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# Contractor selected for the Judicial Annex Project



Clay County Commission (left to right) consists of Commissioner David Schoolcraft, Commission President Joyce Johnson, and Commissioner Connie Kinder.

### By Gary Lee Stuber

All three members of the Clay County Commission met in a regular session on Monday Nov. 25, at 5 p.m. and awarded the low bidder Start to Finish Construction LLC to complete the Judicial Annex project next door to the courthouse. A little more than \$980,000 was awarded. They came in approximately \$400,000 under all other bidders.

The commission also took care of routine work, such as approving bills, purchase orders, minutes from previous meetings, affidavits, waivers, settlements of estates, probating wills and testaments, appointing executors of estates and more.

The commission made some hirings: Michal Wills as temporary part-time EMT-B and Aaron Burcham as temporary part-time paramedic. Both hires are without benefits.

The commission approved the Sheriff's list of county real estate that are delinquent for 2023 taxes, and approved the public auction that will be held by the Sheriff's Department on Thursday, Dec. 12, to sell two of the old cruisers.

The Clay County PSD Big Otter Waterline Extension project is \$655,000

over funding and the project needs additional funding. The commission authorized President Joyce Johnson to request additional funds from either HUD, the Appalachian Regional Commission, or the West Virginia Economic enhancement grant to complete the Big Otter Waterline Extension project. They also moved to approve the Buffalo Creek Watershed to apply with the DEP for a \$102,000 grant through the Clay County OASIS account. Mitch DeBoard was present to see the matter completed.

They only encountered one glitch. In a move to return unused WV Economic Enhancement Funds, originally held for the Judicial Annex, to the WV Water Development Authority, Commissioner Connie Kinder objected that funds were still needed for repairs of the Pumpkin Ridge Waterline Extension. She reminded them that it was a promise. President Johnson argued that money unused for a specific project needed to be returned and that they didn't have authority to move to another project. Connie was overruled two to one and the measure was approved to return the money.

The next regular commission meeting is Monday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m.



The Starlink dish outside of Elizabeth Stewart's home in Pocahontas County in a clearing away from trees that can obstruct the signals from satellites. Courtesy photo.

# As Starlink faces federal scrutiny, the internet company has become a lifeline in West Virginia — for those who can afford it

Thousands of West Virginians rely on the Elon Muskowned satellite company for high-speed internet access, even as federal regulators say it can't meet the basic requirements to be defined as "broadband."

### by Tre Spencer

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Two years ago, the DSL internet at Aeriell Turner's home in rural Raleigh County grew increasingly unreliable as she began to rely on her phone's mobile hotspot for work.

"The lines where I live are notoriously bad," she said.

But then, Turner, an insurance agent who works remotely, switched to Starlink.

Now, as she turns on her computer at the beginning of each work day, a sleek white router softly blinks in her living room reminding her that her internet troubles are far behind.

She now answers video calls and inter-

acts with her clients without interrupted

"A good internet connection is a literal lifeline," she said.

For West Virginians like Turner, Starlink promises a solution to their desperate need for fast and reliable internet access. Residents say they've turned to the company, despite the high price tag, while they wait for faster, more reliable internet from traditional providers.

However, federal regulators concluded that the company couldn't meet promised speeds and rejected its application for nearly \$900 million in subsidies in 2022.

Now, as West Virginians continue to search for answers, Starlink could soon be in line for more of the flood of federal dollars to expand broadband.

The company's owner, Elon Musk, is not only the richest person in the world, but he spent \$200 million to help Donald Trump get back to the White House. And

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# In New Year, Medicaid will cover WV youths transitioning out of incarceration

### By Nadia Ramlagan

Changes in federal law will permit West Virginia and other states to use Medicaid dollars to pay for health care services for incarcerated youths beginning Jan. 1.

In addition to helping kids get physical and dental health care, the new rules should give them needed resources to address mental and behavioral health challenges stemming from childhood trauma.

Elizabeth Crouch, associate professor of health services policy and management at the University of South Carolina, said mitigating adverse childhood experiences is a growing part of efforts to keep rural children out of the juvenile justice system and detention.

"A fifth of rural children are diagnosed with developmental behavioral mental health disorders," Crouch pointed out. "Rural children are more likely to be diagnosed with developmental behavioral disorders, such as ADHD, than their urban counterparts."

About 45% of West Virginia children experience adverse childhood

experiences, a rate five points higher than the national average. The Medicaid coverage for youth in detention includes physical, dental and behavioral health screenings and case management services.

States are also taking into account neurocognitive research showing teen brains do not fully develop until the mid-20s. Crouch noted arrests of young people have dropped by more than 80% since the mid-1990s, as a greater understanding of childhood trauma has increased the number of alternatives to detention. Still, she acknowledged the challenges for rural kids are formidable.

"What we have found is that rural children have been disproportionately living in homes affected by current substance use or mental illness," Crouch explained. "Rural children have experienced much higher rates of opioid use."

Despite declining arrests and detention rates, young people of color are still far more likely than white youth to be held in juvenile facilities, according to The Sentencing Project.

# Local fire departments seek volunteers



The Big Otter Fire Department needs volunteers. By Allen Hamrick

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## REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

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Todd Jeffrey Blake Booked 11/28/24 Domestic assault, domestic battery, brandishing



Nathan Ray Elliott Booked 11/26/24 Domestic battery, obstructing an officer, fleeing on foot



Gary Gene Losh Booked 11/26/24 Strangulation



**BRAXTON COUNTY** 

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Hunter Lee Taylor Booked 12/1/24 Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance, destruction of property





Joseph Deuane Marling Jr. Booked 11/25/24 Burglary, grand larceny, receiving or transferring stolen goods

# 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.

# Courthouse





Friday, December 13, 2024 Docket for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff":

09:00 AM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Magistrate Jury Trial, driving while electronically distracted, failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance

09:00 AM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Magistrate Jury Trial, no proof of registration, failure to change address on operator's license

09:00 AM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Magistrate Jury Trial, operation of vehicle without evidence of registration, operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate

### **Puzzle Answers**

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# **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.

### Salango Law Light the Night, Charleston Dirty Birds announce launch of Holly Jolly **Brawley Trolley and December Community Organization Nights**

Salango Law Light the Night and the Charleston Dirty Birds announced the launch of the Holly Jolly Brawley Trolley and community organization nights in Decem-

"We're thrilled to partner with the KRT to bring back the Holly Jolly Brawley Trolley," said Ben Salango, founder of Salango Law and Kanawha County Commissioner. "Whether you're enjoying Salango Law Light the Night, walking through the beautiful trees along Holly Jolly Brawley, dining downtown or doing your holiday shopping, the trolley is the perfect way to experience everything the Capital City has to offer during the holiday season.'

Starting on Black Friday, Nov. 29, the Holly Jolly Brawley Trolley will transport guests between downtown Charleston and GoMart Ballpark every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through the last weekend in December. Decorated with festive lights, this free trolley service, made possible by the Kanawha Regional Transportation Authority (KRT), runs from 4 to 10 p.m.

Salango Law Light the Night and the Charleston Dirty Birds are also proud to present community organization nights for December. These special nights provide local organizations a chance to showcase their work, raise awareness and give attendees an opportunity to give back during the holiday season.

"Salango Law Light the Night is more than West Virginia's largest winter light display—it's an opportunity to give back and support the incredible efforts of our community organizations," said Andy Shea, owner and CEO of the Charleston Dirty Birds. "This event highlights our commitment to uplifting those who work tirelessly year-round by providing them a platform to share their impactful work with our attendees."

Community organization nights in December include: Dress for Success Night (Dec. 2): Donate professional women's clothing for free admission.

Sensory-Friendly Nights (Dec. 3, 10, and 17): Enjoy quieter music and sensory-friendly accommodations to help ensure everyone feels included and can celebrate in a way that's comfortable for them.

Toy Drive for Spark of Love (Dec. 4): Donate a toy for free admission.

Lights and Leashes Night (Dec. 12): Bring your furry friends for a walk through the lights.

Kanawha County Public Library Night (Dec. 16): Kids checking out five picture books receive free tickets.

To learn more about Salango Law Light the Night or to purchase tickets, visit dblightthenight.com.

About Salango Law Light the Night:

Salango Law Light the Night is West Virginia's largest winter light display, drawing visitors from across the country to Charleston's GoMart Ballpark. Featuring over 2.5 million lights synchronized to holiday music, the event offers an unforgettable experience with family-friendly amusement rides and ice skating. This celebration is proudly made possible by Salango Law, the Charleston Dirty Birds and the City of Charleston.

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# An Angel Tree And The Child In Me

### By Joe Mazzella

It was late December many years ago. I had saved money for several months so my children could have some nice things for Christmas. Just as I was starting to shop, though, something caught my eye. It was an "Angel Tree." It was put there by a local charity so children whose parents couldn't afford toys could get some. On the plastic Christmas tree hung paper angels with a child's name and the toy they wanted. People would purchase them and then the charity would wrap them and make sure the kids got them on Christmas Day. Only a couple were left, both with boy's names on them. On one was written, "Football" and on the other "Basketball."

As I looked at them the child still inside of me remembered my own childhood. I didn't have very many toys but the two I loved the most where my football and basketball. Even when I was alone I would play with them. I would shoot hoops at the makeshift rim in our driveway and toss the football in the air and catch it, playing whole pretend games in my mind. The memories filled my heart with happiness and in that moment I made my decision.

I grabbed both angels and quickly bought the football and basketball before even purchasing my children's toys. For a moment I was worried that I wouldn't have enough money for them all but the angels were smiling down on me and I had just enough for everything. As I dropped the toys in the donation box I felt a joy in my heart. It was the pure happiness that comes from sharing Love with someone you don't even know.

Anthony de Mello once wrote: "Love heals everyone-both those who receive it and those who give it." Take every chance you can then to share your own love at Christmastime and each day of the year. It will not only heal your heart but fill it with joy. It will not only bring a smile to the face of those who receive it, but also to God and all the angels watching over us.







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## **Another Turkey On The Table**

### Dr. James L. Snyder

It was a Monday morning, and I was busy starting my week by organizing my schedule and some of my projects.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came to my door, looked in, and said, "Are you ready for the week?"

I don't recall her ever asking me that question, but I looked at her and said, "Well, I'm trying to work through my to-do list for the week."

"You do know what week it is," she said with a friendly smirk.

I was a little confused because I didn't know what she was getting after. As far as I'm concerned, a week is a week.

Then she responded, "This week is Thanksgiving. Are you ready for our family Thanksgiving dinner?"

It caught me slightly surprised, and I just looked at

her and said, "Oh, my. I completely forgot that this was
Thanksgiving week."
She laughed and walked out of my office and back to

the kitchen, where she prepared for the family's Thanksgiving dinner.

I sat back in my chair and thought about this briefly. I could not believe that it was Thanksgiving again. Didn't

we celebrate it last year? I thought for a moment and remembered that we did, and we had a wonderful time as we gathered around the family table.

Now, another Thanksgiving. We have Abraham Lincoln to thank for this national holiday, and I'm grateful.

I have no problem with having such a holiday in the kind of world that we live in today. It is very hard to find anybody who is thankful for anything.

As I was thinking about it, I realized that time goes quickly. We celebrated Thanksgiving only 52 weeks

quickly. We celebrated Thanksgiving only 52 weeks ago. I am trying to remember those days, and I would have to check my calendar to see what happened during those days. But time flies by.

It's not so much that time flies by as forgetting what's

happening.

I can get up at the beginning of the week and start on Monday, and before I know it, it's Friday, and I've got to close shop. I guess I need to blame my age for that. I remember that, as a teenager, time was so slow. I

couldn't get it to speed up and get on the way. I was in 10th grade and couldn't wait to get to 12th grade in order to graduate. I'm unsure, but somebody snuck in two 11th grades without me knowing it.

Sitting in my chair I look back and realize how for

Sitting in my chair, I look back and realize how far I have come. Thinking along this line, I remembered how a friend used to say, "If you could go back in time, where would you go?"

I often think about that. Every once in a while, I'm reminded of something that happened 50 years ago. I

don't know why it popped into my mind at that time.

Watching something on TV will remind me of something that happened when I was young.

If I could see forward as clearly as I see backward, it would truly change the way I live. But it doesn't work that way.

I am ready for another turkey on the table this year. I don't have to look back and think about the turkey on the table last year because I can eat that one. The one I can eat is the one that's going to be on the table this coming Thursday.

Some of the best things about Thanksgiving for me

are, of course, the turkey, but then there is the pumpkin pie. Whoever came up with that idea of a pumpkin pie, I would just like to shake their hand and thank them for all the good times I had on Thanksgiving with pumpkin pie.

One of the good things about Thanksgiving is that I can eat and get away with it. If I had one piece of pump-

pumpkin pie?" And because it's a Thanksgiving dinner, nobody can say no, not even The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

When I asked that question, she looked at me with one of "her looks" and carefully shook her head in the negative position, but that's about all she could do. That's

kin pie, I would say, "Could I have another piece of

with it.

I can't think of anything around the Thanksgiving table that I don't like. The food is magnificent. And the pies are just wonderful.

the one thing I love about Thanksgiving. I can get away

My goal around the table is to ensure that the pumpkin pie vanishes without The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knowing it's happening.

While eating the first bite of my first pumpkin pie, I will lift my fork in the air and say, "I want to thank The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage for such a wonderful menu today." Everybody around the table will shout, "Yes." And that solves a lot of my difficulties on Thanksgiving. Pass on the pumpkin pie.

As I was thinking about Thanksgiving, I couldn't help but think of Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

A thankful heart is a heart that pleases God. I want to please God every day no matter what it costs me. The best way to thank God is to be thankful for all my family and friends. Some of those may not be here next Thanksgiving.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamessnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamessnyderministries.com

### **STARLINK**

Trump has already said he plans to appoint a Musk ally to run the Federal Communications Commission.

SpaceX, which owns Starlink, did not respond to a request for comment.

State officials are in the midst of a \$1.2 billion push to bring high-speed internet to every corner of West Virginia by 2029. However, the roll-out has been hindered by disputes between utility companies and internet service providers on the ground.

Starlink hasn't released exact numbers for how many customers they have in West Virginia. The company is not required to share that information, said Del. Daniel Linville, chair of the House Infrastructure and Technology Committee.

But, the number of subscribers is increasing monthly in the state, he said.

Kensey Bergdorf-Smith, director of the West Virginia Science and Technology Policy Initiative, said despite its growing popularity, satellite internet still has challenges compared to other broadband options.

A dish must be properly positioned and be free of interference like trees and bad weather for the strongest service, she said.

"The concern with satellite internet is that it's not super reliable," she said. "It doesn't always reach the speeds that it needs to, and it's also pretty pricey compared to standard broadband options."

### Starlink was denied millions in federal subsidies In 2022 Starlink's long form application for a \$88

In 2022, Starlink's long-form application for a \$885 million contract from the FCC through its Rural Digital Opportunity Fund was denied. The fund was created to expand broadband to rural communities and the subsidies would have been released over 10 years.

The company was to deploy internet service to over

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Those speeds are defined as the bare minimum to qualify as broadband following new standards passed by the FCC earlier this year.

Federal officials determined the company would be unable to provide high-speed internet to the amount of homes it had proposed. The FCC affirmed that decision last year.

"The agency also has a responsibility to be a good steward of limited public funds meant to expand access to rural broadband, not fund applicants that fail to meet basic program requirements," FCC Chairwoman Jessica

Rosenworcel said in a press release.

Brendan Carr, the senior Republican on the FCC, dissented from the agency's ruling writing that the decision follows the Biden administration's pattern of "regulatory harassment" against Elon Musk.

This week, President-elect Donald Trump named Carr as the new chairman of the commission. As chairman, Carr could exert influence over decisions with the potential to send hundreds of millions of dollars in federal subsidies to Starlink.

### Starlink service is expanding from space, while internet providers hit snags on the ground

From outer space to deep inside a holler, high-speed internet can reach homes without traditional infrastructure like poles and cables using satellites that bounce signals as long as there is a clear view of the sky.

The company offers residential plans for \$120 a month with unlimited data and charges a \$349 upfront cost for hardware like the router and mountable disk.

In a 2023 survey of over 2,000 West Virginians by state broadband officials, 15% said they use satellite internet and generally paid more than people using other providers.

Alex Cain, owner of Country Roads Satellites in Clarksburg, said that his team travels across the state installing Starlink mounts on homes, and most customers have resorted to satellite service because they've had unreliable, slow internet connections.

"When Starlink came out, it was kind of a game changer just because the speeds are 20 times faster," he said. "We've been doing five to six installs a week."

Starlink's satellites circle the planet in a much lower orbit than older satellite internet providers. That means Starlink satellites should be faster than competitors.

Outside of Durbin on the northern end of Pocahontas County, Elizabeth Stewart lives with her husband in a wooded area and uses Starlink to work from home.

They've put their dish in a clearing where there isn't interference from trees in the yard. She said she's been a customer for three years despite other providers offering cheaper plans and doesn't mind paying the higher cost.

"You have to shell out about 500 bucks to get the service and a lot of people can't afford to do that," she said. "But, online is my life, and it's how I'm able to work from home."

# 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.

Dec. 4, 1901: Construction of the present Cabell County Courthouse was completed. An extensive remodeling was completed in 1940.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and home-

Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D. T. Farnsworth died at age 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.



Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler County was formed. The county was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808-11) and father of President John

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as The Moonshiner.

Dec. 6, 1907: The deadliest coal mine disaster in U.S. history occurred at Monongah, Marion County. At least 361 miners were killed, although the exact number was likely much higher. Many of the victims were recent immigrants, particularly Italians, Hungarians, and Russians.

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basket-



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Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain and 103 crew members, died.



Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term (1961-65), but his accomplishments were overshadowed when he became the first governor in West Virginia history to be indicted or convicted of a major

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.



Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville. He died September 16,

Dec. 10, 1841: Logan

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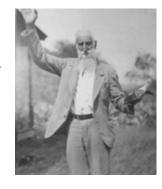
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County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.



Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute in Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

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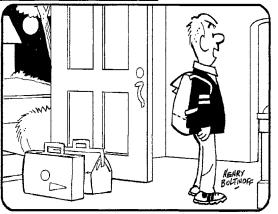
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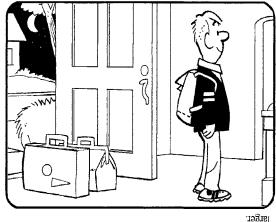
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** 

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Weekly **SUDOKU** 

## **Super** Crossword

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129 Relaxation

1 Give birth,

as a whale

2 Margarines

3 Forerunners

of cellos

4 Pernicious

order-wise

so to speak

8 Passageway

toothbrushes

"Jane Eyre"

13 Most sluggish

15 Lousy pieces

of advice

12 Apple quaffs

14 Past time

16 Rub out

17 Piano fixer

6 Dinosaurs,

7 Exemplar

9 Brand of

10 DOJ heads

11 She wrote

5 Like July,

130 Crowded

**DOWN** 

128 Stuck-up type

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Khan followers

96 Deliverer of

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46 Campers

50 Field unit

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to bards 63 Pooch's cry

65 Country singer Blake 67 Andrea (ill-fated ship)

**69** Swimming sensation at the 1972

Olympics 71 Nine-sided shape

75 Comic buffoon

78 Entertainer

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81 Deli salad 84 Injury rehab

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the field 88 Baja blanket 90 Vandals, e.g.

45 Canonized

under canvas 95 Silvery gray

a fine spray scanning

device, briefly 100 Revises text 103 First letter of

the Arabic alphabet 104 130-to-135pound bout

competitor 108 "- Well That Ends Well" 109 Cavity fillers'

org. 112 According to 113 Sheriff's star 114 Popular yoga

pose ... or something found seven times in this puzzle

117 Color shade 119 Research facility

121 TV "Warrior Princess"

122 Duck with

123 Tortilla treat

124 One of the singing Brax-

ton sisters

soft feathers

21 Talk like Daffy Duck

28 Past time **29** See

**31** See

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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

THE SUCHEVITS FAMILY



The attractive young couple pictured above with their son is Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Suchevits and Stanley, Jr., age 14 months. Mrs. Suchevits is the former Miss Dreamalea Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, of Braxton Street, Widen, West Virginia.

Mrs. Mary M. Gilbert (Mary Mc-Vicker) of 2451 Albrecht Ave., Akron 12, Ohio, writes "Thanks so much for the Widen News and the Pictorials are grand. There isn't much print left when Mother, Dad and Aunt Hazel all get through.

Mrs. Marie Burgess writes, "I want to tell you how much we appreciate the Widen News and also the little Pictorial Paper. It is so good to see pictures of some of our friends."

Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall,, former residents of Widen. The Halls lived here for many years and Mr. Hall was an employee of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company before his death in 1951.

Sorry we can't reprint all of Mrs. Burgess' interesting letter at this time but hope to be able to show you some pictures of the Hall family soon. Nice to hear from you Marie-write again soon.

### WIDEN WOMAN'S CLUB TESTED RECIPE

\* \* \* FEATHER MUFFINS

Cream together 4 tablespoons butter or oleomargine and 4 tablespoons granulated sugar, add one egg and about 3-4 cups sweet milk, 2 cups flour sifted with 3 level teaspoons Baking Powder and a sprinkle of salt. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 425 degrees for fifteen or twenty minutes. Delicious with honey or homemade jelly.

Dimple L. McMillion

### BY-LAWS ADOPTED

After more than a year's work and consideration, the Burial Fund ium on Friday, April 4, 1958. Mrs. Committee representing employees of Elk River Coal and Lumber Company and the Buffalo Creek & Gauley Railroad Company adopted a complete set of by-laws governing the handling of the three funds, one for Widen employees, one for Swandale employees, and the third for BC&G and Dundon employees. These by-laws have been published in a booklet which is available to members of the several groups from the following members of the Burial Fund Committee: Employee's League of Widen Miners, Joseph A. Truman and Norval Keener Elrico store employees, Helen Gibson; Swandale employees, N. E. Conner; Dundon employes, Earl Young, BC&G employees, Homer W. Boggs; Widen supervisory staff, Cecil Butcher; and Widen office, E. C. George. Any employee desiring a copy of the by-laws booklet should see the appropriate committee member for the group to which the employee belongs.

#### FINISHES RECRUIT TRAINING

GREAT LAKES, 111. (FHTNC) -George A. Hamric, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hamric of graduated Dille, West Virginia, from recruit training March 15 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The graduation exercises, marking the end of nine weeks of "boot camp", included a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries.

In nine weeks of instruction, the, "raw recruit" is developed into a Navy Blue jacket, ready for duty with the fleet.

### 1ST GRADE ENROLLMENT

Mrs. Mary Butcher, first grade teacher, has announced plans for pre-school enrollment of those children who will attend school for the first time during the 1958-59

Beginners are to visit first grade room Friday, April 4, starting at 1:00 p.m., with the regular first grade pupils. The first grade children are to have a party for those who will attend next year. Parents should come with these children in order to fill out the necessary information forms required on pre-school surveys. Mrs. Anna Mae Leeson, Elk River Coal and Lum-

Co., nurse, will talk to the mothers on the importance of physical fitness and immunization at 1:10 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. auditor-Leeson will notify all beginners who are to be immunized of the dates during the spring and summer when they may come to the doctor's office.

According to the laws of West Virginia, parents must have their children who are entering school for the first time immunized against diphtheria and smallpox. They must also present a birth certificate to the school before they will be permitted to enter.

Members of the Widen School P.T.A. will assist with a pre-school survey of beginning children sometime in March or early in April. Please be kind enough to give them the information which they desire when they come to your

### FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE

One hundred forty active and retired employees of Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, along with 29 widows and 50 minor children of deceased employees, received direct benefits following the meeting of the Widen Relief Committee held in the Widen office on February 24.

The employees were represented by the following League officials Billy Facemire, president; Joe Truman, treasurer; and Lloyd Butcher, Jr., James Triplett, and Carl Young, members of the Bargaining Committee. Company representaties at the meeting were H. L. Beattie, G. D. Craft, R. G. Elliott, H. S. Williams, and Darrell

There was no change in the list of 27 retired employees this month, with each of them receiving their \$100 pensions, nor was there any change in the list of survivors.

Twenty employees received disability benefits, thirteen for the entire month and seven for a portion of February. There were six new applicants and one man returned to work during the month.

Of 102 items of hospital and medical bills submitted to the committee for consideration, one hundred were approved witout question. One was turned down because the patient was a dependent child over the age of 18, and the other was a case where the bill had been paid by an insurance company and it was not felt that the committee should make a duplicate payment. The approved bills had been incurred at Charleston, Clarksburg, Clay, Clendenin, Cowen, Gassaway, Glenville, Summersville, Sutton, Webster Springs, and Weston, W.



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Wednesday 7:00 PM Everyone is welcome! Pastor: Paul E.

**BELL CREEK** COMMUNITY BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

NO Scheduled Services At This Time

**BELL CREEK** PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Tuesday Night 6:00 PM Thursday Night 6:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM PM Pastor: Lee Holiday (304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah. Preaching from K.J.V. Bible

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Morning 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 7:00 PM Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road, Bomont, WV

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM Thursday Night Service

7:30 PM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST

CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday evening services 7:00 PM

Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM Pastor: Danny Richardson

**BIG UNION BAPTIST** CHURCH

Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM 2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM

Pastor: Pete Shaffer

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

**BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday

School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV

Summersville Everyone Welcome Pastor:

Doug Newell IV

**BURKE MEMORIAL** METHODIST CHURCH in

Procious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF

LIZEMORE Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00

Sunday School 10:00 AM Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD

BENTREE

Sangamore Rd., Bentree, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Come and worship the Lord

with us. Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr. CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM. Everyone is Welcome! Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

**CLENDENIN UNITED** PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:30 PM Pastor: Fred Walker

**CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Preaching 7:00 Wednesday Worship

7:00 PM Everyone welcome. Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Falling Rock, Clay County Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM

Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM Teachings from the King James Bible

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton Sunday School 10:00 AM

Wednesday Prayer Service/ Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM Pastor: Roy Huffman

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:00

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

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 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

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**GAULEY BRIDGE** 

Pastor: Daniel Tanner

**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/Chilren/ Youth 7:00 PM **GOSPEL LIGHT** 

COMMUNITY CHURCH Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. All Sunday

night services begin at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome. Pastor: Rev. David Smith **GROVES CREEK** 

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

HALLBURG BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM Sunday Night Preaching 6:00

Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Service Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

6:00 PM Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

Sunday Night Service

HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 PM

Pastor: Joe Dawson

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Pastor: James R. Paxton

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

welcome. Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST

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

IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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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

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Pastor: David Davis

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

LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Phone 304-286-5909

Sunday School 10:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Everyone Welcome! Pastor: David McLaughlin LIVING GOD WORSHIP

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

MAYSEL COMMUNITY

**CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Night 6:00 PM Monday Night Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer

Everyone welcome! MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM

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

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

GOSPEL CHURCH Thursday 7:00 PM Sunday 7:00 PM Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

NOAH'S ARK FULL

O'BRION ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Pastor: James L. Balser

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

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

PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM

Pastor: Dennis Vance

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.

**PROCIOUS** COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th

Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

Preaching 11:15 AM

Pastor: Wayne Smith

Pastor: David Walker

QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C. CHURCH

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Thursday Night 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Scott Means R

RISEN LORD CATHOLIC **CHURCH** at Maysel Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM followed by Religious Education 9:30 AM

Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM Evervone welcome! Pastor: Father Matheus Ro SVD

Dominijus Boak SVD ROGERS FORK BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Pastoral Associates: Father

Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Sunday Worship 7:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

Sunday School 10:00 AM

**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

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

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

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** 

Everyone welcome!

VALLEY RIDGE

**TABERNACLE** Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Service

Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

CHURCH

attend. **W** -WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH

Evertyone is welcome to

Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 9:45 AM Bible Study Wednesday Eve-

Everyone welcome. Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST

ning 7:00 PM

**CHURCH** 

11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Pastor: (304) 332-5503 Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays

**CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 AM Thursday Evening Service

WALNUT MEMORIAL

7:30 PM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Lester Tanner WHITE PILGRIM

Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Paul Coon

TABERNACLE CHURCH

METHODIST CHURCH

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

WIDEN BAPTIST

Everyone welcome!

6:00 PM

WHITESTAR

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Service

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

Phone: (304) 587-7410 Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw



The Clay County Sheriff's Department will be holding a public auction on December 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. We will be selling a 2013 Ford Interceptor and a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado and miscellaneous office supplies (filing cabinets, photo copier/fax machine). Auction will be held at the Courthouse, 246 Main St., Clay WV 25043. If you have any questions please call our office at (304) 587-4260.

### **LEGAL**

### IN RE: NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2025

Notice is hereby given that the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization on the 3rd day of February, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commission Courtroom located at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV and will continue in session thereafter from time to time until the work of the review and equalization is deemed by said Board of Review is completed.

All persons having business before said Board of Review pertaining to equalization of taxpayer's property taxes are respectfully invited to attend said session. You may call 304-587-4259 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday for an appointment or the schedule of meetings.

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 25, 2024

, PRESIDENT CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION

To place your **legals Call us** at (3**04**)-**647**-5724

(2023-C-000100 - Clay County - JOHN P OR KATHERINE S WALKER)

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

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: 352.28

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

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

Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East **Building 1, Room W-114** 

Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568



#### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **Division of Highways** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until December 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract State Project Federal Project Description 012 2022990070 T699-IDIQS 25 00

STBG-2024(126)D TRAFFIC SIGNAL

ITS, SIGNAL SYSTEMS, LGTNG, TECH VARIOUS

**COUNTY:** STATEWIDE

DBE GOAL: 5 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it

will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.





# Local fire departments seek volunteers

### By Allen Hamrick

Fire has been and always will be a dangerous necessity for homes and communities. From campfire musing to lighting a cigar to ward off the gnats and providing means needed for cooking and warmth, fire is a handy controlled attendant. However, let it get out of hand and it is unforgiving and merciless. Fire has separated families and destroyed forested lands as well as the plains. Buildings have crumbled, steel has twisted, and the hardest materials on earth melt from its intense heat. Yes, it is a necessity but it also usurps a terrible price on a community, whether rural or urban, if allowed to grow unchecked.

There is one force only that can subjugate fire and that is the indomitable will of individuals who volunteer their time and, in some instances, their lives in service to the people of their communities. Ever since fire destroyed the first buildings in Jamestown, people knew something had to be done, and bucket brigades and a rattle watch were established. Rattle watches were people who patrolled streets looking for fires and would wake people up to fight them. Bucket brigades were the best weapon against fire but were ineffective in rural communities, although they did their best as farms were so far apart. The first established volunteer fire department began in 1735 by Ben Franklin and has developed into one of the most prolific services across these United States.

Every state and nearly every county in this country has a fire fighting service dedicated to the people they protect and serve. Many have died, giving their life battling fires that have ravaged buildings and forests; they are the first responders that run into an inferno that can turn them to ash. They are instrumental in helping with water rescue, wilderness rescue when needed, and any other situation that requires a certain breed of man or woman who looks at their own life with a different set of rules and boundaries. For the most part, the fire departments across this nation are comprised of volunteers, not paid individuals. The commitment of a younger or older person to be in the fire department was a great honor that was carried down through generations. A volunteer had to be trust worthy, strong, dependable and, above all, have a heart and a desire to do a great service for a simple pat on the back. It takes a special individual to do what it takes to be in the fire service, and Clay County has had some of the best over

Young people flocked to the departments to put on the fire department tuxedo and prove they were worthy to wear the suit. Now, here in our area fire depart-



The Big Otter Fire Department needs volunteers.

ments are getting thinner and thinner by the year and are in desperate need for volunteers - men and women who have a calling higher than themselves and need the adrenalin. It must be understood that the fire and rescue for this county is completely volunteer, and while they can't be everywhere at the drop of a hat because of that status, they do the absolute best they can. So, the more volunteers the better the system works.

Clay VFD and Lizemore VFD are always in need of fire fighters, but the Big Otter VFD is in desperate need. It would be a terrible blow to any community to have to

close a volunteer fire department due to lack of people. Volunteers have always been a staple of communities who give a certain amount of freedom from worry and a peace of mind that someone will eventually answer your cry for help. At the sound of the call, they come from hollers, towns, and their jobs to meet, organize and do what's right in the best way that they can for the people they protect. If you want to be a part of the brigade of the brave fire warriors, get in touch with the Clay VFD, Lizemore VFD and Big Otter VFD; I am sure they would love to talk to you.

## Lew and Zeb: Ol' Tom Crawd, the deer whisperer

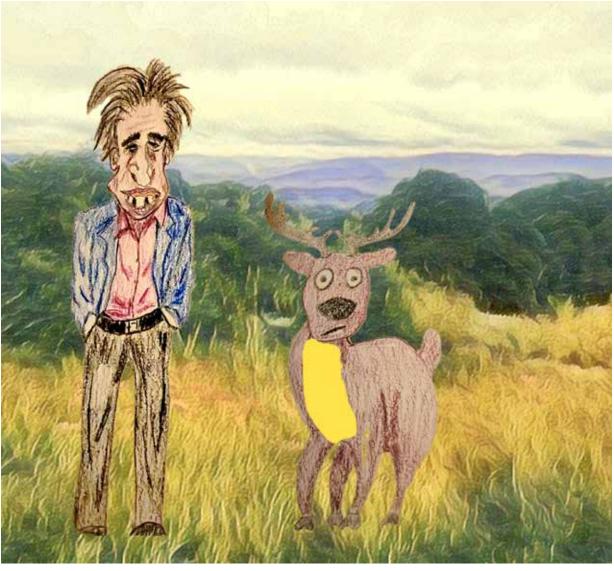
### By Allen Hamrick

Yeah, hey folks, this here's Lew. It's been awhile since I filled my feather with some ink to jot down another tale for ya. Ol' man winter has done started his freezin' of the earth early seems like this year, an' all the things we were gonna get done before he sent his icy breath has got to be done did till the sun decides to get a little backbone and show him who's boss. This time of the year, though, the freeze is a welcome sight to those that brave the woods lookin' for Bucky or Doe, and those that don't get froze to their stands or have their knees lock up from standin' too long get a natural chill to hang their kill. Usually after the first week in, folks are sittin' around their smokehouses and woodstoves talkin' turkey 'bout why they did or didn't get the big one, but they ain't much talk this year.

Now, we have had some times in our parts of the woods in recent times, but the first week of buck season this year was an odd duck. Usually the week before people done popped the cap on many different targets cause they can't hit the broad side of a 52 Chevy one ton. There was a different air in our stretch of the neighborhood this past week - never heard much shootin' or cussin' and even our big black Friday events were a bust. Nobody fightin' over nothin' and all the stores took a hit at the register. At the hound pup sale on Culpepper Mountain, hardly a pup was sold. Usually the hillside is full of folks ready to pick out the next best bear hunter, but not this year. Seems all our neighbors and friends and enemies gathered round the one "puter" in the area to order what they wanted. It took all the fun out of the social event of the year. Why, there was more people flingin' cards at that puter than poker night at Pap's Barber Shop. I believe that "puter" needs to be unplugged, cut in half and buried at Buzzards Bend before it ruins the neighborhood.

We needed a good deer hunt to save the independence from leavin' our generation and these hills. So, the first week came and went hardly a hunter was in the woods 'cept the few of us, and we never even saw so much as a pile of deer droppins'. Well, we was all sittin' around tryin' to do some figurin' of our next move to corner the deer market when we heard the unmistakable bell on Ol' Tom Crawd's wagon comin' up the hill. For those that don't know Tom, he is the local deer whisperer who only comes out in public in a time of desperate need, and this was one of those times. Ol' Tom is a gangly fellow who has a skinny head and teeth that could pick the prize out of a Cracker Jack box without touchin' the sides. One of his specialties is wrote on the side of his wagon...deer whisperin' an' other animal talkin'. Some say he can talk the meanest bull in Hard Luck Corral to give up his horns and a leg bitin' rooster into a banty hen just by whisperin' to em'.

It was time for Ol' Tom to get to work waggin' his tongue in a deer's ear. Well Ol' Tom set a trap for one of the deers near Zeb's outhouse where he hung a deer feeder off the back of it. We all waited in the brush that evening to see Ol' Tom go to work. Sure enough, around 9 a'clock, one of the biggest bucks you ever saw



Ol' Tom Crawd

come wondering in for supper at Zeb's outhouse feeder. Well, quick as a cat, Ol' Tom's gate went closed on his trap and we all stood in awe at the 12 point standing there. Tom went to whisperin' to the buck, and the buck was whisperin' back. We tried to read their lips but it just couldn't be done. When they were done, Ol' Tom released the buck and he trotted off into the woods; we couldn't tell but it looked like it had a smile on its nose. Tom told us he asked where all the deer were hidin' but the buck wasn't easy to convince. It cost us five 50lb bags of cracked corn, and we had to promise five years of freedom for the buck.

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We set off that Monday with the coordinates the buck gave Ol' Tom. We went up and over hills, down steep cliffs, crossed two rivers and up three hollers till we finally made it to this canyon like holler. Here is where all those deers that were hidin' out were finally gonna meet the freezer. With our nerves on edge waitin' we couldn't set our eyes on any bucks, does, rabbits, squirrels - nothing. That dumb deer had done double crossed us and got us lost. It was then while we were figurin'

our next move that we looked up realized that deer done

led us astray and into a bear trap. We were completely

surrounded by black bears; they were all lined up on the ridge to charge us. That's when Ol' Tom stood up and declared to the bear that were only after the bucks not them

He must not be able to talk bear; they came at us runnin' on all fours and all twos, and the only chance we had was the trees. Ol' Tom had done lost his wisperin' voice' so he was no use, but Zeb, who is too big to climb trees, decided this was the end and just up and fell flat on his belly. When he did, all those refried Beanie Bloaters he ate that his wife makes finally gave up and blew out. That stopped the bears' charge right in their tracks. The smell was too overwhelming, and they stopped the chase. Zeb's near death experience taught us a couple of things: never trust a penned up buck and always carry a few fried patties of Beanie Bloaters on your next hunt. That was it for us for our two weeks of huntin'. Pap, Pip, Popcorn and Kernel all bagged a deer for their freezers but the rest of us got skunked. From here in our neck of the woods, hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and hope you have a great Christmas. In the meantime, keep a tight line in the water, your sights wet and never whisper to a deer - you just can't trust em.