your check to be mailed in October - you do not have to file a claim with

the State Treasurer's Office. In addition to verifying the address of the individual, the letters serve to inform people this program is legitimate and not a scam.

"One of the biggest challenges we face with this program is that some people think it's just too good to be true - they can't believe someone from the government wants to give them money instead of take it," Treasurer Moore said. "That's why we go out of our way to reassure them this is real, this is their money, and it's their right to cash that check."

More information about the program is available at www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov. Recipients can also call (800) 642-8687 or email WVCashNow@wvsto.gov if they have questions. Each letter will have a specific Claim ID number listed, and recipients are asked to reference that number when contacting the Office.

While the Cash Now program created a new automated process for certain claims, it does not apply to all claims. Businesses, government entities, estate claims and securities are not covered by the program because additional documentation is required to verify the owner. Individuals with claims of \$5,000 or more will also still have to file paperwork with the Office to receive

The State Treasurer's Office currently has nearly \$440 million worth of unclaimed property listings in its database. To learn more about the unclaimed property program and to search its database, visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov.

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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.

July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war and one of the first Confederate victories.

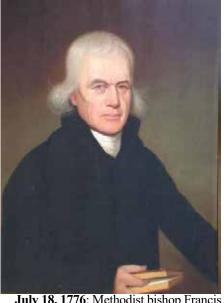
July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber



was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1921:Marcenia "Toni" Stone was born in Bluefield. She would become the first woman to play professional baseball for a previously all-male team. In 1953, she joined the Indianapolis Clowns of the old Negro American League, replacing the team's second baseman, Hank Aaron, who had just joined the National League's Mil-

July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.



July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1850: Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Wheeling, naming Richard V. Whelan as its first bishop.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia and three U.S. Navy gunboats.

July 19, 1877: Federal troops arrived in Martinsburg, where the Railroad Strike of 1877 had begun days earlier. The troops ended the violence in Martinsburg, but the deadly strike continued across the country into September. It was the first work stoppage in U.S. history to spread nationally.

July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of Flight of the Intruder.

July 19, 1952: Novelist Jayne Anne Phillips was born in Buckhannon. After graduating from West Virginia University, her short stories and novels began receiving wide recognition. In 2024, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her 2023 novel Night Watch, about a mother and daughter in West Virginia after the

July 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest sitting senator. Goodwin was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's



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July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. The comedy legend will be forever rememberedfor portraying Barney Fife on The Andy GriffithShow.

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July 22, 1859: Athlete "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played bare-handed, was one of baseball's premier shortstops of the 19th century.

July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson played a major role in spreading the popularity of old-time music.

July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and the Pocahontas Fuel Company for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber and especially financial

July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, The Night of the Hunter(1953), a gripping suspense story adapted into a classic film in 1955 and for TV in 1991. **POTENTIAL**

SPIN DOCTORS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS**





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by Linda Thistle

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

January

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"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



January 1958

Happy Birthday

Elementary School John Edward Bego Patty Connor Peggy Connor Ronald Dodrill Joyce Dorsey Donna Gail Gill Kennith David James Lois King Michael Alan Mick Corliss Jane Miles Alan Chris Sears Sandra Tinney High School Judith Jane Gibson Doris Holmes Joyce King Carol Neal Betty Jane Sigman Joyce Workman Nancy Workman

You can tell Santa has been nice to "good little" boys around here by the number of shining gold and silver watches being sported. Widen High School is full of clock watchers now, and we have any time that you wish. No two of us have the same time! Santa also brought the basketball boys new bright red letters on their jerseys which show up well on a white back ground.

Until next time keep smiling and keep flashing that red and white.

WEATHER REPORT By Mitzie Sue Bailes

Breezy David Wilson
Unsettled Willy Laxton
Warm Ruby Holcomb
Unpredictable . Russell Butcher
Hurricane Abe Holmes
Settled Jimmy Manning
Misty Band Practice
Mild Virginia Nettles
Calm Joan Truman
Lightning Helen Ellis
Cyclone Jerry Wayne Hamrick
Tornado Paul De Moss
Clear Punk Gibson
Disagreeable Clean-Up Week
Cloudy Joanne Conner
Gloomy English Classes
Sunny Terry Shaffer
Fair Lunch Period
Windy Karen Mick
Cool Cheerleaders
Hot Basketball Team
Rain Chemistry Class

BEST WRITERS

First (Butcher)

David Marple

Second (Graham)

Sandra Miller

Gerald Wyatt

Bonita King

Jimmy Dorsey

Judith Gibson

Molly Dorsey

Ronald Dodrill

Shirley Conner

Gary Marple Judith Butcher

Sixth (Reynolds) Sandra Williams Joyce Dorsey Diana Adkins

> Charles Mullins Jean Dodrill Janice Triplett

Johnny Houghton

Linda Baughman

Linda Kay Mullins -

Second (Elliott)

Third (Ashley)

Fourth (Bragg)

Fifth (Jackson)

Lois Gill

Nathan Hickman

Charles Tinney

Fads and Fashions

The Chistmas dance was very colorful with its profusion of stunning party dresses. A few that topped the outstanding list are: A pink and black nylon with a gathered skirt; a very stunning beige sheath with a low cut neck and covered buttons down the front; a very appealing blue sheath with streamers down the back; a very pretty beige dress with a low neck and gathered skirt; a turquoise dress with a low neck, gathered skirt and three quarter length sleeves; another beauty was a dark blue silk, shot with crystal gold dots. To add to the dressed-up appearance several girls wore high heels to match their dresses. I think suede were the most popular, although there were several other very attractive styles worn.

Several school kids have bought red and white beanles from the P.T.A. to help boost the team. They add a very striking color to the crowd at the ball games. Besides the beanies, several students have purchased red and white pennants from the student council. If a stranger should come to our ball game he wouldn't have to ask who we were for; he could look at our beanies and pennants. These items also help us to show the ball players how much we appreciate them even though they haven't won a game yet.

Orchids & Onions

Orchids To:

Karen and Joe Wood for bring ing their record player to the sen ior dances.

People who refuse to "BOO" a the basketball games.

Mothers who helped with the making of the punch for the Christ mas dance. . .

Kids who didn't cheat on their semester tests.

Students who donated money to the March of Dimes.

Barbara Eagle for taking up tick ets for the Senior dance.

Kids for taking care of school property. Students who are thankful fo

what they have and not gripu about something they haven't. Onions To: Kids who talked while other

were taking their semester tests Students who took other people' English books.

Kids who leave their chewin gum papers behind in other stu 'dents' desks.

People who forget their sports manship at a basketball game.

Students who are always hurtin other people's feelings.

Kids who broke their new year' resolutions.

TEN TOP TUNES

The Ten Top Tunes of Widen High for the month of January are: 1. "At the Hop"-Danny and the

2. "Peggy Sue"-Buddy Holly.

3. "La De Da"-Billy and Lilly.

4. 'Raunchy"-Bill Justis. 5. "Buzz-Buzz-Buzz" Hollywood

Flames. 6. "Julie"-Crescendos.

Juniors.

7. "April Love"-Pat Boone. 8. "Great Balls of Fire"-Jerry

Lee Lewis. 9. "Oh Boy"-Fats Domino.

"Boney Moronie"-Larry 10. Williams.

Two other songs were very popular and just might be on the top ten next month are: "Joanne," by Twin Tones and "Rock and Roll Music" by Chuck Berry.

Who's Who!

Last month's Mystery Students were Robert Baughman and Carolyn Hutchinson.

"Look at that walking Doll!" That's what the boys say as this Blond walks by. She is as smart as she is pretty, too.

She is 5 ft. and 5 in. tall and has large expressive green eves. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and an active member of the Dramatics Club. She is also a member of the girl scouts. She has been on the honor roll all of her school years. She is noted for her hobby of sittng around listening to her collection of records while eating sirloin steak sandwiches. She is not as old as you'd think: she's sixteen years old. When you see her riding down the road in a blue Mercury you will know who it is."

If you were walking down the hall past Mr. Bogg's eighth grade home room you would probably hear this young man. He is about 4 feet and 91/2 inches tall. He has brown hair and merry brown eves. He is a very smart boy and he usually makes the honor roll. He played junior high basketball last year. He is full of life and can't keep still. He is an active member of the Boy Scouts. He loves to eat fried chicken and fried fish while watching "Cheyenne" on T.V.

Some day he wants to be an Air Force Pilot. Meanwhile he wants an Edsel-bright turquoise and red.

NEW YEAR . . . CLEAN SLATE

Have you a clean slate to start the New Year? What can we do to keep this slate clean? If you have doubts about your slate, THINK!

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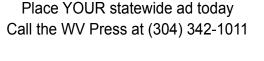
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BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST

NO Scheduled Services At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

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

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek

Road, Bomont, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM Thursday Night Service

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Junior Davis

7:30 PM

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

7:00 PM Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE Sunday School 10:00 AM

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

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer &

Bible Study 7:00 PM 2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM

Pastor: Pete Shaffer BLUE KNOB CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM

Everyone is Welcome!

BUFFALO VALLEY **BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship

Service 11:00 AM Sunday **Evening Service** 6:00 PM Radio Broadcast, Sunday

Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville Everyone Welcome Pastor:

Doug Newell IV

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in

Procious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM Pastor: Jerry

Chandler

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE

Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00

Sunday School 10:00 AM Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE

Sangamore Rd., Bentree, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Come and worship the Lord

with us. Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr. **CLAY COMMUNITY**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service

7:00 PM Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM. Everyone is Welcome! Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Preaching 6:00 PM Wednesday 7:30 PM Pastor: Fred Walker

CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Preaching 7:00

Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome. Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Falling Rock, Clay County Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday School 11:30 AM Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM

Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM Teachings from the King James Bible

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00

Wednesday Prayer Service/ Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM Pastor: Roy Huffman

ELK RIVER BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Saturday Night 7:00 PM Pastor: Brace Cook

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE

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

FAITH MISSIONARY **BAPTIST CHURCH**

Dutch Ridge Laurel Road Sunday Service 6:00 PM Tuesday Service 6:00 PM Everyone Welcome! Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans

Associate Pastor: Lee Roy Anderson

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bomont, WV Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM 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

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/Chilren/ 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

HALLBURG BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM Sunday Night Preaching 6:00

Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Wednesday Night Service

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service

Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

6:00 PM

HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 PM Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel,

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Pastor: James R. Paxton

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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

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

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Pastor: Ann Huddleston

LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST

CHURCH of Adonijah Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Night: Bible

Study/Prayer Meeting and Youth Group 7:00 PM Pastor: John Barnhouse

LICKFORK BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 every Sunday Morning Sunday Night Services 7:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM Come worship with us! Pastor: Herb Vance

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Mark Dudley Phone 304-286-5909

LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: David McLaughlin LIVING GOD WORSHIP

CENTER We invite you to come and worship with us.

Thursday Evening 7:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Pastor: Cecil Lee

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

Pastor: Robert Thomas

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MAYSEL COMMUNITY

Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Night 6:00 PM Monday Night Service

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

NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching every Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM

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

NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Please join us in Praise! Pastor: Gary Walker

NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching every Sunday 11:00 AM Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

NEWTON BAPTIST **CHURCH**

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

Pastor: Darius Walker Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher NOAH'S ARK FULL

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM

GOSPEL CHURCH Thursday 7:00 PM Sunday 7:00 PM Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

O'BRION ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

Pastor: James L. Balser 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

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

PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Sunday Night Service 7:00

Take time out for Jesus, he took time our 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

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM Wednesday night Bible Study

Saturday Night Preaching

PLEASANT DALE

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 **PROCIOUS**

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

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

9:30 AM

CHURCH

RISEN LORD CATHOLIC **CHURCH** at Maysel Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM followed by Religious Education

Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Father Matheus Ro

Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD ROGERS FORK BAPTIST

Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Sunday Worship 7:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Sunday School 10:00 AM

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

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

THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST Saturday Services 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM Pastor: Hiram Lewis

Preaching 11:00 AM

TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Service

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Clifford Samples

UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH OF LIZEMORES Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PMEveryone welcome

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Sunday School 10:00 AM

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Manchin secures West Virginia Priorities, over \$55 million in congressionally directed spending in bipartisan appropriations bills

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (I-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured a number of West Virginia priorities in the markup of three bipartisan appropriations bills, which included the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Branch; Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs funding bills. The Senate Appropriations Committee continues to work through the remaining nine funding bills, which will hopefully be voted on by the full Senate later this year.

These three funding bills included critical priorities that Senator Manchin championed, including combatting the drug epidemic, supporting the West Virginia National Guard and Veterans and boosting nutrition programs statewide. They also included \$55,502,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending

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NOTICE OF CHANGE CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA PRECINCT POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Notice is hereby given to the registered voters of Clay County that the Clay County Commission did permanently move the following precincts. PRECINCT-1 HARRISON will now be located at Walnut Grove Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 2028 Wilson Ridge Road, Strange Creek, WV 25063. PRECINCT-36 BOMONT will now be located at Horner's Fork Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 5815 Procious Maysel Road, Procious, WV 25164. If you need directions to the new voting place or have any questions, please call the Clay County Clerk at 304-587-4259.

LEGAL NOTICE July 3, 2024

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from VCG Luna, LLC, CON File #24-12-13027-A, to become the sole member of Amedysis West Virginia, LLC and Tender Loving Care Health Care Services of West Virginia. LLC. Capital Expenditure \$28,746,330.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov.

(CDS) requests, or earmarks, for 14 West Virginia projects.

"I am pleased that the Committee has kicked off the FY25 appropriations process by unanimously advancing three bipartisan bills that provide funding to many top priorities in West Virginia. These bills also include more than \$55 million in dedicated funding for critical West Virginia projects like building a new fire station in Moorefield, constructing a health and fitness facility in Welch, and supporting the critical operations of the West Virginia National Guard. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am committed to bringing back regular order, doing our job, and passing funding bills on time to deliver crucial resources to West Virginia," said Senator Manchin.

West Virginia priority highlights:

· Renovating the Woody Williams Committal Shelter: Includes \$5 million to enclose committal shelters, including the one located at the Donnel Kinnard Veterans Cemetery in Dunbar, fulfilling West Virginia Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams' final request.

 Combatting the Drug Epidemic: Provides \$713 million for opioid prevention and treatment programs through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and includes language

reflective of Senator Manchin's FREED of Opioids Act, requiring the FDA to study the problematic methods the FDA uses to approve opioids.

- Advancing Appalachian Agriculture: Provides robust funding for West Virginia food production and research, including \$800,000 for the Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, and includes language directing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to examine how to prevent surpluses of apples in West Virginia.
- Expanding Access to Veterans' Healthcare: Includes language requiring VA medical centers to reduce barriers to accessing healthcare for Veterans in rural areas.
- · Boosting Nutrition Programs: Provides full funding for critical nutrition programs long championed by Senator Manchin, including \$123.2 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and \$7.69 million for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- Expanding Rural Broadband Coverage: Provides \$135 million for the Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program, which facilitates Broadband deployment in rural areas like West Virginia.

WV Board of Education Elects Nancy White President

The West Virginia Board

of Education (WVBE) unanimously elected Nancy J. White as president during its July meeting in Charleston. White previously held the position of

President White retired after a 36-year career in West Virginia school business. She held the position of treasurer of Morgan County Schools and also served in Taylor, Lewis and Jefferson county schools. An active member of the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO), International, she received the prestigious Eagle Award for lifetime achievement.

Vice President of the WVBE

and has served on the Board

since 2018 when she was ap-

pointed to fill an unexpired

term. She was reappointed in

January 2023.

"I am humbled to be elected as president of the West Virginia Board

of Education," White said. "This board is dedicated to the education of children in our public schools and the advancement of education to support our state's economy and future. We have worked earnestly to represent our education community and the critical work that occurs every day at the hands of our educators and administrators. It is a privilege to continue to serve my state because the work ahead of us is so very important."

President White is a native of Grafton and currently resides in Bridgeport with her husband. Together they have three daughters, seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. Her term on the WVBE expires in 2031.

The WVBE also elected Victor L. Gabriel as Vice President. He retired from Harrison County Schools after serving as a teacher, administrative staff member and various positions within the county board of educa-

Additionally, the WVBE approved the restructuring of offices and elected F. Scott Rotruck as Secretary and L. Paul Hardesty as Legislative Liaison. The WVBE holds elections each July to elect or re-elect officers. President White may serve two consecutive one-year terms as President.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0413-E-ENEC APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

1.13% overall increase in total revenues

Petition to initiate the annual review and to update the ENEC rates currently in effect. NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

On April 30, 2024, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2024 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Companies are seeking net changes in ENEC rates effective September 1, 2024, comprised of an approximate \$1.9 million decrease for residential customers and an approximate \$22.3 million increase for other classes of customers, or a net overall increase of \$20.4 million over annual revenues generated by ENEC rates, which include the ENEC under-recovery deferral rate increment previously approved by the Commission to begin September 1, 2024. The net \$20.4 million requested increase equals an approximate

The impact on an average monthly bill by customer category is as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(%) INCREASE/DECREASE
Residential	(\$0.39)	(0.23%)
Commercial	\$6.09	1.40%
Industrial	\$7,061.68	2.66%
Special Contract ¹	\$24,053.11	4.37%
Other	\$0.03	0.17%

¹Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

The Public Service Commission will conduct a public comment hearing in this matter on August 12, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The public comment hearing will be held virtually, allowing for interested persons to make a comment telephonically, through the Microsoft Teams application from the internet, or in-person at the Commission headquarters. Interested persons intending to make a virtual public comment hearing should register with the Commission by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Registration may be made by any of the following methods.

- (1) Through the Microsoft Teams meeting link located on the Commission's website, http://www.psc.state.wv.us under the "PSC Hot Topics" section located at the top of the homepage;\
- (2) By calling 304-340-0836 (Karen Hall) or 304-340-0820 (Andrew Gallagher); or (3) By emailing khall@psc.state.wv.us or agallagher@psc.state.wv.us

The link for the Microsoft Teams meeting will also be in a future press release from the Commission. Interested persons wishing to comment in-person at the public comment hearing should attend and sign up to speak at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Service Commission, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

As an alternative to speaking at the public comment hearing virtually or in person, individuals or entities interested in providing written comments regarding this case should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at http://www.psc. state.wv.us by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided.

All written comments should be marked with Case No. 24-0413-E-ENEC. The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the public

comment or evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings

All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary. Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered, Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the offices of the Companies.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0434-WS-PC

WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Petition for consent and approval of main extension multipliers, excess usage leak adjustment rates and exemption from certain provisions of Water Rule 7.5.5 and Sewer Rule 7.4.:

NOTICE OF FILING

On May 3, 2024, West Virginia-American-Water Company (WVAWC) petitioned the Commission to (i) modify the amounts WVAWC is required to contribute for line extensions for water and sewer customers, (ii) increase the leak adjustment rate for water customers from \$0.87 to \$1.28 per thousand gallons, and (iii) increase the leak adjustment rate for sewer customers from \$1.86 to \$2.10 per thousand gallons. The application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia, and online.

The Commission will receive public comments through August 12, 2024. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/sclipts/onlinecommentsidefault.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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Mon Power has contracted to maintain portions of its rights-of-way with an aerial saw consisting of approximately ten 24-inch rotary blades powered by a motor and suspended on a vertical boom beneath a helicopter. This maintenance method allows for the quick, safe, and efficient trimming of trees along our transmission lines. The aerial saw will be operating January through September 2024 in the following counties in West Virginia:

Calhoun, Clay, Nicholas and Roane Counties (TMU-306 Goff Run-Linden Road 138kV Line, Linden Road-Powell Mountain 138kV Line)

Beginning at the Goff Run Substation off of US Rt's 33 and 119 east of Spencer West Virginia in Roane County. The line runs in a southeasterly direction crossing near CR 5/14 Daniels Run, CR 40 Slate Rd, CR 36/1, CR 48/3 Kaufman Rd, CR 48 Otto Rd, CR 48/2 Chambers Fork, CR 50/5 Clover Rd, CR 50 Keffer Hill, and CR 2/5 Linden Rd where the line taps into the Linden Road Substation. The line continues in a southeast direction crossing CR 27 Linden Bright Rd, and continues into Calhoun County near CR 20/8 Sang Run Rd, crossing CR 20/9 Big Run Rd, ČR 1/5, Beech Fork, White Oak Rd, CR 17/2, and CR 28 Mud Fork Rd. The line then enters into Clay County crossing CR 38/1 W Fork Rd, CR 38 Clinic Dr, SR 16, Interstate 79 and Big Otter Creek, CR 19 Ossia Rd, Deadfall Run Rd, CR 16/2 Otterlick Rd, James Dunfield Rd, SR 4 Duck Rd, the Elk River, CR 11 Widen Ridge Rd, CR 11/4 Lantz Rd, Rock Camp Rd, CR 15/2 Swandale Rd, CR 52 Rush Camp, Buffalo Creek, and CR 15/4 Taylor Fork The line then enters Nicholas County and runs along Turkey Creek, crossing CR 19/26 Spruce Run Rd and US Rt 19, terminating at the Powell Mountain Substation off CR 19/41 Hookersville Rd north of Muddlety West Virginia.

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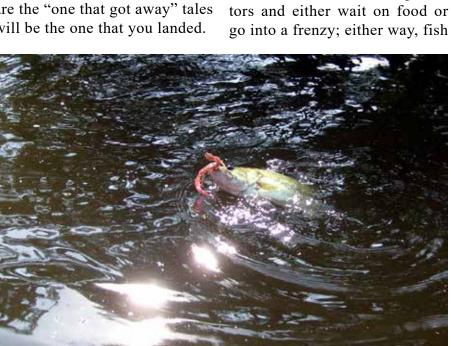
Bassin' in the heat

By Allen Hamrick

It's officially summer time, and it is hot enough to fry eggs on a hard hat. Looking for lunker bucket mouths on the river is a tough chore, especially when water levels are so low. The bites are as hard to get as a free ride to the moon. In the lakes, the bass become slow to bite, but they still have to eat. Finesse fishing is the right page in the book to go to, but not a given. The bass do as humans and go to where the food is. However, they don't want a sun tan to go with their meal so they go deeper, drop their shades and wait at the drive through for a meal to come. On a river, bass are outlaws and differ from lake bass simply because the habitats between the two water bodies are different. Right now, the river is low and slow moving in most of the bends and eddies. With tributaries low or dry, the river bass have to adapt and so does the fisherman. Fish need oxygen to survive, and in the rivers, moving water provides that oxygen and tends to be cooler than still water. Bass are a little easier to find on rivers - they do not go great distances or run for Davey Jones' locker at every opportunity. Water current will determine where you will find lunker bass. Picking the proper bait along with waiting for dinner time will yield good results, and chances are the "one that got away" tales will be the one that you landed.

If you're in a boat or kayak, there are a few spots you can pretty much guarantee hook ups. An outside bend in the river where the water seems to be the strongest is a good place to grab a sandwich and a cola and start casting. Drop offs and eroded tree roots are in these areas, and big small mouths love to hang out there. They lay in wait in these areas to grab bait that may drift into these pockets. Find the areas with fallen trees and big rocks and you will lock onto one of the best situations for catching bass. It takes some diligence to find these places, but when you do, know how to set a hook because you will be in the perfect storm. Don't forget the wacky rigs and jigs or whatever works for you. Crank baits or spinner baits are good go to options, but if it is a tree top, then go upstream and let a jig or a worm dangle just outside the top and get the bass to come out. They will come if its dinner

When there is a creek that empties into the river, don't overlook these spots, especially if it drops off into deeper water real quick. Bass, especially small mouth, love going up into the creeks to feed on chubs and crawdads when the river is down like it is now. They will wait outside the spillway for the food to come to them. Bass are predators and either wait on food or go into a frenzy; either way, fish



A three pounder recently caught on a weightless lizard.

By Allen Hamrick



Working the sunken trees in a deep pocket of the Elk.

from upstream and let the bait go to them. They are creatures of habit just like us around the family barbecue. We don't sit around, we stand around the grill and wait, and bass don't veer too far away from those habits on a river.

Manmade cover on a river, especially if it is old, including docks, drain pipes or culverts where the water drains on a drop are good spots. Bugs and critters that bass love to feast on flow out of the pipe, get confused and can't get their bearings right, and the bass sometimes stir into a feeding frenzy. Throwing bait like a worm, jig or a top water popper are good baits to try. When bass are not crazy hungry they sometimes hang out on the lower side of the bar. A bar is a hump or a high ridge that drops off into deeper water and right now they can be spotted and mapped for future fishing when the river is up again. When they do get the notion to feed, they will move up to the top of the bar and settle into a good meal. Big bass will stay lower on the bar to catch the stray morsel that comes by. So if you are lunkering, stay low on the bank. If fishing slows down, as it has now in this heat, a worm is the go to on a Carolina rig. There are many ways to catch bass on the river and no doubt there are many secrets that are honed by fishermen that will go to their grave with them. However, these I've mentioned



Randall J. drew out this 4 pounder.

are good go to spots, and you should have success.

There are a host of lures to choose from, but on the river, there are still just a few that will work on a daily basis. Small mouths feed on mayflies, grasshoppers, and other types of baitfish, so fishing top water baits like the Heddon tiny torpedo, as well as other types of poppers, are a good choice. For lunker largemouth and smallmouth, crawdads and big worms are the typical go to; cast these when they are in the deeper eddies, undercut banks and on deep cover. Remember, if you're looking to hook a lunker bass, reading the river instead of a book is the key to getting them hooked. A weekend on the Elk River fishing for bass is a weekend well lived, so keep a tight line.

Dog Days of Summer

"These are dog days, and you can't swim in the river." That was what was said way back when we were kids growing up. The sun would crank up the heat even higher starting July 3rd and ending August 11th, and we would want to hit the creeks and rivers to cool off. Many parents said no to swimming during Dog Days because any open sores or scratches stood a greater chance of getting infected and

causing even more misery. We would just look

in confusion and wonder, "What in the world are dog days and why are we suffering because of it?" Did a bunch of dogs die in the creeks and rivers therefore contaminating it? Did a bunch of dirty dogs ruin it for all of us? Valid questions, to be sure, but we still didn't get to swim and cool off because of the risks, real or superstitious. My grandpa said if you enter the water during this time of the year, you or your dog would go mad depending on who got in the water first. Others believed that nothing but

Morning sun already sweltering the apple trees.

bad luck will affect the person during this time. It's hard to tell where the truth begins and ends with the different cultures from the world's

history but there is truth about it. Dog days have everything to do with the stars, specifically the Dog Star. Scientifically, the star Sirius, meaning scorching, happens to be the brightest star a person can see from anywhere on the earth in that time framed. During the summer months when the heat fries eggs in the hen, the Dog Star, Sirius, rises and sets with the sun for 40 days and is the brightest on July 23rd. So, the Romans, in their infinite wisdom, decided since this is occurring, the star has to be helping the sun heat the earth. Thus the term dog days was applied as our brains were cooked for forty days. They also decided that drought, all the bad luck people was having and civil unrest was due to the alignment of the stars. We all know now, however, that the heat we are experiencing is just the tilt of the earth's axis angling into the direct rays of the sun, right? It gets hot because it is the hottest time of the year. The idea of swimming in water in Dog Days leading to anarchy of the body - is it true or is it merely coincidence? Studies have shown that in Dog Days infections tend to be more prevalent so put a waterproof Band-Aid on those sores. While in the dog days of summer, as we are now, keep a cool drink in your hand while standing in a pool of water; it likely won't hurt you anymore than it would in spring, fall, or winter. Remember, it's hot enough to evaporate a water buffalo so stay cool.