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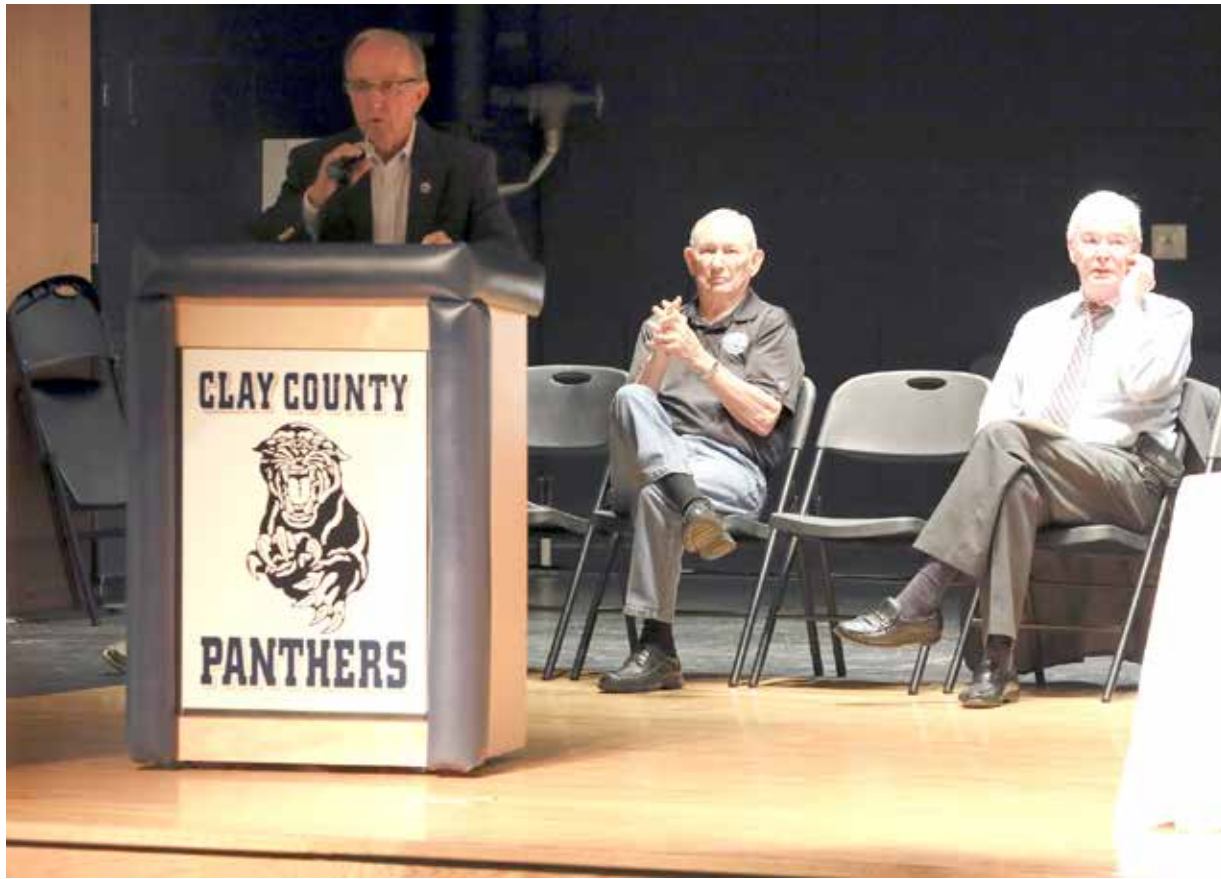
CCHS Hall of Fame golf tournament and induction ceremony to be held soon

By Allen Hamrick

It's time once again for the Clay County Schools Hall of Fame organization to hold their annual golf tournament and follow that up with the Hall OfFame ceremony. This year's tournament will be held at the Edgewood Country Club on Friday Sept. 20, and the Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held the following day, Sept. 21, during the Golden Delicious Apple Festival. Registration for the golf tournament will be at 8 a.m. on Sept. 20, and at 9 a.m. sharp, the shotgun start will begin. The tournament will be a two man scramble format. There is an \$80 entry fee with prizes being awarded for winning team, closest to pins, a 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

Every year some of the best and worst golfers come to compete in the event, and it is always a good time. There are no prizes for who throws their club the farthest, for who can manipulate a cart through a sand trap, or for the greatest number golf balls it took to play nine holes. At one tournament, a golfer was said to have commented that his game was so bad that day he would have to get his ball retriever regripped. Alas, the course is not the easiest one to play. At Edgewood, a golfer can lose balls in the ball washer. Win or not, this will be a great day of supporting the CCS Hall of Fame tradition. So, if you think you have what it takes to take on the best, give Larry Gillespie a call at 304-444-2530, Greg Gency at 304-587-7397, Trey Corwell at 304-380-4609, Jerry Linkinoggor at 304-651-4656, or Craig Berner 304-343-5557. If you would like to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$100.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. The Clay County Schools Hall of Fame recognizes the best of the best who have played sports at CCHS and have went on to have great impact in today's society. Those being inducted into the Hall of Fame this



year are Trevor Armes, a two time state champion in the 400 meter, Jarod Douglas, Frank Kleman, Jaycee Markle Huffman and David Sizemore, all of whom have demon-

strated great dedication to their sport. The Alumni dinner will be held soon after; all are welcome to attend the events.

West Virginia's PSC faces lawsuit over coal-plant directive

By Nadia Ramlagan

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is facing legal challenges for its 2021 directive that Appalachian Power increase the usage of three of its coal plants.

Critics say the utility is paying more to keep coal plants open, and passing the cost onto residents and businesses - now burdened with higher energy bills.

The lawsuit argues that the mandate oversteps federal rules and undermines safeguards put into place to protect the public from unfair rate increases - according to Jim Kotcon, chair of the West Virginia Sierra Club.

"Sixty nine percent is a much higher rate than these coal-fired power plants have operated at in the past," said Kotcon, "and by directing the plants to operate at that level, it forces the utility to sell electricity into the grid at a price below their cost of operating."

According to the Sierra Club, rates have jumped by an average of 20% since the directive went into effect in 2021, resulting in significantly higher electricity

bills.

The Commission argues the directive is aimed at meeting an increased demand for energy.

Research shows West Virginians' average monthly residential energy bills have more than doubled over the past decade, from about \$67 to \$142 per month.

Bruce Perrone is a retiree in Kanawha County who said older and low-income residents, and those living on fixed incomes, will bear the burden of higher energy bills.

He added that state regulators are tasked with ensuring that power companies charge reasonable rates.

"My problem with this whole scheme is telling them to run their coal-fired businesses at levels where they're going to lose money is just a means to support the coal industry," said Perrone. "It is not helping consumers."

Last month, Appalachian Power filed another rate increase request with the Commission, seeking to raise its annual revenue by \$265 million.

FROM LAST WEEK: Panthers bushwhack the Patriots 28-7



Noah Collins intercepted this pass for a touchdown. Allen Hamrick photo.

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Blue Devils are no match for Mustang defense



Adam Canfield buries the quarterback. Allen Hamrick photo.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Kevin Wayne Amick II
Booked 9/4/24
Capias



Jessica Renee Bird
Booked 9/8/24
Capias



Jared Kyle Cruse
Booked 9/8/24
Burglary, grand larceny



Jozet Leann Gillion
Booked 9/3/24
Fugitive from justice



Ronny Lee Hinkle
Booked 9/3/24
Capias, trespassing



Bobby Wayne Moore
Booked 9/3/24
Trespassing

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Sarah Renee Rogers
Booked 9/7/24
Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance



Dalton Colt Webb
Booked 9/6/24
Possession of a controlled substance, fleeing on foot



Eric Dale Williams
Booked 9/7/24
No insurance, driving revoked for DUI third, improper registration

BRAXTON COUNTY



Tre Carr
Booked 9/2/24
Conspiracy, possession with intent



Amber Dawn Kowalski
Booked 9/2/24
Conspiracy, possession with intent



Pliant Jounior Smith Jr.
Booked 9/2/24
Conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance

Courthouse News



Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff":

09:00 AM, State v. Justin Isaac Blankenship, Bench Trial, brandishing deadly weapons, domestic assault

09:30 AM, State v. William Lanham, Bench Trial, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription

10:00 AM, State v. Annette L. Burke, Pre-Trial Hearing, possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, failure to change address on operator's license

10:30 AM, State v. Adam Frederick Wood, Bench Trial, Persons prohibited from possessing firearms – convicted of a crime punishable by more than 1 year

10:30 AM, State v. Adam Frederick Wood, Bench Trial, Operator's license – driving while license suspended or revoked, fictitious certificate of inspection or permit issued for another vehicle

11:30 AM, State v. Ian Matthew Dobbins, Pre-Trial Hearing, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription

01:00 PM, State v. Adam A. Jarrett, Bench Trial, Simple assault

01:30 PM, State v. Justin R. Southworth, Pre-Trial Hearing, driving while license suspended or revoked, expiration of registration and certificates of title

02:00 PM, State v. Roger Lee Davis, Pre-Trial Hearing, possession of controlled substance without valid prescription

Secretary Randall Reid-Smith Releases Statement Following Lawsuit Filing Regarding Capitol Murals Project

Cabinet Secretary Randall Reid-Smith released the following statement today after a recent civil lawsuit filing in Kanawha County Circuit Court regarding the Capitol Murals project.

"The plaintiffs' claims in the recently filed suit regarding the installation of the rotunda murals are meritless and seem to be based on their misunderstanding of the history and facts of the murals project, as well their misunderstanding or misrepresentation of West Virginia procurement and open governmental proceedings laws.

Cass Gilbert designed the West Virginia State Capitol in the midst of the Great Depression in the 1920s. Due to the understandably limited resources of that time, murals were not commissioned at the outset but Gilbert called for murals to be painted in the rotunda when funds became available.

In 2010, the project was initially started and approval of the Capitol Building Commission ("CBC") was sought and granted to undertake and complete the project. When this project was approved by the CBC and continuing through today, Secretary (formerly titled Curator) Randall Reid-Smith has served as the Chairman of the CBC.

The process to select an artist was started at that time and proposals from a number of artists were obtained. John Canning & Co., Ltd. ("Canning") was the firm selected at that time and a contract was in fact prepared but not executed, as there were not sufficient funds for the project at that time. Because of the processes of government procurement, a transaction had been started through the Purchasing Division and that particular transaction necessarily had to be cancelled when funding was not available.

The plaintiffs seem to believe that the cancellation of a particular transaction through the Purchasing Division cancelled the project approved by the CBC in its entirety. Plaintiffs are confusing the two. From time to time, a transaction is started in one manner and determined to be better processed in a different manner. When this happens, the transaction may need to be cancelled and resubmitted in a different form. This may be due to cost constraints, change in scope, or a more efficient and cost-effective manner of procurement having been identified in the interim. This is just the case, here. The 2010 request for expressions of interest generated responses that informed decision makers about what artistic concepts and general market rates were at the time, and Canning was selected through that process prior to the transaction being cancelled due to a lack of funding. The actual procurement of Canning years later when funding was available, however, was done through an exemption to more general procurement processes, which was approved by the Director of the Purchasing Division, pursuant to West Virginia law.

By 2019, the Secretary believed that funding of the murals project would be forthcoming, due to the turnaround of the West Virginia economy and substantial surplus monies becoming available for the first time in a number of years. At that time, then, the Secretary sought to pursue the murals project previously approved by the CBC, including the Secretary as Chairman.

As a preliminary matter in restarting the project, the Chairman reached out to the firm that had previously submitted an expression of interest in 2010 and was se-

lected at that time, Canning, to determine if they would still be interested in performing the work. Canning has an international reputation as the preeminent art firm in the field of painting historical murals in government buildings, both state and federal. Additionally, the Chairman sought Canning's interest in performing the work at substantially the same rates the company had submitted a decade prior. Canning expressed that they would perform the work under the decade-old rate structure, despite significant inflation over that time period.

On April 21, 2022, the Director of the Purchasing Division approved the request for an exemption to procure the purchase of historical artwork murals, under the Purchasing Division's statutory authority to exempt the purchase of certain commodities and services—here, artwork—from the competitive bid process, which generally relies on price as a driving factor.

In short, the procurement of the internationally-respected firm of John Canning & Co. Ltd. was done explicitly in accordance with West Virginia procurement laws, approved by the Director of the Purchasing Division. Additionally, Canning was the firm that had been selected during the bid process conducted in 2010, and Canning agreed to maintain the prices they had submitted a decade prior, despite significant inflation and rising costs in the intervening decade-plus. The value to West Virginia in procuring this preeminent firm at 2010 prices for the painting of the murals called for by Cass Gilbert cannot be overstated.

Turning to another matter plaintiffs misrepresent: What has been labeled as an "ad hoc committee" was not a committee in any sense that would subject it to the West Virginia Open Governmental Proceedings Act. This "committee" was not a public agency, was not the governing body of any public agency, and in fact had no authority at all; rather, this informal group was requested by the Chairman to give input and feedback on the designs submitted by Canning. This group did not take any vote or hold any formal proceedings, merely meeting to provide the Chairman and Canning with their input and feedback. The Chairman sought their input in an effort to obtain the thoughts of a wider audience than solely himself. The Chairman also sought similar input and feedback from other parties, including the West Virginia Arts Office and the West Virginia State Historical Preservation Office. The Chairman then shared with Canning the input and feedback he had obtained through this very informal process, and Canning produced their final designs, which the Chairman approved as final.

The fact is that Cass Gilbert called for murals to be installed when the State could afford it. For nearly 100 years, it didn't get done. The State tried to get the project done in the early 2010s, but proper funding remained the impediment. West Virginia has for the last few years grown surplus after surplus to inject hundreds of millions of dollars into our roads, our water and sewer infrastructure, and economic development projects across the State that will continue to grow our economy and our workforce for decades to come. We should be celebrating that the murals are finally able to be funded and installed, as Cass Gilbert called for, rather than wasting taxpayer money on frivolous lawsuits meant to generate headlines."

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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OBITUARY



Larry Kermit Truman

Larry Kermit Truman, 80 of Fullerton, California passed away peacefully on

Friday, August 30, 2024 after a long illness. He was born December 30, 1943 in Bickmore, WV. He is preceded in death by his father Russ Truman, mother Nina Legg Truman, and sister Jean Morton. Kermit was a graduate of Clay County High School in 1962. He worked for ADT as the President in LA and after retiring opened his own security business. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Karen

(Stalnaker) of 60 years; daughter Julie Truman of Oakland, Mich.; son Jeff Truman of home; granddaughter Bailee Truman of Las Vegas, Nev.; sisters Charlene Happney of Knoxville, TN; Gayle and husband Michael Asbury of Wallback, WV; brothers Tom and wife Marylee of Charlotte, NC.; Charles and wife Pookie of Mobile, Al.; along with numerous nieces and nephews. As per Kermit's request no funeral or memorial service will be held.

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One Family In One World

By Joe Mazzella

My youngest son has a severe form of autism. He only says a few words and is in his own world most of the time. Yet, with medication, routines, and a lot of love, support, acceptance, and understanding he has been able to live a happy life here. There is one problem, however, that he still has: he is hard on his clothes, ripping threads out of his pants and tearing his shirts. This means that I spend a lot of time in thrift stores looking for cheap clothes to replace them.

The other day I was in one of these stores looking for a blue sweatshirt to replace one he had torn up. As I was walking down an aisle I heard, "Come back here!" followed by a giggle. A little three-year-old girl was running down the aisle laughing and making a break from her Mom. She ran right up to me and held open her arms to be picked up. I saw her Mom smile at us so I picked up the little tike and carried her back to her Mom's arms. Then I turned the corner and saw an elderly lady stretching up to reach a purse on a super high shelf. I asked if I could help and when she said "yes" got on my tip toes to grab it for her. Finally, I reached the sweatshirts and found one that I knew would make my son laugh with delight when he saw it.

As I walked toward the cashier I saw the older lady paying for her purse with a smile and behind her the little girl jumping up and down with joy, holding her Mom's hand and carrying an old doll her Mom had found for her. As I took my place in line I suddenly felt a sense of peace, joy, and love fill my heart. I realized that me, my son, that Mom, her girl, and that lady were all one family, in one world, filled with kindness and God's Love for us all.

Mother Teresa said that "We belong to each other," and Ram Dass wrote, "We are all just walking each other home." We need to remember that we are all ONE in this world. Only then can we truly live with kindness and Love. Only then can we be who we were meant to be.

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What Happened To My Little Piggy Bank

Dr. James L. Snyder

This week, I had to do something I hadn't done before: go to the bank and deal with fraud in my checking account. Someone tried to write a check for \$1800 from my account. Fortunately, I didn't have that much money in my account, and I was a little provoked by this incident. How dare they!

I sat with the bank advisor dealing with this issue and getting my account back to normal. They had to issue me a new card because they were closing my checking account.

As I waited for all of this to process, I felt a little thought dance in my head. Whatever happened to my little piggy bank? It never gave me trouble like this.

When I was young, I didn't have an official bank account. I actually did not need a bank account at that time. My grandmother gave me a little blue piggy bank. When she gave it to me, she said, "Now, make sure you put money into this piggy bank every week." Then she handed me my first two quarters for my piggy bank.

I was so excited because I really needed the money; the only problem was that my grandmother had not told me anything about where the money was going to come from. It took me a while to realize I had to put money in myself. That little piggy bank was not a magic money machine.

I hid my little piggy bank in my bedroom so nobody could find it. Every time I got some money, I made sure I put some of it in the piggy bank. Over time, the money grew in that little piggy bank.

For as long as I had that piggy bank, I do not know any time when somebody took money out of it without my permission. I would have thought that every bank had that kind of precaution.

The times I used that little piggy bank were wonderful memories.

Next door to where we lived was a little country store. It sold mostly food, like soda, ice cream, cookies and the like. Whenever my little piggy bank had enough money in it, I would take some out and go to the little country store and get myself a well-deserved treat.

I usually did it when nobody was watching because I did not want to use my own money to buy someone else a treat. You know how that is!

For many years, that little piggy bank served me quite well. It was always there when I needed it, and as far as I knew, nobody else knew it was there. Unfortunately, nobody contributed to my piggy bank.

Then, I went to a Bible school in New York and left my piggyback behind. I did not think about it for quite a few years.

Now, sitting in the bank trying to get my account back in order, I happen to think of my little piggy bank. I have no idea what happened to it. I would love to see it again and there might be a few coins in that little bank.

My parents sold the house while I was away at the time, and I never found out what happened to my little piggy bank.

It has been over 60 years since I last saw that piggy bank, but I still relish fond memories of it.

Just before Christmas, when we were doing our Christmas shopping, I was able to delve into my little piggy bank to get some money for Christmas presents. I remember that first Christmas, I was very surprised at how much money was in that little piggy bank.

Whenever I got any money, I put some of it in the piggy bank, and I can never remember counting it. I just knew it was there. I thought about all of the presents I bought my parents and siblings with the money in my little piggy bank.

The bank finally fixed my account, and I was ready to leave. My piggy bank had never given me this much trouble.

Driving home, I could not help but think of how much that little piggy bank was a blessing. If I had not had that piggy bank that my grandmother gave me, I never would have saved any money. I would have spent it as soon as I got it.

Every time I got alone with my grandmother, which wasn't often, she would whisper, "How's your little piggy bank doing?" and then she would hand me two quarters to put into my piggy bank.

She was the only one who knew about that piggy bank. I guess that's what grandmothers are for.

Would it be appropriate for me to buy all of my grandchildren little piggy banks? Would they use them the way I used mine?

I thought of a Bible verse that is usually misquoted. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

Money isn't our problem, but the "love of money." Money is important to my daily life. If I allow money to become an obsession, it takes my mind off what is important. I need to use what little money I have to live a life pleasing unto the Lord.

Money can be a blessing or a curse.

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Postal Strategy Before the Postal Regulatory Commission Will Enable Certain Local Mail Processing to Remain in Charleston, While Improving Service and Reducing Costs

Previously committed \$22.8 million USPS investment in Charleston facility to move forward as part of 10-year "Delivering for America" plan to modernize the nation's aged and neglected postal network. No anticipated employee impacts with the decision to keep these operations at the Charleston facility

The United States Postal Service (USPS) announced this week that the Charleston Postal facility will continue certain local originating mail processing operations. This decision has been made possible due to the identification of enhanced efficiencies in proposed operational improvements, along with related refinements within the existing service standards. These improvements were outlined in a recent notice to the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) on August 22. The strategy presented to the PRC will ensure that certain local mail processing continues in Charleston, while simultaneously enhancing most service quality and minimizing costs. This move follows an earlier USPS proposal to potentially transfer outgoing mail processing operations to the Pittsburgh Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Pittsburgh, PA and the Pennwood Place P&DC in Warrendale, PA starting in 2025.

In addition to preserving certain local originating processing operations, the Charleston facility is set to undergo changes, backed by a previously announced USPS investment of \$22.8 million, that will enhance its services, without affecting business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services. Once the facility is transformed into a Local Processing Center (LPC), it is expected to handle mailing and shipping of packages, manual letters, and flats. Moreover, the LPC is also projected to offer express services and accept bulk and permit mail, further enhancing its delivery services.

Proposed operational improvements and corresponding refinements within the current service standards will enable USPS to sustain certain local originating mail processing at Charleston facility:

On August 22, the USPS began the regulatory process with the PRC, proposing operational improvements and refinements within current service standards. These enhancements aim to strengthen service reliability, increase cost efficiency, and boost overall productivity. The changes, which would take effect after this year's Election and Peak Season, will allow certain local originating processing operations to remain in Charleston. These proposed modifications are expected to result in annual savings of approximately \$3 billion, mainly through a reduction in transportation costs.

Earlier this year, the Charleston processing facility was part of the Mail Processing Facility Reviews. The main objective of these reviews was to find cost efficiencies, primarily through transportation savings. By implementing the changes proposed in the notice to the PRC, the Postal Service intends to achieve further operational efficiencies and optimizations. These would be in addition to transportation savings but achieved through different strategies than those used in certain Mail Processing Facility Reviews.

If the regulatory process is successful, there will be no change to the location for cancelling certain originat-

ing mail in Charleston. In simpler terms, outgoing single piece mail will continue to be processed at its current location.

No Anticipated Employee Impacts

The Postal Service initially anticipated staffing impacts due to the proposed move of originating operations to the Pittsburgh P&DC and the Pennwood Place P&DC. However, with the decision to keep these operations at the Charleston facility, there are no anticipated employee impacts.

This remains consistent with the stance taken in April, where no career layoffs were part of the initiative. In fact, as part of its investment strategy in the Charleston facility, the Postal Service is focusing on enhancing package processing and shipping capacity. This could potentially lead to increased plant activity and a future need for additional staffing support.

USPS to invest up to \$22.8 million in Charleston facility

As announced in April, the Postal Service will invest up to \$22.8 million in the Charleston LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$10.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$7 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter, a High Speed Tray Sorter, and a Single Induction Package Sorter into the facility.

In addition, the Charleston WV LPC will be collocated with a Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). These facilities will allow the Postal Service to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. S&DCs will have upgraded sorting equipment, offer Same Day or Next Day delivery options, and provide better facilities for Postal Service employees.

S&DCs will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure to support the deployment of the Postal Service's new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and charging stations. In locations where BEVs will be used, the Postal Service will upgrade and develop the infrastructure required for their effective deployment. Based on the average deployment numbers at S&DCs, new vehicle investment in BEVs is around \$5 million per site. The S&DC that will be collocated with the Charleston WV LPC will have 138 delivery routes that are eligible to be serviced by BEVs.

More details will be forthcoming following a Postal Service pre-filing conference later today to discuss the proposal and gain stakeholder feedback in anticipation of a subsequent PRC filing seeking an Advisory Opinion from the Commission.

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.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 12, 1861: The Battle of Cheat Mountain was fought near the Randolph-Pocahontas County line. Gen. Robert E. Lee came into western Virginia to give support to Gen. William W. Loring, commander of the Army of Northwestern Virginia, but the battle ended in a defeat for the Confederacy.

Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed at Talcott. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world's great folk heroes.



Sept. 12, 1952: A group of local youths were startled at a football game by a fireball streaking across the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County, or Flatwoods, Monster.



Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools closed for four days due to a controversy over the adoption of new textbooks. Throughout the

fall, advocates for opposing sides of the issue held mass protests, which, along with isolated and sporadic acts of violence (including a failed bombing attempt at the Board of Education office), drew national media attention.



Sept. 13, 1844: Milton Humphreys was born in Greenbrier County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate service as a sergeant. At the Battle of Fayetteville, Humphreys fired his cannon at Union artillery from behind an intervening forest, setting a precedent for modern warfare using indirect fire.

Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney "J. R." Clifford was born in present Grant County. In 1887, Clifford became the first African American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme

Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the west bank of the Elk River.

Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon "Chu" Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.

Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the "Great Persuader," tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia's 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

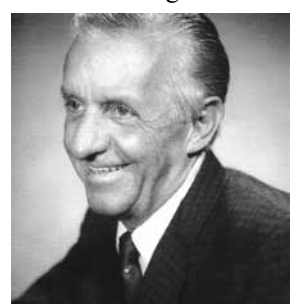
Sept. 15, 1861: In the aftermath of the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, Union forces under the command of Gen. Jacob Cox occupied the area of Spy Rock. Spy Rock is a natural landmark located on U.S. 60, 18 miles east of Hawks Nest.



Sept. 15, 1862: Con-

federate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson forced the surrender of a Union garrison at Harpers Ferry prior to the Battle of Antietam. The 12,500 prisoners taken by Jackson was the largest surrender of U.S. Army troops in the war.

Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1912, he was elected the state's 14th governor.

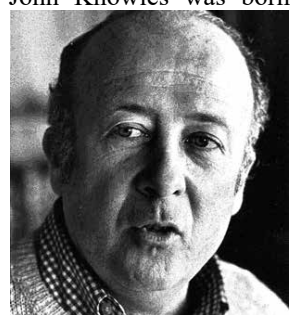


Sept. 15, 1906: Songwriter Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and "Frosty the Snowman," two of America's most popular songs.

Sept. 16, 1876: The town of Milton in Cabell County was incorporated and named in honor of Milton Rece, a large landowner at the time.

Sept. 16, 1926: Writer

John Knowles was born



in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, *A Separate Peace*.

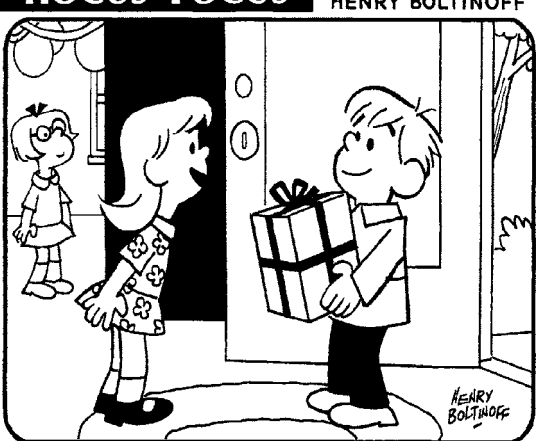


Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading Black intellectuals in the United States. His books include *Colored People: A Memoir*, about growing up in Mineral County. He hosts the popular PBS program *Finding Your Roots*.

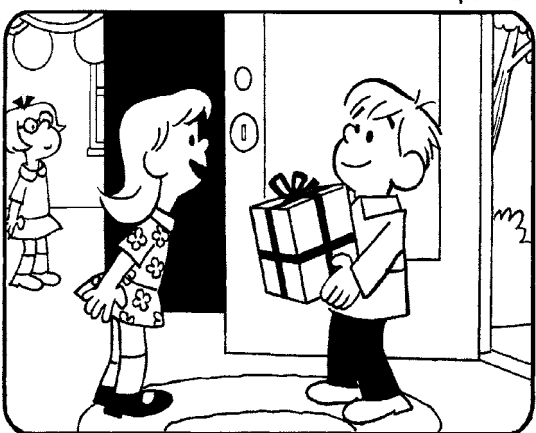
Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. Jackson was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Present is smaller. 2. Sock is higher. 3. Girl is moved. 4. Bush is different. 5. Balloon is missing. 6. Arm is not showing.

Super Crossword

DEFINITELY NOT DICKENS

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| 6 Racecar sticker | 52 Univ. lecturer | 94 End of the riddle | 5 Arsenal stuff | 48 Saint — (Caribbean nation) | 82 Skull bones |
| 11 "T.N.T." rock band | 54 Underdog's win | 102 "Oh! Carol" singer Neil | 6 Corrupt | 49 Capsize | 83 City WSW of Raleigh |
| 15 Drug in "Brave New World" | 56 Riddle, part 3 | 103 Leaks slowly | 7 Hygiene product company | 50 Magnet part | 84 Numbed, as pain |
| 19 Basic truth | 61 Served perfectly | 104 Objective | 8 Boston catches | 51 Total (up) | 90 Donna of Clinton's Cabinet |
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| 21 Letter carriers carry it | 63 Set straight | 107 Green gem sources | 10 Large intestine's place, for short | 53 Great anger | 92 UFO riders |
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| 26 Harden by heat | 69 Begin litigation against | 111 "Dear Yoko" dedicatee | 13 God, to Godard | 58 Tools utilizing beams | 96 Sobieski of "Branded" |
| 27 Negating word | 70 Parenthetical comment | 113 Lead singer of U2 | 14 "Tom — Jack Ryan" (TV series) | 59 "So Wrong" singer Patsy | 97 Editing mark |
| 28 Ellipses | 71 Gave grub to | 114 Riddle's answer | 15 Compton, to Los Angeles | 60 Football's — Beckham Jr. | 98 Auditory canal buildup |
| 29 Wide foot-wear spec | 72 Issa of HBO's "Insecure" | 118 Novelist — Easton Ellis | 16 Speeches | 65 Sans-serif typeface | 99 City in central Italy |
| 30 Take off silent mode | 73 Kooky guy | 119 Narrow street | 17 Be positive | 66 Lava, beneath the surface | 100 Second book of the Bible |
| 32 Goofs up | 75 Dunne of film | 120 Wall painting | 18 Hoppy brew | 67 Tiny, to a tot | 101 "Don't admit to that" |
| 34 "Time — great healer" | 76 With 86-Across, totally wrong | 121 Astronaut's garment | 24 Bad things | 69 Ohio city on Lake Erie | 106 — Rican |
| 35 Pitcher Hideki — | 77 Indication | 122 Lawn patches | 25 Back area | 70 Part of MFA | 108 Comic Laurel |
| 37 Deep red | 78 Riddle, part 4 | 123 Cost of cards | 33 Totaled (up) | 71 Fly like a bee | 110 Raison d'— |
| 39 Riddle, part 2 | 82 Cynically callous | 124 U.S. soccer star Lalas | 35 Debt memo | 74 West of film | 111 Close by |
| 43 Mommies | 85 Young lady | 125 "— la vista, baby!" | 36 Residential area of a city | 75 Mythical escapee of Crete | 113 Air gun pellets |
| 44 Hwy. felony | 86 See 76-Across | DOWN | 40 Max who played Jethro | 76 Stupefaction | 115 Busy bug |
| 45 Easy throw | 87 Dentist's filler | 1 Michael of "Noises Off" | 41 Doing nothing | 77 Dollar bill | 116 Suffix with arm or mouth |
| 46 Shooters' org. | 88 Enzyme name suffix | 2 Part of OED | | 79 As well | 117 Org. with U.S. secrets |

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

FUTURE PLAYERS TRAINED

Grade school boys have been learning fundamentals of basketball and how to handle the ball under the direction of coach Pinney every evening after school at the community building. About 14 fifth and sixth graders and 12 seventh and eighth graders are in attendance each evening.

These youngsters are being trained to build a strong high school squad for the future.

SPORTS

WIDEN HIGH DOWN ALUMNI

The Widen Buffaloes defeated the Alumni by a slim margin of one point on February 1. The Alumni scored 2 points to the Buffaloes 9 in the first quarter.

At halftime the score was 19 to 15 in favor of the Buffaloes. The final score was 38 to 37. Three of the Alumni starters were held scoreless throughout the game. They were as follows: Dodrill, Morris, and Gibson. Bego and Grogg were high for the Alumni with 11 each. King led Widen with 12 points.

Other scorers were: Buffaloes—DeMoss 8, Hamrick 7, Barnette 5, Wilson 4, Holmes 2. Alumni—Ramsey 6, Mullins 5, Clevenger 2, Shaffer 2.

Referees Russ and Moss.

BURNSVILLE DEFEATS WIDEN

The Widen Buffaloes were beaten by the Burnsville Bruins, Friday, February 7 at Widen. The halftime score was 35-16, Burnsville leading.

Hamrick led Widen scoring with 18 markers and DeMoss followed with 15. Smith led Burnsville with 15 points. The final score was 70-46. It was Burnsville's second win over Widen.

Score by quarters:
Widen 11 5 15 13—46
Burnsville 14 21 16 19—70

COWEN DOWNS BUFFALOES

After traveling to Cowen on February 11, the Buffaloes were defeated by the Bulldogs. The Cowen quintet got off to an early start in the first quarter, leading by a score of 10 to 5 at the end of the first period. At the half they had increased their lead to 28 to 15. Cowen outscored Widen the third quarter by 15 points to lead 54 to 26. The final score read Cowen 75, Widen 31. This was the Bulldog's second win of the current season.

High scorers for the Buffaloes were Hamrick with 10, DeMoss with 8, and Barnette with 7. High point men for the Bulldogs were Gene Given with 19 and Keith Fletcher with 18. Jim Workman and Bill Given both had 14.

REYNOLDS AND PINNEY

WIN ATTENDANCE BANNERS, 5TH MONTH

The sixth grade won the attendance banner for the fifth month with a percentage of 98.99.

Mr. Pinney's tenth grade won for the high school with a percentage of 98.85.

Congratulations 6th and 10th graders.

Percentage Of Attendance		
Mrs. Reynolds	Grade 6	98.99
Mr. Pinney	Grade 10	98.85
Mr. Boggs	Grade 8	98.70
Mr. Reynolds	Grade 7	98.24
Mrs. Bragg	Grade 4	97.81
Mr. Matheny	Grade 9	97.23
Mrs. Elliott	Grade 2	96.84
Miss Ashley	Grade 3	95.43
Miss Woods	Grade 12	95.13
Mr. Jackson	Grade 5	94.84
Mrs. Butcher	Grade 1	94.30
Mrs. Griffith	Grade 11	93.88
Miss Graham	Grade 2	90.65

28 Make High School Honor Roll

First Semester, 1957-1958

Seventh Grade:		Mr. Reynolds
"A"		
Charlene McClain	.....	4.00
Sandra Henderson	.....	3.75
Roger Baughman	.....	3.50
"B"		
Patricia Manning	.....	3.19
Eighth Grade:		Mr. Boggs
"A"		
None		
"B"		
Kathleen Miles	.....	3.35
Gary Graham	.....	3.30
David Shaffer	.....	3.20
Gary Eagle	.....	3.15
Jerle Hamrick	.....	3.15
Ronald Holmes	.....	3.15
Mildred Gibson	.....	3.00
Ninth Grade:		Mr. Matheny
"A"		
Karen Mick	.....	3.75
"B"		
Margaret "Terry" Shaffer	.....	3.25
Robert Baughman	.....	3.16
Virginia Nettles	.....	3.00
Meledia Miller	.....	3.00
Tenth Grade:		Mr. Pinney
"A"		
Lillie Nash	.....	3.95
Karen Donahue	.....	3.65
"B"		
Dawne Backus	.....	3.25
Eleventh Grade:		Mrs. Griffith
"A"		
Dave Hamrick	.....	3.75
Ruby Holcomb	.....	3.70
"B"		
Ross Gibson	.....	3.00
Judy LaCorte	.....	3.10
Twelfth Grade:		Miss Woods
"A"		
Joan Truman	.....	4.00
Lillian Dodrill	.....	3.81
"B"		
Helen Ellis	.....	3.25
April Manning	.....	3.00
Alice Hamrick	.....	3.00

BEST WRITERS

- 1st—Butcher
Emma Forte
Jane Morris
- 2nd—Graham
Anna Fay Sizemore
Bari Deave Bailey
Marilyn Rapp
- 2nd—Elliott
Donna Gill
Michael Triplett
- 3rd—Ashley
Judith Gibson
Lois Gill
- 4th—Bragg
Nancy Butcher
- 5th—Jackson
Janet Eagle
Shirley Connor
Ronald Dodrill
Sandra Tinney
- 6th—Reynolds
Brenda King
Sandra Williams
Charles Mullins
Jeanne Dodrill
Corliss Miles
Diane Adkins
Luther Young
Joyce Dorsey
Sharon Baughman

Marilyn and Patrick preceded the Queen to the throne, escorted by Jack Wilson and Charles Lewis. Tommy Napier escorted the Queen and David Hamrick, student body president, crowned her. Ruby Lee Holcomb, President of the class, presented her with Scatter Pins.

'MISS WIDEN HIGH SCHOOL' CROWNED AT HOMECOMING GAME ON FEBRUARY 7TH

Miss Helen Ellis was crowned "Miss Widen High School II" at a colorful half-time ceremony on Friday, February 7, at the home coming game between the Widen Buffaloes and the Burnsville Bruins in the community building.

Her escort was made up of: Senior Princess, Joanne Conner, escort—Jimmy Manning.

Junior Princess, Judy LaCorte, escort—Tommy Napier.

Sophomore Princess, D a w n e Backus, escort—Robert Baughman. Freshman Princess, Jane Gibson, escort—Charles Lewis.

8th Grade Princess, Karen Wood, escort—Gary Craft.

7th Grade Princess, Patricia Manning escort—Jack Wilson.

Crown Bearers: Nancy Pinney and Kenneth James.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Ruby Lee Holcomb.

Eight trumpeters played a fanfare as Albert King, the captain of the team, crowned Miss Ellis.

Paul DeMoss, Co-captain, presented Miss Ellis the school colors of red and white.

Each princess presented the queen with her class' colors.

Mr. Baer gave Helen a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

KAREN WOODS NAMED CLASS SNOW QUEEN



Karen Woods and Tommy Napier Miss Karen Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Woods, was crowned "Snow Queen" at the Mid-Winter "Snow Ball" sponsored by the junior class of Widen High School.

Karen was elected Queen by the majority votes of her classmates. Princesses in attendance were Marilyn Lewis and Patricia Manning. A platform was erected at one end of the dance floor and on it was placed a huge snow man and a throne.

POEM

By Benny Conner
3rd Grade

When I go to school each day,
I work a while and then I play.
When recess is over I come back in,
I study my lessons and use my new pen.
Lunch is ready, it is noon.
We'll be playing pretty soon.
Back in the school house we go
once more.
Spelling and English, then we head
for the door.
We go home on the bus,
And the last stop is for us.

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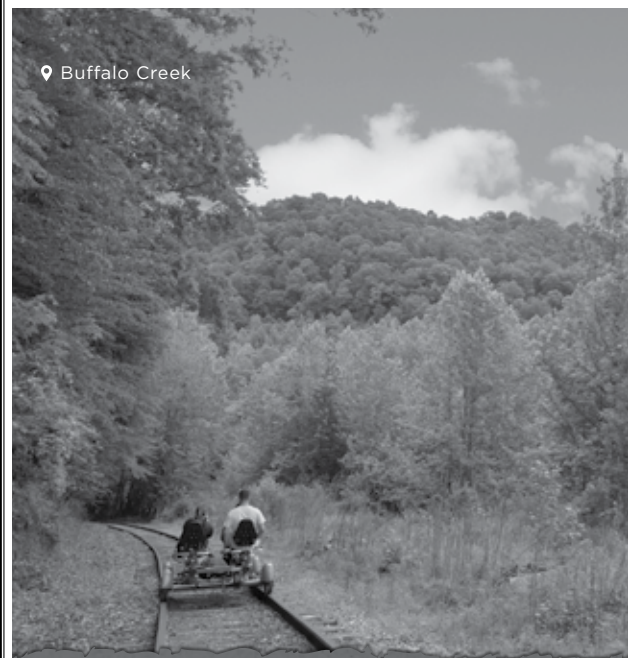
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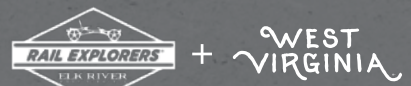
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Prepared for a Changing World

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

When I was a young girl growing up in Pleasants County, my greatest fear was catching poison ivy or getting stung by a bee. Back then, the world seemed a lot simpler, a lot slower, and a lot safer. But since the turn of the century, or thereabouts, it looks like things took a turn for the worse.

I'm not sure it is the proliferation of communications devices that turned us into a real-life Dick Tracy world, where we quite literally have all of the communications in the world at our fingertips. But suddenly we are aware of every danger, every terrorist act, every shooting, and every other horrible thing going on.

Whether the world really is a lot more dangerous than it was back then or we're just more aware of things, our leadership at the state and national levels certainly think that it is. And we at the Public Service Commission of

West Virginia are paying much more attention to the security of the electric, water, gas, sewer, and similar systems that serve you each day.

We more often refer to these systems as infrastructure. And that infrastructure comprises the basic building blocks that allow for communications, travel, and a host of services that make us comfortable at home and allow us to work in our offices. The utilities that provide critical infrastructure services to you have to be on high alert these days to any number of possible threats to their security and their ability to provide those services.

At one time, terrorist acts were remote to West Virginia. They happened elsewhere – in the big cities – not here. But the Oklahoma City bombings proved that wasn't so. Massacres that have occurred in small towns across the nation underscore the sad fact that those things can happen, even in the Mountain State.



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

that the world in which I grew up has changed in many, many ways. A lot of changes have been very good, but some of them reflect the very worst. We will do our part to keep your utilities safe.

Our Legislature passed the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act this year to beef up security at these critical infrastructure points, to expand the facilities and structures that fall under the law, and to enhance penalties that existed in prior law for dealing with these matters.

We at the Public Service Commission welcome these changes, while we mourn

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Tariff Form No. 8-A
(Tariff Rule 8.1 a et seq.)
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Nicholas County Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority"), a commercial solid waste facility and a public utility, has, on August 23, 2024, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing increased rates and charges for furnishing transfer station disposal services to customers at the Nicholas County Transfer Station in Calvin, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$277,948 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 14.03%. The purpose of the Authority's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to the Landfill's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. The Authority's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Bag Rate (Up to 20 Bags)	\$1.08 per bag	\$1.28 per bag	\$0.20	18.35%
Appliances	\$3.13	\$3.70	\$0.57	18.35%
Municipal Solid Waste	\$65.78 per ton	\$77.85 per ton	\$12.07	18.35%
Minimum Charge (Less than 300 lbs)	\$10.57	\$12.51	\$1.94	18.35%
Passenger Tire	\$4.68	\$5.54	\$0.86	18.35%
Small Truck Tire	\$6.11	\$7.23	\$1.12	18.35%
Large Truck Tire	\$16.84	\$19.93	\$3.09	18.35%
Cardboard	\$65.78 per ton	\$77.85 per ton	\$12.07	18.35%
Construction & demolition material (clean)	\$28.75 per ton	\$34.03 per ton	\$5.28	18.35%

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

The Authority has no resale customers.

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

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Authority to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Authority: 120 Baughman Road, Calvin, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019, has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), for the surface mining of approximately 256 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number O302292 to operate a refuse disposal site in the NA seam of coal.

The operation is discharging into Big Branch of Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River and is located 4.5 miles, east of BICKMORE, in HENRY District of Clay County, Longitude 81° 2' 5" and Latitude 38° 23' 17" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
AppleAtcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave Ste 400, Orange Village, OH 44122
Allegheny Rural Nmtc Forestlands, LLC	1512 East Franklin Street, Suite 104, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
NA	

*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
NA	

Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

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EL2LLC	11 Speltz Lane, Oley, PA 19547

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 10/28/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until 10/28/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

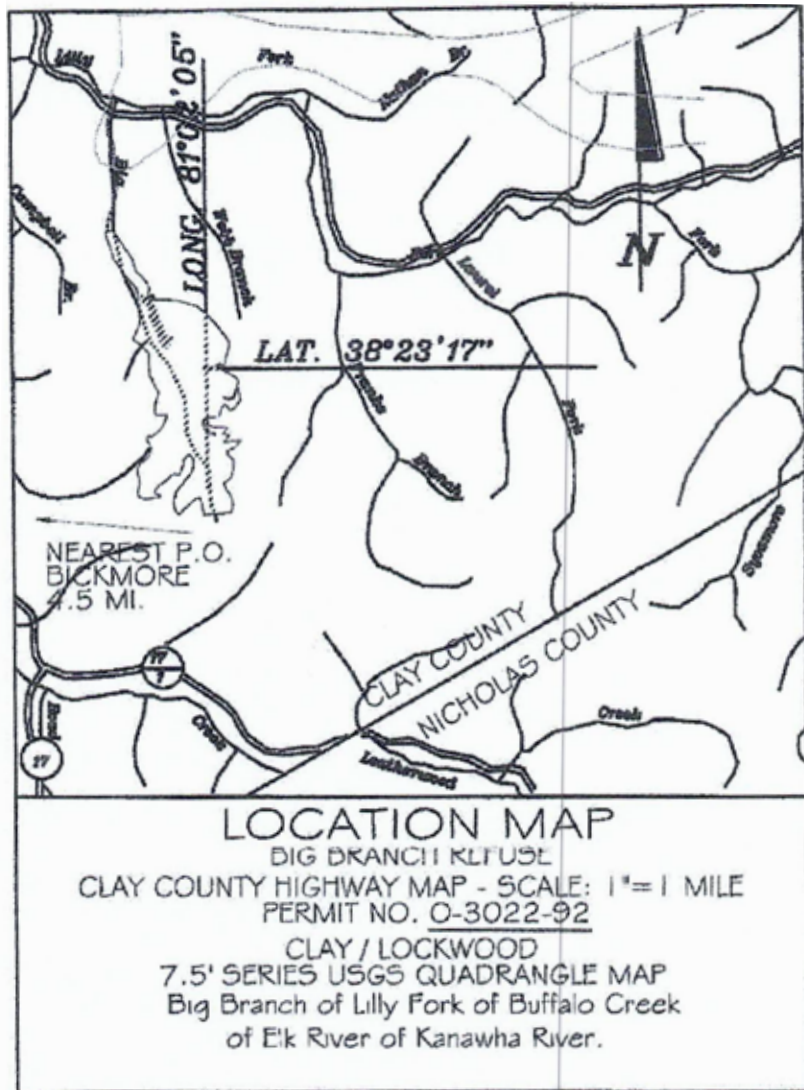
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The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: O302292

*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.

Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



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(Tariff Rule 8.1 A et seq.)
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tire & Rubber, Inc. (TRI), a commercial solid waste facility and a public utility, has on July 31, 2024, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA (Commission), an application containing increased rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing landfill waste disposal services to customers at TRI's solid waste facility in Lewis County, West Virginia (Landfill).

The Landfill is owned and operated by TRI, and the Landfill operates under authority of Solid Waste Facility Permit No. SWF-4024/WV0109533, which was issued by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. The Landfill has separate cells or areas accepting two distinct types of waste which are kept separate, (1) waste tires, and (2) construction and demolition materials.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$782,797 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 26.21%. The purpose of TRI's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to the Landfill's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. TRI's current and proposed rates are as follows:

Tires From Individuals (size 425 X 20 inches or smaller)				
	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Passenger Car Tires	\$1.50 per tire	\$1.89 per tire	\$0.39	26.21%
Passenger Car Tires on Rim	\$3.01 per tire	\$3.80 per tire	\$0.79	26.21%
Light Truck Tires	\$2.11 per tire	\$2.66 per tire	\$0.55	26.21%
Light Truck Tires on Rim	\$3.61 per tire	\$4.56 per tire	\$0.95	26.21%
Heavy Truck Tires	\$6.02 per tire	\$7.60 per tire	\$1.58	26.21%
Heavy Truck Tires on Rim	\$7.52 per tire	\$9.49 per tire	\$1.97	26.21%
One ton or more of any-size tire	Negotiable	Negotiable		26.21%

Note: The above rates are exclusive of applicable state and county assessment fees. Assessment fees are charged per ton or any part thereof disposed.

Tires from Commercial Entities - Per Ton				
	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Passenger Tires	\$100.00 per ton	\$126.21 per ton	\$26.21	26.21%
Passenger Tires with Rims	\$150.00 per ton	\$189.32 per ton	\$39.32	26.21%
Dirty Passenger Tires	\$150.00 per ton	\$189.32 per ton	\$39.32	26.21%
OTR/Industrial Tires	\$400.00 per ton	\$504.85 per ton	\$104.85	26.21%

Note: Rates listed above include applicable state and county assessment fees.

Tires From Commercial Entities - Per Tire (size 425 X 20 inches or smaller)				
	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Passenger Car Tires	\$1.50 per tire	\$1.89 per tire	\$0.39	26.21%
Passenger Car Tires on Rim	\$3.01 per tire	\$3.80 per tire	\$0.79	26.21%
Light Truck Tires	\$2.11 per tire	\$2.66 per tire	\$0.55	26.21%
Light Truck Tires on Rim	\$3.61 per tire	\$4.56 per tire	\$0.95	26.21%
Heavy Truck Tires	\$6.02 per tire	\$7.60 per tire	\$1.58	26.21%
Heavy Truck Tires on Rim	\$7.52 per tire	\$9.49 per tire	\$1.97	26.21%
One ton or more of any-size tire	Negotiable	Negotiable		26.21%

Note: Rates listed above include applicable state and county assessment fees.

Construction & Demolition Materials - Per Ton				
	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Charge Per Ton	\$52.37 per ton	\$58.33 per ton	\$5.96	11.38%
Assessment Fee	\$8.75 per ton	\$8.75 per ton	\$0.00	0.0%
Total	\$61.12 per ton	\$67.08 per ton	\$5.96	9.75%

Construction & Demolition Materials - Minimum Charge (Pick-Up Truck)				
	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Minimum Charge	\$32.23	\$35.81	\$3.58	11.11%
Assessment Fee	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$0.00	0.0%
Total	\$36.73	\$40.31	\$3.58	9.75%

TRI has no resale customers.

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

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A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of TRI to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at 710 Grass Run Road, Weston, WV 26452.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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FROM LAST WEEK

Panthers hand first loss of the season to the Patriots on a new field



Blake Coleman brings down the big man.

Ayden Brown #7 gets the job done in the backfield.

By Allen Hamrick

The Clay High Panthers opened their first game of the season on the road against the Patriots of Midland Trail. It was a hot evening and even hotter on the field with a good breeze to sort of average things out. It was celebration night for the Patriots as they were breaking in a brand new field; if AstroTurf can be beauty, it certainly was. There were fireworks and enough gala to go around, and the Panthers were given the opportunity to stain it for the first time. The stadium was packed with fans to see two teams battle it out on the grid iron. The game got underway, and right off the hike, one could tell it was going to be a tough defensive battle on both sides of the field.

The Patriots had the ball first and were getting some tough short yards when they decided to let a pass get loose in the Panther backfield. Noah Collins was the first football player to stain the new field with Patriot tears as he took his interception all the way to the football history books scoring the first TD. Jaxon Brown came in with the extra point. The Patriots lifted their chins off the field and prepared to take it to the Panthers. However, they didn't know the Panthers had a kicker with a bionic leg. In all the history of Panther football, very few kickers have hit the field with a kick like Jaxon Browns. He sent that kickoff over their heads; it went nearly 60 yards in the air. Each proceeding kickoff went to the end zone...in the air, very impressive.

The Panther defense stepped up and caused complete havoc on the line as Patriot runners had no place to go but down. Bryson Peters and Blake Coleman, along with Ayden Brown and Christian Bryant, were all over the field bringing down the Patriots; in short, they were wreaking havoc on the Patriots' offense. The Patriots were pushing down the field gaining brutal turtle yards when they decided to pass again. Once it was let loose, in stepped Noah Collins again to pick it off and give the ball back to the Panthers. The Patriots also did a good job on defense in the first half by chasing Noah Col-



Jaxon Brown sends it airborne for 62 yards.



Bryson Peters gets the sack.

lins out of the pocket and making their way through the Panther offensive line. That was about it for the first half with the Panthers leading the game 7-0.

When half time was over, the Panthers picked up where they left off on defense. The Panther offense still struggled a bit getting yards, but that was about to change. The Panthers pushed deep into Patriot real estate and Collins took the ball in from about six yards out. After that, it was all Panthers as Joel Elliot caught a pass for a TD and Noah Collins rushed for another TD. When it was all said and done, the Panthers put a big

dent on the new field defeating the Patriots 28-7. Noah Collins was 15 of 23 in passing for 180 yards and had 22 rushes for 106 yards. He also had four solo tackles and two interceptions. Bryson Peters had nine receptions for 93 yards and on defense had nine solo tackles and one sack. Blake Coleman had nine solo tackles, seven assisted with two for losses. Ayden Brown and Kohan Ramsey had six solo tackles each. Next week, they will have to get some of the bugs out as Buffalo comes to town with nothing but Panther steak on their mind - it should be another good game.

Lady Mustangs begin the season by handing out losses

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Mustangs are geared up for the 2024 Volleyball season. They have been under the gun in practice as Abby Boggs and Anissa Collins, the dream team set of coaches, set the standards and are running herd. The Lady Mustangs are looking like a team that wants a little revenge for last season and are ready to bring the gold back to CCMS. They have some cannons on the line coming from Laney Sears, Vanessa Cleavenger, and Roxy Schoolcraft - these ladies will definitely scatter some grape shot. In addition, Autumn Rapp has a gun arm that is nearly nonreturnable when she serves. The whole team is stacked with talent enough to beat the best and be the best. Last week, they had the chance to prove it in their season opener tri-match. The Lady Mustangs butted heads with both Walton and Geary at Geary.

Walton was up first on the chopping block, and it was like a balloon against

a needle. The Lady Tiggers played their best but were no match for the Lady Mustangs, and they went down quick in two straight games. Geary was up next, and it was pretty much the same side of the record. The Lady Panthers did what they could, but in the end it was the Lady Mustangs mopping the floor by again winning in two straight. This season's team will have more heavy hitters in the field and Lady Mustangs that can climb ice with tooth picks all the while digging like gophers. It will be all out volleyball, and any team that plays them will have to bring more than an average game to the courts because the focus will be on winning and becoming CWVAC champions. This should be a good season for the CCMS Lady Mustangs. They have been conditioned to win, and they are the dream team that could go all the way. Their ext match is with Webster on September 9, so come out and support the teams.



Kennedy Adkins makes the super save.



Roxy Schoolcraft gets the dig.



Laney Sears demonstrates the touch kill.

Lady Panthers dropped some bombs at Braxton

By Allen Hamrick

Well, volleyball fans, the Lady Panther team started their season off on a road trip to Gilmer County, which proved to be a nail biter. The Lady Panthers are a team that is stacked with young talent and are a team to be reckoned with. They have several players who can pinpoint their shots as well as hit a ball so hard that the other team has a hard time picking it up. This set with Gilmer went all five games to determine the winner. Gilmer took the first game 25-21, and the Lady Panthers came back in a spittin' contest in the second game and won 27-25. Gilmer took the 3rd game, and the Lady Panthers came back with another pacemaker busting performance winning 28-26. In the last game, something happened to the Lady Panthers as they fell off the wagon and lost the game 12-25. It was a good opener for the Lady Panthers, and it showed them a couple things that they needed to figure out before the match with the Lady Eagles of Braxton.

The Lady Panthers' cannons were loaded as they hit the Lady Eagles' floor on Thursday evening. The JV team started off with two wins, and then it was



Rylee Burkhamer sends the kill shot.



Zoey Jones sends the heat.



Jaedon Delwarte masters spot killing.

Varsity's turn. With the Lady Eagle Varsity up next, it was redemption time for the Lady Panthers. The Lady Panthers took it to the Lady Eagles as Rylee Burkhamer was dropping bombs along with

teammate Zoey Jones. They were being set by the master of the net... Maddie Morton. The Panthers won the matchup 25-15, 25-15, and 25-12. The Lady Panthers will be on the road most of the

season with just four games at home for some reason. Next up will be Calhoun on Tuesday evening and Doddridge on Thursday. Come out and catch a game - Lady Panthers are on the move.

Mustangs defeat the Blue Devils



Collin Elliot looks for running room.



John Paxton looks for open field.



Caleb Robinson covers some real estate.

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS Mustangs opened their season Thursday night at home against George Washington Middle. The meeting between these two teams will always bring out the best in each team, and that fact will always give the fans some good, all-out football action. This meeting was a defensive battle from the start; neither team was able to move the ball offensively with any consistency. The Mustangs were on the board first scoring six points. Caleb Robinson

and Collin Elliot exploited the openings in the Devil defense. After several run attempts, they broke loose and ran the ball, getting much needed yards. The Mustang defense shut GW down the first half with some great backfield tackling. The Mustangs scored again before the half, and the score stood at 12-0 Mustangs in the first half.

Once halftime was over, it was all defense on both sides of the ball, and there was no holding back. If you like a defensive confrontation, then this would have been a block

party. There was no way that the Mustangs would lose this game, and their defense made it happen. The Mustang defense held strong but gave up one Christmas present for six points, holding the Blue Devils to just one TD. The game ended with the Mustangs on top by the score of 12-6. The Mustangs will be back on their home grid this Thursday evening at 6 PM to take on Sherman Middle. It should be a good game, and the Mustangs will have to bring their A game defensively and offensively to win.

Panthers skin the Bison



Bryson Peters was deadly in the backfield.



Jakoby Nichols grabs this bomb for 6 points.

By Allen Hamrick

This past week, the Bison of Buffalo flew into town with the intent of leaving Clay with a big loss. The Panthers, on the other hand, had their own ideas about the outcome. It was good to see so many fans in attendance at the game. There isn't much to be said about this game other than it was a complete thumping at the hands of the Panthers. By the end of this game, Buffalo was flying the surrender please flag. Panther defense was all over the field hitting like wild boars and picking apart the Bison passing game. Had the Varsity stayed in after the half, the score could have possibly reached triple digits. The Panther offense moved the ball at will and seemed to score just when they felt like it. By the half, the Panthers had amassed 47 points and had no intention of letting it go. Once the halftime highlights were over, the Panther JV took some of the helm and added 16 more points. However, with the good nature of the Panther defense, the Bison put up 14 pat on the head points before the match

was over. In the end it was the Panthers over the Bison 53-14.

Noah Collins once again racked up the passing yards hitting 12 of 14 passes for 224 yards and five TD's. On the receiving end of the ball, it was Jakoby Nichols catching two passes for 102 yards and two TD's; he also scored a TD on a run back after an interception. Ayden Brown caught three for 75 yards, and Bryson Peters had three catches for 31 yards. Running the ball was Seth Robinson with three carries for 71 yards, and Cooper Collins had two runs for 36 yards and a TD. It was a good game for the Panthers as they start into the heavy side of their schedule. Roane County and Sissonville are two opponents that always have some tough teams that won't be as easy to contend with. Clay Family Pharmacy owner Brandon Keiper and his family were recognized with appreciation for their support of Panther athletics for sponsoring the evening's game. Panther games will be at home the next two weeks, so come out and catch a game.



Clay Family Pharmacy owner Brandon Keiper accepts plaque from Shawn Krajewski.

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