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## Melting down and drying up - the drought of 2024

By Allen Hamrick

There is no doubt or any statistic that doesn't say that this summer has been hot and dry. People have lamented that it was so hot that water buffalos were evaporating into thin air. Of course, this is somewhat ridiculous but entirely believable as the sun has continued to melt ambition and shades are no longer a cool place to sit. On top of that, yellow jackets came in like a plague, and it has been a struggle just to get to your vehicle or mow the yard without a trip to the medicine cabinet or the hospital, in some cases. In June, the rain started holding off little by little, and in the knife hardening heat among the yellow jackets, we enjoyed life the best we could but...

Pretty soon the grass started turning brown, and there was more wildlife appearing on the roads as they made their exodus toward the rivers and creeks. However, the creeks are drying up and the rivers have nearly dried up in some parts of the state. The mighty Elk River has become nearly stagnant as it has slowed to a crawl. The leaves are changing at least a month early as fall colors come in the last of August instead of October. A lot of people are asking about the colors, but with the rain nonexistent, the leaves are likely to just turn brown on many trees and take an early tumble.

Drought conditions started wrapping their arms around this state and not letting go. When it did rain, at times it came down like it was Noah's flood but quit

soon as it started while the sun dried up any moisture faster than the plants could drink it. By July, some of our state was in extreme drought conditions according to the U.S. Drought Monitor labeling some counties in D3 conditions. When August came around, nearly all of West Virginia was experiencing D3 drought conditions, which haven't been present since 1988. According to a map from the U.S. Drought Monitor, D4 conditions - referred to as exceptional drought, have crept into northern parts of Clay County, drying up springs, creeks, cisterns and wells. The local surrounding lakes - Sutton, Summersville, Tygart, and Stonewall - are starting to lower water levels and change their typical fishing and recreation cycles.

Rainfall totals have been nonexistent, falling over six inches short of normal here in Clay. When a drought gets to the D4 status, it starts to affect the ecosystem, farming and wildlife survival. The forests have become so dry that the forest floor seems to crack under human weight and is susceptible to future growth problems according to the USDA. Foresters warn that if a fire starts in the woods, it would not only burn the woods but also the top soil because of the lack of rain. If this happens, future growth would be hard over the next year.

Farmers who have livestock are not getting the hay cuts they normally expect and are having to buy feed. It upsets the cycle of survival for the WV farmer who not

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Elk river nearly at a standstill.



Little rain equals drying springs.

## CCHS Boys' Cross Country Team Takes Third at Braxton Invitational

Cross country season is well underway at Clay County Middle School and Clay County High School. The teams opened the season at the Beckley Chick-Fil-A Invitational on August 24. For CCMS, in a field of 110 runners, Marissa Atha and McKinley Mahan medaled, placing 5th and 20th respectively. Tara Conley and Danae Stricker also put forth strong efforts. Jackson Stricker ran a solid race for the boys' team. For the CCHS girls, Cheyanne Taylor was the highest finisher, followed by Abigail Grandon, Ashley Roberts and Jaylyn Holcomb. Finally, for the high school boys' team, Sawyer Dobbins medaled placing 7th in a field of 115 runners. The team also placed 7th overall with strong contributions from Kane Nida, Kaden Fitzwater, Trent Hinkle, Andrew Tanner, Isiah Woods and Evan Bass.

On August 31, the teams traveled to Cabell Midland High School to compete in the Midland XC Festival under the lights. This night race is consistently one of the most competitive meets on the schedule. Marissa Atha was the highest finisher for the CCMS girls placing 17th in a field of 173 athletes. Jackson Stricker ran for the middle school boys. For CCHS, top finishers were Sawyer Dobbins and Cheyanne Taylor.

This past Saturday, the teams competed at the Braxton County No Excuses Invitational at Holly Gray State Park in Sutton. This course is a challenging one, with the longest climb dubbed "kill hill." For CCMS, Atha and Mahan again each earned medals placing 5th and 12th respectively. Cheyanne Taylor was top finisher for the high school girls. In the high school boys' race, athletes from fifteen schools competed. CCHS earned third place overall, impressively placing three runners in the top 15 - Dobbins placed 6th, Nida came in 8th, and Fitzwater finished 14th. Hinkle, Tanner and Woods also substantially contributed to the team's success.

Several meets are scheduled in the coming weeks. The teams travel to Doddridge County High School on September 17 and Little Beaver State Park on September 21.



Sawyer Dobbins led the CCHS boys' team with his 6th place finish at Braxton.



Marissa Atha led the CCMS girls' team finishing 5th at the Braxton Invitational.

The following week they go to Lincoln County High School on September 25 and Pikeview High School on September 28. Based on their continued improvement and success so far, the coaches expect great results.

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## Rabies Vaccination Clinic upcoming

The 2024 Rabies Vaccination Clinic is set for Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Clay County Courthouse. The purpose of the clinic is to vaccinate your dogs and cats for rabies. This clinic is a combined effort of Elk Vet Hospital, Dr. Katie Kobyra and the Clay County Assessor's Office.

This year the clinic will be held as a Drive Thru at the Courthouse starting at 10

a.m. The Assessor or a Deputy Assessor will be available to collect dog tax. The dog tax is \$3 per dog and the rabies vaccinations will be \$16 per animal. Dog 6N1-DHLPP \$16, Cat 4N1-FVRCP \$16, and Kennel Cough Bordetella \$16.

All animals must be on a leash or in a pet taxi for the protection of all animals. We will not be responsible for any animal.

## Panthers lose a tough one to the Raiders



Joel Elliot burns the Raider defender. Allen Hamrick photo.

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# BOOKED



# REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

## NICHOLAS COUNTY

Terry Lynn Bennett Booked 9/12/24 Bench warrant	Jessica Renee Bird Booked 9/10/24 Driving suspended, possession of stolen vehicle, possession of controlled substance, fleeing DUI, fleeing on foot	Mark Wayne Gwinn Booked 9/14/24 Capias, obstruction, unlawful assault	Addison Ray Hughes Booked 9/12/24 Probation violation	James Monroe Hughes Sr. Booked 9/12/24 Capias	Rodney Lee Hypes Jr. Booked 9/12/24 Capias

## NICHOLAS COUNTY

Randy Lee Johnson Booked 9/15/24 Battery on police officer, obstructing an officer	Haymond George Rose Booked 9/15/24 Driving revoked for DUI third	Cliff Bryan Salisbury Booked 9/11/24 Murder in the first degree	James Clifford Sparks Booked 9/11/24 Capias	Robert Wesley Spinks Booked 9/15/24 DVP violation	Ernest Lee Thompson Booked 9/14/24 Child abuse

## BRAXTON COUNTY

Jessica Renee Bird Booked 9/10/24 Grand larceny	Tonya Dale Cheek Booked 9/11/24 Domestic battery	Juan Manuel Rodriguez-Hernandez Booked 9/12/24 Domestic battery, domestic assault

## CLAY COUNTY

Michael Wayne White Jr. Booked 9/11/24 Violation of protective order	Brittany Jo Williams Booked 9/13/24 Capias	Bradley Joe Stone Booked 9/15/24 Fleeing from officer in vehicle, driving revoked for DUI

## CLAY COUNTY

Tiffanie Danielle Stricker Booked 9/15/24 Petit larceny	Christopher Ray Tucker Booked 9/9/24 Petit larceny, breaking and entering	Daniel Eugene Vaughan Booked 9/12/24 Driving revoked for DUI

## Department of Arts, Culture and History Seeking Entries for *Inspired: West Virginia Wildlife* Juried Art Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will begin accepting submissions for the third installation of *Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions* on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024. This installation of the exhibit will feature West Virginia wildlife. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.

The exhibit will open Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at 2 p.m. with an awards ceremony and reception at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston and will be displayed through mid-May 2025.

*Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions* is a four-part series in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, highlighting visual representations of West Virginia themes. The final

installation will feature West Virginia Historic Figures. Previous shows have focused on landscapes, as well as historic buildings and structures. All parts of the series will be displayed in the Commissioner's Gallery of the Culture Center.

Artists must be current West Virginia residents and may enter up to two pieces in each of the four exhibitions. Entries should be made within the past two years and not exceed 7 feet in any dimension. Film/video works are not eligible for this exhibit.

Prospectus and entry information can be found on our website at <https://wv-culture.org/agencies/museums/>.

For more information, please contact WVDACH Exhibits Coordinator Sidney Duncan at (304) 558-0220 ext. 175 or [Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov](mailto:Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov).

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Clay Roane Public Service District: Per motion passed on Feb. 15, 2024, the Board Meeting dates and times have changed to the following: Regular Board meetings shall be held each third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. via the online Zoom website. Except for the months of September and December which will be held in person at the office of Clay Roane PSD, same date and time.

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## OBITUARIES



Alice Ruby Igo McCreight

Alice Ruby Igo McCreight was called away on September 3, 2024. She resided in Wildwood, Florida. Born, June 23, 1938, to the late Clyde and Ruby Igo. Alice graduated from Clay County High School in 1957. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Ruby Ellen Thomas, her daughter, Sandra Thomas, her husband, Melvin McCreight, a granddaughter, Miranda Legg Scheer and two sisters, Wilda Caldwell and Virgie Jarrett. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Legg (Geary), two grandsons, Christopher (Leisa) and Benjamin (Stephanie), and several great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Faye Igo Morrison and Marjorie Igo Bishop (Jack), along with several nieces and nephews. As of now no services have been made.

### Gale E. Brown

On Saturday morning September 7, 2024, Gale E. Brown, of Indore, West Virginia, completed a vibrant lifetime of service to his family, his country and his community at the age of 99 years old or 36,280 days as he might have said. Gale was a devoted husband to his beloved, late wife Delores, for 63 years, a dedicated, loving and supportive father to his four children: James (Walter), Patricia, Johnathan

and Richard, and a doting and encouraging grandfather and great-grandfather to 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

In service to his country, Gale joined the United States Coast Guard on November 11, 1943, graduated from Capital Radio Engineering Institute in February of 1945, and was assigned as radio technician among the inaugural crew of the LST 1148. The 1148 was initially planned to be a part of the second wave force to invade Japan had the Japanese not surrendered to save Tokyo from the third atomic bomb. He arrived in Japan after the War had ended and was sent ashore to confiscate electronics equipment from Japanese warplanes. Here, he was exposed to ionizing radiation and suffered its effects aboard ship during the return home. Four years after his honorable discharge, he lost sight in both eyes (temporarily in his left eye and permanently in his right). He went on to live a life dedicated to helping others overcome disabilities and obstacles in their lives.

Gale served his community as a teacher for 36 years: 15 years integrating those experiencing blindness into public schools in the state of Maryland, 10 years as head of the special education program at Clay County High School, three years teaching special education at the elementary and junior high school levels in Clay, two years as a math and English teacher at Clay County High School, six years as a teacher at Brown Elementary School, two of which in a dual role as its principal. He was a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) service officer for 35 years, garnering deserved benefits for count-

less veterans and their families. He spent 22 years as a swimming instructor and lifeguard, several of those running special programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities. He ran numerous summer camps for individuals with disabilities through the years. He raised the American Flag at every home football game of the Clay County High School Panthers for 48 straight years without missing a single game. In his retirement he tutored many of Clay County's successful citizens, and conducted a vibrant, 20-year flag program in all of the county's elementary schools. He served in various leadership roles in several of the community's service organizations, VFW and Lions Club to name a couple. He received the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Leonard Jarrett Awards for service in the area of sight conservation, meeting the needs of innumerable individuals in their quest to overcome visual impairments.

Gale lived a life full of great faith in God, and he chose to demonstrate it much more than speak it. He also was a lifelong learner. At one point in his education, he had recorded 22 and a half consecutive years having taken at least one college level course. As a sterling member of the "Greatest Generation," he lived a life full of colorful stories and adventures, yet what is left to see in it all is a man who embodied and exemplified, at all cost, service to his fellow man.

He is preceded in death by his wife Delores Hintz Brown, his son Jonathan Brown, his granddaughter Jeannette Conley, his great-grandson Maxxen Schluessler, his parents James and Bertha Brown, his sisters Pauline Hedrick

and Eva Faye Brown and his brothers Roy Brown, Paul Brown, and David Brown.

He is survived by his children Dr. James (Walter) Brown (Rhonda Rogers), Patricia Brown Conley (Kevin), daughter-in-law Jennifer Roberts Brown, Richard Brown (Aldrea Reese), nephew (taken responsibility for) Steven Herndon (Martha Henderson), grandchildren Brianna Brown Hawkins (Seth), Chelsea Brown Jaimie Conley Althage (Philip), Regina Conley Bethencourt (Tomas), William Conley (Abigail Sullivan), Angela Conley Sullivan (Ryan), John (Jack) Conley, Lucy Conley, Susan Conley, Haley Brown Schluessler (Marcus), Lexi Brown McClanahan (Elijah), Nicholas (Kole) Brown, Joseph Brown, Aliyah Brown Morris (Terry), Daniel Brown, Jonah Charis Brown, Elise Brown, grandniece Anna Herndon Shampine (Derek), grandnephew Steven (Drew) Herndon II (Bailey Briggs), sisters Rosie Jane Lucas and Betty Pullens, brothers Joe Brown and Philip Brown and 26 great-grandchildren.

We would like to offer our deepest appreciations to all of those who aided in the care of Gale Brown in his later years, especially his immediate caregivers Ruth Truman and his grandchildren Philip and Jaimie Althage.

A memorial service is being held at 11 am, on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Lizemores Church of the Nazarene, 19 Grassy Fork Road, Lizemores, West Virginia. A funeral reception will follow the service in the Church's fellowship hall. Flowers can be sent directly to the Church.

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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## One Man's Apple Fritter Is Pure Delight

### Dr. James L. Snyder

One thing I have learned in life is there are times when things do come together.

For the last several months, I have been struggling to keep up with my schedule, and I was getting behind in some things I do. That is always frustrating for me. I like finishing what I start, but I like finishing it on time.

Just the other day, I finished my manuscript for my publisher and sent it in, and I was in great relief that that job was done. I sat back in my chair and just enjoyed the feeling of being caught up.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and some girls in the family had taken a two-day trip out of town for whatever they were going to do. I have learned not to get involved in what the girls are doing. I know from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's side that it has a lot to do with thrift store shopping. If there is something I like less than thrift store shopping, I have never met it yet.

Being alone for a couple of days, I enjoyed the satisfaction of being caught up. I was trying to think of some way to celebrate this achievement, and I wanted something very special because this was a special time.

My thinking sometimes is not always on schedule, and I do not always even have thoughts that I can think of. So, I was having a little trouble figuring out what I could do to celebrate this breakthrough in my work.

I've never had this kind of breakthrough, so it was new to me. I was trying to think of something special to celebrate my accomplishment.

Thinking for some time while sipping coffee, I realized I had not expected a thought to come dancing into my head. I can tell when a thought comes into my head because that's a rare occasion. But this time, this thought brought a great deal of pleasure to me.

I don't share my thoughts with too many people because I don't have that many thoughts to share. So I was leaning back in my chair, celebrating this situation and rejoicing over this thought that just came into my head.

This thought dancing in my head had to do with a fresh Apple Fritter or two. I cannot celebrate any better than with several Apple Fritters, particularly one in each hand.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is not too happy with Apple Fritters. For some reason, she thinks they are bad for me. On the other side of the table, I believe there is nothing better in the entire world than an Apple Fritter. After all, it is a fruit.

Broccoli is on the other side of the table, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage thinks it is solid gold in

her mouth. I can't even look at broccoli, let alone eat it. But when she wants to celebrate, that's the first thing on her mind. Believe me, it is the last thing on my mind.

But that idea of an Apple Fritter was very alluring to me. I couldn't get it out of my head. Three blocks down the road, I could get a fresh Apple Fritter. I could even walk there if I wanted to.

Since the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was not home, I had the freedom to do whatever I wanted. When she left the other day, she said, "You behave yourself while I'm gone. Do you hear me?"

Boy, did I hear her? I'm only thinking whether she heard what she said. If I'm going to behave myself, I will behave like myself. And one of the most important things about myself is my adoration of Apple Fritters. When I have an Apple Fritter in each hand, I behave myself better. I am more myself with an Apple Fritter than anything else.

The more I thought about this, the more I knew I needed to get one of those Apple Fritters or maybe even two.

After thinking about it, I decided to flip a coin to see what I should do. If the coin is heads, I win; if it is tails, the Apple Fritter wins. Who can lose with that?

With great delight and anticipation, I got into my truck and drove down to Publix, where I usually get my Apple Fritters. The problem was that everybody in that public store knew my wife and her thoughts about Apple Fritters.

However, across the town, about 15 minutes away, is another public store that sells Apple Fritters. The thing about this Publix is that nobody knows my wife.

That evening, I sat in my easy chair, leaned back, sipped some hot coffee, and began nibbling on my Apple Fritters. As I was nibbling, I couldn't help but think how wonderful it is to get caught up in life's projects and then celebrate with the most amazing treat: the Apple Fritter.

I thought of one of my favorite Bible verses. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

It's very difficult to find someone with a "merry heart." There is so much pain and stress in this world that a merry heart is absent. It doesn't matter what's on the outside if my inside (heart) is focused on Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

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## The Good We Do

### By Joe Mazzella

We have had a tough stretch of weather this summer here in the mountains of my home. Record heat and very little rain has left us with drought like conditions across the entire state. The grass is drying up and going brown and even the trees are losing their leaves early this year. It has been especially hard on the forest animals, not only in finding water but also enough to eat. That is why my daughter with her sweet soul has started putting out a lot of extra cat food for her outdoor cats each day.

Each morning she fills up the plates and her two "formerly" stray cats come up to eat. After they have filled their bellies and gone off to get a morning nap under the shade of a tree I see that the left over cat food isn't going to waste. This morning I saw 3 fair-sized crows down at the plate eating the kitty kibble that was there. Then after they flew off to do whatever crows do, a small cardinal that had built a nest in the tree next to my daughter's home flew down to gobble up what was left. Over and over it would fly down, do a perfect landing, snatch a piece of kibble in its mouth, and fly back up to the nest again to feed its babies. As I sat and watched all of this from my kitchen window I couldn't help but smile with joy. I delighted in seeing my girl taking her place in the great circle of Love that God has created for us here on Earth.

I also wondered about how far the good we do travels in this world. My daughter just started out feeding one stray cat that was hanging around her home but now has become a literal life saver helping to keep so many animals alive. Seeing her inspired me to write this and perhaps reading it will inspire another to perform their own act of kindness. Where it ends only God can see. Do all the good you can then. Share your love, kindness, and joy. Make the world a better place with your life here. Take your spot in God's great circle of Love. It never ends.

## OBITUARY

### Patricia Lynn Johnson

Patricia Lynn Johnson, 76, of Huntington, WV passed away Friday, September 13, 2024 at the St. Mary's Medical Center. Graveside service will be conducted at 10:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at Sunset Cemetery in Clay, WV. with Rabbi Robert Rudd officiating. Patricia was born August 9, 1948 in Clay, WV. a daughter of the late Albert Lincoln and Sylvia Dan-

iels Parsons. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death two brothers Glen and Randy Parsons. Survivors include her beloved husband, David Johnson; three children Lela, Ryan and Rusty; six grandchildren and one brother Ronald Parsons. There will be no public visitation. Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at [klingscarpentermortuary.com](http://klingscarpentermortuary.com).

## WV Department of Education Releases 2024 Balanced Scorecard Results

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) released West Virginia's Balanced Scorecard (Balanced Scorecard) results for the 2023-24 school year during the September meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE). The data represents the accountability ratings for public schools in the Mountain State as part of West Virginia's School Accountability System (WVSAS).

Each public school in the state receives a scorecard that measures student progress across multiple indicators. The Balanced Scorecard provides annual updates to families, communities and stakeholders on district and school performance.

According to the 2023-24 school year data, 36 districts in the state improved in mathematics and 46 districts made gains in English language arts proficiency. Additionally, 55 districts experienced a smaller percentage of students being chronically absent, and 26 districts suspended fewer students for minor infractions.

"Our educators and districts are working diligently to support student achievement and school success," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Key indicators are trending in a positive direction thanks to our combined efforts and recent legislation addressing literacy, numeracy, student discipline and attendance. Challenges remain, and we will continue to work with partners to ensure we provide the best support possible for our students, educators, schools and districts."

For more information and district- and school-level data, visit the Balanced Scorecard Dashboard at <https://wweis.k12.wv.us/essa/dashboard.html?year=2024>.

### Career Technical Education Assessments:

The WVDE Office of Career Technical Education presented data from the 2023-24 NOCTI assessments. This third-party exam is administered to students across the 16 career clusters to evaluate competency as well as workplace readiness.

Last school year, CTE students achieved a 64% passage rate on the NOCTI exam, with students in several areas having higher rates including Education at 98%, Health Sciences at 92% and STEM at 87%.

### Homeschool Assessments:

The WVDE also updated the WVBE on the 2023-2024 assessments for West Virginia's homeschooled students. Once a child is moved to homeschool, West Virginia code requires the family/guardian to submit an assessment or portfolio of the child's work by June 30 following their 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 11th grade year. The assessment can be the West Virginia General Summative Assessment, one of the family's choosing that meets the policy requirements, or it can be a sample of the child's work that is reviewed/assessed by a certified teacher.

Last school year, 57.7% of the homeschooled students presumed to be in grades 3, 5, 8 and 11 submitted assessments by the June 30 deadline. This is an increase from the 37.1% submission rate from previous years.

### Chronic Absenteeism Challenge:

Superintendent Blatt, in collaboration with 13 state education leaders across the country, is taking a stand to cut chronic absenteeism by 50% over five years. The effort is a part of the 50% Challenge initiative and will be among the WVDE's collaborative approaches to increase student success.

West Virginia's chronic absenteeism rate for full academic year public school students last year was 23.5% which is down from 27.6% in the 2022-23 school year. It is an urgent issue across the country that peaked during the Covid-19 pandemic and remains elevated. If not addressed, chronic absenteeism can have long-term impacts on students, families and the state's economic health.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing more than 10% of school days for any reason. Data shows a decrease in the achievement scores of chronically absent students. The most profound effects of chronic absenteeism are seen in low-income communities and communities of color.

More than 9 million students across 14 states could be affected by the 50% Challenge which was initiated by a partnership between Attendance Works, EdTrust and the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

### WVBE Policies on Public Comment:

There were no policies placed on public comment during the September meeting.

The next regularly scheduled WVBE meeting is 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, in Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.

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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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Sept. 18, 1947:** Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

**Sept. 18, 1989:** Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.



**Sept. 19, 1862:** The two-day Battle of Shepherdstown opened with an artillery exchange between Union and Confederate troops. Following the Battle of Antietam,

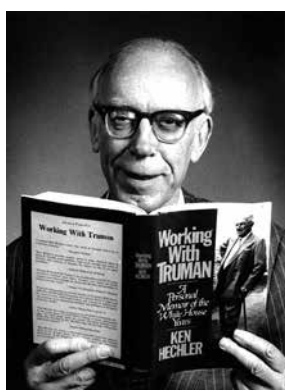
it ended Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign and helped convince Abraham Lincoln to issue his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

**Sept. 19, 1892:** William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.



**Sept. 20, 1910:** Dorothy Johnson Vaughan was born in Kansas City but moved at a young age to Morgantown, where she was valedictorian of Beechurst High School. Like fellow West Virginian Katherine Johnson, Vaughan became a mathematician and computer expert for NASA and made key contributions to the U.S. space program.

**Sept. 20, 1914:** Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.



**Sept. 21, 1895:** Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.

**Sept. 21, 1937:** The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

**Sept. 21, 1970:** Filming began in Moundsville on the movie *Fools' Parade*, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month

later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.



**Sept. 22, 1856:** Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

**Sept. 22, 1894:** Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

**Sept. 22, 1970:** The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The

bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

**Sept. 23, 1922:** Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

**Sept. 23, 1923:** Folk artist Herman Hayes was born in Elkview. His woodcarvings were displayed in Washington and New York City, and he twice won the top award in the West Virginia Juried Exhibition.



**Sept. 23, 1938:** The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo

Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.



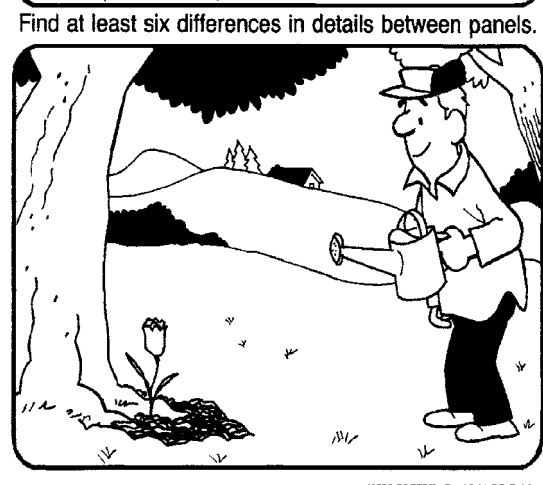
**Sept. 24, 1911:** Laura Jackson Arnold died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.

**Sept. 24, 1918:** George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Spout on watering can is longer. 3. Cap is larger. 4. Hair is different. 5. Mountain is different. 6. Flower is different.

## Super Crossword

### DISORDERLY CREATURES

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|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>46</b> Ready- (precooked)                          | <b>92</b> Fix up, as an old house                                   | <b>125</b> Sailor's morning warning       | <b>33</b> Aussie birds                    | <b>78</b> Novelist Tan            |
| <b>1</b> Old-time crooner                            | <b>48</b> Region                                      | <b>93</b> Hard wood   |   | <b>38</b> "... three men in —"            | <b>79</b> Future atty.'s exam     |
| <b>7</b> James — Garfield                            | <b>49</b> Tesla's Musk                                | <b>94</b> Actress Blair   |   | <b>39</b> She starred in "Room"           | <b>80</b> Other, in Oaxaca        |
| <b>12</b> Taxing org.                                | <b>50</b> Lobe-finned swimmer                         | <b>95</b> Kid's amuser  | <b>DOWN</b>                               | <b>40</b> — Actress (award for 39-Down)   | <b>81</b> Pertaining to           |
| <b>15</b> Old newspaper section                      | <b>54</b> Pioneering email co.                        | <b>96</b> Eighth Greek letter                                       | <b>1</b> Starting boost                   | <b>2</b> Actress — De La Garza            | <b>86</b> "Return to reality!"    |
| <b>19</b> On cloud nine                              | <b>55</b> One-eighty                                  | <b>98</b> Mil. bigwig   | <b>2</b> Actress — De La Garza            | <b>3</b> More scarce                      | <b>87</b> SeaWorld whale, once    |
| <b>20</b> Having fine granules                       | <b>56</b> Mini-guitar                                 | <b>99</b> Irish dance   | <b>3</b> More scarce                      | <b>4</b> Gambling parlor, in brief        | <b>88</b> Leaves                  |
| <b>21</b> Refilled to the brim                       | <b>57</b> Elizabeth — Browning                        | <b>100</b> Waterloo marshal   | <b>4</b> Gambling parlor, in brief        | <b>5</b> "Look here, too," in a reference | <b>89</b> Vent vocally            |
| <b>23</b> Nocturnal burrower wearing clothes?        | <b>58</b> Spiny anteater on a leash?                  | <b>101</b> Wheel-spinning rodent that's a Bay State college mascot? | <b>5</b> "Look here, too," in a reference | <b>6</b> Befuddles Doc's gp.              | <b>90</b> Sty animals             |
| <b>25</b> "Rocky" star                               | <b>64</b> Put in very hot water                       | <b>108</b> Large lizard from northern South America?                | <b>6</b> Befuddles Doc's gp.              | <b>7</b> Doc's gp.                        | <b>94</b> Greenish citrus drink   |
| <b>26</b> French "a"                                 | <b>65</b> Solid ground                                | <b>112</b> Dialect suffix   | <b>7</b> Doc's gp.                        | <b>8</b> Shut-eye site                    | <b>96</b> All wound up            |
| <b>27</b> Taking after                               | <b>66</b> Actor Wallach                               | <b>113</b> Penny prez   | <b>8</b> Shut-eye site                    | <b>9</b> Dust picker-upper                | <b>97</b> "Regency" hotels        |
| <b>28</b> Semiaquatic reptile that's really zealous? | <b>67</b> Seat winners                                | <b>114</b> Electric circuit component                               | <b>9</b> Dust picker-upper                | <b>10</b> Take — of faith                 | <b>98</b> Pie charts, e.g.        |
| <b>30</b> Big spotted cat released from jail early?  | <b>69</b> Florida city                                | <b>115</b> Mimicking bird that's predatory?                         | <b>10</b> Take — of faith                 | <b>11</b> Actress Loy                     | <b>99</b> Quartz type             |
| <b>34</b> Doc treating laryngitis                    | <b>72</b> Quark's place                               | <b>119</b> Classic typewriter brand                                 | <b>11</b> Actress Loy                     | <b>12</b> "Agreed!"                       | <b>100</b> Easily duped           |
| <b>35</b> Orig. texts                                | <b>74</b> Very small monkey from the red planet?      | <b>120</b> TV show blocking device                                  | <b>12</b> "Agreed!"                       | <b>13</b> Campus mil. gp.                 | <b>102</b> Fresnell of "Fargo"    |
| <b>36</b> Sports official                            | <b>79</b> Rhine siren                                 | <b>121</b> Text alterer   | <b>13</b> Campus mil. gp.                 | <b>14</b> Zoned (out)                     | <b>103</b> Legislate              |
| <b>37</b> Interprets                                 | <b>82</b> "Sliver" writer Levin                       | <b>122</b> Trait carrier  | <b>14</b> Zoned (out)                     | <b>15</b> Ignited again                   | <b>104</b> That girl              |
| <b>39</b> Antifraud org.                             | <b>83</b> "Emma" has two of these                     | <b>123</b> Enevate  | <b>15</b> Ignited again                   | <b>16</b> 2004-11 Laker Lamar             | <b>105</b> Petite pies            |
| <b>42</b> 1990s Toyota coupe                         | <b>84</b> Slalom, e.g.                                | <b>124</b> Latin abbr. meaning "and the following"                  | <b>16</b> 2004-11 Laker Lamar             | <b>17</b> Bluefin, e.g.                   | <b>106</b> Kindle buy             |
| <b>45</b> "McQ" actor                                | <b>85</b> Whip-tailed marine menace going off course? |   | <b>17</b> Bluefin, e.g.                   | <b>18</b> Unbox, e.g.                     | <b>107</b> New attempt            |
| <b>Gulager</b>                                       |   |   | <b>18</b> Unbox, e.g.                     | <b>19</b> Like the verb "go": Abbr.       | <b>108</b> Sailor's quaff         |
|  |   |   | <b>19</b> Like the verb "go": Abbr.       | <b>20</b> See 24-Down                     | <b>109</b> 700-mile-long river    |
|  |   |   | <b>20</b> See 24-Down                     | <b>21</b> Humdinger                       | <b>110</b> "The check — the mail" |
|  |   |   | <b>21</b> Humdinger                       |   | <b>111</b> Ninth Greek letter     |
|  |   |   |   |   | <b>116</b> Game draw              |
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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# THE WIDEN NEWS



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## "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

February 1958

### SECOND GRADE NEWS

We have been making and coloring reading booklets. We are planning to show them in our assembly on February 27, 1958. We will have other entertainment too.

### THIRD GRADE NEWS

Herby Gibson scalded his feet while getting ready to make tea and wasn't able to wear his shoes but still attended school each day wearing bandages and socks. Herby, like three other third graders, has never missed a day of school since he began in the first grade. The other third graders with perfect attendance since entering first grade are Jack Holcomb, Teresa Potasnik, and Connie Henderson.

Third grade will share second grade assembly, February 27, by giving a short play called "George the Poem Maker". The ones in the play are Steven Taylor, Herby Gibson, Johnny Houghton, Jack Holcomb, Steven Truman, Bethel Frame, Judith Gibson, and Nadine Taylor.

Judith Gibson, Linda and Naomi Hamrick, and Connie Henderson, were winners of awards for perfect cleanliness in the third grade health contest. Those rating high on the health chart were Benny Connor, Cynthia Forte, Bethel Frame, Elizabeth Gibson, Teresa Potasnik, and Lois Gill.

Third Grade has 5 Cub Scouts in their room and their names are Steven Taylor, Joe Lane, Steven Truman, Curtus Davis and David Woods.

### SIXTH GRADE NEWS

Each of the sixth graders made valentines and wrote Mrs. Austin a letter and put a valentine in it.

The girls never missed a day this month or last, so the boys are going to give a valentine party which will be February 14, 1958, which is "Valentine's Day."

The boys and girls hope not to miss any school next month. If they don't miss any school the teacher said she would give us a party.

Dale and Carl Rogers have come back to our school. The sixth grade made a big valentine box for our class room.

Reporters: Brenda King, Sharon Baughman

### CLASS PLANS PLAYS

The Footlighters, Dramatic Club, is beginning work on two one act plays which are to be presented in the assembly in March, and before the P.T.A. on March 17.

The plays are "A Crazy Violet" and "Three's A Crowd."

Casting has been completed on both plays as follows:

"Three's A Crowd": Jimmy Manning, Willy Laxton, Delano Face-mire, Reba Eagle, and Carol Neal.

"A Crazy Violet": Judy LaCorte, Judy Shaffer, Rosa Gibson, Ruby Lee Holcomb, Joanne Conner, June Lloyd, Lois Frame, and Patricia Young.

### JUNIORS TESTED IN MARCH

All juniors will take the annual test, which is administered to all high school juniors by the West Virginia Testing Program, on Friday, March 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the high school library under the supervision of Glenville College.

Previous to this year these tests have been given to high school seniors.

The results of these tests will be returned to Mr. Harry W. Jones, Principal of Widen High School before school starts next fall.

### JUNIORS BRAVE STORM

Through the blinding snow and over the slippery roads traveled twelve well-wrapped, rosy cheeked, hardy Juniors, intent on collecting baked goods which had been generously donated by friends, relatives and neighbors for the annual Junior class bake sale.

Delicious cakes, pies, cookies and candy were gathered together in a tempting display in the lobby of the "Y" on the morning of Saturday February 1, and the \$45.30 profit will be used for the Junior-Senior Prom in the spring.

A large white snowman cake, baked by Mrs. Prussia Gibson was chanced off, and won by Mark Griffith, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Griffith. Halene Frame drew the lucky name.

The juniors thank all those who baked for, bought from, and donated to the bake sale.

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"No Boys Allowed" a three act farce by Jean Provence has been selected by the seniors to be presented the last of April.

The story concerns teenage girls who are having a slumber party. Some of their boy friends invade the party. Everyone is unaware that a prowler has taken refuge in the house too, until strange and humorous things begin to happen. The cast contains 8 girls and 6 boys and tryouts for these parts are in progress now. Mrs. Leone Griffith is director of the play. Miss Patsy Ashley, third grade teacher, is assistant.

### JOAN TRUMAN IS MADE HOMEMAKER OF TOMORROW

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Widen High School is Joan Truman.

She received the highest score in a written examination on home-making knowledge and attitudes, administered Dec. 3, to senior girls in the graduating class. Her examination paper will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runnerup award in the state. For her achievement, she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

The national winner in the fourth annual Betty Crocker Search conducted among 327,000 young women in 11,800 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools will be named April 17 at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

General Mills is sponsor of the program designed to assist schools in education for home and family living. This year's huge entry brings the four-year participation over the million mark. A total of 1,071,000 girls has enrolled in this national homemaking project since it was launched in 1955. A total of \$106,000 in scholarships will be awarded this year.

Each State Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an educational trip with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., colonial Williamsburg, Va., and New York City. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded the second ranking girl in each state. The school of the state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The scholarship of the young woman named All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. Girls who rank second, third and fourth in the nation will receive \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships respectively.

### P. T. A. NEWS

On Monday night, January 20, 1958 Widen P.T.A. enjoyed a showing of an educational movie entitled "Not By Chance" which was furnished by the West Virginia Educational Association.

The movie proved interesting and thought provoking to the P.T.A.

### DANCE A SUCCESS

According to Mr. Edward R. Ketchka, president of the Fifteen Plus Club of Widen, West Virginia, the dance held at the Legion Hall on February 22, 1958, was a great success. The proceeds will go toward Widen's contribution to the Heart Fund for the year 1958.

### WIDEN WOMAN FALLS FRACTURES SHOULDER

Mrs. Lucy Jones, 73, of Widen suffered a fractured left shoulder Wednesday, February 19, when she slipped on the icy steps at her home and fell. She was treated at Charleston General Hospital.

### Alice Hamrick Married To Maurice J. Hamrick

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Alice Myrea Hamrick, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Hamrick of Widen, to Maurice Jackson Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hamrick of Clendenin.

The single-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Clyde West of Birch River.

For her wedding, the former Alice Hamrick was attired in a white organza gown fashioned with white satin trim. Her white hat had satin and seed pearl trim. She carried a white Bible with a streamer of love and forget-me-nots.

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Janet Hamrick, was matron of honor. For her role she wore a navy blue dress with white accessories.

Dale Hamrick, brother of the bride, was best man.

Mrs. Hamrick is a member of the senior class at Widen High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Art Club. A cheerleader, and a former majorette.

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Janet Clendenin High School and is now studying music at West Va. U. where he is a member of the junior class. He is a member of the marching band and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 104.31
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### Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, November 18, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER	<b>748</b>
APPOINTMENT DATE	09/11/2024
ESTATE NAME:	<b>TOMMY JAY CLOSSON</b>
AFFIANT	<b>CHARLES E WILLIAMS JR</b> 1338 DIVOT LANE TAMPA FL 33612-6533

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ESTATE NUMBER	<b>749</b>
APPOINTMENT DATE	09/12/2024
ESTATE NAME:	<b>SHIRLEY J TAYLOR</b>
AFFIANT	<b>KENNETH GERALD TAYLOR</b> 74 IVYDALE RD CLAY WV 25043-7073

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Publication Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, November 18, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER	<b>750</b>
APPOINTMENT DATE	09/12/2024
ESTATE NAME:	<b>BARBARA G TAYLOR</b>
AFFIANT	<b>KENNETH GERALD TAYLOR</b> 74 IVYDALE RD CLAY WV 25043-7073

# LEGAL

### 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
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\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 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:

<http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm>

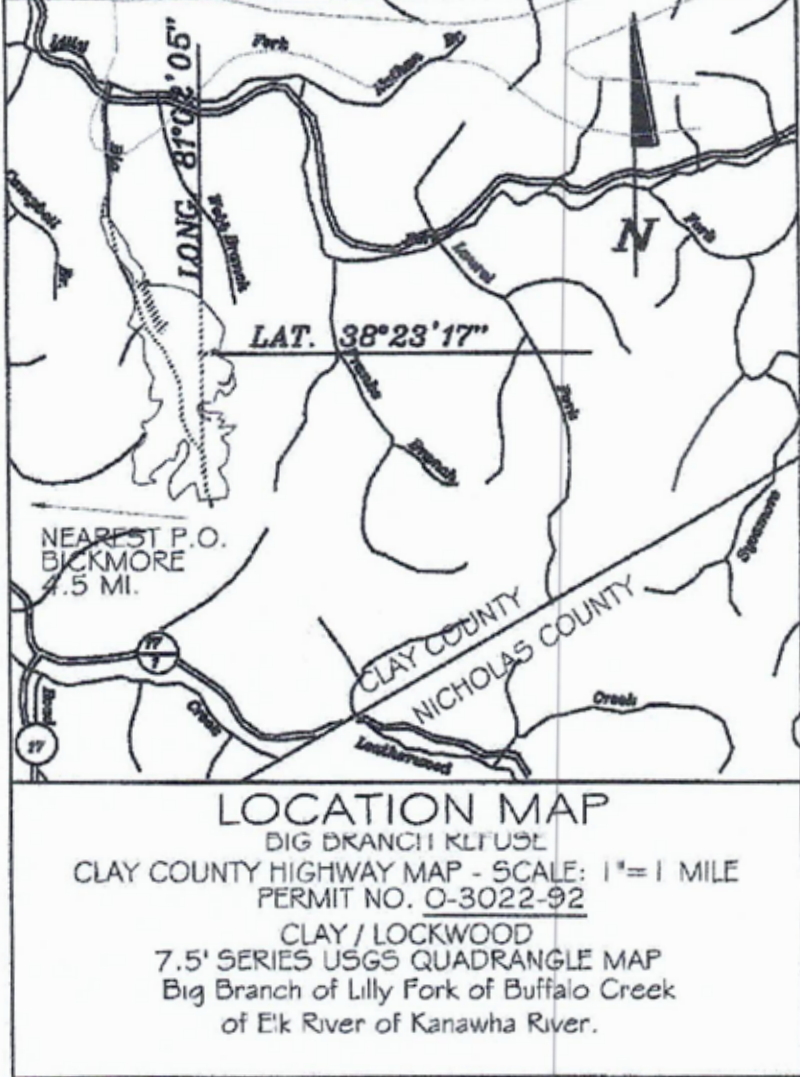
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219

Permit Number: 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)



# LEGAL

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 Tire & Rubber, Inc. (TRI), a commercial solid waste facility and a public utility, has on July 31, 2024, lied 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	(\$)	(%)
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	(\$)	(%)
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%

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	Construction & Demolition Materials - Per Ton			
	Current	Proposed	(\$)	(%)
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	(\$)	(%)
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.)

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

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of 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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# CROSS COUNTRY

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Kane Nida earned a medal finishing 8th at the Braxton Invitational.



McKinley Mahan medaled for CCMS with a 12th place finish at Braxton.



Kaden Fitzwater medaled with his 14th place finish.

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## DROUGHT

lakes – Sutton, Summersville, Tygart, and Stonewall - are starting to lower water levels and change their typical fishing and recreation cycles.

Rainfall totals have been nonexistent, falling over six inches short of normal here in Clay. When a drought gets to the D4 status, it starts to affect the ecosystem, farming and wildlife survival. The forests have become so dry that the forest floor seems to crack under human weight and is susceptible to future growth problems according to the USDA. Foresters warn that if a fire starts in the woods, it would not only burn the woods but also the top soil because of the lack of rain. If this happens, future growth would be hard over the next year.

Farmers who have livestock are not getting the hay cuts they normally expect and are having to buy feed. It upsets the cycle of survival for the WV farmer who not only runs livestock but gardens. The WV Department of Agriculture has information for drought assistance resources you can access by calling or going to <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/executive/drought-assistance-resources/>. There you can find a variety of resources for drought relief for farmers.

One thing that has helped ward off a disaster for this region is the fact that we have had so many years before this that were frog strangler seasons. Five of the previous years since 2002 were the wettest on record which saturated the ground far below post hole dig-

ger distance. In prolonged droughts at what is considered D3 level, water flow hardships on people who depend on wells or cisterns are increased, and at times, wells need dug deeper if there is no end in sight of the drought conditions.

According to meteorologist Brandon Stover of WCHS TV, “If the tropics don’t wake up soon, or this pattern remains the same, the Appalachian region, as well as parts of Ohio, will likely see a historic season of fires.”

Bottom line, this drought is a big one, and it’s going to hurt for awhile ecologically and personally for those that have wells or depend on creeks or springs for water that is drying up. There is aid for the farmers in need, but for the individual that depends entirely on springs and cisterns, the only help available, unless things change, are people who haul water for those in need. Facebook and word of mouth are the only options to find a water hauler at this point. If I am made aware of people who do haul water, I will post the information to the Clay County Free Press website and include contact information in next week’s paper. This drought, like all things, will pass eventually and be a thing of the past. Rain is expected a couple of days this week but not enough to end the drought as of this writing, but as we all know, the weather changes depending on how the wind blows and not the meteorologist.

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## NOTICE TO MON POWER CUSTOMERS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY

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

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

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

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Young**

**B**

**BELL CREEK  
COMMUNITY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
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At This Time

**BELL CREEK  
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
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Tuesday Night 6:00 PM  
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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
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**BETHEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH** of Adonijah.  
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Sunday Morning 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM  
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

**BETHEL COMMUNITY  
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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service  
7:30 PM  
Thursday Night Service  
7:30 PM  
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**Pastor: Junior Davis**

**BICKMORE BAPTIST  
CHURCH** located at Bick-  
more on Fola Road  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
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Sunday Evening 6:00 PM  
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7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Ralph D. Lane**

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

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

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

**BUFFALO VALLEY  
BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday  
School 10:00 AM Worship  
Service 11:00 AM Sunday  
Evening Service  
6:00 PM  
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Everyone Welcome **Pastor:  
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METHODIST CHURCH** in  
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Bridge on the left. Preaching  
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9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible  
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PM **Pastor: Jerry Chandler**

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

**CHURCH OF GOD  
BENTREE**  
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Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service  
7:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Come and worship the Lord  
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**CLAY COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service  
7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00  
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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 Fall-  
ing 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**

**E**

**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**

**F**

**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/Chilrcn/  
Youth 7:00 PM

**GOSPEL LIGHT  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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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**

**H**

**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**  
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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**

**I**

**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  
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4779  
**Pastor: David Davis**

**L**

**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**

**M**

**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**

**N**

**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.**

**O**

**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**

**PROCIOS  
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 fol-  
lowed 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  
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.

**W**

**WALLBACK  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-  
days 9:45 AM  
Bible Study Wednesday Eve-  
ning 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**





## Panthers nearly upset Roane

By Allen Hamrick

The Panthers have proven themselves once again as a team that you should never give up on. The Roane County High School Raiders stepped on Panther real estate Friday night to destroy the Panthers, but they were mistaken. Whoever told them it would be an easy task needs to be committed. It was probably one of the best games ever played on Bradley Field, and there have been some great ones. The game had drama and grit, and the ticket price was well worth it. This football game between these two teams has always been a strong rivalry, and this game would do nothing less than prove it. Both teams came into the game without a loss with Roane ranked first and Clay ranked fourth. It was game time, and time for the Panthers to dig in and get dirty.

The Raiders came out swinging and putting yards in the books, charging straight through the Panther defense and scoring an early seven points on the boards. The Panthers, unscathed, turned around and took the ball down the field as if the Raiders' defense was ghosts. Noah Collins tossed his first TD of the game connecting with Joel Elliot to get the Panthers on the board; unfortunately, the extra point attempt was blocked and the score stood at 6-7. That was it for the 1st quarter as both defenses stepped up.

The 2nd quarter began with a Panther push to the end zone, and it didn't take long as once again Collins connected with Elliot down the side line with a thread throw right in the bread basket, and Elliot took it to the house. The Panthers took the lead as the Raider fans scraped their jaws off the bleachers. The Raiders, not being ones to sit back and watch the show, exploited the Panther defense and took back the lead scoring two TDs but missed the extra points, making the score 12-19 Raiders.

The Panthers had some tricks up their sleeve and pulled off one of the sweetest reversals I've ever seen. Everybody on the field and in the stands was looking south and the play went north. Bryson Peters was half way down the field heading to the house before they knew it happened; it was beautiful. The Panther defense dug in and forced the Raiders to punt, and that was their mistake. It didn't take long for Collins to thread the needle to Jakoby Nichols who spun to the inside leaving the Raider defenders flat footed. He went in to score yet



James Grose rolls the running back.

another TD before the half ended with the Panthers on top by the score of 26-19. After the halftime festivities, it was back to football and fans knew that the Raider locker room at the half wasn't pretty. They came out and stopped any advance by the Panthers offense while scoring 14 more points, making the score 26-33 at the end of the 3rd.

In the past, we have seen teams just give up at this point, but not this year and not this Panther team. It was all out football at its best with both defenses doing everything they could to ensure a win. The Panthers got the game within one point with the score at 46-47, and with just seconds on the board, the Panther defense held their ground but a football placement by the ref gave the Raiders the first down and took away any chance for the Panthers to score again as time ran out. Some say they didn't get the 1st down, others say yeah they did - nobody will ever know for sure.

When it is all said and done, the Panthers and the Raiders gave the fans one whale of a football game and a person can blame whoever or whatever for the loss, but it would do nothing but take away from a great game.

In the end it was the Raiders over the Panthers with a final score of 47-46. On offense, Noah Collins was 16/33 for 353 yards, five TD's and one interception. He also had 167 yards rushing with one TD. Joel Elliot had a big game catching five passes for 172 yards and three TD's. Jakoby Nichols was also in the hunt with six catches for 130 yards and two TD's. Bryson Peters had the sweet kickoff return for 85 yards. Blake Coleman was king on defense with 11 solo tackles and six assists. Noah Collins had nine tackles followed by Seth Robinson with seven. The Panthers will host Sissonville next Friday during their homecoming game, and it should be another good one.



Noah Collins scopes the field.



Bryson Peters takes it to the house.



Jakoby Nichols leaves the Raiders flat footed.

## Mustangs dominate Sherman Middle

By Allen Hamrick

It was an early Halloween for Sherman Middle School as the Mustangs opened up the field and ran them through the meat grinder. The CCMS Mustangs continued their dominating ground and pound style of football Thursday night while taking no prisoners. The Mustangs ground game, combined with superb blocking from the front line, took the game to the next level. Sherman just couldn't overcome the push of the Mustangs. The defense had a great game as well; they gave no quarter and asked for none in return.

The Mustangs are an all around football team who lost a lot of players to Clay High, but they are no pushovers as Sherman found out. The Mustangs came

out and dominated on offense, defense, running, passing, blocking, coaching, cheering and fans. Collin Elliot was a definite standout on offense; and defense. Caleb Robinson also had a good game on offense and defense, scoring at will it seemed. John Paxton, who is at the helm for the Mustangs, did a good job coordinating the plays and getting the Mustangs down the field. The defensive line all but destroyed the offensive line of Sherman who had no chance. It was a well executed game from the coaching staff, and the boys carried out the plan to a tee with a final score of 46-0. This week they play Summersville Middle School, and it is rumored be their toughest game of the season so far. Come out and support the Mustangs.



Tylir Bird makes an open field tackle.



Collin Elliot looks for a gap.



Caleb Robinson displays the stiff arm.



Jaxon Blankenship gets the QB sack.