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FASTER WV announces Build-Your-Business Workshop in Clendenin, the heart of Elk River Trail Region



Advantage Valley, Inc. announces its upcoming FASTER WV Build Your Business Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6 -7:30 p.m. at the Clendenin Rec Center, located at 101 First Street in Clendenin. Business coaches from the FASTER WV Entrepreneurship Program will share business opportunities and discuss resources to assist those interested in starting or growing a small business, including free one on one business coaching, business basics classes, and access to capital. Since its inception, FASTER WV has worked with over 25 clients along the Elk River Trail System, and with 9 clients in Clendenin. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Register here <https://airtable.com/appVpr2yTQMIGq6Xf/shrOBZ7z052FQCmFn> or by contacting Advantage Valley at 304-352-1165.

Advantage Valley is offering this workshop to build upon the recreation and tourism investments that have centered around the establishment of the Elk River Trail System,

which runs through portions of Kanawha, Clay, and Braxton Counties. Paralleling the Elk River, the Elk River Trail System provides recreation opportunities for anglers, boaters, cyclists, hikers, and equestrians living in or visiting the state. The Trail System is a potential game changer for the communities of Sutton, Gassaway, Clay, and Clendenin.

Advantage Valley's FASTER WV Program, designed to identify, encourage, and support small business start-up growth, offers coaching, entrepreneurship classes, and access to capital through technical assistance and loans. Since its inception in 2019, the FASTER WV entrepreneurship program has assisted over 850 clients, providing access to \$550,170 in capital through loans, technical assistance and mini grants. Notably, it has contributed to the creation of over 159 new businesses and 223 new jobs in the Advantage Valley region. Learn more at <https://advantagevalley.com/entrepreneurship/>.

SBA Adds More Counties to West Virginia Disaster Declaration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the addition of more West Virginia counties to the disaster declaration for severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred April 11-12, giving more businesses and residents eligibility to apply for SBA's low interest disaster loan program.

The disaster declaration now covers Boone, Hancock, Kanawha, Marshall, Ohio, Roane, Wetzel, and Wood in West Virginia, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA.

Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs): Brooke, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie, Tyler, Wirt and Wyoming in West Virginia; Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington in Ohio; and Beaver, Greene and Washington in Pennsylvania.

Customer Service Representatives are available at the SBA's Business Recovery Centers to answer questions, assist business owners complete their disaster loan application, accept documents, and provide updates on an application's status. Walk-ins are accepted, but you can schedule an in-person appointment at an SBA Business Recovery Center in advance.

Businesses and private nonprofit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$100,000 to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as 4% for businesses, 3.25% for nonprofit organizations, and 2.688% for homeowners and renters, with terms of up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and monthly payments are not due, until 12 months from the date of the initial disbursement. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Building back smarter and stronger can be an effective recovery tool for future disasters. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase of up to 20% of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a safe room or storm shelter, sump pump, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future disasters.

With the changes to FEMA's Sequence of Delivery, survivors are now encouraged to simultaneously apply for FEMA grants and the SBA low-interest disaster loan assistance to fully recover. FEMA grants are intended to cover necessary expenses and serious needs not paid by insurance or other sources. The SBA disaster loan program is designed for your long-term recovery, to make you whole and get you back to your pre-disaster condition. Do not wait on the decision for a FEMA grant; apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call the SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than Sept. 3, 2024. The deadline to submit economic injury applications is April 3, 2025.

WV city OKs measure reducing jail time, fees for marijuana possession

By Nadia Ramlagan

Charleston City Council members have greenlighted a citizen-led municipal measure to reduce local penalties for some marijuana possession offenses.

Bill Number 8039 removes fines and jail time for first-time low-level possession of marijuana. Currently under state law, marijuana possession is a criminal misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Corey Zinn, a community organizer for the group Charleston Can't Wait, said the move is a positive step forward for the city.

"We're guaranteeing that if you haven't had another drug offense, that if you're arrested with 15 grams or less, that you're not going to have a fine, you're not going to serve jail time," Zinn outlined.

According to Section 89 of the city charter, Charleston residents can introduce measures to the ballot by petition, an ordinance or amendment with enough signatures. More than 4,000 residents signed the petition to reduce marijuana

possession penalties.

Zinn added it was encouraging to hear city lawmakers acknowledge the community harms associated with criminalizing marijuana. According to data from West Virginia University, more than 1,600 residents were arrested in 2021 for marijuana possession or sales.

"It felt really powerful to hear those conversations and to talk about the racial disparities," Zinn noted.

Zinn feels the city is drastically limited in changing drug policies because of West Virginia's harsh penalties for possession.

"There's still this message that this is still a crime, this is still something that you should not do, and I think a lot of people would agree that's not really the case," Zinn pointed out. "If there's not some other crime being committed, then there shouldn't be an issue with this."

An overwhelming majority of U.S. adults, 88%, said marijuana should be legal for medical or recreational use, according to a survey released earlier this year by the Pew Research Center.

CCPIF football butts heads with the Elk River Huskies



The B Team cheer squad got the job done on the sidelines. L-R Avery Compton, Braelyn Fugate, Brinlee Peters, Iris Miller and Lacie Tanner

Volunteer Days scheduled for Sept. 3 and 6

The Clay County Health Department is organizing Volunteer Days on September 3 and 6 in conjunction with Rollin' on the River Rentals. A new activity is coming to our community – bicycle rentals. We will be making building improvements by washing and painting

the bike storage building on Sept. 3 and 6. We welcome all community members to volunteer in a town beautification project located at the old gas station building across from the Clay County Bank.

For more information and to register, call 304-587-4269.

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Thomas Anthony Baker
Booked 8/23/24
Violation of protective order,
obsc/annony/harass/comm.
via computer, harassment



Donna Marie Bird
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Capias



Christopher Michael Collins
Booked 8/24/24
Capias, obstructing an officer



James Dallas Dodrill
Booked 8/23/24
Driving revoked third, DUI
first offense



Bobby Wayne Moore
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Failure to register as a sex
offender, possession of a
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Jesse James Nelson
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Family court Capias

NICHOLAS COUNTY



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Booked 8/23/24
Family court Capias



Terry Dale Ward
Booked 8/19/24
Capias

BRAXTON COUNTY



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Wolfe
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Petit larceny

CLAY COUNTY



James Edward Nichols
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DUI third offense



Adam Dwayne Parsons
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Meet the Judges

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

The Public Service Commission includes more than me and my fellow Commissioners. In addition to the three of us, the agency has a number of divisions to carry out all the things that allow us to supervise public utilities. We have lawyers, accountants, and engineers who each contribute specialized skills to the overall effort. There are also secretaries, inspectors, and the friendly staff at the front desk who receive your comments or complaints.

One part of the Commission that you might come in contact with if you ever need to file a formal complaint is our Administrative Law Judges Division. The Commission has six judges who work at our Charleston headquarters along with one hearing examiner, who focuses on coal transportation cases.

The Commissioners are unable to hear every case filed with the Commission, so we rely on the judges in the ALJ Division to carry part of the overall case-load. Most consumer complaints and many requests from utilities are referred to the judges for review. Our technical staff members file a recommendation on what action should be taken in each case. The judge assigned to a case receives that staff recommendation as well as filings from the parties.

Often, our judges and hearing examiner first act as mediators in formal cases. In mediation, the judge doesn't conduct a formal hearing, but organizes a conference call with the parties to attempt to work out a dispute informally. Many formal complaints filed with the Commission are quickly resolved through this process.

When the parties are not in agreement on what should happen in a particular case, the judge will



schedule an evidentiary hearing. Those hearings are usually held in the county where the parties are located. The judges travel throughout the state for these hearings.

The evidentiary hearing conducted on behalf of the Commission is similar to a bench trial in civil court. After the hearing, the judge writes a formal decision, based on the evidence presented at hearing. After a specified number of days, the judge's recommended decision becomes the final Commission order unless a party files an exception or requests a direct review by the Commission.

While I hope that no one ever needs to file a formal complaint to resolve a dispute with your utility, the Commission and its judges are available to decide your case when needed.

Appalachian Power, Wheeling Power File Rate Review Application

Customers depend on Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power (the Companies) to deliver the energy needed to power their lives. The Companies' rate review application, filed today with the West Virginia Public Service Commission (PSC), would provide resources necessary to enhance reliability, support upgrades to their generation plants and promote economic growth.

As the Companies have worked to deliver safe and reliable power, their day-to-day operations are impacted by inflation, rising interest rates and higher maintenance costs.

"As we navigate the challenges of increasing energy costs, we are committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity," said Aaron Walker, Appalachian

Power president and chief operating officer. "We fully recognize the financial impact of rate increases on our customers and pledge to begin working immediately with stakeholders for solutions to mitigate the impact."

Rate review applications allow the PSC to examine the Companies' financial and operational performance and any request to modify base rates for service. The PSC conducted its last review of the Companies' rates and earnings in 2018. In the filing made today, the Companies requested to increase annual revenues by approximately \$265.1 million, or 15.4 percent.

Since the last rate review, Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power Companies have invested over a billion dollars in generation facilities, the regional transmission system and distribution facilities. These investments and enhancements would be recovered through this rate review. The request includes recovery of approximately \$118 million for major storm costs incurred since 2019. If approved as requested, the storm costs would be recovered over a three-year period.

"Upgrading and maintaining our generation, transmission and distribution network is essential for minimizing outages and accommodating energy demands and requirements," Walker said. "These investments help ensure a resilient power grid that supports our customers' current and future needs."

Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power have approximately 460,000 customers in West Virginia. The proposed increase will vary depending on customer class and usage. If approved as requested, a residential customer using 1,200 kilowatt hours (kWh) a month will see a net increase in their monthly bill of approximately \$28.72.



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With Laughter And Smiles

By Joe Mazzella

When I was a young boy, every summer my Mom, Dad, and my brothers and I would climb into our beat-up old car and drive seven hours over curvy, mountain roads to visit my Mom's relatives in Tennessee. We always stayed in my Grandma's house there with her, my Uncle Rich and Aunt Charlotte. It was a fun time with days full of excitement and joy. Often Aunt Charlotte would even make us a Thanksgiving dinner in the summertime with delicious turkey, gravy, potatoes, and stuffing. Some of my happiest childhood memories came from those visits.

One in particular holds a special place in my heart. I had just climbed into bed in the guest bedroom on the second story of the house. I'd had so much fun that day but was still wide awake. As I lay there I heard the most delightful sound coming from the front porch below me. It was laughter. Mom, Dad, Uncle Rich, and Aunt Charlotte were down there sharing stories and telling jokes. The laughter was so happy, so joyous, that I found myself smiling. And even then in my young mind and innocent heart I realized that this is how life should be. The laughter became a sweet lullaby that sang to me and I fell asleep feeling all was right with the world.

I look back on that memory anytime this life seems to be getting too stressful or crazy and I embrace the lessons that my Uncle Rich and Aunt Charlotte taught me. They always lived their lives with love and joy and laughter and smiles. And they blessed everyone they touched because of it. My Uncle Rich passed away many years ago but my Aunt Charlotte is still alive in her 90's. I write to her each week and am so grateful to still have her in my life.

Our lives here are what we make them. And God wants us to fill them with laughter and smiles and love and joy. Because when we do we not only give ourselves happiness but also make this world a better and more beautiful place. May we always do so.

I Didn't Lose My Marbles They Just Retired

Dr. James L. Snyder

For some people, getting old is a real challenge. And it probably is for many people, but it hasn't been too much of an issue for me.

Don't let this get out, but getting old has been more of a blessing than a curse for me. I thought it would be terrible and didn't know what I would do when I reached that magical retirement age. Fortunately for me, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is several years ahead of me, so she is leading the way.

I like it when she is in charge like this because that means I don't have to wear out my brain by trying to figure out anything.

When she acknowledges that she is old, I will accept it and look forward to getting old myself.

The other day, for example, she complained about her bones aching, and I said, "Well, my dear, you're just getting old."

Of course, that did not go well with her. She replied, "No, it has nothing to do with my age. There is a storm coming, and Mother Nature is warning me to get ready for the storm."

Am I losing it, or have I heard that before? Evidently, she's in contact with Mother Nature, who messages her when a storm is coming.

Because I do not like pain, I went along with her story. When she walked out of the living room, I said, "Tell Mother Nature I said hello."

She looked at me with one of her looks, and she was not laughing, although I was laughing, at least on the inside.

Getting old does have its privileges. Because I'm old, for instance, I have the privilege of not remembering things.

Whenever The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asks me about something, I reply sadly, "Oh, I must be getting old because I don't remember that."

So far, I've gotten away with that.

The only problem is that I need to have a good memory to remember what I don't remember. Oh boy.

For me, the greatest pleasure of getting old has to do with my eating habits.

I can complain about some food and say to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "I don't think I'm able to eat that sort of thing anymore, it stirs up my stomach."

Right here, I need to have a very good memory to know what I don't want to eat. After all, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has an excellent memory, and I'm banking on that for sure.

Certain vegetables are off-limits to me because I'm older now. If it's green, it can't be seen, at least on my plate.

Last week, I got caught complaining that I couldn't eat certain vegetables, and my stomach could not handle it anymore. I snuck into the kitchen and got several

cookies, and as I turned around to walk out, who was standing in front of me but The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage?

"What are you eating?" She said very sternly. "I thought at dinner you said your stomach couldn't handle anything more for the day."

I looked at her, tried to smile, and said, "But, my dear, I can't resist your cookies. You make such delicious and wonderful cookies." Then, I tried to smile more broadly.

"For your information," she said while staring at me, "I did not make those cookies I bought them for our great-granddaughter."

I was careful what I was going to say next because anything I said, she would remember until the day of my funeral.

The game of forgetfulness can be a wonderful game. However, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage does not know that she's playing it. Because of that, I usually win.

I'm really not as forgetful as I let on, because sometimes it is important not to remember something. Some things are not worth remembering and my problem as I get older is I remember what I should forget and forget what I should remember.

How I get out of this mess will be something to treasure the rest of my life.

The other day, I had one of those forgetful issues. I was trying to find something in my office, but I just could not find it. I looked everywhere, but it didn't show up. I was a little bit frustrated.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and said, "What's wrong? Have you lost your marbles?" And she looked at me and laughed and laughed.

I responded to her by saying, "No, my dear, I have not lost my marbles, they just have retired."

Looking at me she grinned and said, "Well, maybe you should retire too."

She has something there that I'm going to think about.

While I was thinking about my memories I was reminded of what King David said, "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands" (Psalm 143:5).

Even David thought remembering good things was important. His reflection was on the good things God had done. It is easy for me to forget what God has done in my life.

It's easy to think of all those bad times in my life. I do that quite often. David's focus was to meditate on the "good things God has done." Although there have been bad times in my past, it is important to recognize God's activity in my life.

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Alpha-Gal Syndrome: A Growing Public Health Concern in West Virginia

In states like West Virginia, where outdoor activities are woven into the fabric of our lives, the risks associated with tick-borne illnesses are well known. Yet, despite the awareness of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a lesser-known but increasingly prevalent threat has emerged: Alpha-Gal Syndrome (AGS). I know this all too well, having been diagnosed with AGS after a bite from a Lone Star Tick. My experience with this condition highlights not only the personal challenges it brings but also the urgent need for greater public health awareness and legislative action.

Understanding AGS: Alpha-Gal Syndrome is a serious, life-altering allergic reaction to galactose- α -1,3-galactose (commonly known as alpha-gal), a sugar molecule found in most mammals. This allergy is unique in that it is triggered by the consumption of red meat and other products derived from mammals, such as gelatin, dairy and even certain medications. Unlike most food allergies that cause immediate reactions, AGS symptoms can be delayed by several hours, making it difficult to diagnose and manage.

The cause of this allergy is clear: a bite from the Lone Star Tick, a species expanding its range across the United States. As the tick feeds, it introduces alpha-gal into the bloodstream, prompting the immune system to produce antibodies. These antibodies can then cause a severe allergic reaction when the person consumes mammalian meat or related products.

Growing Threat: The rise in AGS cases is alarming. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), thousands of cases have been identified across the country, with numbers increasing exponentially as the Lone Star Tick continues to spread. However, the true extent of AGS may be underreported, as many states, including West Virginia, do not currently require healthcare providers to report cases to a central database.

The CDC has established a national database for tracking AGS, but only a handful of states have made this condition reportable. This lack of comprehensive data hampers our ability to fully understand the scope of the problem, identify at-risk populations and allocate resources effectively.

Finding Care: One of the most frustrating aspects of living with AGS is the difficulty in finding knowledgeable healthcare providers. This allergy is still relatively new and not well understood, even within the medical community. As a result, I, like many others with AGS, have been forced to travel out of state to find appropriate care and specialists who understand the complexities of this condition.

What's more, within the West Virginia House of Del-

egates, there are at least three of us out of 100 who have been diagnosed with AGS. This is a startling statistic that underscores the widespread and growing nature of this problem. If even within our legislative body, there is such a high prevalence, it is clear this is an issue affecting many of our constituents as well.

This situation is unacceptable, especially given the rising number of AGS cases. Patients should not have to leave their home states to receive the care they need. This is why I plan to introduce a bill in the upcoming legislative session to make West Virginia a reportable state for AGS diagnoses. By doing so, we can ensure that our healthcare providers are better equipped to recognize and treat this condition and that our state health officials have the data they need to respond effectively.

First Step: Making AGS a reportable condition in West Virginia is a crucial step in addressing this growing public health threat. With accurate reporting and data collection, we can begin to understand the true prevalence of AGS in our state, identify patterns of transmission and develop targeted public health interventions. Additionally, this data can help drive research into better treatments and, hopefully, a cure.

This legislative effort is not just about improving care for those of us who have already been diagnosed; it's about protecting the health and well-being of all West Virginians. As outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, we are all at risk of encountering ticks and the diseases they carry. By making AGS a reportable condition, we can take a proactive approach to managing this allergy and mitigating its impact on our communities.

Call to Action: As we move forward, I urge my fellow lawmakers, healthcare providers and the public to join me in raising awareness about Alpha-Gal Syndrome. We must work together to ensure West Virginia is prepared to address this emerging health challenge and those living with AGS have access to the care and support they need.

Alpha-Gal Syndrome may not yet be a household name, but with the right actions, we can ensure West Virginia is at the forefront of tackling this growing issue. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by AGS and protect the health of our communities for generations to come.

Kathie Hess Crouse represents District 19, which is made up of Putnam County, in the West Virginia House of Delegates. She is a West Virginia State University graduate with an associate degree in science and a bachelor's degree in biology. She has worked as an analytical technician at Dow Chemical as well as a microbiologist and mycologist for the West Virginia Office of Laboratory Services.



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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.

Aug. 28, 1900: Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as "the Dean" to generations of students, he was professor of German, 1928-66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.

Aug. 29, 1952: A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.



Aug. 30, 1862: Confederate raiders under the command of General Albert G. Jenkins attacked and occupied Buckhannon, where they captured 20 prisoners

and 5,000 stands of small arms.



Aug. 31, 1945: The USS *West Virginia* led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.



Sept. 1, 1777: Fort Henry, located at what is now Wheeling, was attacked by Indians for the first time during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half the militia were lured outside the post and killed.

Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United AutoWorkers.



Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary.

In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

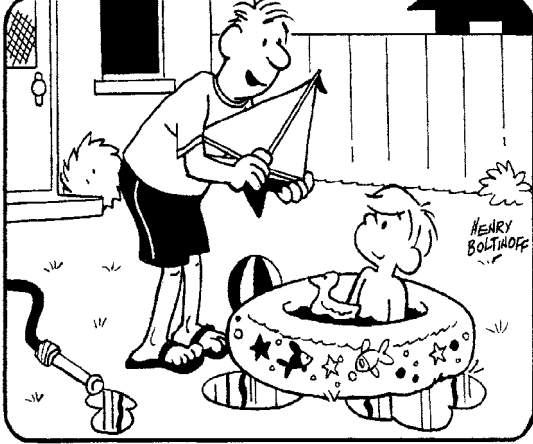


Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake (now State Park), located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County. It is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.

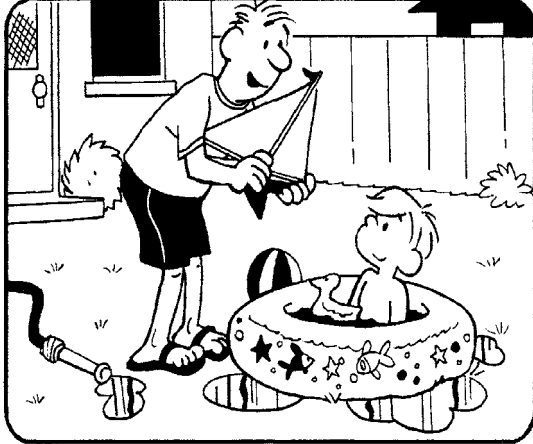


Super Crossword THE ROD SQUAD

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Sailboat flag is moved. 3. Puddle is added. 4. Hose is moved. 5. Window is wider. 6. Stripe on shorts is moved.

- ACROSS**
- 1 It's removed from skim
 - 8 Guitar's cousin
 - 16 Nautical mop
 - 20 Be cautious
 - 21 Conditionally free, in a way
 - 22 Rock's ZZ Top, e.g.
 - 23 Building full of periodicals for soldiers?
 - 25 Outer edges
 - 26 Cursed
 - 27 Takes too much, in brief
 - 28 Moose cousin
 - 29 Fries lightly
 - 31 Unit of work
 - 32 Body of water on which there are frequent haircutters' cruises?
 - 35 Not sinking
 - 40 Smart — (wiseacres)
 - 42 Safecracker, informally
 - 43 Hailstorm on the highway?
 - 45 Deg. from MIT Sloan
 - 47 "Anaconda" director Luis
 - 51 Savoir faire
 - 52 Dumbbell selling for half off?
 - 55 1950s-'70s defense gp.
 - 56 Weapon in a boxing ring
 - 58 MGM motto starter
 - 59 Deliver, as a verdict
 - 60 Politico Hatch
 - 62 "Sure thing, guv'nor!"
 - 64 "Somersby" star Richard
 - 65 Cleo's snake
 - 68 World's best singer of Venetian gondoliers' songs?
 - 72 Born, in Brest
 - 73 South African Dutch
 - 75 First name of Dr. Oz
 - 76 Cereal grass disease
 - 78 Quick on the uptake
 - 80 Many eras
 - 81 — Seltzer
 - 83 Suggest
 - 87 Sticking the singer of "White Christmas" with a fishhook?
 - 90 Tell the story of
 - 92 Certain building brick
 - 93 Guitar's cousin, for short
 - 94 Actress Brigitte playing a Bohemian dancer?
 - 96 "NFL Live" aier
 - 98 Disconnect
 - 99 Sailor's "Roger!"
 - 100 16-ounce drink from a Starbucks next to a bodega?
 - 105 Quick on the uptake
 - 107 "No idea"
 - 108 Frozen cubes
 - 109 Gloomy —
 - 110 Tent securer
 - 115 Unleavened cornbread
 - 116 One-wheeled cart carrying supplies for a toga party?
 - 121 Guitarist Clapton
 - 122 Dining places
 - 123 Perfume
 - 124 Marina fixture
 - 125 Area with bad reception
 - 126 Frankfurters
 - 2 Caesar's "vidi," in English
 - 3 Certain building brick
 - 4 1980s Chrysler
 - 5 Unnerve
 - 6 Jackie's hubby #2
 - 7 Choir male
 - 8 Irate crowds
 - 9 Ortiz of "Kristin"
 - 10 "Ask Me Another" aier
 - 11 Risk-taking types
 - 12 Toothbrush brand
 - 13 Actress Sondra
 - 14 Type
 - 15 Moniker of a loch monster
 - 16 Having a hard time
 - 17 Judges' orders
 - 18 Singer Mann
 - 19 — nova
 - 24 Artist Degas
 - 30 "Gemini Man" director
 - 31 Capts.' guesses
 - 32 Sired, biblical-style
 - 33 Aspire PC company
 - 34 "French Kiss" co-star Meg
 - 35 Pooch barks
 - 36 — gras (goose-liver paste)
 - 37 Singer — Del Rey
 - 38 Keats' "— Autumn"
 - 39 Soak up
 - 41 Test centers
 - 44 Shoot again, as a gun
 - 45 Mother of Bart Simpson
 - 46 Capital of Kyrgyzstan
 - 48 Witty Nash
 - 49 — Khan ("The Jungle Book" tiger)
 - 50 "If — falls in the forest ..."
 - 53 Author Sheehy
 - 54 Incorrect
 - 57 Restrained
 - 61 Noodle soup
 - 62 Turn sour
 - 63 Capital of Albania
 - 65 Addis — (capital of Ethiopia)
 - 66 "What a pity"
 - 67 — Canada (oil brand)
 - 69 Love, to Luigi
 - 70 City near Lake Tahoe
 - 71 Become silver-haired
 - 74 Gawk
 - 77 — Haute
 - 79 Links (with)
 - 81 Higher than
 - 82 Country rocker Lovett
 - 84 "I did it!"
 - 85 "This is not —" (warning label)
 - 86 Head, in Nice
 - 88 — ho (keen)
 - 89 Raced
 - 91 Blind as —
 - 95 "Sauer" topping
 - 97 Vanished, informally
 - 98 Villains' looks
 - 100 Two-legged beast
 - 101 Love a lot
 - 102 Of an ancient alphabet
 - 103 Ranch rope
 - 104 Made believe
 - 106 Amp (up)
 - 109 Main idea
 - 110 Curing stuff
 - 111 Trampled
 - 112 Mythical ship
 - 113 Donkey or Hong follower
 - 114 Some sheep
 - 117 "Norma —"
 - 118 Put a tear in
 - 119 — noir
 - 120 Ghostly cry

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

February 1958

The Red and White Review WIDEN SCHOOL NEWS

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Left to right: Sitting—Joan Conner, Ronald Cottrell and Delano Facemire. Standing—Paul David DeMoss, Russell Butcher, Lanty Wilson, Reba Eagle, Howard Wilson, Mrs. Leona G. Griffith (Sponsor) and Willie Laxton.

We're having try-outs for our class play. I'd love to have a part, and I'm going to tryouts. 'Course I know we can't all be in it, but Gee! I hope I can!

Got some new records this week. Love "Sweet Sixteen" don't you? Looks like that's about all I'll be doing—listening to my records!

Love,
Coed

P.S.

Guess what? A big valentine box of candy came for me—no name on it. I hope! I hope! I hope!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council is sending seven delegates to the High School Leadership Conference held on the campus of West Virginia University from February 29 through March 2. The general theme of the conference is "Focus". During these three days these young people will be focusing on the noted speakers, general discussion meetings, a parliamentary procedure demonstration, a spiral discussion demonstration, a program by the University International Awareness Committee, tours of the campus and medical schools, talent show and the conference dance. A special feature will be a display of high school clubs and organizations.

The students who will attend are: Helen Ellis, Joan Truman, Lillian Dordill, Judy Shaffer, Rosa Gibson, Judy LaCorte, and Karen Donohue.

The Student Council sponsored a dance at the Legion Hall, February 7, after the homecoming game.

Miss Dawne Backus was chosen as the sophomore princess. Miss Backus wore a pink nylon party dress. She set off the dress by wearing silver glitter heels. She was escorted by Robert Baughman.

Miss Jane Gibson was chosen as the Freshman princess. Miss Gibson wore a blue low-necked taffeta dress. Her escort was Charles Lewis.

Miss Karen Woods was chosen as the eighth grade princess. Miss Woods wore a black eyelet party dress which had a pink cumberbund. Her escort was Gary Craft.

Miss Patricia Manning was chosen to be princess from the seventh grade. Miss Manning wore a pink and black nylon party dress. Her escort was Jack Wilson.

Since the cold winter snows the girls have been wearing a large variety of flannel shirts. One of the flashiest was a bold red one. Until the next time, keep flashing those fashions.

STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH



MISS PATRICIA MANNING

Miss Patricia Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manning of 23 Kanawha Street, has been elected Student-of-the-Month for the month of February. She is a member of the seventh grade.

Pat has been secretary of the sixth grade and is now President of the seventh grade. She is a member of Student Council; Uniform Custodian of the Band; plays 1st Chair Clarinet in W. H. S.'s Band; is on the Honor roll; is a member of Girl Scouts; and attends Widen Baptist Church.

Pat has brown hair blue eyes and she is very active in all her work and play.

FADS AND FASHIONS

The most outstanding styles this month were found at the very colorful coronation of the Widen Basketball queen. The queen, Miss Helen Ellis, was crowned in a purple waltz length gown. She wore black strap heels that looked very nice with the gown.

Miss Joanne Conner was chosen as princess out of the senior class. Miss Conner wore a pink, chiffon, waltz length gown that had streamers down the back. Mr. Harry James Manning was her escort.

Miss Judy LaCorte was chosen as princess from the junior class. Miss LaCorte wore a blue chiffon waltz gown, that had a cluster of bead flowers at the waist and streamers down the back. Miss LaCorte wore black strap heels that looked very stunning with her gown. Mr. Tommy Napier was her escort.

Correspondence...

Dear Sally,

Winter has really closed in, hasn't it? Sometimes it's so cold that I'd rather stay in bed than go to school.. We had two days off while the snow was deep. I caught up on some sleep, and read several good books. What did you do?

J— and I broke up last week I've been miserable ever since. I watch for him in the halls and try to see him without his knowing. He smiles and speaks but doesn't stop—I miss him.. I guess you want to know what happened.

You know how ids are always shoving each other around, exchanging rough hugs and slaps? Well—J— caught me in the act of exchanging such banter with one of the boys in my class. His arms were around me in a bear hug, and I was screaming (with a pleased laugh mixed in it) at the top of my none-too-soft voice. Well! My face was red! The boy dropped his arm and stepped away, but the damage was done.

Why do we act so? That rough-housing is not pretty—it's certainly not pleasant (judge by the bruises on my arm and the nail scratches on my partner's!) It's loud and it often looks vulgar, and yet we keep right on.

Anyway I'm reformed, I steer clear in hopes that J— will return. Sometimes it's hard for me when others won't leave me alone. Just telling 'em to, doesn't always help. Wish something similar would happen to them so they'd stop..

We've had a couple of nice dances, and J— and I were there. I guess I'll miss the next one, Man! That'll hurt. 'S funny I've turned down other dates (I think J— has not dated either!)

School is back in its routine again. I'd better snap into it or the semester will be over and all those intentions I had to improve my grades will be too late to help.

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Mountain State Spotlight: Facing child care service cuts, Gov. Justice wants a tax credit. But more is needed to solve West Virginia's child care crisis

A child care subsidy for families needs tens of millions of dollars to operate through the end of the year. Gov. Jim Justice said he will ask lawmakers to tackle the child care issue in August and approve his child and dependent tax credit.

by La Shawn Pagan

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When West Virginia lawmakers return to Charleston next week, a subsidy program that helps thousands of families afford child care will be days away from running out of money.

That program needs \$23 million to survive the rest of the budget year without service cuts.

Gov. Jim Justice said he wants lawmakers to address child care, and will ask lawmakers to revisit his bill to give 16,000 West Virginians an estimated \$4.2 million in income tax credits. The governor has not clearly said if he will propose a budget change to give the subsidy program the money it needs.

Even if lawmakers, set for a special session timed to coincide with interim meetings Aug. 25-27, passed both the governor's child care tax credit and rescued the subsidy program, it is unlikely to be nearly enough to provide West Virginians the child care help they really need, according to a new analysis and position paper from the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy.

Across the state, there are over 60,000 children under the age of six with working parents, but only 39,000 licensed child care slots available. That leaves an estimated 20,000 children, who may be in need of care,

without it.

Millions of dollars more in various types of state assistance are needed, for families and for child care providers, to ensure West Virginia workers can contribute to the state economy while their kids are taken care of during the work day, according to the center's report.

"We understand the tax credits would benefit families, but it's not going to keep child care open, and it's definitely not going to stabilize the child care industry," said Amy Jo Hutchinson, the West Virginia campaign director at MomsRising, a national nonprofit that works on issues affecting women and families.

The child care subsidy program, recently expanded by the Biden administration, provides direct payments for services. These payments allow facilities to stay open, hire, train and retain staff.

The program helps low-income families afford child care, and served about 15,000 West Virginia families in 2023. Without the additional funding, cuts in the program could affect up to 2,000 families, state officials have said.

A spokesperson with the Department of Human Services said agency officials are working on a "contingency plan" if lawmakers don't provide additional funding for the program.

During the regular session earlier this year, the governor proposed a child care tax credit bill that he said would benefit 16,000 families in the state.

The bill would have granted a state income tax credit worth half of a family's federal child care tax credit. But the credit would generally not have been available to the state's lowest-income families.

Despite efforts from lawmakers like Del. Amy Sum-

mers, R-Taylor, who tried twice to fund the program, and House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, saying child care was going to be a priority during the session, legislation to address the crisis stalled. Versions of the governor's bill, for example, died in both the Senate and the House. Other lawmakers have said it's not the government's responsibility to provide access to child care.

More than 60 child care providers have closed across the state since Jan. 1, costing the state 725 child care slots, according to Melissa Colagrosso, who is director for A Place to Grow, a child care center in Oak Hill, and follows the issue closely.

"What good is a tax credit if you can't even get your child enrolled in the center or a home provider?" she said.

As the special session approaches, the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy last week published a new paper outlining holes in the state's child care system and advocating for more funding assistance.

The group recommends that the state either provide additional subsidies, raise reimbursement rates, or allocate more funds toward enrollment-based reimbursements. The three suggestions together would amount to an up to \$100 million investment by the state.


There is lots of evidence of the long term benefits and positive effects of early childhood education, according to Kelly Allen, the center's executive director.

"It's important to look ahead and think of ways that we can improve on the child welfare or child care system in West Virginia," she said. "Investing in kids and their learning and their growth sets up so much of the future."

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BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY,
Application for a consolidated purchased power surcharge

NOTICE OF FILING FOR CHANGE IN RATES

On August 12, 2024, Black Diamond Power Company (Black Diamond) applied for revised consolidated purchased power rates, effective December 1, 2024. This proceeding is designed to consolidate the various elements of purchasing power into a single annual Commission review. Black Diamond has requested a purchased power surcharge of \$0.1700419 per kWh. The total proposed surcharge would result in a total annual revenue increase of approximately \$2,334,911. Black Diamond also stated that it has accumulated a total under-collected balance of \$1,675,836 for its consolidated purchased power costs.

The average monthly bill for customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE	Usage KWH Avg.	Usage KV Avg.
Residential All Div.	\$41.29	29.71%	834	
Med. Commercial Sophia	\$137.01	29.35%	2,767	11.77
Med. Commercial Clay	\$137.01	29.52%	2,767	11.77
Med. Commercial Mullens	\$137.01	31.52%	2,767	11.77
Large Commercial (No Customers)				
Street Lighting Ali Divs. 7000L	\$3.71	22.72%	75	
Street Lighting All Divs. 21000L	\$8.67	29.95%	175	
Outdoor Lighting Sophia & Mullens 7000L	\$3.71	22.96%	75	
Outdoor Lighting Clay 7000L	\$3.71	23.30%	75	
Outdoor Lighting Ali Divs. 21000L	\$8.67	30.21%	175	

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes, individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased 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 change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

This procedure for revising consolidated purchased power rates is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers of Black Diamond based exclusively on the costs of purchased power. Consequently, protests should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Request to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and intervention should be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. The public may also file comments electronically and review the Black Diamond proposals online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/>.

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Pastor: Pete Shaffer

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

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

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

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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
Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Come and worship the Lord with us.
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

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

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

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

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

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

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

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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

G

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

J

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

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

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH
103 Main Street, Clay, 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.

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

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

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

NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

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

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

P

PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Take time out for Jesus, he took time 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

Q

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

R

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

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

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

S

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

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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!

V

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



CCPIF football butts heads with the Elk River Huskies



Shailah Koch gets the rundown.



Good goal line stop by the Panthers.



Looking for running room.



Easton Leftwich looks for real estate.



Titus Raike and Easton Leftwich combine in the backfield for the tackle.



Jeremiah Davis looks for the end zone.



Ezekiel Adkins was huntin' quarterback.

Panthers 0, Huskies 30.

By Allen Hamrick

The Clay County Panther Intermediate Football B, C and flag teams played at home this week against the Elk River Huskies. It was sunny and hot, and the yellow jackets were thick around the base of the bleachers waiting on their turn for a tackle. Around the bleachers stood canopies providing shade for those in attendance, and traditional ballpark foods and water were available in the mess hall for a fee, of course. This was the day when nerve met possibility and grit met fight or flight because the Panthers were going up against unbeatable odds. The boys put their game faces on and took the field with their hearts pounding with determination.

I wasn't there when the flag teams butted heads, but as I understand it, the Panther flag team held their own. Panther B team was up next, and when lined up against the Huskies, it looked like it was going to be a long day. This game would prove to be a tough battle for the Panthers as they seemed to let the size and sheer number of Huskies players to get to them. The Huskies scored first and never looked back, racking up the first six points on the board. The Panthers played hard and butted heads, but getting yards was like pushing a chain. The defense had a tough time stopping the Huskies push but at times stopped them in their tracks. The Huskies hail from AAA territory and for the B team to make plays against them was a monumental effort - and they did. In the end, the final score, Panthers 0 to the Huskies 30, does not reflect the heart that the B team had against a nearly unbeatable opponent; my hat is off to them.

The Clay A team was up next and found another pit hard to get out of. The Panther A team was short a permanent quarterback but did what they could against a group that looked more like they were a high school team. Gaining yards was tough for the Panther A, team but they went out and faced the giants all the same. Helmets were shaken, face shields were cracked and the sweat rolled as the Panther A team got down to the business of letting the Huskies know they were not going to come here and walk away unharmed. I assure you the Panther A team let them know without any doubt that they were in a fight. In the end, the score was the same result -

The take away from a match up like this makes you wonder that whoever sets up the team regions must have been smelling too much candle wax. However, the Panther teams had their moments and highlights that should prove that they can compete against an opponent no matter how big and strong they might appear. Saturday was two games of no rope a dopes, no singing the blues, just football and getting out there and giving 100 percent. That's what they did, and that's all we, as fans, can ask. They will have another game at home this weekend against Gilmer; it should be a good one so bring your lungs and do some cheering.