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Clay TSA Teams Excel at Nationals



CCHS & CCMS TSA in Orlando, Florida



Sawyer Dobbins and Dylan McCumbers, Debating Technological Issues, 5th place.

The Clay County Middle and High School TSA teams recently traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete in the Technology Student Association National Competition. They earned the right to compete there based upon their success at the WV State Competition held in March. At nationals, Clay High earned top ten finalist honors in two events and a top twenty-four semifinalist spot, and the Middle School came home with a top ten finalist honor and a semifinalist distinction. At Nationals, more than 9,000 students competed in over 70 events. Thirty-six states were represented, and students came from as far away as Korea, Germany, and American

Samoa to compete. The conference theme, Evolution of Excellence, aligned with TSA's competitions, activities and programs that provide members with enhanced exposure to topics in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); opportunities for personal and leadership development; and career awareness.

For CCHS, Sawyer Dobbins and Dylan McCumbers placed fifth in the nation in Debating Technological Issues. In this event, team members collaborate to prepare for a debate, both pro and con, on identified topics. This year's topics were: (1) autonomous vehicles are the answer to increasing traffic

demands, especially in large urban areas; (2) current carbon and renewable energy policies have a negative impact on power grid reliability and consumer pricing; and (3) manufacturing companies should be exempt from restrictions on waste production due to their contributions to society. Also, for CCHS, Keaira Asbury and Avery Brouillard placed tenth in Forensic Science. In this event, participants take a test of basic forensic science to qualify for the semifinal round of competition. Semifinalists examine a mock crime scene and demonstrate their knowledge of forensic science through crime scene analysis, with the find-

ings synthesized in a written report/analysis. Finally, Jaxon Brown was a top twenty-four semifinalist in Data Science and Analytics and earned the Gold Achievement Award. To earn the award, he engaged in enumerated activities relating to service leadership, STEM immersion, and personal and professional development.

For the Middle School, Gunner Dobbins and Cheyenne Adkins earned finalist honors, finishing eighth in the nation in Challenging Technology Issues. In this event, participants collaborate to prepare and deliver a debate-style presentation explaining opposing views of current technology issues.

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Treasurer Moore announces Hope Scholarship to expand to all West Virginia school children in coming years

Expanded Program Eligibility to Take Effect July 1, 2026, Ahead of 2026-2027 Academic Year

State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced that the Hope Scholarship Program has met state law requirements for opening up to all school-age children residing in West Virginia beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

"I'm thrilled to announce that Hope Scholarship Program enrollment numbers have met the threshold established by the Legislature to expand this program to all West Virginia school children beginning in the fall of 2026," Treasurer Moore said. "This will be a monumental leap forward for school choice, allowing tens of thousands of additional West Virginia families to access this program."

Passed by the Legislature in 2021, the Hope Scholarship Act initially made the program available only to West Virginia children who were either entering kindergarten or enrolled in public school for a qualifying period of time. However, the Act expands eligibility for the program beginning in the 2026-2027 school year to all school-age children residing in West Virginia if certain enrollment figures are met as of July 1, 2024.

Under the law, if the total number of Hope Scholarship students and applicants is less than 5 percent of net public school enrollment for the previous school year as of July 1, 2024, the program will be open to all existing school age children in the state beginning on July 1, 2026.

Based upon data provided to Hope Scholarship Board staff by the West Virginia Department of Education this week, the total number of Hope Scholarship students and applicants (9,980 as of Monday, July 1) is well below 5 percent of the

net public school enrollment threshold for the previous school year (12,416).

"We believe, based on Department of Education estimates, that this will open up Hope Scholarship eligibility to an additional 30,000 to 40,000 West Virginia students in 2026," Treasurer Moore said. "This expansion will allow all West Virginia families to use this program as they pursue the educational opportunities they believe work best for their children."

Treasurer Moore has sent letters to legislative leaders and Gov. Jim Justice notifying them that the statutory criteria have been achieved.

While the expanded eligibility is set to begin in the 2026-2027 school year, applicants must still meet the current eligibility criteria established by state code to receive the Hope Scholarship for the upcoming 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Under the current criteria, to qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.

Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2023-2024 for the upcoming school year) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application and remain enrolled and attending public school until a decision is reached on the student's Hope Scholarship application.

More information about the program is available at: www.hopescholarshipwv.com.

One person dead in a Clendenin house fire

The cause of the fire on July 25 that claimed the life of a Clendenin adult male remains under investigation at this time by West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office investigators.

The fire, which occurred on July 25th at approximately 3:00 P.M. involved two structures located on Jordan Creek Road. Initial calls to 911 indicated that a person

was trapped in one of the homes and unable to escape. Fire departments from Clendenin and Pinch responded to the scene and found the victim after the fire was extinguished. They then contacted WVSFMO investigators to conduct an investigation.

The victim has been sent to the WV State Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy and positive identification.

Agriculture Fair 2024 - Fun for all



Jase Young and his hog Sage



L-R Ag Fair Teen Layla Stewart, Ag Queen Savannah Rhodes, Ag Fair Teen Katie Davis, Children's Grand Supreme Baylee Rogers, Children's Mini Supreme Harper Pritt, Little Miss Queen Laynie Samples and Mrs. Ag Queen Brittany Clifton

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Brad Lee Adkins
Booked 7/22/24
Domestic battery, probation violation



Maynard Paul Bailey
Booked 7/23/24
Family court Capias, Capias



Jennings Wayne Barger
Booked 7/25/24
Domestic battery, bond violation



Taniqua Dawson
Booked 7/28/24
Capias



Rebecca Sue Hurst
Booked 7/28/24
Warrant



Austin Blake Kyer
Booked 7/25/24
Probation violation

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Lyle Russell Tyree
Booked 7/28/24
Prohibited person with fire-arm, assault, brandishing



Ethan Cole Cunningham
Booked 7/22/24
Interfering with emergency communications, domestic battery



Jamie Russell Jones
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Warrant



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Driving revoked for DUI, fleeing in vehicle

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

Electricity's shocking truth

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

A dear friend of mine is fond of telling the story about the day he learned about electricity. Lots of us are curious, perhaps overly so, of this mysteriously powerful force that flows through wires and then lights and heats and cools our homes, cooks our food, and powers so many things we rely on.

My friend thought sneaking up on a smiley-faced outlet in his home and poking a fork into it would be a smashing idea. And so it proved. He was blown – literally – back and I like to imagine his hair curled with little wisps of smoke.

All of us here at the Public Service Commission want to remind you not to mess with electricity. It is a life-giving force, but it is also extremely dangerous when used wrongly.

My friend was very young when he suffered a mild shock and learned

a lesson. It is a lesson I hope most people will take to heart without getting a shock or burn. Or having something more serious happen. Electricity is not something ever to be played with. If you see an open outlet, don't try to fix it.

If you are outside and see a dangling power line, or goodness forbid, one that is sparking, don't try to tackle that problem yourself. Call the power company or call 911. They are the professionals. You are not, and we don't want you to try.

All sorts of potentially dangerous situations exist where electric power is concerned. Don't be one of the people who are hurt or – worse – who become statistics. We always need your help whenever you see something you know is not right. Please call for help.

Electricity is a powerful tool for good, and when handled correctly it



Public Service Commission Chair
Charlotte Lane

makes our lives so much easier. But it also must be respected as the force of nature that it is. Don't be like my friend. If you need repairs, put down the fork and call an electrician.

CAMC Named a Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News & World Report

CAMC has been recognized as a Best Regional Hospital in the annual Best Hospitals rankings and ratings for 2024-25 by U.S. News & World Report. This is the second year in a row CAMC has earned this designation.

CAMC also has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital in eight procedures/conditions including abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, kidney failure, lung cancer surgery, leukemia lymphoma and myeloma and pneumonia.

Additionally, CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte is rated high performing in pneumonia care.

"We are proud to be recognized for our quality care, which can only be earned through the dedication, clinical expertise and compassion of our exceptional staff," said Glenn Crotty, Jr, MD, CAMC President and CEO.

"Our team truly lives our mission of providing the best care to every patient, every day."

The annual Best Hospitals rankings and ratings, now in its 35th year, are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive quality care for challenging health conditions or elective procedures.

For the rankings and ratings, U.S. News evaluated nearly 5,000 hospitals across 15 specialties and 20 procedures and conditions. State and metro area rankings reflect the highest performing hospitals in the area across multiple areas of care.

About Charleston Area Medical Center Health System: Established

in 1972, CAMC is a nonprofit, 1,138-bed, regional referral center made up of seven hospitals CAMC General Hospital, CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, CAMC Memorial Hospital, CAMC Plateau Medical Center, CAMC Charleston Surgical Hospital, CAMC Teays Valley Hospital and CAMC Women and Children's Hospital, CAMC Cancer Center (with three locations: Beckley, Charleston and Hurricane), the CAMC Institute for Academic Medicine and the CAMC Foundation. More than 1,500 providers are members of the medical staff of CAMC, which is also West Virginia's premiere medical teaching facility, hosting, on any given day, more than 1,000 students in programs leading to degrees or certifications in health professions. For more information, visit camc.org.

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Answers

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Who Is Shadowing Me?

Dr. James L. Snyder

I've been bouncing back after a health hiatus and thought I was doing well. I still have some coughs and sneezes, but they are slowly diminishing. It's good to get back on schedule again.

The other day, I had to get some gas for my vehicle. It's been a long time since I put gas in that vehicle, and it was about time to get filled up. When I got to the gas station, I didn't know if I needed to go to the bank and get a loan for my gas. Prices are ridiculous. When I first got my license, gas was \$0.29 a gallon.

When I left that morning, I noticed a shadow on my left side as I was driving. I looked to the left, and saw nothing. I was sure there was something there because of the shadow.

Throughout the day, there was a scary shadow on my left side that I couldn't identify.

I didn't know if somebody was following me and if they were, why?

Of course, thinking the way I do, it could be an angel following me to make sure I got back home safe.

When I got home, I told The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I believed an angel was shadowing me to make sure I didn't get hurt.

She just looked at me, laughed and said, "What angel would waste his time with you?"

Without thinking, I responded, "Well, you did."

She looked at me with one of "those stares" and I realized I had said that phrase out loud. That's my problem. I cannot keep such phrases in my head.

Throughout the rest of the day, I had this shadow to the left of me. No matter where I went, there was this shadow. I could never make it out, I could never see it, and I didn't know what it was.

After a while, something like this can work on your nerves. I don't know what's wrong. Maybe I'm losing it.

Throughout the day, I went about very carefully, not knowing who was shadowing me. I got very frustrated with this, not realizing what in the world was going on.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage suggested that maybe it was old age catching up with me. Then, she laughed as she walked away.

I had a lot of places to go and was quite frustrated with this thing shadowing me.

Then, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked if I could go to Publix and pick up some groceries she needed for the day. Of course, I agreed and got ready to go.

Shadowing me as I walked to my vehicle was this "thing" that had been shadowing me all day. I was try-

ing to think of how to eliminate this nonsense.

Maybe, just maybe, if I sneaked over to Publix and got an Apple Fritter, I would be able to solve this problem I was having. At least it's an excuse to get an Apple Fritter.

I got my Apple Fritter and sat on a bench outside to eat it. That lousy shadow was with me while I was eating. I was very cautious because I did not want that shadow to get a bite of my Apple Fritter. That would have spelled tragedy in the worst sense of the word.

As I took the last bite of the Apple Fritter, I turned to my left to find that person shadowing me, and there was nobody there. I was getting frustrated. Something had to be done.

On my way home, that shadow was still on my left side. I don't know how that shadow could be there and not be seen. Something's going on.

I had one final stop before I went home. I was going to get a haircut because it was that time of the month.

I went in and was seated. My barber got everything ready and then looked at me and said, "How did you get that little bit of peanut butter on your glasses?"

What? I removed my glasses, and sure enough, there was a little peanut butter spot on my left lens. I was a little excited because I had found my shadower.

He laughed, and I joined in the laughter, but underneath, I was as frustrated as I've ever been. All day long, this little bit of peanut butter had been shadowing me, and I had not noticed it until now.

When I got home, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage greeted me and asked me a simple question. "Have you been shadowed this afternoon?"

I had to tell her, so I revealed that I had a little speck of peanut butter on my left lens.

She laughed and said, "I saw that this morning and wondered how soon it would be for you to realize what it really was."

While I was pondering my blunder for the day and shadows, I was reminded of a verse in the Bible. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psalm 91:1).

To be associated with this shadow is the most important thing in the world. To know that I'm under the care of God gives me the courage to walk in faith. If I am under that shadow I am where God wants me to be and where God can use me for His purpose.

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A Friend I Never Met

By Joe Mazzella

Is it possible to mourn a friend you've never met? A friend of mine passed away recently. We never did get to meet in person. I first heard from her in a letter. She had been reading my stories in her local county paper and decided to write me and share her appreciation. I was so moved by her kindness and spirit of friendship that I wrote her back. That started a long correspondence between the two of us.

Being an older lady and not internet savvy she wrote me handwritten letters in beautiful cursive handwriting. Not being good at handwriting I typed up my responses on my computer and printed them off. I would share with her each new thing I wrote and she would often mail me back handmade posters of my writings in her lovely handwriting. I put each one of them on my walls so I could see them every day.

We also shared our lives together. I told her of my caring for my handicapped sons and she shared being taken care of by her loving daughters and grandson. We shared so much in the few years we wrote each other. During one letter she wrote that she had fallen and hurt her arm. After that her letters were less and she felt bad about that, but to me each one was a treasure. Each one touched my heart. And in each one the love and kindness of her soul shone through. Eventually her health worsened and the last few letters I got were from her daughter and not her. It broke my heart when she finally passed and I knew that this world had lost one of its special angels. We may have never met in person but we certainly did so in spirit.

Is it possible to mourn a friend you've never met? Yes it is. We are all connected in this life. We are all God's children. We are all friends. We are all family. Don't miss a single chance then to share your love and joy with others. It is what we are here for. It is what life is all about.

TSA



Avery Brouillard and Keaira Asbury, Forsensic Science, 10th place.



Gunner Dobbins and Cheyenne Adkins, Challenging Technology Issues, 8th place.



Jaxon Brown, Data Science & Analytics, Semi-finalist, and Gold Achievement Award winner.

The topics for the event were (1) free internet access, (2) reality televisions, (3) setting the minimum age to own a smartphone at 16, (4) artificial intelligence, and (5) digital learning. Also, for the Middle School, Marissa Atha, McKinley Mahan, and Layla Stewart were top twelve semifinalists in Biotechnology. For this event, participants select a contemporary biotechnology issue and demonstrate understanding of the topic through their documented research and an original display. The theme this year was removal of pollutants from the land or production of biodegradable, disposable plastic for the storage of food.

Moreover, CCHS students Taylor Adkins, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Morgan Payton, Secretary, wrapped up their service as WV State TSA officers for the 2023-2024 school year. Morgan will continue her service as State Vice President for the upcoming year. Juliann Gallaher is the incoming State Secretary, and Ariel Dobbins has been selected to serve as the new State Sergeant-at-Arms.

Jessica Ramsey is the TSA Chapter Advisor for the middle school and high school. She works tirelessly to help students prepare for their events, keeping them updated with contest rules and regulations, of which there are many, and staying after school throughout the year to supervise and advise while they work on their projects. She is also the chief TSA fundraiser, and she coordinates everything associated with trips to Cedar Lakes, WV each March for States, and to nationals in June. Her hard work and dedication are appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

Ms. Ramsey is the first person, however, to point out all the help she receives from the community. She wants to sincerely thank the many businesses and individuals who support TSA and helped with the trip to Orlando for the national conference. They include Clay Senior & Community Services, Inc., K&N Contracting, Inc., CMI2, Legg's Welding, Amron, David Pierson, Pierson Lumber, Big Otter Fire Department, Town of Clay, Walgreens, Cunningham Motors, Brian Moore, Frankie Jo West, Doug and Tracy Wayne, Speaker Roger Hanshaw, Uptown Roots, Clay Dental Clinic, Sheriff Allen and Samantha King, Bowen Dental, Circuit Clerk Clarissa Hanshaw, Aaron Williams, Randy Holcomb, Mike Mullins, Clay County Schools Staff members, and multiple anonymous



WV State TSA Officers - Morgan Payton, Vice President; Juliann Gallaher, Secretary; Ariel Dobbins, Sergeant-at-Arms

individuals. Additionally, many friends and family donated money, time and baked goods to support the teams' effort. Ms. Ramsey wishes to thank all the individuals and businesses who helped make the teams' fundraisers a success by purchasing baked potatoes, spaghetti dinners, and meat sticks. Additionally, a special thank you goes to the chaperones who worked tirelessly to help keep the kids safe while at the national conference - Lindsay Schoolcraft, Beth Gallaher, Barry Payton, Bobby Brown and Phil Dobbins - and to the parents who traveled to Florida to support the kids. Finally, she wants to thank the county and school administrators for seeing the good that is the TSA program and for supporting the students and cheering on their successes. She is extremely appreciative of all the support the teams have received this year and every year. We could not do it without you!

Congratulations to Ms. Ramsey and her TSA teams. They represent the county well!



Layla Stewart, Marissa Atha, and McKinley Mahan, Biotechnology, Semi-finalists



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

YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE GOOD

On Thursday night, January 23, 1958, The Widen Rotary Club had as their guests Miss Joan Truman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Truman of Nicholas Street, and Mr. David Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jerle Hamrick of Kanawha Street.

Joan and David had the highest scholastic averages for the first semester at the Widen High School. Joan Truman had an average of 4.0 and David Hamrick had an average of 3.75.

These young people are to be congratulated for such a wonderful showing.

Each year The Rotary Club also presents an award to the most outstanding boy and girl of the graduating class. The receptors of this award are chosen by the faculty and principal of the Widen High School.

WILLIAM ALVA CARTE

William Alva Carte, 62, of Sutton, died Tuesday, January 14, 1958, in the Sutton General Hospital after a short illness. He was for many years an engineer on The Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad and had been retired for about two years. He resided in Widen for several years.

He was a World War I veteran, he was a member of the Masons and the Clay Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Kelsie; three sons, William, Jr. and James, at home, and Donald of Charleston; Two brothers and two sisters.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 16, in the Christ Methodist Church in Sutton, Rev. Carl Dodrill officiating. Burial was in the Sutton Cemetery.

CONSERVATION OFFICER MAKES GOOD IN COUNTY

Not too many men can get away with spending as much time away from home as our local conservation officer does but Mrs. Fielding Kyer knows that her husband's time is well spent, judging from the results he gets.

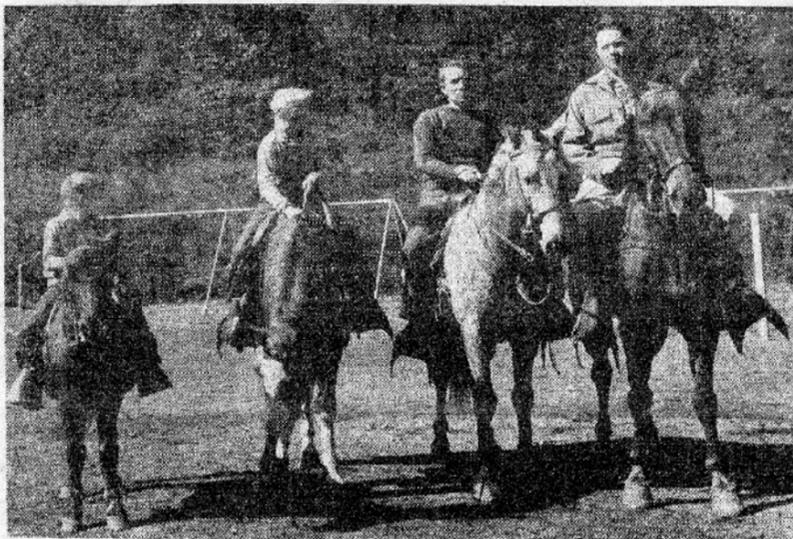
Officer Kyer has only been in the county a couple of years but in that short time he has been up more hollows and across more ridges than most native Clay Countians can reach in a lifetime. He is relentless in his pursuit of law violators and every hunter looks alike to him if everything isn't just as it should be. He has quite a long record of successful prosecutions of game law violators, and an even more impressive record of handing out warnings for minor infractions.

During the recent deer season, with Clay County being hunted perhaps more heavily than ever, Officer Kyer made eight arrests and secured eight convictions for major violations.

Officer Kyer has made it his business to become well-known to sportsmen throughout the county. He frequently meets with the three organized groups at Widen, Clay, and Ivydale, and is doing what he can to help provide the type of game and fish seasons that the public wants, in keeping with good conservation practices. It is through his work with the public that Mr. Kyer is able to do his job well and he is frank to state that without the wholehearted cooperation of the law-abiding public he would achieve few results in his efforts to uphold the conservation laws.

Clay County is fortunate indeed to have an officer of Mr. Kyer's caliber on duty.

Typical Sunday Afternoon Scene



Horseback riding holds quite an interest for some of the people of Widen. Many enjoyable hours are spent exploring the surrounding countryside by the quartet pictured above. From right to left: Dr. E. Burns Gray, Melvin Conner and sons Ronald and Rodney.

OBITUARIES . . .

GLENDORA JEAN TAYLOR

Mrs. Glendora Jean Taylor, 74, of Harrison, Clay County, Mother of Virgil Taylor, died on January 16, 1958, at her home after a long illness. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, four other sons, twenty-one grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday, January 17, at the Left Fork Baptist Church with Rev. Elihue Ramsey officiating. Burial followed in Gray Cemetery under the direction of the Clay mortuary.

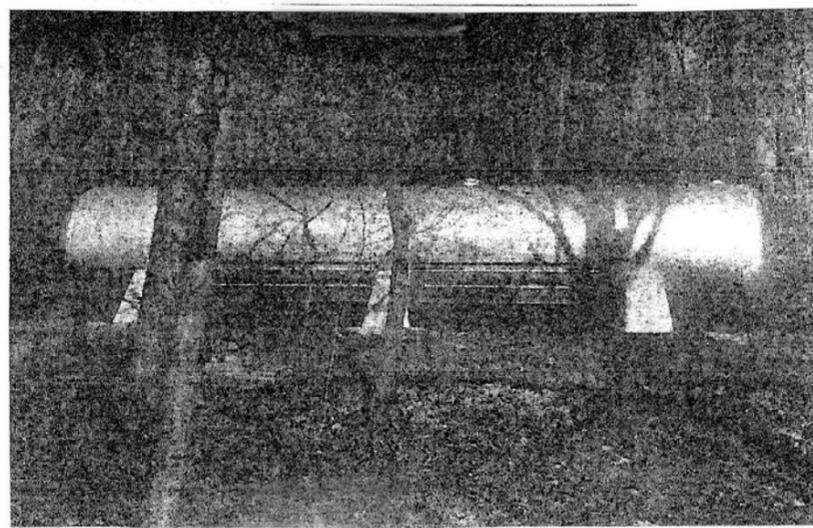
MACK L. RAMSEY

Mack Lawrence Ramsey, 40, of Swandale, died in the veterans hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, of Hodgkins disease. He was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Augusta Frame of Martinsburg, Ohio; four brothers, Russell of Deerfield, Ohio, Sewell of Widen, Newton of Tioga, and Buster of Martinsburg, Ohio; and a half-brother, Millard Brown of West Salem, Ohio.

Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Dec. 31 in the Flat Fork Baptist Church with Rev. Henry Eller officiating. Burial was in the Rose Cemetery under the direction of Clay Funeral Home.

New Water Tank Installed



This newly installed and painted water tank is used to furnish water for the homes at Dundon. This tank is located on the hillside facing Mr. J. G. Bradley's house.

HARRISON YOUTH INJURED

A Harrison youth injured in an auto accident early Sunday January 12 at Clay Junction is in "serious" condition at Charleston General Hospital.

Gary Cox, 17, received a chest injury and punctured lung when his car struck a utility pole near W. Va. 4 and 16 and went over a 50 foot embankment.

ADULT POLIO CLINIC

Reports have been received that show the need for Polio vaccine and yet quantities of it will become outdated soon. This is true for Clay County. We now have vaccine that will have to be destroyed in January.

Twenty years ago the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was launched to lead, direct and unify the fight against polio.

Under the slogan "Survival Is Not Enough", the 1958 March of Dimes has pledged itself to reclaim the 100,000 polio victims, who, doctors say, can benefit from modern rehabilitation techniques. It has also pledged itself to push the search for a more effective vaccine and to continue its program of public and medical education.

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Treasurer Moore announces another record-breaking year for unclaimed property returns

Unclaimed Property Division Returned Nearly \$28 Million During Past Fiscal Year

State Treasurer Riley Moore announced his Office's Unclaimed Property Division has once again set a new record for returning lost funds, with nearly \$28 million worth of unclaimed property returned to individuals, businesses and organization over the last fiscal year.

"I am once again proud to announce my Office continues to beat our own records for how much money we've returned to our citizens," Treasurer Moore said. "This is the third year in a row we've been able to set a new record for unclaimed property returns. Since I took Office in 2021, we have returned more than \$81 million to our citizens, and I know this record pace will continue."

"I'm proud of the hard work that's been put in by our entire team to ensure our citizens, businesses and other organizations are reconnected with their lost funds," Treasurer Moore said. "This is the people's money, and we're working diligently to get it back to them."

During Fiscal Year 2024, which ended June 30, the Unclaimed Property Division returned \$27,989,624.99 in funds, topping the previous record of \$26.8 million set during the prior fiscal year. Since it began in 1967, the program has returned more than \$311 million to rightful owners.

Treasurer Moore has taken several steps since taking Office in 2021 to modernize and streamline the unclaimed property process. That included working with lawmakers in 2022 to pass House Bill 4511, which improved both the process of claiming funds and how funds and proper-

ties are turned over to the Office.

This bill also allowed the Office to launch the successful "West Virginia Cash Now" program, which has automatically returned roughly \$7 million to individuals since its inception, with another \$3.3 million set to be returned this fall.

Additionally, the Office has ramped up its digital marketing efforts to help raise awareness of the program with various online and mobile audiences, and launched a mobile version of the website that features an SMS text feature which allows users to forward unclaimed property listings to family and friends if they see their names listed.

Also, to help assure residents of the legitimacy of the program, the state's unclaimed property website and database was migrated to a .gov domain - www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is that people think this program is too good to be true - they can't believe someone from the government is trying to give them money instead of asking for it," Treasurer Moore said. "We've been working hard over the years to promote and educate people about this program to assure them that this is their money and they can rightfully claim it."

While the Office is returning money at the fastest pace in state history, it's also receiving new claims at a record pace too - thanks in part to the modernization and streamlining reforms contained in House Bill 4511.

The State Treasurer's Office now has more than \$440 million worth of listings in its database.

"We're receiving new listings on a continual basis, so

that's why I remind people to bookmark and keep coming back to our website - www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov - to check and see if we're holding anything for you," Treasurer Moore said.

What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property can include financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for one year or longer. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. (While the title includes the word "property," it does not however include real estate.)

West Virginia's unclaimed property laws protect the public by ensuring money and property owed to them is returned to them, rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities. The Treasurer seeks to reunite the unclaimed property, including uncashed paychecks, stocks or safe deposit box contents, with its owner.

Nationwide, nearly 33 million people in the United States - one in every 10 - are estimated to have unclaimed property available for them to claim.

How Can I Find Unclaimed Property in My Name?

West Virginians searching for lost financial assets can go to www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov. In addition to finding property, the website will also help you track a claim.

A demonstration of how to use the Unclaimed Property search site is available on the Treasury's YouTube page, at: <https://youtu.be/K09yQ7YNKIE>.

To search for lost financial assets outside West Virginia, visit www.MissingMoney.com.

Property For Sale: This is a notice offering four (4) property lots for sale, approximately 2.5 miles down the Hartland access road to Elkhurst, WV. All lots are adjacent to one another and located within the proposed Elk river State Park. These lots include (1) 39.12 ac. riverfront property-1,035 ft. included, (2) 5 ac. riverfront property-1,020 ft. included, (3) 1 ac. riverfront included, (4) 50ac. of 61 ac. tract, riverfront included. Only those seriously interested need to contact email address beecky48@yahoo.com.

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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 notice of an objection with the County Commission 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 claims against an estate must be filed within 60 days of the first publication of this Notice in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3.

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, August 1, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER: 733
 APPOINTMENT DATE: 07/24/2024
 ESTATE NAME: PATRICIA SUMMERS MUNCIE
 AFFIANT: TODD S MUNCIE, 5208 EASTHORPE DRIVE, RALEIGH, NC 27613-5738

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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-25 IVYDALE** will now be located at Big Otter Volunteer Fire Department, 5462 Big Otter Highway, Ivydale WV 25113. **PRECINCT-36 BOMONT** will now be located at Horner's Fork Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 5815 Precious Maysel Road, Precious, 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.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0557-WS-DSIC
 WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,
 2025 Distribution System Improvement Charge.

NOTICE OF FILING & HEARING

On June 28, 2024, West Virginia-American Water Company (WVAWC) filed an application for approval of a Distribution System Improvement Plan and Charge (Application) pursuant to the direction of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) in its February 24, 2016 order that resolved WVAWC's 2015 rate application, Case Nos. 15-0675-S-42T and 15-0676-W-42T.

WVAWC proposes to invest approximately \$40.6 million in water and \$3.2 million in wastewater infrastructure replacement and system upgrades in 2025. The investment will include the replacement of transmission and distribution mains, hydrants, water service lines, meters, wastewater collection mains, manholes, wastewater service lines, pumping equipment, treatment and disposal equipment, and investment in troubled systems. To recover the costs related to the investment WVAWC is requesting an increase to its Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC). The projects proposed for 2025 are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and may be viewed on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

As with the DSIC currently in place, WVAWC proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through a separate rate component on customer bills, calculated as a percentage of the total monthly bill for service (comprised of both the minimum meter charge and the volumetric rate component). WVAWC proposes to include a wastewater system improvement charge as a component of the DSIC rate component to recover proposed qualified investment in wastewater utility plant as authorized by the Commission in its March 1, 2024 order in Case No. 23-0558-WSDSIC. The proposed DSIC rate combines the Company's DSIC qualified wastewater revenue requirement with its water revenue requirement to calculate a single DSIC rate that is the same percentage adder for both water and wastewater customers.

WVAWC projects that if rate increments are approved as requested, the current 4.23% DSIC/WSIC adder will be increased to 7.01%, representing an increase of approximately 2.78% for average monthly usage bills. The average monthly bill for its various classes of water and sewer customers will change as follows:

Water Service DSIC Rate of 7.01%			
Customer Class	\$ Increase	% Increase	Average Usage
Residential	\$1.94	2.78%	3,000 gallons per month
Commercial	\$10.31	2.78%	16,000 gallons per month
Industrial	\$252.79	2.78%	650,000 gallons per month
Other Public Authority	\$43.80	2.78%	33,000 gallons per month
Sale for Resale	\$1,509.74	2.78%	5,652,000 gallons per month

Wastewater Service WSIC Rate of 7.01%			
Customer Class	\$ Increase	% Increase	Average Usage
Residential	\$2.00	2.78%	3,000 gallons per month
Commercial	\$9.56	2.78%	16,000 gallons per month
Industrial	\$378.49	2.78%	650,000 gallons per month
Other Public Authority	\$19.46	2.78%	33,000 gallons per month
Sale for Resale	\$N/A	2.78%	5,652,000 gallons per month

The increases shown above are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. The requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to changes (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of the filing. The new DSIC rate increment will become effective as ordered by the Commission.

The Commission set a hearing date on the Application which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 6, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the web docket.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or request to intervene that briefly states the reason for the protest or request to intervene. Requests to intervene must comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and must be filed within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission will receive public comments throughout the entirety of the proceeding. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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July 23, 2024

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from Appalachian Direct Care Advocates, CON File #24-2/3/5-13049-BH, to become an IDD Waiver service provider in Putnam, Kanawha, Boone, Clay, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, and Roane Counties in West Virginia. Capital Expenditure \$0.

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of

X.T.A.S.

Current Name X.T.A.S.

Civil Action No. 24-D-47

To

Judge Stollings

New Name X.T.B.

Legal Notice of Publication

Change of Name

**Order of Publication
 Circuit Court of Clay County
 West Virginia**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of August, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Jordan Browne will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of X.T.A.S. to X.T.B. at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 23rd day of July 2024.

Christina Henshaw
 Clerk of the Court

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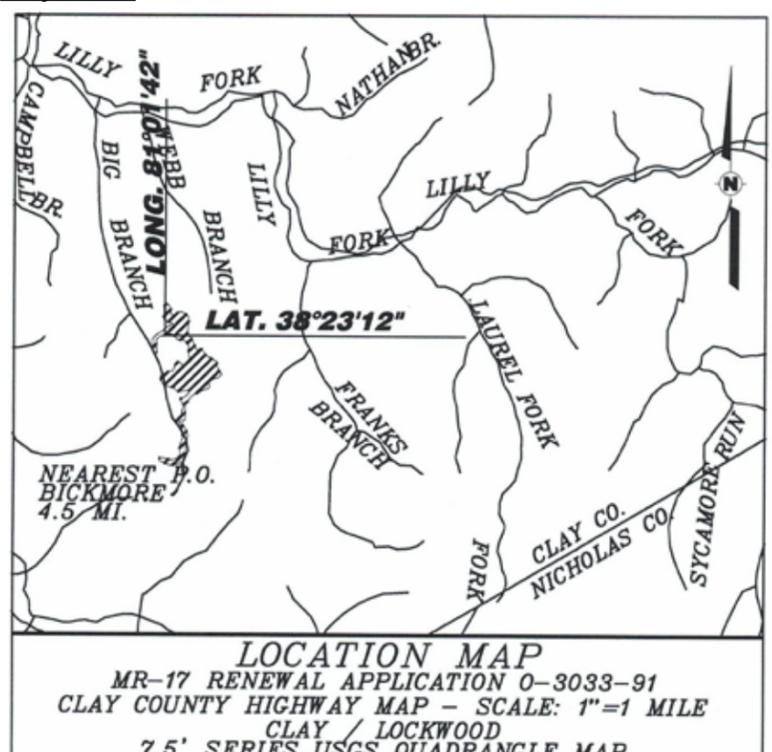
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Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suit 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 release on Permit Number O303391 issued for 68.65 acres.

The permit is located in Henry District of Clay County, 4.5 miles northeast of Bickmore on Big Branch and an unnamed tributary of Franks Branch of Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River.

WV RECLAIM CO, LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 3/31/2023 and is requesting release of 60 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$69,000.00.

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until 9/23/24, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication.





CHURCH DIRECTORY



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

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BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM
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Come and worship the Lord with us.
Everyone Welcome!
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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!
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

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

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

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

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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**

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

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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
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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

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Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
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Pastor: James R. Paxton

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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, WV 25043
Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 12 noon
For more info call 304-587-4779
Pastor: David Davis

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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

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 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.

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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-

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

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

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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 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

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

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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



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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

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

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

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

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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
Preaching (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

Pastor: Rev. David Smith

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Clay County Ag Fair 2024 was enjoyed by many



Delegate Roger Hanshaw cuts the ribbon.



Gabe Shamblin with Grand Champion Tex



Judging of the rabbits



Barnyard parade

By Allen Hamrick

With the heat taking a back seat to decent weather and the sun going down on the horizon, the red carpet was rolled out for some of the finest looking animals in this county, from pigs to birds, at the 2024 Clay County Agriculture Fair. Friday night was pig night as some of the finest bacon was paraded in front of the judge to determine the best of the best. Boots were hoisted on the gates as the conversation of the day was pure farm talk. Savannah Rhodes was named Ag Queen and held the honor well. The opening of the event was ushered in by Delegate Roger Hanshaw as he cut the ribbon and got the fair underway. This began the parade of hogs and the battle for containment was on. All the youth did a great job, but in the end it was Jase Young taking home top honors with his pig, Sage, who took home the Grand Champion market hog ribbon. The Reserve Grand Champion market hog was awarded to the hog of Logan Craze. With the hog show winding down, it was time for some much needed R and R for the hogs and their keepers.

Saturday ushered in a new day with vendors setting up their wares outside the barn and a climbing wall was erected by the National Guard for attendees to give climbing a try. On Saturday, it was the fluff parade of rabbits, goats, chickens, sheep and cattle that took the stage. Judging started with the rabbits, and there were some fine rabbits on display. Taking home the Grand Champion market rabbits was Libby Dawson and Reserve Champion was Parker Taylor. The Grand Champion pygmy goat award went to Gabriel Dawson and Reserve Champion was Jeremiah Davis. The Grand Champion chicken award went to Reagan Holcomb, and Reserve Grand Champion was earned by Levi Holcomb Bennett. Taking home the Grand Champion feeder steer was Gabriel Shamblin, and Isaac Lilly owned the Reserve Grand Champion.

After all the judging took place, it was time to get ready for the auction. Before that event got started, some of the finest food was spread out on tables. Participating youth paraded their animals in the corral for the prospective buyers. The stands were full of bidders, and it was a great time for the youth to understand the meaning of hard work paying off. All in all, it was a good show, and participants walked away from the event with good memories and some with pockets of money. Some of the youth of this county still hold true the ideals of farm life and have a desire for this way of life to continue. They did a great job of raising some of the most superb farm animals I have seen. Without these laudable figures that stand in the fields and pens, who brave the elements day after day, this event would not take place. The ones who were at the helm of the Agriculture Fair also did a fine job of putting it together. It is good that we



Final hog judging for Grand Champ

still have people who invest time and effort into the younger generation in this county. All of the youth did an excellent job of raising animals and showing them. Many thanks go out to all the bidders that showed up in support of the kids.

As the Ag Fair closed its doors on 2024 one just couldn't leave without listening to the animals communicating to each other and maybe a singing song in a language all their own ... *Don't take my mud hole away...don't use straightener on my tail, just keep the rotten cabbage a comin' to fatten me for the sale. Stay outta my mud hole... and don't be grabbin' my tail... just keep the rotten husks a comin' before I go on sale...We are the hogs, the rabbits, the goats, the chickens and the cows..if ya want money in yer pocket, ya better feed us now.*

Support the youth, they are the future! Support the youth, they are the future!



Libby Dawson receives the Showmanship award.



The climbing wall



Mason George with his first place chicken.



Rachel Shamblin shows off her market lamb.

Bigfoot officially spotted on the Elk River Trail



McKenzy Taylor puts final touches on her creation.



Dennis Mullins puts his final touches on his creation.



Bigfoot!!!

By Allen Hamrick

It's official. A Bigfoot sighting has occurred in Clay County somewhere between Ivydale and Duck along the Elk River Trail! Yes, that's right, Bigfoot. The 21st Century Learning summer enrichment wood carving class finished up their rendition of Bigfoot, and he was donated to the Elk River Trail to be displayed for all to see. He is 10.5 feet in height and near 1800 pounds of pure big foot. The kids did a great job carving in 90 plus degrees to get him finished before summer enrichment ended. McKenzie Taylor, Dennis Mullins and Jaelyn Murphy

worked on the project and watched him go from a 2100 pound pile of hemlock to something they could be proud of. Many have already located Bigfoot; it's not an easy task but well worth the effort. Not only is the trail one of the most scenic places but it now has an added attraction. Congratulations to these student who completed the mammoth statue, we can't wait to see what you do next summer to top this one. Thanks goes out to the 21st Century Learning and Crystal Gibson for funding the summer enrichment activities. Your support of our youth is much appreciated; they are the future!