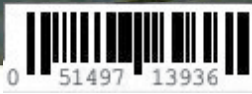




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Pictured from left to right are Shelia Stone, County Clerk and Commission Secretary; Commissioner David Schoolcraft; Joyce Johnson, Commission President, and Duane Legg, newest commissioner.

## Clay County Commission holds short February meeting

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission Meeting held on Monday, Feb. 24 was about the shortest and sweetest meeting on record. The commission took care of typical county business approving minutes from the previous meeting, bills, purchase orders, budget revisions, and estate appointments.

Shay Edgar was going to make a presentation to the commission regarding Clay Gymnastics but was a no show, so that item on the agenda was the only item tabled. The commission, reacting to a letter of resignation from Michelle Bodkins, accepted it.

Commission President Joyce Johnson briefly left the room while commissioners David Schoolcraft and Duane Legg considered another matter. Joseph Johnson, the interim director of the E911 center, was discussed and appointed as the new Director of E911.

Terry Martin presented invoices totaling more than \$109,000 for the Judicial Annex. He also gave an update on the Big Otter Water Project, saying that the bid was accepted and construction could begin as soon as March of this year.

Donna Salisbury of the Family Center across from the courthouse announced

they got their \$10,000 grant and that this past weekend the two of them unloaded 8,000 pounds of food. Some of that will be taken out of the county for flood relief where it is badly needed.

The next meeting of the Clay County Commission will be at 9 a.m. on March 10, 2025.



Terry Martin

## Students compete in math field day events for 2025



Math field day winners pictured are (top row, left to right) Easton Leftwich, Kinsley Duffield, Iris Miller, Tripp Sears, Christian Belt, Amara Ramsey, Lyla Titus and Jase Beck, (second row, left to right) Tessa Kiser, Owen Paxton, Katherine Hanshaw, Jeremiah Danis, Amber Ramsey and Emma Stephens, (third row, left to right) River Schoolcraft, Paisley Adkins, and Trenton Gilbert.

By Allen Hamrick

During the month of February, Clay County students from elementary, middle and high school, grades 4 through 12,

competed for the honor of representing their school and county at the Regional Math Field Day for Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Putnam counties being

## Attendance awards announced for the fifth school month



Pictured is Shawn Krajieski's students at Clay County High School, Teacher aides Terrie Shamblin, Denise Holcomb, Vocational Director Bob Morris, and Superintendent Phil Dobbins.



Pictured is Anissa Collins' kindergarten students at Big Otter Elementary, teacher aide Edna King, Principal Anthony Boggs, and Superintendent Phil Dobbins.

Attendance soared during the fifth school month; each school had an excellent average daily rate. Big Otter Elementary led the county with a 96.28%, followed by Clay County High School with a 95.51%. Clay Middle School was third at 95.04% and Clay Elementary School had a 94.49%.

Shawn Krajieski's students at Clay County High School continued to have the best classroom attendance in the county with a 98.52%. Second was Anissa Collins' kindergarten students at Big Otter Elementary with a 98.15%. Allison Vaughan's students at Clay Elementary School were third with a 98.13%, followed

by Catherine Vaillancourt's students at Clay Middle School with a 97.22%.

The runner-up students also had excellent scores: Caitlyn Holcomb's first grade students at Big Otter Elementary at 98.12%, John Brown's students at Clay County High School studying electricity at 96.25%, Doug Wayne's band students at Clay Middle School at 96.11% and Hannah Hannah's first grade students at Clay Elementary at 95.52%.

Good attendance leads to good grades, good behavior and great success! Congratulations to students throughout all the Clay County Schools. Attendance matters!

## Lady Panthers season ends



Panther regular season comes to an end.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Dusty Lee Delaney  
Booked 2/25/25  
Negligent homicide



Tyler Macabe Hamrick  
Booked 3/1/25  
Reckless driving, no proof of insurance, no proof of registration, obstructing an officer, DUI controlled substance, failure to yield, expired MVI



Kwanique Dennis Martin  
Booked 3/2/25  
Taking identity of another person, conspiracy, forgery



Sean Anthony Snagg  
Booked 3/2/25  
Taking ID of another, conspiracy, forgery



Robert Charles Wilfong  
Booked 2/27/25  
Public intoxication, battery on healthcare worker, fingerprint refusal



Justin Ray Chapman I  
Booked 2/25/25  
Obstructing an officer, fleeing on foot, willful disruption of government process, retaliate on police officer, false report to police

BRAXTON COUNTY



Richard David Cook  
Booked 2/26/25  
Bailpiece



Lawilliaming Ray Harrison  
Booked 2/27/25  
Failure to register as a sex offender



Brian Laco Perkins  
Booked 2/27/25  
Capias



Ian Matthew Dobbins  
Booked 2/25/25  
Capias, possession of controlled substance, probation violation



Jacob Hunter Grose  
Booked 3/2/25  
Violation of protective order, burglary



Jeremiah Allen Meadows  
Booked 2/28/25  
Domestic battery

CLAY COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 9:00 am, at the PSD office in Birch River.

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

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Super Crossword

Answers

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This Week in the House of Delegates



For the week ending Feb. 28, 2025

As members of the West Virginia House of Delegates continue to implement their new, two-day committee process for deliberating potential bills, many passed the full body with nearly universal, unanimous support.

A total of 11 bills passed the full House this week, with fewer than half a dozen “nay” votes against any of them.

Members of the House voted to move some food additives out of reach with their approval of House Bill 2354. The measure would eliminate certain food additives from school nutrition programs starting Aug. 1 and would prohibit the sale of food products containing seven specific color additives or food dyes within the state after Jan. 1, 2027.

“We live in a state where many of our elementary school kids are medicated dealing with ADHD or some type of autism symptoms and what the studies have begun to show is that these additives that add no value to the nutritional value, only appearance to it, are actually feeding into hyperactivity and ADHD,” said Adam Burkhammer, R-Lewis, and lead sponsor of HB2354. “So as we consider bills on down our list, and one of them has been a really hot topic when we talk about elementary school behavior and how we’re going to tackle this, we’re tackling it right now: Better foods, better ingredients, better behavior, better for everybody.”

Delegates this week also voted to increase the criminal penalties on parents or guardians convicted of child abuse or neglect resulting in injury with House Bill 2123, and House Bill 2047, to largely prohibit cameras or recording devices in the bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children.

“We have to do everything we can to protect our kids,” said Delegate Doug Smith, R-Mercer, and lead sponsor of HB2123, which has unanimously passed the full House five out of the past six years.

Members of the Energy and Public Works Committee dug deep this week for an intense discussion on utility services and the establishment of microgrids in West Virginia. Their work across two meetings lasted nearly five hours with no legislation on the table.

Various representatives from the energy industry spoke to the economics and other aspects of microgrids in the state during the meeting, allowing the committee to go in-depth on the key question of how West Virginia can continue to lead in energy generation and economic development.

“When we’re able to talk through a problem, a concept or an opportunity without anyone in the room trying to defend or fight any specifics of a bill, we have the latitude to learn,” said Delegate Clay Riley, R-Harrison. “We got a wholistic view of microgrids in just one meeting, hearing from fuel sources, coal, natural gas, renewables, from the regulated utilities, the merchant utilities and the end users.”

Riley said the format lends itself to gaining perspective rather than being pigeonholed.

“It helps us all to understand the ‘why’ behind what someone believes without feeling like we must line up behind one bill or another,” he said.

A total of 1,051 bills have been introduced in the House; the last day to introduce bills is March 18. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight April 12.

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# Life Goes On

By Joe Mazzella

For over 30 years now I have lived right next to a graveyard. I am not complaining, though. Not once in all of these years have my neighbors played loud music or got into an argument or complained when I walk my dogs near their fence. They don't even mind when deer graze among their gravestones. And they always help to remind me how brief and precious life here is.

Sometimes in the morning while I am watching the rising sun coming over the horizon I look at the graveyard and remember all the people I have lost in my own life. I remember stacking wood with my Dad to keep us warm for the long winter to come. When I would glance at him watching me I could see the kindness in his eyes. It always warmed my heart seeing it. I remember sitting on the porch with my Mom watching the cardinals fly down to eat at her bird feeder. She always had such a look of peace and joy on her face as she watched them. I remember Nana standing over her pot of slow cooking tomato sauce, dropping in just a bit more parsley or garlic, and giving it a taste. She always got it just right and she was so happy when we devoured her Sunday dinners. All three of them touched my life in ways mere words can never express. They were so good and so kind. They made the world a better place just by being in it. They taught me how to live and how to love. And I still miss them every single day.

Robert Frost once wrote: "In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." That is true. But how it goes on depends largely on us. Is it going to go on in fear or in love? Is it going to go on in anger or in forgiveness? Is it going to go on in misery and despair or in kindness and joy? The choice is ours. I just thank God each day that I had three wonderful teachers in Dad, Mom, and Nana. They showed me who we are is more important than what we have. And they showed me that a life lived in love is the richest life of all.

# Home Country

Slim Randles

Chickens have forever had a place in our hearts and on our tables. Why is that? Well ... why not?

And so I'd like you to come with me back to the summer of 1970, 'way up north of Fairbanks, Alaska, to what was once the thriving gold mining village of Chicken, Alaska. I was on my way, hitchhiking with a canoe, to paddle down a stretch of the Yukon River and to see the cabin where Jack London spent the winter once upon a time.

Just as an aside here, hitchhiking with a canoe, or with a sled and 10 dogs, would make a lengthy how-to book all by themselves. It doesn't sound easy, does it? It isn't.

So what I would do on these "adventures" of mine, (my boss, Larry Fanning, referred to them as Slim's tin-cup trips because of all the scrounging I did) is go neat places and interview great people, and write stuff. My column in the Anchorage Daily News ... brace yourself ... was called "Slim's Column."

Truth in advertising.

So I arrived in Chicken, Alaska, only to find I'd nearly doubled the local population. In the far-distant past, Chicken was an actual town. When the gold gave out, so did Chicken.

So what was left was "the business" consisting of a gas pump, a coffee pot, some postage stamps and a couple of nice folks. But there was something else, too.

There was not only an outhouse there, but it was electrically lighted. So where should I write my column? In an electrically lighted outhouse in Chicken, Alaska.

Naturally.

The raising of poultry this far north is uncommon, too many local varmints, including any resident sled dogs, eat them. So how did this gold camp get its name? Ahh ... the reason for that column on the wooden "desk" beneath that 20-watt bulb.

Chicken, Alaska, got its name because none of the miners there knew how to spell ptarmigan.

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*I'm Slim Randles, author of the book Packing the Backyard Horse, enabling you and your own Ol' Snort to have some camping fun in the back country. Packing the Backyard Horse, available on Amazon.com.*

# How Coffee Has Changed My Life

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Recently, I was sitting drinking a nice hot cup of coffee. It's the first thing I do, and I can't get anything done until I do.

I was thinking about this coffee as I was drinking it and remembered there was a time when I did not like coffee at all.

When I was young, my parents made coffee in the morning, and it was the worst coffee you could ever drink. I tried it and could not get beyond the first sip. I tried it with cream and sugar, black, cream, and sugar, but none of those ingredients enabled me to drink any of that coffee.

I couldn't understand why my parents drank that coffee in the morning. It didn't make sense to me, but then a lot of things my parents did, made no sense at the time.

My father had to have a cup of coffee just before he left for work. He also took a thermos of coffee to work. It never made sense to me.

It wasn't until many years later that I realized why that coffee was so terrible.

After graduating high school, I went to a Bible college where I met the future Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. My life changed in so many ways that it would take a series of books to explain them all.

The one thing that really changed my life had to do with coffee.

Up until this point in my life, I never drank coffee. When I went out with friends to a restaurant, I was the only one who did not order coffee.

I didn't notice until we were married that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was highly addicted to coffee. I don't know how I missed that before we married, but I did.

After we were married, one of the first things she bought was a coffee maker. That was the first time I really saw a genuine coffee maker.

Every morning, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would make coffee. The smell of that coffee filled the little apartment we lived in then. It was an aroma I had never smelled before, and I just couldn't quite place it.

On our first morning in our apartment, she said, "How do you like your coffee?"

I looked at her, smiled and replied, "I like my coffee in the coffee pot."

She didn't understand what I was saying, but she let it go.

Several weeks later, I began to think through this coffee business. What puzzled me was why her coffee smelled so much better than I remember my parent's coffee.

I didn't address it because it wasn't necessary. But as

the days and weeks went by, I soon became addicted to the aroma of that fresh coffee in the morning. I tried to figure out what the difference was between her coffee and my parent's coffee.

One morning, as she made her coffee, she said, "Why don't you try some of my coffee this morning? I think you just might like it."

It took me several weeks to accept her invitation, but I finally agreed to have a cup of coffee.

"Do you want cream and sugar in your coffee?" I agreed, so she fixed my coffee and brought it to me.

I smelled the coffee, which smelled so wonderful that I couldn't believe it was coffee. After looking at the coffee for a while, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Are you going to taste it or not?"

Looking at her and smiling, I nodded and took my first sip of real coffee. It was the most wonderful sip I've ever had. I responded, "This is wonderful."

"See," she replied, "I knew you would like it."

It didn't take long for me to drink that first cup of genuine coffee. My wife offered to get me another cup of coffee, and I did not stop her.

When she brought the coffee back, I looked at her and said, "Why is this coffee so much better than the coffee my parents made?"

"I'm not sure," she replied, "maybe your parents were making instant coffee. There's a great difference between instant coffee and real coffee."

I looked at her for a while and remembered those days when I lived at home. When my parents got up early in the morning, my mother would heat water on the stove, put instant coffee in both their cups, and then pour the hot water into each cup. I did not realize at the time that they were not drinking real coffee.

I started giggling, and my wife said, "What are you giggling about?"

With a huge smile on my face, I looked at her, raised my coffee cup, and said, "This, my dear, is the real thing."

From then on, I have enjoyed many cups of real coffee daily. It has wonderfully changed my life.

Thinking on this I was reminded of a scripture, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Many misquote this verse. But to know God's word is to know the truth which will set you free from all hypocrisy. I want the real truth not some artificial truth.

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## MATH FIELD DAY

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held on February 25, 2025, on the campus of the University of Charleston. With a written test, mental math exercises, an estimation computation event and physical estimation stations, students showed off their math skills and earned bragging rights as the best math students that Clay County has to offer. These boys and girls put a lot of thought and expertise on the table to bring home the trophy and to take it the next level.

This year, the annual Hugh Boggs Math Competition was held in conjunction with Clay County Math Field Day. Each year, this event is held for third, fourth and fifth grade students as a tribute to the late Clay County educator Hugh Boggs. This is a competition where students complete the arithmetic tasks mentally and must ring the buzzer before their opponents have the chance to answer. For the Hugh Boggs Math Field Day event, winners are as follows: Third grade: Tessa Kiser, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Clay Elementary, Owen Paxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Big Otter Elementary, and Katherine Hanshaw, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Big Otter Elementary; Fourth grade: Jeremiah Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Clay Elementary, Amber Ramsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Clay Elementary, Emma Stephens, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Big Otter Elementary; Fifth Grade: River Schoolcraft, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Clay Elementary, Paisley Adkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Big Otter Elementary, Trenton Gilbert, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Big Otter Elementary. Congratulations to them all!

For Clay County Math Field Day, Fourth grade re-

sults are: 1<sup>st</sup> place Easton Leftwich, Clay Elementary, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kinsley Duffield, Big Otter Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Iris Miller, Big Otter Elementary and Alternate Tripp Sears, Lizemore Elementary. Fifth grade results are: 1<sup>st</sup> place Christian Belt, Clay Elementary, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Amara Ramsey, Clay Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lyla Titus, Big Otter Elementary and Alternate Jase Beck, Big Otter Elementary. Clay Middle School results are 6<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Carson Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Gage Taylor, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lakeshia Davis; 7th grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Mikaila Childers, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Trenton Parker, 3<sup>rd</sup> place William Fields; 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Adam Canfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Autumn Rapp, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alex Jennings. Clay County High School will be represented by ninth graders Abigail Grandon, Jayda Woods and Brooke Cliver. The high school team for grades 10 – 12 was Evie Young, Elijah Paxton, Sophia Berberich, Easton Edwards, Luke Hill, Jaxon Brown, Avery Brouillard, Yusun Kwan, Keiara Asbury, and Alivia Gilliland,

Congratulations to these students for representing Clay County. Special recognition and extra kudos to Luke Hill for placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the high school level competition and Sophia Berberich for placing as an alternate in the high school level competition. Luke will represent Clay County and the Boone, Clay, Kanawha and Putnam region at the state math field day event on April 12 at West Virginia State University at Institute.

## West Virginia's skilled trades drive over \$8B in economic impact, new report show

A new report from the Marshall University Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) highlights the powerhouse economic contributions of the West Virginia Building and Construction Trades (WVBCT), which has generated an estimated \$8.1 billion total economic impact over the 2022/2023 years.

The study, which examines the wages, benefits, and employment supported by West Virginia's skilled construction workforce, underscores the critical role of union trades in the state's economy. The report found that WVBCT members worked an average of 17.4 million hours annually, with wages and benefits contributing \$2 billion in total labor income.

According to Justin Williams, Director of the Affiliated Construction Trades, the research arm of the WVBCT, the findings reaffirm what industry leaders have long known: skilled tradespeople aren't just building infrastructure—they're building West Virginia's economy.

"When you invest in skilled trades, you invest in West Virginia's future," Williams said. "This report confirms that our members do more than show up at a job site. We create real economic impact, support local businesses, and ensure every dollar earned is reinvested in our communities." Building a Stronger Workforce, Strengthening Communities Beyond wages, the study found that union-negotiated deductions generate \$58.3 million in additional economic activity. These funds support workforce training, safety programs, and industry advocacy, helping sustain 366 jobs statewide.

These funds help sustain programs like:

- Apprenticeship training centers in South Charleston and Huntington
- Safety and workforce development initiatives in Parkersburg, Wheeling, and Scott Depot
- Philanthropic programs supporting veterans and

community service efforts Williams emphasized that these investments set union trades apart, ensuring young workers have career paths, not just jobs.

"Our apprenticeship programs produce the next generation of skilled workers who are debt-free and ready to contribute to their communities," Williams said. "Unlike other industries where training falls on the worker, we ensure our members have the tools they need to succeed—without raising student loan debt."

The study also highlights how WVBCT workers represent nearly half of all construction jobs in West Virginia, with 46% of the industry's workforce coming from union labor. Their impact extends beyond the construction sector, generating growth in retail, healthcare, transportation, and professional services.

"Through our research and analysis, it is shown that WVBCT members aren't just workers—they're a driving force behind economic stability and expansion in West Virginia," noted Justin Matthews, Senior Research Associate at CBET.

Williams echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the broader implications. "Every project we take on—from roads and bridges to schools and hospitals—helps move this state forward," he said. "This study shows that investing in our workforce is the key to growing our economy and keeping West Virginia strong." As West Virginia continues to attract significant infrastructure investments, Williams believes that union labor will be key to delivering high-quality projects on time and on budget.

"Whether it's new energy projects, broadband expansion, or commercial development, the demand for skilled labor is only growing," Williams said. "Now more than ever, West Virginia needs a well-trained workforce ready to build the future."

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# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

**March 5, 1856:** Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.



**March 5, 1963:** Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

**March 6, 1820:** Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.

**March 6, 1828:** Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state's first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in

Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.



**March 6, 1900:** A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state's first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

**March 7, 1856:** Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

**March 7, 1929:** The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is em-

blazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

**March 7, 1990:** West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.



**March 8, 1926:** An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

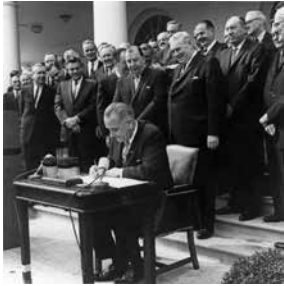
**March 8, 1963:** The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.



**March 9, 1832:** George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.



**March 9, 1953:** Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.



**March 9, 1965:** President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.



**March 10, 1910:** Ker-

mit McKeever, considered the father of the modern West Virginia state park system, was born near Renick, Greenbrier County.

**March 10, 1915:** West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

**March 10, 1920:** West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

**March 11, 1847:** Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

**March 11, 1848:** Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

**March 11, 1856:** Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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## Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

BODILY ACTIVITY

### ACROSS

- 1 Hair salon workers  
8 Visits briefly  
15 Sharp-image flat-screens, e.g.  
20 Very fast cat  
21 Not challenging enough  
22 Balcony window, perhaps  
23 Be on track  
25 D.C. transport  
26 Bricklayer's blend  
27 Unit of work  
28 2015-16 CBS "Cyber" series  
29 Send again, as a parcel  
30 — buco  
31 Kin of "Ruffl"  
33 Greek "H"  
35 Repulsed by  
37 Assume an onerous duty  
40 "I haven't —" ("No idea")  
44 Strapped garment  
45 Meadowland  
46 Pop's mama  
47 Pay  
50 Café addition  
52 Lobster limb  
56 Second purchase  
57 — Lanka  
58 Everyone  
59 1978-89 New York mayor  
61 Like a player who has hit a triple  
63 Chinese temple  
66 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)  
67 Do speaking motions voicelessly  
71 Actress Bingham of "Baywatch"  
75 Akron native  
76 Collector of useless items  
81 12.5% fraction  
83 Actress Sothern  
84 Cavaliers, on sports tickers  
87 Capital of Saudi Arabia  
88 Fencing sword  
89 Enthusiastic  
91 Focus on what you'll get if you win  
93 Bulk beer buy  
95 Angsty music genre

- 97 Film director DuVernay  
98 Weighed down (with)  
99 Support one who ultimately fails  
105 2009-17, politically  
106 Equal: Prefix  
107 "The Addams Family" cousin  
108 Poker holding  
112 "Nick and — Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)  
113 Car navig. aid  
115 Actor Kilmer  
117 Consumed no cooked food  
119 Kriss Kringle  
120 Conform to one's political group  
123 1989 Disney princess  
124 Captivates  
125 Kind of spray  
126 Latin "that is"  
127 Really foolish  
128 Paternity prover, perhaps

### DOWN

- 1 Joe —

- 2 Baltimore ball team, for short  
3 Decade parts  
4 Caused  
5 Jazz singer James  
6 Enthusiastic (jazz genre)  
7 Hen or heifer  
8 Mix together  
9 Wearing dapper duds, with "out"  
10 "— -la-la!"  
11 Dog or cat owner's concern  
12 Toothy tools  
13 Bible book before Jeremiah  
14 Big Apple team, on sports tickers  
15 Four-bagger  
16 Fixtures for displaying wedding gowns, say  
17 Donated 10%  
18 Cinéma — (filmmaking technique)  
19 Apply messily  
24 Renovates, in brief  
29 Partial refund  
32 Judge's garb  
34 Notify

- 36 "—, vidi, vici"  
37 Fixed maximum  
38 Forest den  
39 Fatty tissue of animals  
40 — -Cuban (jazz genre)  
41 Joel or Ethan of film  
42 Misplaced  
43 Ogden's state  
48 Male lead  
49 Brand of 120-Down  
51 Actor — Ray  
53 Email giggle  
54 Superb serve  
55 "How come?"  
58 Bureau  
60 Apostle  
62 Couple  
64 "I've got it!"  
65 Dadaist Jean  
68 Bangkok native  
69 Impede  
70 Take a risk  
71 No-frills shirt  
72 Split  
73 Census stat  
74 King-trapping situations  
77 Actress Sedgwick  
78 FBI attack

- 79 Wood-shaping tool  
80 At that time  
82 Discusses in detail, with "out"  
85 Actress Remini  
86 French "Ta-da!"  
90 Zig or zag  
91 Vast time spans  
92 Former senator Gary  
94 On hold  
96 Make damp  
99 Tiny tree  
100 On a train or plane  
101 Singer Wilson of Wilson Phillips  
102 Farm carts  
103 Rule over  
104 — Island Ferry  
108 Ancient serf  
109 Come to light  
110 Thin iPods  
111 Resided  
114 Mani- —  
116 Church nook  
118 Model Banks  
120 Steeped drink  
121 "Bali —"  
122 "Super cool!"

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### ORIENTAL GARDENS THEME FOR JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

Oriental Garden was the theme for the annual Junior-Senior Prom which took place Friday, May 9, 1958 in the new Community Building from 9 until 12 o'clock.

The building was beautifully decorated with gay Japanese lanterns, parasols, fans, balloons, and garlands.

Black trellises entwined with gay garlands and hung with lanterns formed cozy nooks for tables for four.

A large black pagoda with a shining red roof held the center of the floor. It too, was gay with garlands and lanterns. A small square table set with tea china stood in the center of the pagoda flanked by cushions.

A long curved oriental bridge spanned the entrance hall from the front door to ballroom floor. Large containers of Dogwood stood in the corner and on either side of the bridge. A lace-covered table held a huge cake decorated with stick figures of graduating girls and boys, complete with caps and gowns. Colorful miniature parasols and candied roses were arranged over the three-tiered white cake. The words "From the Juniors to the Seniors" were visible on top. The cake was created by Mr. Harry Taka, manager of the Widen Club House.

Refreshments of appetizers, potato salad, chicken salad sandwiches, fruit punch, candy and nuts were served at intermission by the Juniors. The cake was cut and served also.

The Widen Sportsmen played for the dance and just before the last dance, while they played the class theme song, "Stardust", a shower of balloons descended from overhead. Each junior and senior girl received a miniature Japanese fan for a remembrance—and each boy a miniature "Coolie" hat.

### STUDENTS WIN

#### SHORTHAND PINS

The following students learned their shorthand pins during the school year: Lillian Dodrill—100 words; Joan Truman Dawson—100 words; Alice Hamrick—100, 80 and 60; Betty Jane Craft—100, 80 and 60; and Helen Ellis—100, 80 and 60.

The Gregg shorthand speed tests are offered at 60, 80, 100 and 120 words a minute. The purpose of these tests and awards is to help the students set a standard of qualifications for office work.

### ELLIOTT AND BOGGS WIN

#### ATTENDANCE RECORD

Mrs. Elliott's second grade won the Attendance Banner for the 8th month with a percentage of 98.06.

The eighth grade won for the High School with a percentage of 99.31.

Congratulations 2nd and 8th graders!

#### Percentage of Attendance

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Mr. Boggs ... Grade 8 ...      | 99.31 |
| Mr. Reynolds Grade 7 ...       | 99.12 |
| Mrs. Elliott ... Grade 2 ...   | 98.06 |
| Miss Ashley ... Grade 3 ...    | 98.00 |
| Mrs. Reynolds Grade 6 ...      | 97.98 |
| Mr. Pinney ... Grade 10 ...    | 97.93 |
| Miss Graham ... Grade 2 ...    | 97.63 |
| Mrs. Bragg ... Grade 4 ...     | 97.43 |
| Miss Woods ... Grade 12 ...    | 97.36 |
| Mr. Matheny ... Grade 9 ...    | 97.19 |
| Mrs. Griffith ... Grade 11 ... | 96.14 |
| Mrs. Butcher ... Grade 1 ...   | 95.20 |
| Mr. Jackson ... Grade 5 ...    | 94.92 |

### SECOND SEMESTER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

#### Seventh Grade Mr. Reynolds

##### "A"

Charlene McClain  
Sandra Henderson  
Roger Baughman

##### "B"

Johnny Matheny  
Patricia James  
Patricia Manning

#### Eighth Grade Mr. Boggs

##### "A"

Mildred Gibson

##### "B"

Gary Eagle  
Gary Graham  
Jerie Hamrick  
Ronald Holmes  
Kathleen Miles  
David Shaffer

#### Ninth Grade Mr. Matheny

##### "A"

Terry Shaffer

##### "B"

Meledia Miller

#### Tenth Grade Mr. Pinney

##### "A"

Lillie Nash

##### "B"

Karen Donohue

#### Eleventh Grade Mrs. Griffith

##### "A"

David Hamrick  
Ruby Lee Holcomb

##### "B"

Rosa Gibson

#### Twelfth Grade Miss Woods

##### "A"

Joan Dawson  
Helen Ellis  
Lillian Dodrill

##### "B"

April Manning  
Alice Hamrick

### WIDEN BAND AT HUNTINGTON FESTIVAL

On May 2, and 3, the Widen High School Band attended the Band Festival at Huntington. Three thousand band members were present for the two-day event. The Widen High School Band stayed in three Hotels—Pritchard, 5th Avenue, and the Governor Cabell. Chaperones were Mrs. Vera Shaffer, Mrs. Dixie Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Gibson, and Forest Hamrick, our bus driver.

We arrived in Huntington at 11:30 A.M. and registered at the Hotels. At 3:10 P. M. we played our Audition numbers which were "Prelude," "Chorale," "Green Summit Overture," and "Triumphal Song for Band." The judge was James Bouman from Penn State University. Friday evening at 7:30 we went to the All State Band Concert.

Saturday morning we checked out of the Hotels at 10:00 A. M. and went to Oley Junior High School where we lined up for the parade. We were selected as the eighteenth band to march in the parade. At 12:00 noon we started on the long march for Fairfax Stadium. The parade was three miles long and a very hot one. We were very fortunate not to have anyone fainting during the long march. Fifty-six bands marched to the Stadium and one hundred and 28 students fainted because of the heat.

All bands received their ratings after the parade. Widen High School Band received a Superior. The ratings from the highest to the lowest are: Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, and Poor. There were seven other bands out of the fifty-six to receive a superior rating. Widen was the only band to receive Superior out of the fifteen class C bands that attended the festival.

Five band members were selected for All State Band. They were Judy LaCorte, trombone; Judy Shaffer, saxophone; Robert Baughman, baritone; Mildred Gibson, trumpet; and Patricia Manning, clarinet.

To finish this year's band activities we are having a banquet on Saturday, May 17, in the Club House, sponsored by Band Booster's Club.

I would like to thank all those people who have supported the band this year: Mrs. La Corte and all the other officers, Mr. Baer, Principal of Widen High School; Mrs. Jim Coen; Forest Hamrick; and the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company.—By Mr. Simmons.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS

The National Honor Society held its annual installation of new members, April 7, 1958 at the Y.M.C.A. auditorium.

Those who merited the installation were: David Hamrick and Rosa Gibson from the junior class and two probationary members from the sophomore class, Karen Donohue and Lillie Nash.

During a candlelight ceremony, the old members explained in brief talks the four principles of the society, which are: character, leadership, scholarship and service.

The new members were conducted to the stage by the four Noble Keepers.

### BASKETBALL AWARDS

The following boys were awarded certificates for Basketball for 1957-58. David Hamrick; David Wilson; Albert King, captain, Abe Holmes, and Ronald Holmes, manager. Russell Butcher and Paul DeMoss, seniors, were awarded letters.

The senior boys accepted a trophy as winners of the Boys' Class Tournament. The eighth grade accepted as winners of the Junior High Division. Junior girls won the trophy for the Girls' Class Tournament.

Presentations were made in Awards Assembly on May 7 by Coach Pinney and Mrs. Betty Sizemore.

### BEST WRITERS FOR APRIL

#### First grade:

Sally Ann Butcher

#### Second Grade (Mrs. Elliott)

Jimmie Dorsey

#### Second Grade (Miss Graham)

Dawn Arbogast

Julia Akras

Yvonne Hamilton

Gerald Wyatt

Charles Johnson

Bari Bailey

#### Third Grade:

Connie Henderson

Herby Gibson

#### Fourth Grade:

Linda Baughman

#### Fifth Grade:

Sandra Tinney

Garry Marple

Ronald Dodrill

Shirley Connor

#### Sixth Grade:

Jeanne Dodrill

Joyce Dorsey

Sharon Baughman

Charles Mullins

Sandra Williams

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At This Time

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

**CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM.  
Everyone is Welcome!  
**Pastor: Wilma Dobbins**  
**CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
10:00 AM – Sunday School  
11:00 AM – Preaching  
6:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:30 PM  
**Pastor: Fred Walker**

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

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

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

**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**  
**Associate Pastor: Lee Roy Anderson**

**FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bomont, WV  
Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Nick Bird**  
Phone 304-548-6665

**FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM  
**Pastor: Chris Johnson**  
**FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Daniel Tanner**

**GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Kids/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 PM  
**Pastor: Michael Jackson**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Vineyard Ridge  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
**JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH**  
103 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043  
Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 12 noon  
For more info call 304-587-4779  
**Pastor: David Davis**

**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 CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Mark Dudley**  
Phone 304-286-5909

**LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
Everyone Welcome!  
**Pastor: David McLaughlin**

**LIVING GOD WORSHIP CENTER**  
We invite you to come and worship with us.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
**Pastor: Cecil Lee**

**LIZEMORE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School 10-11:00 AM  
Church Service 11-12 Noon  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Robert Thomas**

**MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Monday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!

**MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Everyone Welcome  
**Pastor: Jim Hamrick**

**MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: John Osborne**

**MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Everyone welcome!

**MUD FORK CHURCH**  
Sunday & Jr. Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night & Jr.

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

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

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

**NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
Please join us in Praise!  
**Pastor: Gary Walker**

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

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

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM

**Pastor: Darius Walker**  
**Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher**

**NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Thursday 7:00 PM  
Sunday 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.**

**O'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  
**Pastor: Dennis Vance**

**PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM  
Wednesday night Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Saturday Night Preaching  
**Pastor: Wayne Litton**

**PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
Everyone welcome.  
**Pastor: Wayne Smith**

**PROCIIOUS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
*Welcomes You!*  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:15 AM  
Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: David Walker**

**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**

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

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

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



**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 PM  
PMEveryone welcome  
**Pastor: Don Dobbins**

**UNITY GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!

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

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

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

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

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

**WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall**  
**WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Randy Tinney**

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



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## LEGAL

### IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN RE: State v. S.Z.D., and Z.B., Case Nos. 24-JA-36-37

In the matter of S.Z.D., and Z.B., and the unknown whereabouts of  
Craig Allen Beeth, Adult Respondent Father of S.Z.D., and Jonathan  
Bartsch, Adult Respondent Father of Z.B.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

And  
NOTICE OF ANSWER

To: **Craig Allen Beeth and Jonathan Bartsch.**

(The object of this action is to notify the Adult Respondents of an  
abuse and neglect petition herein filed so that said Adult Respondents  
may answer the same to protect their interest.)

You are hereby notified that an abuse and neglect and/or abandon-  
ment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County,  
West Virginia, on the 14th day of November 2024, and assigned Case  
Numbers 24-JA-36-37, wherein it is alleged that the Adult Respondent  
Mother of the Infant Respondents S.Z.D. (DOB: 10/31/11), and Z.B.  
(DOB: 12/13/13) is Tiffany Beville, and that said Infant Respondents be  
placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and  
Human Resources, with said Infant Respondent remaining in the care,  
custody and control of the said Department since that time in accor-  
dance with WV Code §49-6-3. You are hereby notified that you have  
the right to answer said petition and you have the right to have counsel  
present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL PROCEEDINGS CAN  
RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Adult Respondents, Craig  
Allen Beeth and Jonathan Bartsch, shall appear before the Honorable  
Judge Morton on the **20th day of March 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the  
Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia, oth-  
erwise judgment by default will be taken against them at any time  
thereafter, and termination of your custodial and parental rights may  
be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Cir-  
cuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia at the Clay County Court-  
house, Clay West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPART-  
MENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PRO-  
TECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

BY: Wayne King, Prosecuting Attorney Clay County, West Virginia  
Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 25th day of February, 2025.

  
Clerk of the Court

## LEGAL

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 24th day of April, 1992, signed by Emily K. Dobbins and Paul D. Dobbins, wife and husband, to John Musgrave, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 74 at page 545, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **2:45 o'clock p.m.** on the **20th DAY OF MARCH 2025**

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Clay County in Clay, West Virginia, the following described real estate located in the District of Union County of Clay, State of West Virginia as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the waters of the Elk River, in Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a 1/2 inch iron rod set in a line of the Dorothy Cummings tract as described in Deed Book No. 151, at page 160, a corner to Hobert Cummings and the parent tract; thence with the Dorothy Cummings tract N-28-00-E 214-5' to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence N-8-00-E 400.0' to a 1/2" iron rod set 15' south of the center of Secondary 13/1; thence leaving the Dorothy Cummings tract and with a line 15' south of the center of said Secondary 13/1, S-73-34-E 49.0' to a point; thence S-88-00 E 46.5' to a point; thence N-76-14-E 161.1' to a 1/2" iron rod set in a line of the Hobert Cummings tract; thence with the same, S-6-20-W 400.0' to a stone found; thence S-59-48 W 419.1 to the place of beginning containing 2.77 acres, more or less.

Any of the property constructed, improved or purchases with the loan will be personally occupied and used by borrower and not rented or leased, unless the Government gives written consent otherwise.  
The mortgagor and mortgagee agree that any ranges, refrigerators, or carpeting purchased or financed in a whole or part, with loan funds will be considered and construed as part of the property covered by the mortgage.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

Rt 1, Box 64, Prociuous, WV 25164

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

GOLDEN & AMOS, PLLC, TRUSTEE  
543 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 81  
Parkersburg, WV 26102  
Telephone (304) 485-3851  
Fax (304) 485-0261  
E-mail: timamos@goldenamos.com  
Our business hours are 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
On weekdays - not including holidays

## Treasurer Pack announces opening of Hope Scholarship 2025-2026 application period for new students

*Families Must Apply by June 15 to Receive 100% Full-Year Award Amount of \$5,267.38*

State Treasurer Larry Pack, who serves as Chair-  
man of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced  
applications for new students to apply for the Hope  
Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year, which  
begins this fall, are now available online.

"My Office has seen tremendous growth in the  
Hope Scholarship over the last few years, and we're  
excited to welcome new students for the upcoming  
school year," Treasurer Pack said. "The Hope Schol-  
arship gives families the opportunity to choose the  
educational pathway that works best for their child.  
This will be the second full school year of our year-  
round application and prorated funding model, which  
will continue to offer families greater access and flex-  
ibility for the program."

Applications are available online at [www.Hope-ScholarshipWV.com](http://www.Hope-ScholarshipWV.com).

A student application submitted within the follow-  
ing dates will receive the associated level of Hope  
Scholarship funding:

March 1-June 15: 100% of Hope Scholarship an-  
nual award amount.

June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship annual  
award amount.

Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50% of Hope Scholarship annual  
award amount.

Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25% of Hope Scholarship annual  
award amount.

Current Hope Scholarship students who wish to  
renew their participation in the program during the  
2025-2026 school year have until June 15 to submit  
their Continuing Participation Confirmations.

"This is a great opportunity for students who have  
already benefited from the Hope Scholarship pro-  
gram," Treasurer Pack said. "I want to encourage all  
participating families to submit their confirmations  
for their child as soon as possible."

The Hope Scholarship award amount varies each  
school year depending on the amount of state aid  
funding per pupil provided to county boards of ed-

ucation for public school students. The scholarship  
amount for the 2025-2026 school year is \$5,267.38.

Program participation grew from 2,333 students  
during the 2022-2023 school year to 5,443 students  
during the 2023-2024 school year, and now over  
10,000 students in the current school year. There are  
currently 233 participating nonpublic schools and mi-  
croschools in the Hope Scholarship Program, provid-  
ing a variety of educational options for students.

The Hope Scholarship will open to all school-age  
children residing in West Virginia beginning in the  
2026-2027 academic year.

The Hope Scholarship Act, passed by the Legisla-  
ture in 2021, is an education savings account program  
available for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
It is designed to allow parents and families to receive  
an amount equal to the state portion of their child's  
education funding to tailor an individualized learning  
experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must  
be a West Virginia resident and be either:

Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.

Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or sec-  
ondary school program in this state for the entire in-  
structional term during the current academic year im-  
mediately preceding the academic year for which the  
student is applying to participate in the Hope Schol-  
arship Program.

Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public ele-  
mentary or secondary school program in this state for  
at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term  
at the time of application and remain enrolled and at-  
tending public school until a decision is reached on  
the student's Hope Scholarship application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law  
also requires participating families to fill out a no-  
tice of intent to participate in the program with their  
local county superintendent. A sample template for  
that notice as well as Frequently Asked Questions  
regarding the notice are also available online at the  
program's website.

Families are reminded to notify the Hope Schol-  
arship Board via email at [hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov](mailto:hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov) if they are awarded the Hope Scholarship for  
2025-2026 but ultimately decide to remain in public  
school.

For more information on the Hope Scholarship,  
visit [www.HopeScholarshipWV.com](http://www.HopeScholarshipWV.com).

## LEGAL

### 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 estab-  
lish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of  
West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person object-  
ing to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or  
jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the County  
Commission 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 claims  
against an estate must be filed within 60 days of the first publication of  
this Notice in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3.  
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, March 6, 2025

Claim Deadline: Monday, May 5, 2025

APPOINTMENT DATE 01/02/2025

ESTATE NAME: **NORMAN L JOHNSON**

EXECUTRIX AVIS M JOHNSON

5086 WIDEN RIDGE RD

DUCK WV 25063-9484

APPOINTMENT DATE 01/15/2025

ESTATE NAME: **DAVID JOE TOWNSEND**

ADMINISTRATRIX CATHY TOWNSEND-ESTEP

PO BOX 1063

ELKVIEW WV 25071-1063

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 02/26/2025

Sheila Stone  
County Clerk  
Clay County  
P.O. Box 190  
246 Main Street  
Clay WV 25043-0190

## LEGAL

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0789-G-PC  
HOPE GAS, INC.

Petition to abandon facilities

### NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On October 1, 2024, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), a public utility, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition for prior consent and approval to abandon approximately 1,068 miles of pipelines and related facilities, or "Red Lines." On January 15, 2025, Hope filed an Amendment to its Petition stating that Diversified Midstream LLC had agreed to non-binding terms to acquire all of the Red Lines from Hope.

The Red Lines proposed to be abandoned are located in the counties of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Marion, Mason, Monongalia, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood. The Red Lines and locations are identified in the Petition, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and on the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us).

Hope maintains that from Hope's perspective the pipelines can no longer provide safe, reliable, and economical gas service to the farm-tap customers or are in jeopardy of being unable to continue providing service. The pipelines are no longer necessary or useful to Hope's provision of service to Hope customers and are uneconomical to continue to operate, maintain, or replace. Hope estimates that the cost to operate and maintain the pipelines will far exceed \$10 million per year, and replacing the lines with new plastic pipelines will cost over \$600 million. Hope does not seek a rate increase in this proceeding.

A hearing will be held by the Public Service Commission, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 14, 2025, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the web docket.

Anyone desiring to protest the relief requested by Hope may file a written protest or request to intervene in Case No. 24-0789-G-PC, online, through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link, by mail addressed to: Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may appear at the hearing.

Anyone desiring to protest the relief requested by Hope may file a written protest or request to intervene that briefly states the reason for the protest or request to intervene. Requests to intervene must comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and must be filed within ten (10) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission will receive public comments throughout the entirety of the proceeding. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.sc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

HOPE GAS, INC

### NOTICE

I, along with James Dalton, Roy Echard, Anthony Frame, Tad Jackson, Noah Mc-Kim and Nathaniel McKim have leased the property in Log Shoals that was formerly owned by Ivydale, LLC and is now owned by We-R-Farmers. Otter district map 16, parcels 23, 24, 25, 26 and map 20, parcel 18. Trespassing and hunting are strictly prohibited, and violators will be prosecuted. If you have any hunting gear on this property you have 30 days to remove it. Thanks for your understanding and coop-eration. Log Shoals Hunting Club.



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# Lady Panthers season ends

**By Allen Hamrick**

It was an all out push to end the season with a win for the Panther basketball team as they hosted Poca. Coming off a couple of losses, the Panthers were in much need of a win going into the regional competition that begins this Friday in an away game against Scott. The Panthers came out swinging in the first period and quickly established themselves as the ones to beat. Noah Collins was dropping threes like they were in Vegas and racked up the points in the first period. Poca, close behind, had their own high rollers in the midst and stayed neck and neck with the Panthers. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> period it was the Panthers up by three at 21-18. It was bucket for bucket in the 2<sup>nd</sup> as neither the Panthers or Poca could gain the upper edge and they went into the locker room at the half with the Panthers holding a slight lead at 39-36. The game was a nonstop action with some good ball playing from both sides.

The third period got rolling, and it was a Poca three point bombing run hitting six three pointers as the Panthers started slow rolling. Joel Elliott was keeping the flames fanned hitting shots from the field but it wasn't enough to keep the lead. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> it was Poca with a slight lead 54-58. In the 4<sup>th</sup> both teams look like they grew their whole beard in the first three periods as the 4<sup>th</sup> period saw a slow down at the net. When the dust settled, it was the Dots over the Panthers 71-65. The Panthers will hit the road on Friday to take on Scott in the first game of the Regional competition. The Lady Panthers ended their season against Logan with a loss. The Ladies will now get set for softball action. Good luck to the Panthers in the Regionals!

Being recognized at Thursday evening's game was



Two of the best, Coach Buck Davis and wife Connie Davis.

long time Head Coach of the Panthers, the legendary Coach Buck Davis. Alongside him was his wife and legend in the English classroom Connie Davis. These two classy mentors have ushered in the successful futures of many students who walked the halls of CCHS. Coach Davis racked up 417 wins in 37 years as the Panther

coach and has had numerous awards as well as sectional and Regional wins. A person would have to dig deep in the human population to find two people who are as dedicated to serving the youth and their futures as these two people. They are ageless, and you will never meet anyone any finer anywhere.

# Spring is on the doorstep

**By Allen Hamrick**

This has been one of the longest winters we have seen in this area for a long time. We were due a long one; with previous winters acting like a cold autumn, it was bound to happen. With jaw freezing temperatures and road closing snow storms, relief seemed a long way down the road, but the new Burpee seed catalog has arrived to give us hope. A few 60 degree temperatures have give us just enough of a boost to see that spring will officially be here very soon. There is still opportunity for another snow according to predictions, but predictions are just the meteorologist's way of keep folks on edge. If you haven't noticed, peepers are peeping and eggs are getting laid in small ponds and water sources all over. New vegetation is defying the last vestiges of winter, and some hardy buds are showing they are ready for spring. Ramps will soon spring into action, and new life will begin in the young and old alike as the warm sun starts refueling our engines. Ground busting will begin as garden soil will be turned for the last cold days of winter to kiss the

earth farewell. Green houses will be in full bloom as new seedlings crack the top soil. The river fish will wake up and start their processes of spawning and feeding, and for the anglers, it's time to dust off the fishing equipment and restrng the reels - that is if winter time stopped you. With winter in the early stages of retreat, all hope is renewed and it's time to get busy.

Whatever gets you outside, there are many trails that will lead you to places that take adventure to new levels. We have a new life, and while there is breath in your lungs and a beating heart, get out and enjoy it; the outdoors awaits you. Take the time this year to go beyond your comfort zone and spruce up your life so you have no regrets when it is over.

Biking is a physically demanding sport, yet a great way to get fit and see things from a different light and angle. Kayaking is also exhilarating, no matter where you go, lake or river, it is a welcome change to the mundane. Kayaking also gets you back into those places where the big fish hide. The Elk is home to some of the best small

mouth bass fishing anywhere, but the big ones take a little savvy to hook as they prove hard to catch sometimes. There is plenty of hiking to do, not only in Clay, but take the opportunity to go on a road trip between chores and find a way to enjoy something. Bucket lists need to start being checked off because every year we get one year older, time goes faster and opportunity to do anything before the joints keep us home is getting slimmer by the day. Enjoy the little things in life now, while you can, because one day you will look back and realize how big they really were.

It won't be long until CCHS baseball and softball teams will be hitting the diamonds and track teams will be lacing up their shoes to begin their season. The CCMS baseball and softball teams will be hitting the fields soon and CCMS track teams will begin their season. In the not so distant future, younger players around the county will be hitting the fields, from tee ball to major league, to take part in that great American pastime. Get out and enjoy the great outdoors in whatever way you can!



Biking the mud holes on a 13 mile endurance trip.



Gardens are getting prepared.



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