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Clay County Commission meeting held on Nov. 12

By Gary Lee Stuber

The first monthly meeting of the Clay County Commission was held on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m. The time and date were not typical. The meeting is usually held the second Monday of every month at 10 a.m., but because of the Veterans’ Day Monday federal holiday the meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday. And because of the State Mandated Election Canvas was to begin at 10 a.m., they held the meeting at 8 a.m. Two Commissioners were present: Joyce Johnson and David Schoolcraft. Connie Kinder was not present and may have been teaching that morning. She lost her seat on the Commission the week before to Duane Legg but will remain on the commission for the rest of the year. Duane Legg was present for the meeting as well, and sat in the back of the room.

The meeting also set a record for being short. The meeting lasted less than ten minutes. They took care of routine business: approving bills, purchase orders, budget revisions, waivers of final settlements, and wills and estate resolutions. They approved a grant for firewall protection for the Assessor’s Office.

They also gave a public report of an emergency meeting held by the Commission on Election Day. The County Prosecutor suddenly resigned to accept a better position in Charleston and Attorney Wayne King was sworn in to become interim Prosecutor until his own term would begin.

County Clerk Shelia Stone also gave a public report on how the Election Vote Canvas would be done. All precincts would be listed on small sheets of paper and put into a hat and one drawn out so that the precinct canvassed would be completely random. Then all those ballots for that selected Precinct would be hand counted.



The Clay County Commission, left to right, Shelia Stone, County Clerk; David Schoolcraft and Joyce Johnson. Commissioner Connie Kinder was absent.

That includes any early vote ballots that would be separated from all Early Voting, and Absentee Vote ballots as well. At the end of the count, if it matches the previously reported tally, then the canvas was over. All ballots would be certified. If the count was off, then all ballots for all precincts would need to be hand counted. Fortunately, the tally was right and the ballots were certified. The Clay County Commission announced that the

bid opening for the Judicial Annex will be held at the Clay County Commission at 1 p.m. on Nov. 14. The bid opening for the Big Otter Waterline Extension will be held at the Clay County PSD office at 1 p.m. on Nov. 14. The Commission noted that these were bid openings only and that no bid would be awarded at that time.

The next meeting of the Clay County Commission will be held at 5 p.m. on Nov 25.

Martinsburg North Update Presented at WV Board of Education Meeting, Kanawha County Schools Closures and Consolidations discussed

Administrators from Berkeley County Schools (BCS) presented a progress report on Martinsburg North Middle School to the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) at its November meeting in Charleston. BCS Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ryan Saxe was joined by a delegation from the county to provide an update on the challenges outlined in last school year’s Targeted School Environment Assessment of the school.

The WVBE placed Martinsburg North under a state of emergency in May 2024, after the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) conducted a school visit and provided a Corrective Action Plan. During the visit, the WVDE team witnessed several violations of state code, WVBE policies and the provision of a safe and productive learning environment.

The county temporarily placed the school under the principalship of BCE Executive Director of Secondary

Schools Holly Kleppner for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Kevin Pittsnogle was hired permanently to that position this school year.

Kleppner reset student behavior expectations and placed an assistant principal in each grade-level wing. She decreased the number of long-term substitutes in the building and hired a school improvement specialist to support the school leadership team as they transitioned to new permanent school leadership.

Among the areas of focus, Pittsnogle and his leadership team have defined expectations for students and staff and reinforced a focused learning environment with fewer interruptions. They are addressing behavior issues by ensuring students, families and educators have a clear understanding of expectations and the consequences involved. Additionally, his team is prioritizing strong classroom management and student engagement

practices among all grade levels.

BCS Superintendent Saxe, who was not in his current position at the time the WVBE action was issued, is working with the WVDE to ensure supports are in place and are effectively addressing the needs of students, educators and staff at the school.

State Certified Count

The WVDE released the 2024 certified count for public schools during the meeting. The number represents the official enrollment, along with employee and facilities counts, for West Virginia public schools.

Each year, the WVDE takes a snapshot of data on Oct. 1. This information is entered by county and district personnel and thoroughly reviewed by WVDE staff to ensure accuracy.

Overall student enrollment is 241,024. Charter school enrollment is 3,366. Professional staff is 23,320. Class-

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Big Otter holds annual Veteran’s Day Program



Students and staff at Big Otter Elementary School honored veterans during the school’s annual Veteran’s Day Program. Students sang songs, read poems, and shared their stories about their “Great American Heroes.” Veterans enjoyed lunch at the school after the program. Thank you to VFW Post 4419 for attending, and all the veterans who were able to attend as well. Thank you to ALL our veterans for all you do for our country!

Burkhamer chooses to play at Fairmont



Rylee signs her letter of intent.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY

CLAY COUNTY



Roger Lee Auxier III
Booked 11/17/24
Domestic assault, wanton
endangerment

Michael William Kiser
Booked 11/13/24
Fail to appear

Jimmy A. Lewis
Booked 11/12/24
Probation hold

Donald Lee Massey I
Booked 11/14/24
Domestic battery, animal
cruelty, unlawful restraint

Sarah Renee Rogers
Booked 11/11/24
Trespassing asked to leave,
obstructing traffic, obstruct-
ing an officer, petit larceny,
burglary, destruction of
property, disorderly conduct

Kaylie Shay Hamilton
Booked 11/15/24
Theft, shoplifting

BRAXTON COUNTY



James Denver Criner
Booked 11/17/24
Capias for felony

Misty Keener
Booked 11/12/24
Gross neglect of child creat-
ing risk of injury or death,
child abuse resulting in seri-
ous bodily injury

Keith Edward Meadows
Booked 11/14/24
Capias

Brandon Nicholas Ross
Booked 11/17/24
Domestic assault



Lighthouse Baptist Church
Presents:
CHRISTMAS BACKPACK
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Saturday, December 14th Registration is at: 10:15AM
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Christmas Music, Shadow Nativity,
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IVYDALE, WV**

Challenges of Progress

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane
West Virginia has approximately 500 water and sewer utilities. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is often asked to examine the operations of these essential systems and to determine whether the public is being provided safe and reliable service.
The Commission gets requests regarding systems that can no longer function safely. In some cases, managers of a system determine they need help. They tell the Commission someone else must run their operations. Sometimes systems need help, but won't admit it.
Concern for public health caused the Legislature to pass a law in 2020 to allow the Commission to examine any troubled system, if those operations aren't providing safe and reliable water or sewer service.
This can be for any number of reasons. But mostly the cases come to the Commission because of aging systems where resources simply are inadequate to meet the demands. These systems can be extremely expensive to operate.
The law allows the Commission to assign a healthy utility to take over the operations of a nonfunctioning or poorly operating entity if the public's health is endangered.
We get pushback in some of these cases. People don't want to lose local control. People don't want to pay higher rates. People don't like change. We understand all that. None of use likes change. It makes us uncomfortable at times. But sometimes it is necessary and often unavoidable



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane
As aging systems lose their source of income because of dwindling populations, we are going to see more of these cases. And we are going to be forced to step in to make sure your health and safety are protected.
We are not seeing a wholesale change. But we are seeing differences that reflect the world out there evolving in many ways for all of us. Lots of things will be different in the future.
It is important in these changing times that the Commission is able to use a wide range of legal tools to make sure the public is protected. This is how we help to keep your home and your community healthy.

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 month of 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.

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Thanksgiving In July

By Joe Mazzella

My daughter wanted to try out a new turkey recipe before Thanksgiving this year so we did a trial run the other day. It was just the turkey and potatoes without all the other sides. As I was drowning my turkey and potatoes in gravy, however, my mind flashed back to another special Thanksgiving 44 years ago.

This Thanksgiving took place in July. We had driven 6 hours to visit my Mom’s sister and her husband during the summer. I always loved visiting Aunt Charlotte and Uncle Richard. They had a good-cheer about them that was contagious. They handled life with a sense of humor and joyful acceptance of what is. Mom always seemed happiest when she was visiting her sister too. I know she missed her family, living so far away. This visit they decided, why wait until November to make us all a Thanksgiving feast. They filled the table then with turkey, potatoes, green beans, mac and cheese, stuffing, yams, rolls, and pie. It was a sight to behold.

I took my seat, filled my plate, poured the gravy, and looked around at the happy, laughing faces. I felt such a spirit of love in the room. There was so much peace there and so much happiness. There was so much gratitude. It was a pure, joyous moment. I wished I could feel that way every day of my life. And I thought how wonderful life would be if everyone did too.

That memory remains in my heart to this day. It taught me something about happiness in this life. It showed me to be satisfied with what we have. It showed me to be thankful for the love we receive. It showed me to be grateful for all that God gives us here. And it showed me that life is best lived lightly, with laughter and good-cheer, and with a simple sense of joy. I hope that all of your days are like that. I hope that you spend each one of them with a heart full of love and a soul full of thankfulness. Then every day of your life will be Thanksgiving.

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room teachers- 19,665. Certified teaching out of content- 1,524. Service personnel- 15,010. **Includes administrators and instructional personnel.*

The certified count of homeschooled students is 24,502, and those enrolled in non-public schools is 12,766.

Kanawha County Schools Closures and Consolidations

The WVBE approved Kanawha County’s request to amend its 2020 – 2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP) and close or consolidate several schools. The county has lost approximately 5,000 students over the past 11 years and the funding associated with those students.

Revisions include:

The closure of Belle, Mary Ingles, Malden and Midland Trail elementary schools and their consolidation into a proposed Eastern Kanawha County Elementary Center (contingent upon the county receiving funds from the West Virginia School Building Authority).

The closure of East Bank Middle School and its merger into DuPont Middle School.

The closure of McKinley Middle School and its merger into Hayes Middle School.

First Lady Justice Sworn-In

First Lady Cathy Justice was sworn in as the most recent appointment to the WVBE. She fills the seat formerly held by Dr. Daniel Snaveley. The First Lady holds a degree in education from Marshall University, and she has championed the expansion of the Communities In Schools (CIS) program to all 55 counties in the state. CIS is designed to meet the acute and unique needs of children, so they remain in school and on a pathway to success.

National Blue Ribbon Schools

The WVBE recognized West Virginia’s 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools (NBRS) during its November meeting.

Based on collective student scores, the U.S. Department of Education named the three schools as Exemplary High-Performing Schools. They are among the highest-performing schools in the state as measured by state assessments.

These schools include:

-Gilmore Elementary School in Jackson County

-Kellogg Elementary School in Wayne County

-Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Marion County

The next regularly scheduled WVBE meeting is 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

I Didn’t Know I Loved It That Much

By Dr. James Snyder

One important thing I have learned is that you don’t appreciate something until it’s missing. I’ve learned that by many things that I just took for granted.

Last week, for example, I had some problems with my truck, so I had to take it in for service. It took longer than expected, but that’s how life is.

I had a doctor’s appointment across town that day, and I wasn’t expecting my truck to be unavailable. I knew I would have to make different arrangements.

I had two choices. First, I could cancel my doctor’s appointment, but you know how that can be trying to reschedule the next appointment. Second, I could ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could drive her sissy van across town to my doctor’s appointment.

I cannot tell you how hard I wrestled with that. I did not want to cancel my appointment, and I did not want to drive that sissy van. Sometimes, life offers you situations just like this. No matter your choice, it will not be the right one.

Finally, I put my pride in my back pocket and asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could use her sissy van to go to my doctor’s appointment.

It’s been a long time since I’ve seen her smile like that. She said, “Of course, my dear. You can take my car and go to your doctor’s appointment.” Then she giggled. I hate it when she giggles.

Standing at the door with the keys in her hands, as I was going out, she handed them to me and said, “Drive safely.” Then, another one of her giggles.

I took the keys and thanked her for allowing me to use her sissy van. I looked at her with an artificial smile and said, “Thank you my dear. I promise I’ll drive safely.” Of course, I don’t know what that means.

The first chore I had with the sissy van was opening the door and getting inside. There was no way I was going to get inside that sissy van the way it was set. I had to push the seat back as far as it would go. Then I got in the seat behind the steering wheel, squishing my body as I got in.

No matter how far back I pushed the seat, my knees were still under my chin.

Next was the steering wheel. It took me 10 minutes to figure out how to adjust that steering wheel, and I still couldn’t get it to where it was comfortable for me to steer. I was beginning to remember the last time I was in the sissy van, and those weren’t such pleasant memories.

Survey: WV voters support investing in local public schools, teachers

By Nadia Ramlagan

A new postelection survey found voters across the political spectrum said they support investing in public schools and teachers.

The findings from the Hunt Institute are at odds with the West Virginia Board of Education’s recent decision to approve the closure or consolidation of six public schools, due to declining enrollment.

Bob Wise, the state’s former governor, said parents continue to rely on schools for mental health resources.

“Parents understand that the mental health issues are still hanging out there,” Wise observed. “They were there before; COVID only exacerbated them, and we’ve not seen a full recovery.”

A majority of voters surveyed said they are in favor of ensuring students have access to high-quality teachers.

Wise added the data show parents and voters feel positive about their local community schools but are pessimistic overall about the country’s current edu-

The next thing was the mirrors; the mirror inside the sissy van and the two mirrors outside on each side of the vehicle. It took me a while to figure out how to do that because it’s been a long time since I adjusted any mirrors in my vehicle.

I did have somewhat of a scare with the indoor mirror. As I adjusted it, a very scary face popped into view. I almost screamed, but then realized it was my face.

Finally, I got everything pretty close to normal and was ready to leave. I put the key in, turned it, and the sissy van started up right away. I sighed a deep sigh of relief.

I slowly put it in reverse and backed out of the driveway. Standing in the doorway of our house as I was leaving was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, laughing and waving at me as if she was crazy.

Finally, I was on my way to my doctor’s appointment. As I was driving, I was so nervous I was wondering if maybe I should make an appointment to see a psychiatrist. I was crazy at this moment.

I finally could settle down and enjoy the ride.

When I arrived at the doctor’s office, I pulled in and parked the sissy van. I thought everything was in order, but then I tried to get out of the sissy van.

The door opened relatively quickly, but that’s as far as it went. I twisted and turned, but I could not get out of my seat. My legs were jammed under the steering wheel, and I couldn’t twist.

If only Chubby Checker could be here to help me twist.

It took me rather a few minutes, and I eventually was able to extract my body from the sissy van slowly. I got out, stood up, and looked back to ensure all of me was extracted.

Driving back after my doctor’s appointment, I happened to think of how much I loved my truck. Everything about it fits me perfectly, and driving it is my greatest pleasure.

I didn’t know how much I loved my truck, and I was forced to drive The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage’s sissy van. When I return, I will spend a little time telling my truck how much I appreciate it.

I often think about what the Apostle Paul said, “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth” (2 Thessalonians 1:33).

I am committed to thanking God for everyone in my life while I can still do it.

cation system.

“The reality is most voters and parents, the survey respondents, think about education as being a critical issue at the state and local level,” Wise emphasized.

Last year, more than half of parents and voters said their local public schools were doing a “good or excellent job,” compared to 36% of parents and voters nationwide.

Wise pointed out 69% of survey respondents strongly favor increasing internships, apprenticeships and other job skills opportunities in high school. He stressed the message is clear voters are supportive of building a strong foundation for education and employment for young people.

“I think it’s important that policymakers actually pay attention to what the voters are saying, as opposed to their perception of what is public opinion,” Wise urged.

More than 245,000 students are enrolled in West Virginia public schools.

Governor Announces 2024 Winter Weather Awareness Week

West Virginians are encouraged to prepare for the winter season as Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD), in collaboration with the NOAA/National Weather Service (NWS) and ReadyWV announce West Virginia’s Winter Weather Awareness Week, taking place from November 18 to 22, 2024.

In his proclamation, Justice recognizes that the risk to life and property during winter weather can be greatly reduced if West Virginians take preparedness measures before, during and after winter weather strikes.

“West Virginia’s winters are unpredictable and sometimes severe, making it essential for every resident to be prepared,” said Justice. “I encourage all West Virginians to take this week to equip their homes and vehicles, stay informed of weather changes, and look out for one another.”

This annual event aims to educate and inform West Virginians about the potential hazards of winter weather in the Mountain State and the importance of being well-prepared for the challenges winter can bring. The campaign includes guidance on winter storm preparedness, safe winter driving, extreme cold precautions, and the importance of monitoring local weather alerts and updates.

Public Awareness Campaign: WVEMD, NWS and ReadyWV will launch a public awareness

campaign through social media to provide crucial information on winter safety and preparedness.

Educational Resources: Citizens will have access to educational resources, such as infographics and winter safety guides.

Emergency Preparedness: West Virginians will be encouraged to assemble emergency kits, develop family communication plans, and take other steps to ensure readiness for winter-related emergencies.

Severe Weather Alerts: The NWS will provide updates on alerts regarding winter storms, making it easier for residents to stay informed and make safe decisions.

During Winter Weather Awareness Week, residents are urged to familiarize themselves with winter weather terminology, prepare their homes and vehicles for cold conditions, and stay vigilant about the potential hazards associated with ice, snow, and frigid temperatures.

WVEMD Director GE McCabe expressed the importance of preparedness: “Winter weather in West Virginia can be challenging, but preparation and knowledge are our best defenses. Working together with the National Weather Service and our local partners, we’re giving people practical steps to protect themselves and their families. Don’t wait until the first snow—prepare now.”

Christmas Backpack Celebration

Lighthouse Baptist Church will hold a Christmas Backpack Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 14. Registration is at 10:15 am, and activities begin at 11 a.m. There will be a backpack distribution, Christmas music, shadow nativity, lunch to-go, and more! Located at 153 School Street in Ivydale.

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.

Nov. 20, 1894: Eight men were killed in a coal mine disaster near Colliers, Brooke County. They were using a dangerous method called “shooting from the solid,” meaning that they blasted the coal loose without first undercutting it.



Nov. 20, 1917: Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, North

Carolina. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.

Nov. 20, 1968: An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company’s No. 9 mine near Farmington killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to the issue of mine safety.



Nov. 21, 1810: Alen Taylor Caperton was born in Monroe County. Caperton served in the Confederate Senate during the Civil War and in the U.S. Senate from 1875 to 1876.

Nov. 22, 1910: Fire

destroyed the academic building at Concord College. By the next morning, community leaders had arranged to teach the 300 students in rooms throughout the town of Athens.



Nov. 22, 1926: Selva Lewis “Lew” Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette, an outstanding professional baseball player, spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series to help defeat the New York Yankees.

Nov. 23, 1962: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a

great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.



Nov. 24, 2008: Former Governor Cecil Underwood died in Charleston. Underwood, West Virginia’s 25th and 32nd governor, had the distinction of being the state’s youngest and oldest chief executive.



Nov. 24, 2015: For her accomplishments in the field of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Johnson worked for NASA calculating trajectories for manned space flights.

Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Kentucky. He starred in the Negro Leagues in the days when Major League Baseball was segregated. Thomas settled in Charleston after his playing days and had a long career in West Virginia state government.

Nov. 26, 1952: A fire on the evening before Thanksgiving at the Huntington State Hospital killed 14 patients, with three more patients later dying from their injuries. Huntington State Hospital is known today as the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

Nov. 26, 1861: The

Constitutional Convention of 1861-63 was convened in Wheeling. The convention provided the foundation for state government in preparation for statehood.

Nov. 26, 1953: Politician Shelley Moore Capito was born in Glen Dale, the daughter of future congressman and governor Arch Moore. In 2001, she became the second woman ever to represent West Virginia in Congress and, in 2015, the first woman from the Mountain State to serve in the U.S. Senate.



Super Crossword

“TAKE THAT!”

ACROSS

- 1 Printed news sources
7 Rival of Nike
13 More potent, as liquor
20 Supposed evil repeller
21 Stephen King's “— Lot”
22 Grow bigger
23 “The Client List” actress Shepherd
24 Result of vandalism
26 Match draw
27 “Them’s fightin’ words!”
28 Suffix with Canton
29 Right fielder Slaughter
30 Officials at first or third
34 Inner self, to Jung
36 Quarterback Manning
37 Eight minus two
38 Nav. officer
40 Sweater with a pattern of raised bands
45 Ripens
47 Auto exhaust and such
52 River craft

- 54 Nav. officer
55 Rainbow, e.g.
56 Incentive
57 Cardiologist
62 Return to 000
63 Digital holiday greeting
64 Shipping box: Abbr.
65 Digital color inits.
67 Suffix with host
68 Kuwaiti royal
71 Peck upon parting
75 Italy's Villa d’—
76 Prefix with partisan
77 Singer Des’—
78 English lav
79 Have an — mystery
81 Peter out
83 Belief that people are noticing you more than they really are
90 Total up wrongly
92 Source of 24/7 \$20 bills
93 Hot tub site
94 More subtle, as a point
95 Presidential hopeful's bid

- 100 Old Icelandic literary work
101 Dais stand
102 Suffix with cannon
103 “Oh, gross!”
105 President pro —
106 Fighting it out
108 Thor and Indra
113 Spanish for “hand”
117 Forbid
118 “Symposium” philosopher
119 Peter out
120 Personal psychosocial conflict
123 Subsides
127 Pop flop of 1985
128 Catalog again
129 Manorial home
130 Whole number
131 Unlocked
132 What the starts of nine answers in this puzzle might be

DOWN

- 1 Lobby gp.
2 Comedian Poehler
3 Saloon
4 Upper crust

- 5 Holy artifacts
6 Canonized ninth-century pope
7 Savory jelly
8 — Vader
9 “You beat me this game”
10 Removal from office
11 Prayer ender
12 Russ. or Ukr., formerly
13 Prompt for the iPhone’s personal assistant
14 Nativeness to a certain region only
15 In the style of
16 Agatha Christie’s title
17 Tehran locale
18 Kellogg’s waffle
19 “Cheers” actor Roger
25 Eight plus two
30 Ocean liner?
31 Pond slime
32 Tuscan city
33 Wood splitter
34 Oto or Hopi
35 Sponge up
39 Give a poker hand, e.g.
41 Toy with a tail
42 Sounds

- 43 Build a financial portfolio
44 Fly of Africa
46 More miffed
48 Gives ear to
49 “Ltd.” cousin
50 15-season CBS series
51 They often work with DJs
53 List-limiting abbr.
58 “For heaven’s —!”
59 Snoops
60 Keep — head (stay calm)
61 “Have a bite”
66 Richard of “Primal Fear”
68 Nail coating
69 Item hanging above a crib
70 “Be there shortly”
72 Small racer in a groove
73 Grew irate
74 Religion in 17-Down
75 Escort in “The Hunger Games”
77 Brew colored from oxidation
80 Slightly amiss
82 Social skill
84 Pot’s partner

- 85 EarthLink or MSN
86 High no. for a valedictorian
87 “Is there no — this?!”
88 Handed over
89 Trolleys
91 All-terrain motorcycle
96 How Jesus walked, miraculously
97 Aetna alternative
98 What a H.S. dropout may earn
99 Syringe parts
104 Most crooked
107 At least one
109 Welcomes to one’s home
110 Of service
111 Snooped (around)
112 Arrive at
113 Skirt style
114 Yemen city
115 Pond wriggler
116 Previously
118 Job of some cooks
121 Dress fancily, with “out”
122 — -Magnon
124 Magle of the old Giants
125 Adaptable truck, in brief
126 Corral

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike
should vote alike.

"DUNDON"
RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.



March 1958

Basketball Review

BUFFALOES END SEASON

The Widen Buffaloes officially ended another season of basketball when they were defeated by the Normantown Vikings on February 28, 1958, in the semi-finals of the section eight class B tournament. The game was held at Glenville State College. The Vikings led the Buffaloes at the end of the first quarter by a score of 19 to 9. At half time they had stretched their lead to a firm 21 points. As the third quarter came to a close, the score was 68-32, Normantown still in the lead. The game ended with the Vikings racking up 85 points to the Buffaloes 48. Hamrick was high for the Buffaloes with 14, De Moss was next with 11. High scorers for Normantown were Lambert and Shock with 11 each. The Buffaloes have had a rough season this year. Their record is 18 losses, and on wins. We, the sports editors and fans, hope that in the future the records will be built up as much as the school spirit has been this year.

SENIORS WIN SECOND

With the remarkable ball handling of Paul DeMoss and the well organized teamwork of the senior five, the seniors out-manned the juniors to win a 71-70 decision in the second round of the class tournaments.

Starting off with only 5 players, the seniors lost two of their high scoring men; Butcher fouled out early in the third quarter and Ellis in the fourth, but the remaining three went on to win a hard fought victory against 5 high spirited juniors.

Dave Hamrick of the Junior Class led all scorers with 33 and Ellis followed for the seniors with 31.

Scorers were as follows:

Seniors	
Ellis	31
DeMoss	22
Butcher	14
Facemire	2
Wilson	2
Juniors	
Hamrick	33
King	23
Wilson	6
Sigman	4
Gibson	4
Manning	0

TANNER WINS VICTORY

The small team of Buffaloes consisting of only 6 players now, traveled to Tanner February 21, 1958, only to be defeated by the Bulldogs by a High margin of 69-38.

The high scorers for Tanner were Cogar with 21, and Springston with 19.

Scoring for Widen was Hamrick with 17, DeMoss 14, Wilson 4, Butcher 2 and King 1.

Scores by quarters is as follows:

Widen	8	12	5	13-38
Tanner	22	7	26	14-69

SHORT, SHORTS

The feuding and fussing around school has started up again among the junior high, and senior high boys. All the commotion is caused by the big question, "who will win the class tournament this year?" The class tournament will be supervised by Coach Pinney, and will be held in the new community building starting on March 17, 1958. "Win or lose," we hope that all the boys who participate will have lots of fun trying to get their class' name on the gold trophies again this year.

Seniors Win 52-25

The seniors romped over the sophomores in the first game of the varsity class tournament by a score of 52-25.

Kyle Barnette led the sophomores with 11 points and Abe Holmes followed with .

Carl Ellis racked up 22 points to lead the victorious seniors, while Russell Butcher and Paul DeMoss had 15 and 10 respectively. Face-mire tossed in 3 field goals for 6 points. Howard Wilson was held scoreless, but turned in a good defensive showing.

Freshmen Down Eighth Grade

The Freshman Class defeated the Eighth Grade March 13th for their second win against no losses in the second round of the Junior High Class Tournament.

Lewis sparked the win with 14 points, while Napier and Baughman followed with 10 and 8 respectively. Ronald James led the eighth grade with 7 points and Shaffer and Hamrick both scored 6 each.

Other scorers for the eighth grade were Holmes with 4, and Graham with 1.

WALKERSVILLE WINS

The Walton Tigers romped over the Widen Buffaloes on February 25. Taylor led the attack on Widen with 21 and Nicholas followed with 14. De Moss sank 7 field goals and 3 foul shots to lead Widen's scoring list. Other scorers for the Buffaloes were:

King	12
Butcher	10
Hamrick	6
Wilson	2
Walton	18 20 24 18
Widen	9 12 9 17

WIDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Widen Woman's Club was held Thursday, March 6, 1958, at 8 p.m. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Butcher, Jr., on Nicholas Street.

Miss Hazel Baughman, Club President, presided at the business meeting.

Guest speaker was Mr. E. D. Currence, Superintendent, of the Lumber Department of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, at Swandale, West Virginia. Mr. Currence made a very interesting talk to the club. His subject was his recent stay of one month in Mexico. He also showed many interesting and beautiful articles he had purchased while there.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Lloyd Butcher, Jr., Mrs. Adam Roberts, Mrs. Madge Conner, Miss Leola Mick and Mrs. Vera Shaffer.

Members in attendance were:

Mrs. Scott Williams Mrs. Joe La Corte, Mrs. Robert Dagle, Mrs. H. L. Beattie, Mrs. E. D. Moyers, Mrs D. L. McMillion, Mrs. Carmel Ramsey, Mrs. Melvin Conner, Mrs. James R. Brown, Miss Hazel Baughman, Mrs. D. F. McMillion, Jr., Mrs. Leo Lykins, Mrs. Newman Butcher, Mrs. J. B. Wood, Mrs. Walker Henderson, Mrs. Joe Potasnik, Mrs. John Henley, and Miss envelope Shaver—guest.

WIDEN ROTARY CLUB

ELECTS OFFICERS

At its regular weekly meeting at the Widen Club House on Thursday, March 20, the membership of the Widen Rotary Club elected officers for the coming Rotary year beginning July 1.

The nominating committee appointed by President Scott Williams proposed the following slate of officers, all of whom were unanimously elected without opposition: President, Darrel Wood; Vice President, Robert Osborne; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Dawson; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas Mullins.

President-elect Wood has been vice president for the past year and Bob Osborne has been secretary-treasurer for the last two years. Tom Mullins succeeds himself as sergeant-at-arms and Harold Dawson will be serving in an official Rotary capacity for the first time.

At the same meeting, initial plans were made for the annual basketball dinner sponsored by the local Rotarians, with President Williams appointing a committee of Gene George, Cecil Butcher and Bob Osborne to handle the details.

The annual district convention of Rotary will be at Oglebay Park in Wheeling this year and it is expected that several members of the Widen club, including the new officers, will attend.

'Y' SECRETARY JOHNSON TO RESUME DUTIES SOON

YMCA General Secretary Herbert C. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson are expected home the last of this month from Orlando, Florida, where Mr. Johnson has been convalescing following extensive surgery at the Charleston General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are guests this month of their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banta, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Sapper, both of Orlando, Florida Mr. Johnson is on sick leave from his YMCA duties.

Mr. Johnson will relinquish his editorship of the Widen News and the Widen News Pictorial and devote his full time to YMCA programs here and at Swandale and Dundon upon his return. During his illness the publication of this popular medium and the newly launched Widen News Pictorial have been under the personal direction of Mr. Beattie, with Mrs. Pearl D. Williams and Mr. Victor B. Shingler acting as associate editors.

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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, November 7, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2025

APPOINTMENT DATE 09/16/2024

ESTATE NAME: GALE ESKER BROWN
EXECUTOR JAMES WALTER BROWN
1029 TIMBERVIEW DR
CHARLESTON WV 25314--2223

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/25/2024

ESTATE NAME: VICTORIA ANN HUDSON
ADMINISTRATOR GREG HUDSON
357 NEBO WALKER ROAD
NEBO WV 25141-9503

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/11/2024

ESTATE NAME: OKEY RAY RUNION
EXECUTRIX STEPHANIE RAY MITCHELL
146 OLD 60 LAKEVIEW DRIVE
WILKESBORO NC 28697-8293

APPOINTMENT DATE 09/04/2024

ESTATE NAME: MYRTLE JANE SCOTT
ADMINISTRATRIX LYNIA GAIL BRADY
395 HOMESTEAD LANE
CLAY WV 25043-6069

APPOINTMENT DATE 09/18/2024

ESTATE NAME: JACK STARCHER
ADMINISTRATRIX CTA AMY ELIZABETH STARCHER-NESTLER
29619 ALLEGRO DR
WESLEY CHAPEL FL 33543-6726

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 11/04/2024

Sheila Stone
County Clerk
Clay County
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To: JENNIFER LEE MAYO, BRENDA SUE MURIN, BRENDA SUE MURIN, JENNIFER LEE MAYO, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT PLEASANT MAP 2A PARCEL 0013 0000 0000

You will take notice that JOHN P OR KATHERINE S WALKER, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2023-C-000100, located in PLEASANT District, LOT 10 & PT 9 ELKHURST SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MAYO JENNIFER ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 7, 2024. JOHN P OR KATHERINE S WALKER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 14543.	\$ 352.28
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 14568.	\$ 275.96
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 1,201.68
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,042.07

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 7, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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SHERIFF’S LIST OF REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS
CERTIFIED TO THE STATE OF WV
List of tax liens on real estate in the county of Clay, in the month (or months) of November 2024, certified for nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year (or years) 2023, and certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia:

TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023

Name of Person charged with taxes	Local description of lands
BUFFALO DISTRICT	
ASBURY JOHN W	SUR 4.3 AC GROVES CREEK
ASBURY LOIS G	SUR 4 AC & ROW WTS BUFFALO
BAILEY LOUISE	1/8 OF 1/2 INT 7 AC STRANGE CREEK MIN
BEASLEY DONNA HAMRICK	(2 H) SUR 2.68 AC WTS SAND FORK
BIRD ANNA JEAN	MIN 1/2 OF 1/3 INT 10 AC WTS BUFFALO
BOARD JANNETTE	MIN 1/4 OF 1/6 INT 39 AC SAND FORK
BOZZI CONNIE CEASE	SUR LOT STRANGE CREEK
CANFIELD JAMES F II	SUR 1.83 AC WTS BUFFALO
DEEMS CHARLES FORD	SUR 1.88 AC ROCK CAMP
GIBSON BERTHA	MIN COAL OUT 312 AC STRANGE CREEK 1/4 INT
HICKMAN JACK M	SUR 1/4 INT 2.75 AC STRANGE CREEK
JACKSON ROBERT L	SUR 5 AC FLAT FORK
JACKSON ROBERT L	SUR .50 AC FLAT FORK
JEFFREY ROGER LEE	FEE 1/4 INT LT 38 IVYDALE
KESSLER RUSSELL G	SUR 16.57 AC WTS GROVES
KING MITCHEL H	MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL 167 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
KING MITCHEL H	MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL 50 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
KING MITCHEL H	(LESS COAL) 1/2 OF 1/2 INT 50 AC DOG RUN MIN
KING MITCHEL H	MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL 70 AC DOG RUN
KING MITCHELL H	O&G 18.75 AC S S ELK
KNIGHT WILLIAM F	SUR 196/768 INT 14 AC IVYDALE
SALVATION ARMY	
CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 167 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
SALVATION ARMY	
CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 50 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
SALVATION ARMY	
CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 50 AC DOG RUN
SALVATION ARMY	
CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 50 AC DOG RUN
CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 70 AC DOG RUN
SIMONS DAKOTA T ETAL	SUR .50 AC WTS BUFFALO
TURNER L D HRS	FEE (1/2 O&G OUT) 45 AC WTS GROVES

CLAY MUNICIPALITY DISTRICT

FARRAR ROBERT	SUR LOTS 16-17-18 BF STEP ADDN
GILL BILL ETUX	SUR LT 10 BLK B STEPHENSON ADD
HANSHAW EVA FAYE WHITE HRS	SUR 1/2 OF 1/7 OF 1/2 INT LOT CHESTNUT STREET

HENRY DISTRICT

ADKINS ANDY SR ETUX	SUR .157 AC WTS LAUREL
ADKINS ANDY SR ETUX	SUR LOTS WTS BIG LAUREL
ADKINS LARRY K	SUR 68.2 AC GRANNIES CREEK
BREEDLOVE-COOK SHELLY	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND
BREEDLOVE-COOK SHELLY	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT 4.5 AC E HARTLAND
BULLARD EDITH HRS	MIN 1/24 INT 62.5 AC SANDY
BULLARD GARY HUSTON	SUR LOT WTS LAUREL
BULLARD GARY HUSTON	SUR LOT .06 AC WTS LAUREL
BULLARD GARY HUSTON	SUR LOT LOWER TWO RUN
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	MIN 1/10 OF 42/512 INT 250 AC GRANNIES CRK
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	O&G 1/10 INT 31.5 AC LILLY FORK
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	MIN 1/10 INT 13 AC WTS LAUREL
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	MIN 1/10 OF 21/512 INT 250 AC GRANNIES CRK
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	O&G 1/10 INT 62.5 AC JOE SPRING KNOB
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	O&G 1/10 INT 12.5 AC TWO RUN
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	O&G 1/10 OF 1/5 INT 50 AC WTS LAUREL
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS	O&G 1/10 OF 2/12 INT 111 AC WTS LAUREL
CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS	DONOHUE TR 1/10 OF 1/2 INT 78.75 AC WTS LAUREL O&G
CONNER CHESSIE C HRS	O&G 3/8 OF 1/2 INT 42 AC WTS BUFFALO
CONNER CHESSIE C HRS	O&G 3/8 OF 1/4 INT 41 AC N S ELK
DOBBINS VIRGINIA	SUR (2H) 2 AC TWISTABOUT
FRAME F J HRS	7/8 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF 1/4 INT 32 AC REDHSE MIN (1/2 O&G OUT)
FRAME F J HRS	7/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT 40 AC LIL LAUREL MIN
FRAME F J HRS	O&G OUT) 7/8 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF 1/4 INT LIFE EST NORMA
	FRIEND 25 AC HAYES TWO RUN MIN (1/4
	7/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT 36 AC HAYES TWO RUN O&G
FRAME F J HRS	SUR 1/4 INT 91.5 AC WTS LAUREL
GRUBB VAUGHN GAROLD JR	SUR 100 SQ RDS WTS LAUREL
GRUBB VAUGHN GAROLD JR	2/5 & 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 2/5 INT 649 AC WTS BUFFALO COAL 2/3 OF
HALL O L HRS	LIFE EST COLEMAN HAMRICK ETAL .27 AC WTS DOG RUN SUR
HAMRICK MATTHEW	EST MILDRED HAMRICK .70 AC WTS DOG RUN SUR LIFE
HAMRICK MATTHEW	SUR LESS ROW 2.6 AC WTS LAUREL
HAYNES PATRICIA	SUR 1/4 INT PT LT 2 REED ADD
HOLCOMB DEWEY HRS	COAL 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 2/5 INT 649 AC WTS BUFFALO
JARVIS JOHN K	LIFE EST NORMA LEE FRIEND 32 AC REDHOUSE MIN (1/2
JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL	O&G OUT) 1/8 OF 1/4 INT
	1/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT LIFE EST NORMA LEE FRIEND 40 AC
JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL	LIL LAUREL MIN
	(1/4 O&G OUT) 1/8 OF 1/4 INT LIFE EST NORMA LEE FRIEND
JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL	25 AC HAYES TWO RUN MIN
	1/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT LIFE EST NORMA LEE FRIEND 36 AC
	HAYES TWO RUN O&G
KING JIMMY	SUR 1/8 & 1/7 OF 1/8 INT 63 AC LOWER TWO RUN
KOCH DAYMON ETUX	SUR 3.44 AC WTS SANDY
LEGG DENNIS	SUR .74 AC WTS BUFFALO
MCCLUNG VIRGIL R	FEE 8.83 AC WTS BUFFALO
MOORE GREGORY	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND
MOORE GREGORY	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT 4.5 AC E HARTLAND
MOORE ROBERT	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND
MOORE ROBERT	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT 4.5 AC E HARTLAND
MOORE TONY	MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND
MOORE TONY	MIN (C OUT) 1/2 INT 4.5 AC E HARTLAND
MURDOCK MARY SUE	SUR LOT MAYSEL
MURDOCK MARY SUE	SUR (T) 1 AC MAYSEL
OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	(LESS C B METHANE) 4/5 OF 4/6 OF 1/7 INT 76.75 AC WTS
	OTTER COAL
TRIPLETT LEE HRS	MIN COAL OUT 64 AC WTS BUFFALO
WHITE LAUREN REV LIVING TRUST	O&G 1/3 OF 1/3 OF 1/8 INT 72 AC GRANNIES CRK
WHITE LAUREN REV LIVING TRUST	O&G 1/3 OF 1/3 OF 2/8 INT 82 AC WTS LAUREL
WILSON J F HRS	O&G 1/2 INT 100 AC WTS BUFFALO

OTTER DISTRICT

BAILE TERESA LYNN BOWERS	LESS O&G 1/8 INT 85 AC WTS OTTER FEE
BARBER HOWARD HRS	O&G 1/8 INTEREST 69.2 AC WTS OTTER
BARBER HOWARD HRS	O&G 7/8 OF 1/5 INT 50 AC BARBER LOW GAP
BOGGS BRENT ETAL	O&G 1/4 OF 1/2 INT 47.5 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS BRENT ETAL	O&G 1/16 INT 106 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	MIN 1/5 OF 1/4 INT 34 AC WEST FORK
BOGGS GAIL	MIN 1/5 OF 1/16 INT 67 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/5 OF 1/8 INT 400 AC WTS OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT 41 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS GAIL	COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT 30.5 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 7/8 INT 6 LOTS UNDERWOOD LAND
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT 100 AC WTS OTTER ROSE TR
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 110.5 AC SANDY
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT 23 AC WTS OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT 50 AC WTS OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT 47.5 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT 10.5 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 51 AC R L NICHOLS TR
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 10 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 8 AC WTS WEST FORK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 17.5 AC WTS OTTER MOSS
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 4.5 AC WTS OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 74 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 7/8 INT 46 AC UNDERWOOD LAND
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 7/8 INT 3 AC UNDERWOOD LAND
BOGGS GAIL	MIN 1/16 OF 1/2 INT LOTS 26-27-28 IVYDALE
BOGGS GAIL	COAL 1/16 INT 64 AC WTS OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 100 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 100 AC RUSH FORK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT 30 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/8 INT 12 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT 106 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 24.5 AC OTTER LICK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/2 INT 22 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/2 INT 5.5 AC WTS W FK
BOGGS GAIL	MIN 1/4 INT 67.7 AC BIG OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/8 INTEREST 110.5 AC WTS OTTER & SANDY
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 78 AC RICHARDSON FORK
BOGGS GAIL	MIN 1/4 INT 14 AC OTTER
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 139.39 AC RICHARDSON FK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 27 AC RUSH FORK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 212 AC RUSH FORK
BOGGS GAIL	O&G 1/16 INT 85 AC RUSH FORK
BOGGS GAIL L	O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT 44 AC WTS WEST FORK
BOGGS JEAN	MIN 1/5 OF 1/4 INT 34 AC WEST FORK
BOGGS JEAN	MIN 1/5 OF 1/16 INT 67 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS JEAN	O&G 1/5 OF 1/8 INT 400 AC WTS OTTER
BOGGS JEAN	COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT 41 AC WTS STINSON
BOGGS JEAN	COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT 30.5 AC WTS STINSON
COLE MICHAEL ALLEN	FEE 64.5 AC WTS OTTER
EBERHART CATHY B	O&G 1/7 OF 1/2 INT 55 AC WTS SANDY
ELLISON PANSY	MIN 1 AC WEST FORK

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WOODS TRAVIS ETAL
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DAVIS ALEXANDER B C
DOBBINS HARRY PAUL ETAL
DUFFIELD BILLY J
DUFFIELD BILLY J
ELSWICK RUSSELL
ELSWICK RUSSELL
EVANS PATRICIA ANN ETAL
HALL SHARON G
HOLCOMB ORDY ETUX
HOLCOMB ORDY ETUX
JARVIS CHARLES W ETUX
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KEENER RENFORD M JR
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KING MITCHELL H
KNIGHT WILLIAM F
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TACKETT ANTHONY N ETUX
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BUFFALO DISTRICT	
ASBURY JOHN W	SUR 4.3 AC GROVES CREEK
ASBURY LOIS G	SUR 4 AC & ROW WTS BUFFALO
BAILEY LOUISE	1/8 OF 1/2 INT 7 AC STRANGE CREEK MIN
BEASLEY DONNA HAMRICK	(2 H) SUR 2.68 AC WTS SAND FORK
BIRD ANNA JEAN	MIN 1/2 OF 1/3 INT 10 AC WTS BUFFALO
BOARD JANNETTE	MIN 1/4 OF 1/6 INT 39 AC SAND FORK
BOZZI CONNIE CEASE	SUR LOT STRANGE CREEK
CANFIELD JAMES F II	SUR 1.83 AC WTS BUFFALO
DEEMS CHARLES FORD	SUR 1.88 AC ROCK CAMP
GIBSON BERTHA	MIN COAL OUT 312 AC STRANGE CREEK 1/4 INT
HICKMAN JACK M	SUR 1/4 INT 2.75 AC STRANGE CREEK
JACKSON ROBERT L	SUR 5 AC FLAT FORK
JACKSON ROBERT L	SUR .50 AC FLAT FORK
JEFFREY ROGER LEE	FEE 1/4 INT LT 38 IVYDALE
JUSTICE WAYNE	SUR .50 AC WTS BUFFALO
KING MITCHEL H	MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL 167 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
KING MITCHEL H	MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL 50 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
KING MITCHEL H	(LESS COAL) 1/2 OF 1/2 INT 50 AC DOG RUN MIN
KING MITCHEL H	MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL 70 AC DOG RUN
KING MITCHELL H	O&G 18.75 AC S S ELK
KNIGHT WILLIAM F	SUR 196/768 INT 14 AC IVYDALE
MARTINEZ BILLIE ETAL	SUR 16.57 AC WTS GROVES
SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 167 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 50 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN
SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA	COAL 1/2 INT 50 AC DOG RUN

MIN 1/9 & 1/36 INT 100 AC STINSON
COAL 70 AC WTS OTTER
SUR 2 AC MOORE FORK OTTER
MIN 1/2 OF 2/6 INT LESS COAL 84.5 AC N S ELK
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT LESS COAL 62.5 AC N S ELK
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT LESS COAL 26 AC N S ELK
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 10.75 AC N S ELK
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 5 AC STINSON
MIN COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/20 INT 39.5 AC STINSON
MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT 5.25 AC STINSON
O&G 1/2 OF 1/20 INT 39 AC STINSON
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 5.25 AC STINSON
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 5.25 AC STINSON
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 5.5 AC STINSON
MIN 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 11 AC STINSON
O&G 1/9 INT 173 AC WTS OTTER
O&G 1/9 INT 20.5 AC WTS OTTER
O&G 1/9 INT 2 AC WTS OTTER
O&G 1/9 INT 18 AC WTS OTTER
COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/11 INT 137 AC WTS OTTER MIN
O&G 1/2 OF 1/11 INT 41 AC BUTLER FORK
COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/11 INT 10.5 AC BUTLER FORK MIN
MIN 1/6 INT 13 AC NS ELK
SUR 1/2 INT 131X50X144X50 N S ELK
SUR 1/2 INT 131X50X144X50 N S ELK
SUR 16 SQ RDS N S ELK
MIN 1/12 INT 46 AC WTS O’BRION
MIN 1/12 INT 39 WTS O’BRION
COAL OUT1/12 OF 1/5 INT 80 AC WTS O’BRION MIN
MIN 1/6 OF 1/2 INT 54 AC WTS STINSON
O&G 1/6 OF 1/2 INT 3 AC WTS STINSON
SUR PT LOT 12 OTTER TOWN
MIN (COAL OUT) 1/11 INT 137 AC WTS OTTER
O&G 1/11 INT 41 AC BUTLER FORK
MIN COAL OUT 1/11 INT 10.5 AC BUTLER FORK
SUR (M) 3 AC WTS O’BRION
MIN 21 AC WTS STINSON
1/2 INTEREST 28.21 AC WTS WEST FORK
1/2 INTEREST 9.36 AC WTS WEST FORK
MIN 3/4 MIN OUT 64.81 AC WTS STINSON
COAL 2/6 INT 84.5 AC N S ELK
COAL 1/10 INT 62.5 AC N S ELK
COAL 1/10 INT 26 AC N S ELK
O&G 1/3 OF 1/5 INT 80 AC DUCK CREEK
COAL 1/3 OF 1/5 OF 1/2 INT 80 AC DUCK CREEK
MIN 1/2 INTEREST 24.5 AC WTS OTTER

FEE 1.61 AC SYC
SUR 1/2 INT .50 AC SYC
SUR 1/4 INT 1 AC MID CRK
MIN 1/8 INT 15 ACS WTS BIG SYC
SUR 1/10 INT 2 AC BIG SYC
SUR 12 AC WTS SYC
FEE 33.25 AC BIG SYC
SUR 9 AC WTS BIG SYC
SUR & ROW 1.36 AC WTS BIG SYC
SUR 10 AC WTS SYC
MIN 1/3 OF 1/144 INT MIN 46.25 AC WTS SYC
SUR 1/2 INT (3H) LOT WTS MIDDLE CREEK
SUR (2H) .50 AC WTS SYC
TOD TIMOTHY W MCINTYRE 2.18 AC S S ELK SU
SUR 1/2 INT 2 AC MIDDLE CREEK
SUR 1/4 INT 1 AC MID CRK
SUR 1/4 INT 1 AC MID CRK
SUR 1/4 INT 1 AC MID CRK
SUR (5.38) LOT 18 WTS SYC
SUR 3.50 AC WTS BIG SYC
SUR 125 AC BIG SYC
SUR LOT ADONIAH
SUR (T) LOT BIG SYC
SUR 1 AC BIG SYC
SUR LOT BIG SYC
SUR 2 AC WTS BIG SYC
SUR LOT ADONIAH
SUR 1 AC BIG SYC
MIN 1 AC WTS BIG SYC
SUR 3.79 AC LITTLE SYC
SUR 1 AC WTS BIG SYC
SUR 2.29 AC S S ELK (LOT 18)
SUR 2.10 AC SS ELK (LOT 20)
SUR 2.5 AC MID CREEK
SUR 1.5 AC MID CREEK

SUR 1 AC N S ELK
O&G 12.50% OF 2739/15000 INT 238 WTS QU SHOALS
O&G 12.50% OF 2739/15000 INT 1276.06 AC WTS QUEEN SH
MIN 1/4 OF 1/6 INT 6 AC WTS PORTER
(C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/6 OF 1/2 INT 78 AC WTS PORTER MIN
FEE 1/4 OF 1/2 INT 4 AC WTS ELK
MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT 45 AC PORTER CREEK
MIN 1/10 OF 1/2 INT 165 AC PORTERS CREEK
MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT 130 AC PORTER CREEK
MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT 43 AC PORTERS CREEK
MIN 1/10 OF 1/24 INT 239 AC PORTERS CREEK
SUR .52 AC LOT QUEEN SHOALS
FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT 53 AC LIL SYC
SUR 3/8 OF 5/8 INT 6 AC LIL SYC
FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT 36 AC LIL SYC
FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT 5 AC LIL SYC
SUR 1.8 AC N S ELK
SUR 1 AC FALLING ROCK
SUR 5 AC N S ELK
SUR 1.33 AC JACKS BEND
SUR .50 AC JACKS BEND
SUR LOT N S ELK
SUR .50 AC N S ELK
SUR 1 AC WTS PORTER
SUR LOT QUEEN SHOALS
SUR .50 AC N S ELK
SUR LOT N S ELK
SUR 1.071 AC N S ELK
1/7 OF 1/7 MIN COAL OUT 227.603 AC BIRCH RUN
1/7 OF 1/7 INT MIN 5.3 AC QUEEN SHOALS
MIN 1/2 OF 1/7 INT 31.5 AC QUEEN SHOALS
MIN 1/2 OF 1/7 INT 1.5 AC QUEEN SHOALS
MIN 1/2 OF 1/7 INT 4 AC QUEEN SHOALS
MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 OF 1/5 INT 57.5 AC TWISTABOUT
MIN 10 AC QUEEN SHOALS
SUR .50 AC QUEEN SHOALS
SUR 27.55 AC N S ELK
SUR LOT 9 VAUGHN LAND
SUR 1/4 INT 53 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE
SUR 1/2 INT 2 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE
SUR 2 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE
SUR 19.08 AC BLUE CREEK & SYC
SUR LOT LITTLE SYCAMORE
SUR 28 AC WTS LITTLE SYCAMORE
SUR 1/2

Burkhamer chooses to play at Fairmont

By Allen Hamrick

Rylee Burkhamer has pounded the volleyball the nets for Clay County schools for many years now. What she has meant to the CCHS Volleyball team can't be written in mere words; her value can only be truly assessed by seeing her in action. Her ability to arouse the passions of her teammates to win was unparalleled on and off the court. Her career on the net at CCHS has been one of power and finesse and with a charm that could raise the snakes out of a barrel.

Rylee is now a senior with her Lady Panther volleyball years behind her and signed her letter of intent to play volleyball with the Fairmont State University Falcons this past week. Here, she will take her extreme volleyball skills to the next level. Rylee has shown that she is the epitome of hard work and dedication to her sport on and off the court. She has killed, dug, blocked and served for the volleyball fans of this county for a long time and will be remembered in the halls of CCHS as one of the best hard hitting players to grace the nets.

Clay County Schools has been fortunate to have Rylee Burkhamer as a student that has had a desire to succeed and a work ethic to go along with it. She disciplined herself on and off the courts and is a role model for the new wave of young volleyball players who are up and coming. She now has the opportunity to take her game to new heights and not just make a difference on another team but to lead it. The Fairmont State University Falcons will definitely be getting a star to play on their court.

Burkhamer's career at CCHS as a Lady Panther was nothing short of epic. She had 848 kills, 240 aces, 109 blocks, 875 digs, and played 276 sets. In her career, she was AA All State Honorable Mention twice and was 1st and 2nd team LKC. She was an All Tournament player



Rylee is supported by her teammates and coaches.

at the Red White and Blue tournament at UC. She will be representing the South in the North vs. South volleyball game held at Woodrow Wilson High School on November 24. Along with all these successes, she was every bit a team player and loved the fans and her family. She is truly a class act; she made volleyball fun to watch and kept you on the edge of your seat with her

amazing abilities on the courts. She will be missed and her shoes will be a tough pair to fill.

She will be back in action for one more season as a Lady Panther when the dust on the softball diamond starts getting kicked up in the spring. Rylee is the daughter of Chuck and Cindy Burkhamer of Wallback. Rylee, your Clay County community wishes you well.

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