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Weaken and appeal: Inside the chemical industry’s fight for looser drinking water rules

The House energy committee advanced a bill that would make it easier to reclassify West Virginia waterways so companies can dump into them. Critics say the change would allow more pollution in the state’s rivers. Proponents say it’s just common sense.

by Sarah Elbeshbishi for Mountain State Spotlight

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Moments before the House Energy and Public Works Committee overwhelmingly advanced a measure that rolls back drinking water quality protections, Del. Evan Hansen, D-Monongalia, spoke up once more in opposition.

“This bill is about whether this Legislature is going to allow more toxic pollution in West Virginia streams,” Hansen told the packed committee room.

“It’s illegal to discharge pollution into

West Virginia streams without one of these permits and they’re written to protect water quality in receiving streams,” Hansen said. “And this is why the attorney for Chemours proposed this amendment. To relax the permit for his client.”

The committee eventually moved the bill to the House floor. The full House will vote on the measure on Wednesday.

Currently, nearly all streams and rivers in West Virginia are classified as drinking water, meaning that companies discharging pollutants into that water are supposed to limit those to levels that are safe for human consumption.

But how the state’s waterways are categorized could change as lawmakers — at the urging of chemical companies — move forward with new rules

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This Week In The House Of Delegates



WV Legislative Photography by Perry Bennett

For the week ending March 14, 2025

Members of the House of Delegates voted on many pieces of legislation this week, sending some to the Senate for debate and several others completed the legislative process this week.

“We knew by consciously deciding this year to spend more time learning about issues and talking about potential solutions the natural result would be fewer bills brought to the House floor for a vote and I believe that’s a good thing,” said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. “I’ve been excited to shift the mindset and the narrative away from assuming the goal here is to pass as many bills as possible because often what is necessary to fix a problem in this state is not a new line of Code.”

Hanshaw gave as an example the issue of dilapidated buildings and structures, something every town throughout West Virginia struggles to manage. He said that with roughly 50 different proposals on how the state could or should address it, each looking only from a narrow perspective in a specific portion of the state, it would be a disservice to look with blinders at each individual bill one at a time.

“We have probably 50 different proposals on that, and it’s incumbent upon us as the Legislature to really examine how we want to deal with that issue as a state,” he said. “There are many other problems that truly are not ours to solve, but these are the types of decisions we should be making here as a body to solve what problems we can.

“I’m proud of our members for showing up to the 60-day session ready to listen and talk rather than just perform a rapid-fire sorting of bills that come from any number of sources.”

Hanshaw pointed out the House has

passed 63 bills, including two that completed the legislative process this week after unanimous votes in the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 138 would create enhanced criminal penalties for a person repeatedly convicted of fleeing an officer, and those repeat offenses would play into sentencing. Senate Bill 240 would update definitions included under the state’s criminal code as it relates to the extortion of sexual conduct and would criminalize the practice of threatening blackmail under the threat of disclosing private images without consent. Those two measures now go to the Executive for action.

The House Health and Human Resources Committee this week advanced several measures related to foster care. House Bill 2503 would revamp the foster care clothing allowance program by establishing what is considered an adequate wardrobe and approved necessities for children removed from their homes. It also would provide reloadable purchasing cards for more flexible purchasing online or at any store that accepts an electronic payment transaction. House Bill 2934 would require the Department of Human Services to prioritize housing applications, such as HUD or any government-assisted housing, for children who have turned 18 and transitioning from foster care. House Bill 2377 would update child welfare data reporting and create a Critical Incident Review Team to review both fatalities and near fatalities involving children in the child welfare system. It would allow the Foster Care Ombudsman to access relevant report and would require reports to be retained for at least one year.

The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight April 12.



Clay County Commission from left to right are Commissioner David Schoolcraft, Commission President Joyce Johnson, and Commissioner Duane Legg.

Clay County Commission announces County Cleanup date, ambulance billing management change

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission met in regular session Monday, Mar. 10 at 9 a.m. All three commissioners were in attendance: Commissioner David Schoolcraft, Commission President Joyce Johnson, and Commissioner Duane Legg.

Two items were tabled. The E911 Wrecker Rotation Service schedule was tabled because Logan Wrecking had not filed all necessary paperwork by this meeting. They were given five days to finish to remain in rotation. Karen Nicholas was to speak on behalf of the library but was not in attendance. Both items will be rescheduled.

The commission took care of routine business approving minutes from the previous meeting, approving bills and purchase orders, amending budget revisions, fixing erroneous assessments, appointing administrators and probating last wills and testaments.

The commission approved the annual

memorandum of understanding with the WVU Extension Service that will extend Mike Shamblin’s office in the courthouse for another year.

The commission appointed William T. Bevins to the Clay County BDA and reinstated Chris Montville to the Clay County Ambulance Service.

With Kanawha County Ambulance withdrawing their management of Clay County Ambulance billing service, the commission approved Jan Care Ambulance LLC to handle the billing for Clay County going forward.

Commissioner David Schoolcraft announced that the annual Clay County Cleanup this year would take place on Apr. 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. across from Pierson Lumber as it has been in years past. Metal tire rims will be taken but all tires must be removed from rims before either will be accepted.

The next Clay County Commission regular meeting will be held Monday, March 24 at 9 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the U.S. Military will conduct essential training in areas around Lizemores/Clay County, West Virginia, including air operations and test flights, on Wednesday, March 19, at 11:00 a.m. The official exercise, including aircraft engagement, will tentatively occur on Wednesday, March 26, at midday. Noise associated with training will include low-flying aircraft. Safety precautions are in place for participants, and considerations have been made to minimize the impact on the community. Management and coordination for this event are in conjunction with the appropriate local officials.

Blood moon and Bassin’



March 14th Blood Moon. By Allen Hamrick

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



James Wesley Cash
Booked 3/11/25
Capias



Geoffrey Duane Clutter
Booked 3/13/25
Capias, trespassing asked to leave



Andrew Jackson Copen
Booked 3/10/25
Capias



Kaelin Shaw Floyd
Booked 3/13/25
Contempt of court



Kyle Ray Francisco
Booked 3/14/25
Capias



Jayson Conner Grose
Booked 3/14/25
Court order

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Taylor Cain Mullins
Booked 3/11/25
Fugitive from justice



Bryant Anthony Nichols
Booked 3/14/25
Fugitive from justice



James Ervin Pileggi
Booked 3/13/25
Capias



Joshua Alan Stephenson
Booked 3/10/25
Domestic battery, strangulation, wanton endangerment with firearm, brandishing a deadly weapon



Justin Matthew Hannah
Booked 3/12/25
Prohibited person with firearm, conspiracy



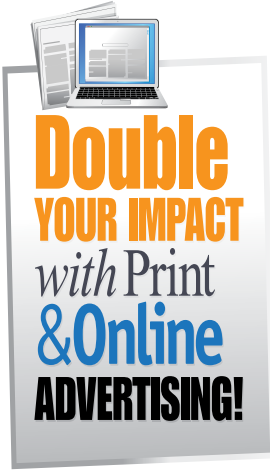
Randall Joshua Taylor
Booked 3/14/25
Possession of a controlled substance

CLAY COUNTY

BRAXTON CTY.



Destiny June'a Dobbins
Booked 3/10/25
Obstructing an officer, domestic battery, battery, battery on EMS, unlawful assault (officer, cor, fire, EMS), assault, assault on healthcare worker, malicious assault, unlawful assault



PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

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PAX winners announced



Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students! Students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the January 2025 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!
Mr. Dustin Vaughan – 5th Grade – Reagan Payton (Not Pictured)
Mrs. Burns – 4th Grade – Iris Miller

Mr. Dylan Vaughan - 4th Grade - Benzley Champ
Mrs. Pierson – 3rd Grade – Eli Nichols
Ms. Paxton - 3rd Grade - Madeline Montville
Ms. Jarvis – 2nd Grade – Rose Duffield
Ms. Douglas – 1st Grade – Harper Nutter
Mrs. Holcomb - 1st Grade - Vesuvius Legg
Mrs. Collins – Kindergarten – Taylynn Proctor
Mrs. Marks - PreK - Hinsley Whittington
Mrs. Montgomery – PreK – Emerson Champ (Not Pictured)

OBITUARY

Andrew Willis Carr, 95, of Wallback, West Virginia entered into eternal rest at home on March 17, 2025.

Andrew was born on January 29, 1930, in Little Laurel, West Virginia. He is the son of the late Ora Jane Crawford and Clyde Carr. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, Andrew worked in Ohio then moved back to his beloved home State of West Virginia. He retired from Pennzoil Gas Company after 30 years of service. He enjoyed the great outdoors such as hunting, fishing, hiking, biking,

camping, gensensing, ramp digging, foraging morels and gardening. He could always find a 4-leaf clover on his outdoor adventures. He was a fierce competitor throughout his life, playing croquet, horseshoes, softball, badminton, but most important Rook. These activities with family and friends kept his and Maysel's home full of love and laughter that bonded the Carr clan. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather. No one left his home without freely feeling wel-

come and recognized. He loved the Lord and showed Christian like characteristics to all with acceptance and grace.

He was preceded in death by wife, Maysel Murl Carr; daughter, Sheila Joyce Parkins; brother Fletcher Carr; sisters, Faye Mylnes, May Brown, Virena Kyle and Wanita Cain.

He is survived by daughters, JoAnn Gould (Jay) of Montgomery, West Virginia, Delores Dangerfield (Clyde) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and son, Michael Carr (Kathleen) of Mink Shoals, West Virginia.

Ten grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 1:00 pm, Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV with B.J. Smith officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 12:00pm – 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at Moore Cemetery, Wallback, WV.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilson-funeralhome.com

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Carr family.

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A Healthy Soul

By Joe Mazzella

I took my two special needs sons in for their yearly physical recently. Neither one of them enjoys doctor’s visits. I think mainly it comes from having their blood drawn so many times over the years. Still, things went well. Both of them had lost weight since we cut back on the junk food in our diets. In fact, I felt a twinge of envy when I saw how low and healthy my youngest son’s blood pressure was.

What amazed me the most about this visit, though, was watching my oldest son. In spite of being nervous he chatted cheerfully with the nurse as she weighed him and took his blood pressure. And he did the same with the doctor when she came in to check his heart and lungs with her stethoscope. Then after the visit was over he gave her a present of a key chain he had made with beads. Just as we were leaving too he gave her a hug which she accepted with a mixture of surprise and delight. And as we walked back outside I thought to myself that my son has one of the healthiest souls I have ever seen.

My son may be mentally challenged but he is spiritually wise. He gives love freely, openly, and unconditionally. He celebrates each day and spreads all the joy he can. I only wish that I could love as purely and beautifully as he does. I know that God and all the angels in Heaven must be smiling as they look down on him.

The ancient Egyptians believed that when you died you would be asked two questions. The first was, “Did you bring joy?” The second was, “Did you find joy?” I know for sure that my son’s answers to both would be “Yes” because deep inside his soul he knows that finding joy in life and bringing it to others are one and the same. He knows that finding Love in life and sharing it with others are one and the same. I pray that one day we all learn this as well.

Slim Randles

(Where would we be without the incomparable medical advice of Windy Wilson?)

I timed ‘er just right t’other day. Strolled on into the Mule Barn when I knew Doc and the guys would be there. Oh we unfiltered the world events for a while, then ... to take advantage of medical science when it’s sippin’ coffee, I rolls up my sleeve and shows Doc my elbow.

Then I said, “Doc, what do you reckermend for a elbow with a carbolic uncle on it like this here?”

And ol’ Doc, he looks right at me, takes a sip o’joe, and says, “Youth in Asia.”

Youth in Asia? Hey, you know me, Alphonse Wilson. You know I ain’t got a thing against them Chinese kids. I sure like to watch ‘em in the Olympics. You see them Chinese girls divin’? Boy howdy! And them Korean guys shooting their bows? Flamtastic!

And I’m sure they’re all really nice folks ‘n all, but

There’s No Place Like Home

Dr. James L. Snyder

Finishing my morning work, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage appeared at my office and asked, “Do you know what day it is?”

I didn’t know if this was a trick question because she always puts a trick question before me.

“I think,” my dear, “that it is Tuesday.”

She looked at me, giggled, and said, “Yes, it is Tuesday, but it is also something else.”

I had to think about that for a moment. At first, I wasn’t sure it really was Tuesday, but I got that right. However, I didn’t get her question right. I had to figure out what she was talking about because she would not stop until I got it right.

“Is it somebody’s birthday today?”

She shook her head and said, “Keep on guessing.”

I knew I was never going to get it right. So, finally, I confessed and said, “I give up. What day is it?”

Looking in my direction, she flashed a smile and said, “Today is the third anniversary of your retirement.” Then she laughed.

Looking at her, not quite understanding, I said, “What retirement are you talking about?”

“You don’t remember that three years ago you retired from the church? I know you’ve been busy with ministry projects but I would think you would remember moving away from the church.”

Thinking about that for a moment, it finally came to me. According to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, I have been retired for three years. I can’t believe it’s been that long. It just seemed like yesterday that I retired.

I remember a friend of mine years ago saying that his idea of retirement was retiring to bed at night but getting up in the morning. I had that thought in my mind throughout my life.

I have been officially retired for three years now. Where did all those years go? I guess I had so much fun and involved with so many things that they just passed by.

For the rest of the day I was thinking about those three years in retirement.

One thing I did just before retiring was to add a room to our house. That room was my office, and to tell the truth, it was a little bigger than the office I had at the church. But in the middle of that office, I am surrounded by all kinds of books, about 10,000.

Sitting at my desk is a delightful experience looking at those books.

I didn’t think moving out of the church into my home office would be a satisfying move.

Back in the church office, I could do things and hide things that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would not know of. She was the church sec-

retary, so her office was right next to mine.

But in my office, I had opportunities to eat Apple fritters. At that time, McDonald’s carried Apple fritters, and I would stop there on my way to my office after lunch and get a coffee and an Apple Fritter. That was one of my secrets in the old church office.

After three years in my home office, I have yet to discover how I can sneak an Apple Fritter into my office. In order to do that, I would have to bypass The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and no matter where I put that Apple Fritter, she knew I had it. She can smell an Apple Fritter two days before I purchase it. How she does that is beyond my understanding.

I didn’t know I would really get used to being in my home office, but after three years, I looked back and discovered that I had gotten used to my new dynamics.

I have discovered working at home is a lot better. I can work for an hour and then take a break, sit in my easy chair, and drink some hot coffee. I can even watch the news on TV. Then, when I’m ready, I can shuffle off into my office and get back to work.

Something struck me as I thought about this. When I was at my church office, whenever the phone rang, I had to answer it. You never know who’s calling, and they might need some help, so I needed to answer the phone.

Now that my office is at home, when the phone rings, I can let it ring and ring and ring. I don’t need to answer it if I don’t want to. Do you know how refreshing it is to sit there and listen to the phone ring and not answer it? Sometimes, that really makes my day.

At my home office, I don’t have to follow a stringent schedule. I can come to and leave my office whenever I want to. However, I still have plenty of work to do because my ministry has not downsized yet.

I never knew how wonderful it would be to work at home. Some days, don’t let this get around, I work in my pajamas all day. Who’s going to know?

There is no place like home.

Jesus said something along these lines in John 14:2, “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

I can’t imagine how wonderful that home in heaven is going to be, and I’m sure I’m not going to miss my home here on earth.

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Home Country

what do the kids know about elbows?

So I went to the library and asked Mrs. Cutter if she had anythin’ on fixin’ elbows in China or Japan or Korea or Cambloodia, or any a them Asian countries. She looked at me kinda funny there for a minute, I guess she wasn’t ‘spectin’ me to be lookin’ up medicine thingies. But then she brought me back a book on Asian medicine and I checked ‘er out.

Wellsir, you ain’t gonna believe this, but I even saw pitchers. You know what them guys do when they got a misery in a certain place? They stick pins in it!

See, told you you wouldn’t believe me. But they do. They call it accurate puncture.

And if stickin’ a pin ain’t getting’ the job done, why they ups ‘n puts a marshmeller on the top of the pin and sets fire to it!

Hey, if I’m lyin’ may my dog get coated in WD40 and come down with the lubricated scours!

Yessir.

Well, I thought this was about the dumbest thing I ever read, but I know ol’ Doc wouldn’t steer me wrong ... so I did ‘er.

It hurt a little, but it was about like gettin’ a blackleg shot at branding, ‘cept on purpose a-course. But I sat there lookin’ at my elbow through all of Gunsmoke and that there carbolic uncle didn’t go away.

So I got me a marshmeller ... yes, I did. Had some left over from Halloween, you know, last year. And I put one on that pin and ignited it. Singed all the hair around my elbow, too.

Did it work? Well, no. Not really. Maybe you have to have a Asian elbow to get all the benefits of it.

But that there marshmeller shore tasted good.

And you can tell ‘em I said so.

A book of Windy’s best called “Wit and Wisdom of Windy Wilson” should be published before the year’s out. You know you’ll need one.

WV Board of Ed. Declares Intervention for Mingo County Schools

In accordance with W.Va. Code §18-2E-5, the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) voted unanimously to declare an immediate intervention of Mingo County Schools during the WVBE’s March meeting in Charleston today. The decision is the result of an ongoing Special Circumstance Review of the county which has resulted in significant findings.

State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt directed the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Office of Accountability to conduct the review of the Mingo County Board of Education’s effectiveness to comply with all state and local policies as well as West Virginia code. To date, the team has identified findings related to county board of education meetings and procedures, and board/superintendent relations. Initial observations raised concerns that student education and achievement are being compromised by political conflict within the county.

The intervention limits the county board’s authority in school operations and requires most rule-making authority to be delegated to Superintendent Blatt or her designee. The action also requires the WVDE’s involvement in the hiring of the next county superintendent. The county board rescinded

the four-year contract extension of the current superintendent shortly after last year’s general election.

Control was returned to Mingo County in 2014 after nine years of intervention. The complete declaration is available on the WVDE website. A public report of findings will be released at the conclusion of the review, and the county will be required to update the State Board on progress during future WVBE meetings.

New Assessment Results Portal

The WVBE received an update on a new process to release students’ West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGSA) results this testing season. Parents and guardians with students in Grades 3-8 will be able to view test results before the end of the school year via a new online portal. The WVDE hopes this allows families and educators to outline resources that support student learning during the summer break.

This spring, families will receive a unique link to access student results. The portal will include detailed information about student performance in mathematics, English language arts and their corresponding Lexile and Quantile scores. Students in Grades 5 and 8 will be able to see their WVGSA

science results, and the portal will also have past exam results for comparison.

The statewide testing window is April 7 through May 23, and families may also navigate to the portal from the WVDE assessment webpage after April 7.

Supporting Counties Affected by Flooding

Superintendent Blatt acknowledged the hard work of districts affected by flooding last month. Additionally, staff from the WVDE supported these counties in a number of ways. In addition to providing guidance to navigate various challenges to ensure students and families were fed and had access to essential supports, the WVDE sent delegations to the counties to deliver goods and work in the relief shelters.

All counties have returned to their traditional school schedules.

The next regularly scheduled WVBE meeting is 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The March agenda and documents shared during the meeting are available online along with live and archived video links, minutes and other information. Visit the WVDE website for details.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

March 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 Black high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.



March 19, 1936: The Ohio River crested a record 15 feet above flood stage at Wheeling.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while it was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.

March 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.



cian Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped instill a blues strain into modern country music and was influential among coalfield musicians.

March 20, 1936: Recur-

ring storms led to major



flooding on the Potomac River, hitting record levels in Harpers Ferry. The Ohio River at Parkersburg reached 10 feet above flood stage.

March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had the state's largest and finest gymnasium.

March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in



Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental

Health.

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk



with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nick-

named "Mudwall."

March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County.



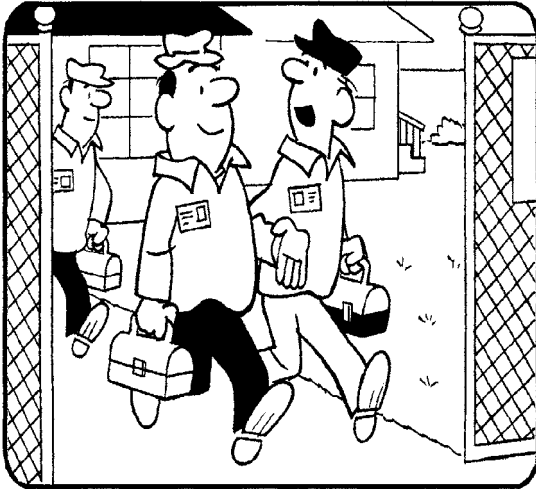
Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. ID tag is reversed. 2. Clip is added to lunch box. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Stair railing is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Windowpanes are different.

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Super Crossword

CROSS WORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Swing by
6 Sop up
12 Fez or beret
15 General — chicken
19 Preface
20 "Hello" singer
21 Santa — winds
22 Eight, in Berlin
23 Alternative to potstickers
26 Trevi
27 Fountain city
28 Golf prop
29 Requiring lots of attention
29 L-P linkup
30 "— Up My Heart" (1997 "NSYNC song)
32 Call before the court
35 Touchy topic
37 Skit-filled NBC show, in brief
38 Texas-Louisiana border river
41 Three, in Paris
42 H.G. Wells' Doctor Moreau, e.g.
46 Penetrating

- 47 Get older
50 Give off
51 Shaggy's nickname for his dog
52 Pollen lover
53 Actress Perlman
54 "Life Is Good" rapper
55 Letter after pi
56 212 degrees Fahrenheit, for water
61 "Yup"
63 Big Apple sch.
66 Alpha Sig, e.g.
67 Speaks from a soapbox
68 Right after being baked
72 Fake: Prefix
75 Stalagmite site
76 Camera type, in brief
77 Acting award
81 Brand of hard cider
84 Google Play download
86 Tokyo sash
87 Prefix with byte or ton
88 Suffix with Euclid

- 89 An ex-Trump
92 Fix typos, say
93 Plus more: Abbr.
94 \$5 bills, in slang
96 Intense controversy
99 "That doesn't ring —"
101 Regressed
102 — -la-la
103 Group of warriors in "Kung Fu Panda"
106 Church part for the clergy
110 Chant
111 Boxing great
112 Flummoxed
115 Suffix with Motor
116 British prep school
117 Oxidizer in liquid rocket propellants
122 Swedish soprano Jenny
123 '50s prez
124 — Mae (HUD corp.)
125 Yo-yo part
126 Lucy's guy
127 Toon Flanders
128 Villains' looks

- 129 What nine key words in this puzzle are synonyms of
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1 Panorama
2 Entomb
3 Navigate
4 A Gershwin brother
5 Male tabby
6 Eve of old TV
7 — one's time
8 Missile in the Gulf War
9 "Heavens!"
10 Shred
11 — Stakes (horse race)
12 Kayak cousin
13 "Gemini Man" director Lee
14 Grazing land
15 "Proud Mary" star — P. Henson
16 Makes the Billboard Top 40, e.g.
17 Of a resistance unit
18 Artery insert
24 Like Brits
25 Pertaining to
31 Black, to Poe
33 Aide: Abbr.
34 U.S. "Ltd."
35 Female sib

- 36 Dutch artist Jan
38 — — Cat
39 From — Z
40 Lettuce type
42 Option list
43 East Asian nanny
44 Platter
45 — Lodge (motel chain)
46 Actor Harvey
48 Heredity unit
49 Wolves down
52 Malaise, with "the"
53 Horse colors
55 Little — (the Ocean State)
57 Proposal
58 Original NYC subway line
59 State exec.
60 Before surgery, in brief
62 "Star Trek" lieutenant
64 Agave plants
65 Salt Lake City native
69 Additionally
70 Fertilizable gametes
71 Chimp's kin
72 Book division
73 Vexed state
74 Dairy case containers

- 78 Musical finale
79 Somewhat
80 Act of liturgy
82 Film units
83 Uses a trowel
85 Noodles in peanut sauce
90 Battle (for)
91 Additionally
92 Israel's Abba
94 Vast stretch
95 Large tuna
96 Wild rants
97 Gorilla, e.g.
98 Historic time
100 Olympic swimmer
101 Actress Taylor
103 Grazing land
104 De-knot
105 Renowned
106 Asteroid found in 1801
107 Chocolate drink
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112 Comic Meara
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THE WIDEN NEWS



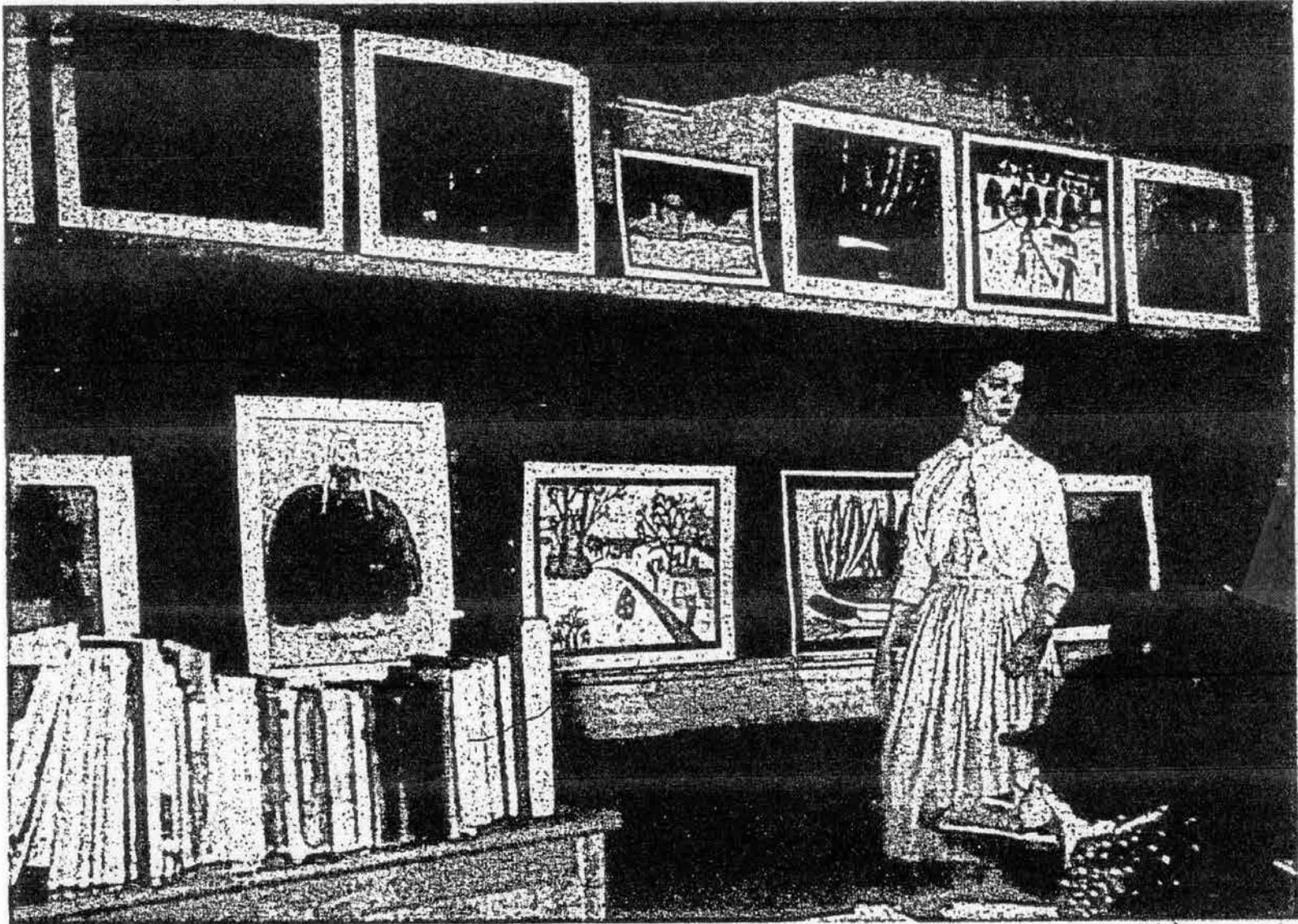
The people who think alike
should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.

May 1958

Grade School Art Exhibit At Widen School



The Third Grade Class held an art exhibit in room 7, on April 12 and again April 21, at the final P. T. A. meeting. Classes represented in the exhibition included: Third Grade (tempra, water color, pastel, and charcoal art) — 16 paintings; Second Grade (Mrs. Elliott) — 15 pieces of "scratch crayon" work; Fifth Grade—one "paint-by-numbers;" Sixth Grade—five tempra paintings; and Seventh Grade—one tempra painting.

TEACHERS PLAN FOR SUMMER VACATION

Teachers have been making plans for their summer vacations. Here are some that we learned about:

Mr. Matheny—I plan to go to school and get a job.

Mrs. Zinnerman—I shall attend Columbia University for six weeks while Carol, my daughter, attends Nursery School. I plan to visit with folks in N. Y.

Miss Balles—I plan to be with my father, mother, and sister at Enoch, W. Va.

Mrs. Sizemore—I hope to sleep, fish and maybe take a trip—but sleep, lot's of sleep!

Miss Woods—My plans are undecided.

Mrs. Griffith—I plan to visit with my parents and sister in Berkeley Springs, W. Va., and perhaps take a trip.

Mr. Baer—Mrs. Baer and I plan to spend two weeks of July visiting in Virginia. We want to spend at least a week in colonial Williamsburg and then go to Richmond, Jamestown and Yorktown.

Mrs. Dodrill—we may take a vacation but haven't really made any plans yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds—Leave soon for Miami, Florida, then to San Antonio, where you can visit us for your vacation at the home of our son at 1041 W. Mulberry Avenue, San Antonio, Texas. Be looking for you. Have a good summer all of you.

Mrs. Butcher—Attend Glenville College.

Miss Graham—Stay home, farm and finish building a new kitchen and dining room, all help accepted. Come anytime.

Mr. Jackson—I plan to work for the summer and take a short vacation in the south before school starts.

Mrs. Bragg—I plan to stay at home most of the summer. Come have a friendly cup of coffee any time.

Mrs. Elliott—I plan to stay at home, go fishing and have a good time this summer. You will find me at home most of the time.

Patsy Ashley—I plan to teach in Vacation Church School at Dille and attend Glenville College later in the summer.

Mr. Simmons—I plan to spend a week in Florida, and then work the rest of the summer.

Mr. Pinney—My plans are indefinite.

SERIOUSLY SPEAKING

Nothing ages men more—actually shortens their lives—than helpless and hopeless surrender to the belief that they are old and decrepit. The will to live and to do is the greatest asset which any man may carry into old age. Some philosophers have even said that old age is largely a matter of will.

CARLOS G. YOUNG RETURNS TO U. S. A.

S.F.C. Carlos G. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. French Young of Dille, having recently completed a 16 months tour of duty in Korea returned to his new assignment in Fort Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Young recently spent a 10 day leave with his wife and two children who are staying with his parents until housing becomes available at Fort Knox.

While on leave he had the opportunity of going trout fishing at Lake Summit near Richwood with his Dad and older brother Capt. George A. Young, U.S.M.C. who was also home a few days leave from Parris Island, S. C.

Sgt. Young will have completed 10 years Army service in September. He is currently with the aviation command at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Every man has a right to his own opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts.
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Medicaid recipients struggle to find mental health care. Looming cuts could make it harder

By: Shalina Chatlani for West Virginia Watch

Charmeka Newton, a psychotherapist who has her own practice in Lansing, Michigan, is passionate about serving Black and Hispanic patients. They're often looking for therapists who will understand how their race, ethnicity and culture may affect them, she said, and she helps provide that care.

Medicaid is a major source of health care for people of color. But Newton can only afford to see a small number of Medicaid patients, because the program pays her so much less than commercial insurance.

Republicans in Congress are aiming to make extensive cuts to Medicaid, the joint federal-state health insurance program that covers a total of 72 million low-income people and people with disabilities, or 1 in 5 U.S. residents. If that happens, Newton and many other mental health providers worry that already-low Medicaid reimbursement rates will stagnate or even decline.

That would make it difficult for her to keep seeing Medicaid patients.

"Medicaid is probably one of the most challenging insurances to work with," Newton told Stateline. "My biggest fear if cuts happen is that individuals won't have access to providers that are able to help them."

Already, there is a shortage of mental health care providers. About 122 million people, or about 35% of the U.S. population, are living in an area with a mental health care professional shortage, according to data from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. If Medicaid reimbursement rates go down and more providers refuse to see those patients, the shortage would get worse.

Nationwide, Medicaid covers nearly 1 in 3 working-age adults who live with mental illness, or about 15 million adults, according to health policy research organization KFF.

The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, which oversees Medicaid, is looking for at least \$880 billion in budget savings over the next decade, largely to pay for extensive tax cuts. A March 5 letter from the Congressional Budget Office, the nonpartisan research arm of Congress, confirmed that a cut of that size would have to come from either Medicaid or Medicare, the insurance program for older adults.

President Donald Trump has said that Medicare is off the table, so that leaves Medicaid.

Lawmakers are considering numerous options, including shrinking the federal government's share of the cost of covering people who became newly eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. If that happens, states that opted to expand to cover those residents — adults with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level — would have to either increase their own spending or find savings elsewhere.

That could mean removing some people from Medicaid rolls, eliminating coverage for certain services or reducing reimbursement rates — any one of which could reduce Medicaid recipients' access to mental health care, said Stephen Gillaspay, director of health policy and health care financing at the American Psychological Association.

"Those [actions] would have a huge negative impact for behavioral health care," Gillaspay told Stateline. "Everyone's on pins and needles about the potential cuts right now."

Variations across states, different challenges

In at least 15 states, more than 40% of people on Medicaid reported experiencing a mental illness, according to a KFF analysis of 2021-2022 survey data from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Republicans in Congress are still hammering out whether or how they might cut Medicaid. Chris Pope, a senior fellow at the conservative-leaning policy group the Manhattan Institute, told Stateline he doubts mental health services or reimbursement rates would be affected, because the largest sources of spending are acute and long-term care.

"From a fiscal point of view, mental health is basically a drop in the bucket. It's not where the big savings are

going to need to come from," Pope said.

Medicaid reimbursement rates for mental health services vary dramatically from state to state. Reimbursement for an hourlong individual psychotherapy session ranged from \$95 to \$135 in 2022, according to a 2023 study published in the journal Health Affairs.

States generally have flexibility in setting their physician reimbursement rates. So "if states have money to increase reimbursement rates," they can do that, Pope noted. And many states have done that. According to a January 2023 KFF report, nearly two-thirds of the 44 states that responded to a survey said they increased behavioral health reimbursement rates for some Medicaid enrollees in 2022 or planned to in 2023.

Oregon passed a bill during its 2022 session to raise the state's Medicaid behavioral health reimbursement rates by an average of 30% for providers who mostly see Medicaid patients, in an effort to address mental health care workforce challenges. In 2022, the state had the fourth-highest rate for unmet need in mental health treatment across the nation. Now, the state has one of the highest reimbursement rates.

"In Oregon, they actually have always really committed to paying providers well and giving cost-of-living updates so that it makes it much more attractive to providers providing Medicaid services," Jen Yerty, a licensed counselor in Portland, Oregon, told Stateline. But Yerty said the higher reimbursement rate is the bare minimum to keep providers interested. She said she helps her clients with case management, including assisting them with accessing social services and rental aid.

"It would be great if they would actually reimburse us more for all the case management things that we do. It would be great if they offer a lot more resources," Yerty said.

But behavioral health services, such as a psychological test to assess mental health function, are not one of the federally required Medicaid services, like a primary care doctor visit.

Gillaspay, of the American Psychological Association, noted the level of services offered across states also varies. And case management and psychological testing are exactly the types of services that may be on the chopping block as states consider cuts, he said.

What states can and have done

Researchers at KFF point out four main ways states have been trying to address mental health workforce shortages for state Medicaid programs. They include increasing reimbursement rates, reducing administrative burden on providers, creating licensure compacts to allow providers to work across state lines or reducing licensure requirements, and incentivizing participation by, for example, reimbursing providers quickly.

Megan Cole, an associate professor of health policy at Boston University, told Stateline there are other options states could pursue, such as raising taxes to offset the federal cuts and keeping reimbursement rates high. She also said Medicaid can ask primary care providers to start integrating preventive mental health screenings and services before care becomes acute and requires an emergency room visit.

"There are models of care that work well in this space, and not every state is currently implementing them. So I think there is a lot of opportunity for expansion of some of these integrated care models," Cole said.

Another option she recommends is for states to invest in community health centers, where a lot of patients on Medicaid see mental health providers.

Investment in public health facilities is also what Michigan Republican state Rep. Phil Green had sought when he cosponsored a bill with Democratic lawmakers in 2023 to increase reimbursement rates to community behavioral health clinics. But the bill died last year, likely because other issues took priority, he said.

Green told Stateline that mental health issues are a bipartisan issue. Green says lawmakers in his caucus, including some veterans, are well aware that mental health issues are a big concern within the population. "Republicans and conservatives alike realize that this is

a growing issue and a growing need."

He thinks that if the feds cut their contributions to Medicaid, state Republican lawmakers will still be interested in finding some solutions to the shortage of mental health care workers.

In California, the state in 2023 implemented changes to improve reimbursement for providers of Medicaid mental health and substance use disorder services through county behavioral health departments. The goal of the effort was to remove some of the common problems providers faced, including long delays in reimbursements and lengthy auditing processes.

David Hindman, a past president of the California Psychological Association, said the most important effect was to increase the rates of reimbursement to help meet the increased costs of providing care for Medicaid recipients. Hindman works for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, but said he is not authorized to speak on behalf of the department.

"We've actually expanded services significantly," Hindman said. "It's completely incentivized provider agencies to see low-income patients because it gives them better reimbursement rates. It covers more things."

Still, Hindman said, clinicians not working through county health departments who see a lot of Medicaid patients still struggle with making ends meet. And he says states will still have to explore solutions to the workforce shortage in the face of major federal funding cuts.

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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. Z.K., E.Y., and Z.Y. Case Nos. 24-JA-44-46
In the matter of Z.K., E.Y., and Z.Y., and the unknown whereabouts of John Doe, the Unknown Adult Respondent Father of Z.K.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
And
NOTICE OF ANSWER
To: **John Doe.**

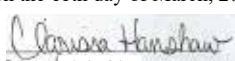
(The object of this action is to notify the Adult Respondent of an abuse and neglect petition herein filed so that said Adult Respondent may answer the same to protect their interest.)

You are hereby notified that an abuse and neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 9th day of December 2024, and assigned Case Numbers 24-JA-44-46, wherein it is alleged that the Adult Respondent Mother of the Infant Respondents Z.K. (DOB: 2/7/19), E.Y. (DOB: 4/1/21), and Z.Y. (DOB: 12/3/24), is Brianna Keener, 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 accordance 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 Respondent, John Doe, shall appear before the Honorable Judge Morton on the **11th day of April 2025, at 2:30 p.m.**, at the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia, otherwise 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 Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION
BY: Wayne King, Prosecuting Attorney Clay County, West Virginia
Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 11th day of March, 2025.


Christine Hinchshaw
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:

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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.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 24-0854-E-42T
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY.

Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES
WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 460,921 customers in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. This filing is a replacement of Case No. 24-0669-E-42T that was dismissed by the Commission on September 18, 2024. The rates, tolls, and charges proposed in this filing are in lieu of, and NOT in addition to, those proposed in the dismissed Case No. 24-0669-E-42T.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective December 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$250,493,835 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 14.12 percent. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

| | (\$) INCREASE | (%) INCREASE |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Residential | \$27.15 | 16.16% |
| Commercial | \$57.09 | 14.04% |
| Industrial | \$32,385 | 11.63% |
| Resale | N/A | N/A |
| Other | \$1.33 | 12.01% |

A residential customer using 1,000 kWh would experience a monthly increase over current rates of \$23.74 or 13.54%.

Resale customers of Appalachian Power Company include Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, City of Radford, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, City of Salem, Kingsport Power Company, Black Diamond Power Company and Virginia Tech Electric. Resale rates are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and are not affected by this West Virginia jurisdictional rate filing. The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene prior to April 7, 2025. Failure to timely intervene can affect your right to participate in the proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing. Customers may also make verbal protest at a public comment hearing scheduled in this case. Notice of the evidentiary hearing and public comment hearing dates and locations will appear in future newspaper publications. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary,
Public Service Commission of West Virginia
P.O. Box 812
Charleston, West Virginia 25323

A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of the tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies www.appalachian-power.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx.

Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can telephone toll-free 800-982-4237, request such a copy and provide the necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of CLAY have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to Christal G. Perry, Deputy Commissioner of **Delinquent and Nonentered Lands** of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Clay County Courthouse - County Commission Room on the 10th of April, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

| CERT # | SOLD | TICKET | NAME | DESCRIPTION | DISTRICT | AMOUNT DUE |
|---------------|------|--------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|------------|
| 2024-C-000001 | 2023 | 1157 | KNIGHT WILLIAM F | 14 AC IVYDALE SUR 196/768 INT | BUFFALO | \$194.45 |
| 2024-C-000003 | 2023 | 1128 | KESSLER RUSSELL G | 16.57 AC WTS GROVES SUR | BUFFALO | \$552.06 |
| 2024-C-000004 | 2023 | 234 | BEASLEY DONNA HAMRICK | 2.68 AC WTS SAND FORK (2 H) SUR | BUFFALO | \$634.30 |
| 2024-C-000005 | 2023 | 1075 | JACKSON ROBERT L | 5 AC FLAT FORK SUR | BUFFALO | \$221.38 |
| 2024-C-000006 | 2023 | 1076 | JACKSON ROBERT L | .50 AC FLAT FORK SUR | BUFFALO | \$210.13 |
| 2024-C-000007 | 2023 | 667 | DEEMS CHARLES FORD | 1.88 AC ROCK CAMP SUR | BUFFALO | \$331.97 |
| 2024-C-000008 | 2023 | 2033 | TURNER L D HRS | 45 AC WTS GROVES FEE (1/2 O&G OUT) | BUFFALO | \$659.04 |
| 2024-C-000009 | 2023 | 381 | CANFIELD JAMES F II | 1.83 AC WTS BUFFALO SUR | BUFFALO | \$559.15 |
| 2024-C-000010 | 2023 | 1013 | HICKMAN JACK M | 2.75 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR 1/4 INT | BUFFALO | \$291.95 |
| 2024-C-000011 | 2023 | 283 | BOZZI CONNIE CEASE | LOT STRANGE CREEK SUR | BUFFALO | \$520.86 |
| 2024-C-000012 | 2023 | 207 | ASBURY LOIS G | 4 AC & ROW WTS BUFFALO SUR | BUFFALO | \$452.87 |
| 2024-C-000013 | 2023 | 1819 | SIMONS DAKOTA T ETAL | .50 AC WTS BUFFALO SUR | BUFFALO | \$181.03 |
| 2024-C-000014 | 2023 | 1101 | JEFFREY ROGER LEE | LT 38 IVYDALE FEE 1/4 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.89 |
| 2024-C-000015 | 2023 | 844 | GIBSON BERTHA | 312 AC STRANGE CREEK 1/4 INT MIN COAL OUT | BUFFALO | \$202.15 |
| 2024-C-000016 | 2023 | 1149 | KING MITCHELL H | 18.75 AC S S ELK O&G | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000017 | 2023 | 1145 | KING MITCHEL H | 167 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000018 | 2023 | 1696 | SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA | 167 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN COAL 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$194.45 |
| 2024-C-000019 | 2023 | 1146 | KING MITCHEL H | 50 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000020 | 2023 | 1697 | SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA | 50 AC WTS BUFFALO & DOG RUN COAL 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000021 | 2023 | 1147 | KING MITCHEL H | 50 AC DOG RUN MIN (LESS COAL) 1/2 OF 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000022 | 2023 | 1698 | SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA | 50 AC DOG RUN COAL 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000023 | 2023 | 1699 | SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA | 50 AC DOG RUN COAL 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$178.21 |
| 2024-C-000024 | 2023 | 1148 | KING MITCHEL H | 70 AC DOG RUN MIN 1/2 OF 1/2 INT LESS COAL | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000025 | 2023 | 1700 | SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA | 70 AC DOG RUN COAL 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000026 | 2023 | 268 | BOARD JANNETTE | 39 AC SAND FORK MIN 1/4 OF 1/6 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000027 | 2023 | 254 | BIRD ANNA JEAN | 10 AC WTS BUFFALO MIN 1/2 OF 1/3 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000028 | 2023 | 217 | BAILEY LOUISE | 7 AC STRANGE CREEK MIN 1/8 OF 1/2 INT | BUFFALO | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000029 | 2023 | 2608 | HANSHAW EVA FAYE WHITE HRS | LOT CHESTNUT STREET SUR 1/2 OF 1/7 OF 1/2 INT | CLAY CORP | \$180.65 |
| 2024-C-000030 | 2023 | 2569 | FARRAR ROBERT | LOTS 16-17-18 BF STEP ADDN SUR | CLAY CORP | \$930.53 |
| 2024-C-000032 | 2023 | 5265 | KOCH DAYMON ETUX | 3.44 AC WTS SANDY SUR | HENRY | \$281.86 |
| 2024-C-000033 | 2023 | 3020 | ADKINS LARRY K | 68.2 AC GRANNIES CREEK SUR | HENRY | \$907.28 |
| 2024-C-000034 | 2023 | 4713 | GRUBB VAUGHN GAROLD JR | 91.5 AC WTS LAUREL SUR 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$350.62 |
| 2024-C-000035 | 2023 | 4879 | HAYNES PATRICIA | 2.6 AC WTS LAUREL SUR LESS ROW | HENRY | \$949.89 |
| 2024-C-000036 | 2023 | 4714 | GRUBB VAUGHN GAROLD JR | 100 SQ RDS WTS LAUREL SUR | HENRY | \$174.65 |
| 2024-C-000037 | 2023 | 4107 | DOBBINS VIRGINIA | 2 AC TWISTABOUT SUR (2H) | HENRY | \$502.18 |
| 2024-C-000038 | 2023 | 2998 | ADKINS ANDY SR ETUX | .157 AC WTS LAUREL SUR | HENRY | \$183.41 |
| 2024-C-000039 | 2023 | 2999 | ADKINS ANDY SR ETUX | LOTS WTS BIG LAUREL SUR | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000040 | 2023 | 5907 | MURDOCK MARY SUE | LOT MAYSEL SUR | HENRY | \$178.14 |
| 2024-C-000041 | 2023 | 5908 | MURDOCK MARY SUE | 1 AC MAYSEL SUR (T) | HENRY | \$578.20 |
| 2024-C-000042 | 2023 | 3462 | BULLARD GARY HUSTON | LOT WTS LAUREL SUR | HENRY | \$756.56 |
| 2024-C-000043 | 2023 | 3463 | BULLARD GARY HUSTON | LOT .06 AC WTS LAUREL SUR | HENRY | \$208.94 |
| 2024-C-000044 | 2023 | 3464 | BULLARD GARY HUSTON | LOT LOWER TWO RUN SUR | HENRY | \$325.72 |
| 2024-C-000045 | 2023 | 5225 | KING JIMMY | 63 AC LOWER TWO RUN SUR 1/8 & 1/7 OF 1/8 INT | HENRY | \$171.93 |
| 2024-C-000046 | 2023 | 5471 | MCCLUNG VIRGIL R | 8.83 AC WTS BUFFALO FEE | HENRY | \$476.22 |
| 2024-C-000047 | 2023 | 5342 | LEGG DENNIS | .74 AC WTS BUFFALO SUR | HENRY | \$192.65 |
| 2024-C-000048 | 2023 | 4810 | HAMRICK MATTHEW | .27 AC WTS DOG RUN SUR LIFE EST COLEMAN HAMRICK ETAL | HENRY | \$178.14 |
| 2024-C-000049 | 2023 | 4811 | HAMRICK MATTHEW | .70 AC WTS DOG RUN SUR LIFE EST MILDRED HAMRICK | HENRY | \$450.94 |
| 2024-C-000050 | 2023 | 4945 | HOLCOMB DEWEY HRS | PT LT 2 REED ADD SUR 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000051 | 2023 | 6019 | OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC | 76.75 AC WTS OTTER COAL (LESS C B METHANE) | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000052 | 2023 | 3460 | BULLARD EDITH HRS | 62.5 AC SANDY MIN 1/24 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000053 | 2023 | 3533 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 250 AC GRANNIES CRK MIN 1/10 OF 42/512 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000054 | 2023 | 3534 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 31.5 AC LILLY FORK O&G 1/10 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000055 | 2023 | 3535 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 13 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 1/10 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000056 | 2023 | 3536 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 250 AC GRANNIES CRK MIN 1/10 OF 21/512 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000057 | 2023 | 3537 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 62.5 AC JOE SPRING KNOB O&G 1/10 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000058 | 2023 | 3538 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 12.5 AC TWO RUN O&G 1/10 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000059 | 2023 | 3539 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 50 AC WTS LAUREL O&G 1/10 OF 1/5 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000060 | 2023 | 3540 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 111 AC WTS LAUREL O&G 1/10 OF 2/12 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000061 | 2023 | 3814 | CONNER CHESSIE C HRS | 42 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 3/8 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000062 | 2023 | 3815 | CONNER CHESSIE C HRS | 41 AC N S ELK O&G 3/8 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$181.14 |
| 2024-C-000063 | 2023 | 7549 | WHITE LAUREN REV LIVING TRUST | 72 AC GRANNIES CRK O&G 1/3 OF 1/3 OF 1/8 INT | HENRY | \$174.89 |
| 2024-C-000064 | 2023 | 7550 | WHITE LAUREN REV LIVING TRUST | 82 AC WTS LAUREL O&G 1/3 OF 1/3 OF 2/8 INT | HENRY | \$174.89 |
| 2024-C-000065 | 2023 | 4423 | FRAME F J HRS | 32 AC REDHSE MIN (1/2 O&G OUT) 7/8 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000066 | 2023 | 5104 | JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL | 32 AC REDHOUSE MIN (1/2 O&G OUT) 1/8 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000067 | 2023 | 4424 | FRAME F J HRS | 40 AC LIL LAUREL MIN 7/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000068 | 2023 | 5105 | JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL | 40 AC LIL LAUREL MIN 1/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000069 | 2023 | 4425 | FRAME F J HRS | 25 AC HAYES TWO RUN MIN (1/4 O&G OUT) 7/8 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000070 | 2023 | 5106 | JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL | 25 AC HAYES TWO RUN MIN (1/4 O&G OUT) 1/8 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000071 | 2023 | 4426 | FRAME F J HRS | 36 AC HAYES TWO RUN O&G 7/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000072 | 2023 | 5107 | JEFFERS DORIS K ETAL | 36 AC HAYES TWO RUN O&G 1/8 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000073 | 2023 | 4786 | HALL O L HRS | 649 AC WTS BUFFALO COAL 2/3 OF 2/5 & 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 2/5 INT | HENRY | \$205.65 |
| 2024-C-000074 | 2023 | 5086 | JARVIS JOHN K | 649 AC WTS BUFFALO COAL 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 2/5 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000075 | 2023 | 3406 | BREEDLOVE-COOK SHELLY | LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000076 | 2023 | 5752 | MOORE ROBERT | LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000077 | 2023 | 5737 | MOORE GREGORY | LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000078 | 2023 | 5757 | MOORE TONY | LOTS 21-23-25 E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000079 | 2023 | 3407 | BREEDLOVE-COOK SHELLY | 4.5 AC E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000080 | 2023 | 5753 | MOORE ROBERT | 4.5 AC E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000081 | 2023 | 5738 | MOORE GREGORY | 4.5 AC E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000082 | 2023 | 5758 | MOORE TONY | 4.5 AC E HARTLAND MIN (C OUT) 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000083 | 2023 | 3541 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS | 78.75 AC WTS LAUREL O&G DONOHUE TR 1/10 OF 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000084 | 2023 | 7620 | WILSON J F HRS | 100 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 1/2 INT | HENRY | \$189.06 |
| 2024-C-000085 | 2023 | 7276 | TRIPLETT LEE HRS | 64 AC WTS BUFFALO MIN COAL OUT | HENRY | \$197.14 |
| 2024-C-000086 | 2023 | 11505 | ROBINSON MARVIN | 28.21 AC WTS WEST FORK 1/2 INTEREST | OTTER | \$238.70 |
| 2024-C-000087 | 2023 | 11506 | ROBINSON MARVIN | 9.36 AC WTS WEST FORK 1/2 INTEREST | OTTER | \$770.61 |
| 2024-C-000088 | 2023 | 10245 | JACKSON DOUGLAS ETUX | 2 AC MOORE FORK OTTER SUR | OTTER | \$172.89 |
| 2024-C-000089 | 2023 | 8418 | BAILE TERESA LYNN BOWERS | 85 AC WTS OTTER FEE LESS O&G 1/8 INT | OTTER | \$278.36 |
| 2024-C-000090 | 2023 | 9049 | COLE MICHAEL ALLEN | 64.5 AC WTS OTTER FEE | OTTER | \$888.06 |
| 2024-C-000091 | 2023 | 11336 | PETTIT TODD | 3 AC WTS O'BRION SUR (M) | OTTER | \$652.47 |
| 2024-C-000092 | 2023 | 10552 | MARCHAL ROBERT J | 131X50X144X50 N S ELK SUR 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$194.44 |
| 2024-C-000093 | 2023 | 10553 | MARCHAL THEODORS J | 131X50X144X50 N S ELK SUR 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$194.44 |
| 2024-C-000094 | 2023 | 10564 | MARSH CHARLENE I ETAL | 16 SQ RDS N S ELK SUR | OTTER | \$478.38 |
| 2024-C-000095 | 2023 | 11201 | NICHOLS BILLIE J | PT LOT 12 OTTER TOWN SUR | OTTER | \$654.82 |
| 2024-C-000096 | 2023 | 8438 | BARBER HOWARD HRS | 69.2 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/8 INTEREST | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000097 | 2023 | 8439 | BARBER HOWARD HRS | 50 AC BARBER LOW GAP O&G 7/8 OF 1/5 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000098 | 2023 | 8623 | BOGGS GAIL | 34 AC WEST FORK MIN 1/5 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000099 | 2023 | 8711 | BOGGS JEAN | 34 AC WEST FORK MIN 1/5 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000100 | 2023 | 8624 | BOGGS GAIL | 67 AC WTS STINSON MIN 1/5 OF 1/16 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000101 | 2023 | 8712 | BOGGS JEAN | 67 AC WTS STINSON MIN 1/5 OF 1/16 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000102 | 2023 | 8625 | BOGGS GAIL | 400 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/5 OF 1/8 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000103 | 2023 | 8713 | BOGGS JEAN | 400 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/5 OF 1/8 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000104 | 2023 | 8626 | BOGGS GAIL | 41 AC WTS STINSON COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000105 | 2023 | 8714 | BOGGS JEAN | 41 AC WTS STINSON COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000106 | 2023 | 8627 | BOGGS GAIL | 30.5 AC WTS STINSON COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000107 | 2023 | 8715 | BOGGS JEAN | 30.5 AC WTS STINSON COAL 1/5 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000108 | 2023 | 8628 | BOGGS GAIL | 6 LOTS UNDERWOOD LAND O&G 1/16 OF 7/8 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000109 | 2023 | 8629 | BOGGS GAIL | 100 AC WTS OTTER ROSE TR O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000110 | 2023 | 8630 | BOGGS GAIL | 110.5 AC SANDY O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000111 | 2023 | 8631 | BOGGS GAIL | 23 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000112 | 2023 | 8632 | BOGGS GAIL | 50 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000113 | 2023 | 8517 | BOGGS BRENT ETAL | 47.5 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/4 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000114 | 2023 | 8633 | BOGGS GAIL | 47.5 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000115 | 2023 | 8634 | BOGGS GAIL | 10.5 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/16 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000116 | 2023 | 8635 | BOGGS GAIL | 51 AC R L NICHOLS TR O&G 1/16 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000117 | 2023 | 8636 | BOGGS GAIL | 10 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000118 | 2023 | 8637 | BOGGS GAIL | 8 AC WTS WEST FORK O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000119 | 2023 | 8638 | BOGGS GAIL | 17.5 AC WTS OTTER MOSS O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000120 | 2023 | 8639 | BOGGS GAIL | 4.5 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000121 | 2023 | 8640 | BOGGS GAIL | 74 AC WTS STINSON O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000122 | 2023 | 8641 | BOGGS GAIL | 46 AC UNDERWOOD LAND O&G 1/16 OF 7/8 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000123 | 2023 | 8642 | BOGGS GAIL | 3 AC UNDERWOOD LAND O&G 1/16 OF 7/8 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000124 | 2023 | 8643 | BOGGS GAIL | LOTS 26-27-28 IVYDALE MIN 1/16 OF 1/2 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000125 | 2023 | 8644 | BOGGS GAIL | 64 AC WTS OTTER COAL 1/16 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
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| 2024-C-000127 | 2023 | 8646 | BOGGS GAIL | 100 AC RUSH FORK O&G 1/16 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000128 | 2023 | 8647 | BOGGS GAIL | 30 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000129 | 2023 | 8648 | BOGGS GAIL | 12 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/8 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
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| 2024-C-000131 | 2023 | 8649 | BOGGS GAIL | 106 AC WTS W FK O&G 1/16 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |

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| 2024-C-000154 | 2023 | 10380 | KING MITCHEL H | 39.5 AC STINSON MIN COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/20 INT | OTTER | \$177.52 |
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| 2024-C-000185 | 2023 | 16120 | WILLIAMS GARY | 2.29 AC S S ELK (LOT 18) SUR | PLEASANT | \$283.75 |
| 2024-C-000186 | 2023 | 16121 | WILLIAMS GARY | 2.10 AC SS ELK (LOT 20) SUR | PLEASANT | \$189.82 |
| 2024-C-000187 | 2023 | 13289 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS | 2 AC BIG SYC SUR 1/10 INT | PLEASANT | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000188 | 2023 | 13116 | BREEDLOVE-COOK SHELLY | 1 AC MID CRK SUR 1/4 INT | PLEASANT | \$188.04 |
| 2024-C-000189 | 2023 | 14748 | MOORE ROBERT | 1 AC MID CRK SUR 1/4 INT | PLEASANT | \$188.04 |
| 2024-C-000190 | 2023 | 14733 | MOORE GREGORY | 1 AC MID CRK SUR 1/4 INT | PLEASANT | \$188.04 |
| 2024-C-000191 | 2023 | 14752 | MOORE TONY | 1 AC MID CRK SUR 1/4 INT | PLEASANT | \$188.04 |
| 2024-C-000192 | 2023 | 13784 | FIELDS CONNIE | LOT WTS MIDDLE CREEK SUR 1/2 INT (3H) | PLEASANT | \$231.98 |
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| 2024-C-000196 | 2023 | 13290 | CAMPBELL DAVID M | 12 AC WTS SYC SUR | PLEASANT | \$495.18 |
| 2024-C-000197 | 2023 | 15489 | ROGERS DIMPLE | LOT ADONIAH SUR | PLEASANT | \$242.19 |
| 2024-C-000198 | 2023 | 15494 | ROGERS JOHN | LOT ADONIAH SUR | PLEASANT | \$184.44 |
| 2024-C-000199 | 2023 | 14691 | MILLER WILLIAM GEORGE | 2 AC MIDDLE CREEK SUR 1/2 INT | PLEASANT | \$171.74 |
| 2024-C-000200 | 2023 | 15492 | ROGERS DIMPLE ETAL | LOT BIG SYC SUR | PLEASANT | \$214.73 |
| 2024-C-000201 | 2023 | 15495 | ROGERS JOHN | 1 AC BIG SYC SUR | PLEASANT | \$307.43 |
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| 2024-C-000204 | 2023 | 15124 | NOTTINGHAM SAMUEL HRS | 125 AC BIG SYC SUR | PLEASANT | \$1,499.52 |
| 2024-C-000205 | 2023 | 16138 | WOODS TRAVIS ETAL | 2.5 AC MID CREEK SUR | PLEASANT | \$437.73 |
| 2024-C-000206 | 2023 | 16139 | WOODS TRAVIS ETAL | 1.5 AC MID CREEK SUR | PLEASANT | \$269.38 |
| 2024-C-000207 | 2023 | 13645 | DUFFIELD DANIEL ETAL | 9 AC WTS BIG SYC SUR | PLEASANT | \$439.25 |
| 2024-C-000208 | 2023 | 13646 | DUFFIELD DANIEL ETAL | 1.36 AC WTS BIG SYC SUR & ROW | PLEASANT | \$174.04 |
| 2024-C-000209 | 2023 | 13647 | DUFFIELD DANIEL P | 10 AC WTS SYC SUR | PLEASANT | \$274.49 |
| 2024-C-000211 | 2023 | 13607 | DORSEY CURTIS R ETAL | 33.25 AC BIG SYC FEE | PLEASANT | \$375.16 |
| 2024-C-000212 | 2023 | 13005 | BIRD DOW W | .50 AC SYC SUR 1/2 INT | PLEASANT | \$190.33 |
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| 2024-C-000217 | 2023 | 13145 | BROWN GARY ETAL | 15 ACS WTS BIG SYC MIN 1/8 INT | PLEASANT | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000218 | 2023 | 15496 | ROGERS JOHN | 1 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN | PLEASANT | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000219 | 2023 | 19000 | TACKETT ANTHONY N ETUX | .50 AC & ROW N S ELK SUR | UNION | \$314.55 |
| 2024-C-000221 | 2023 | 17405 | ELSWICK RUSSELL | LOT N S ELK SUR | UNION | \$472.62 |
| 2024-C-000222 | 2023 | 17829 | HOLCOMB ORDY ETUX | .50 AC N S ELK SUR | UNION | \$304.32 |
| 2024-C-000223 | 2023 | 17406 | ELSWICK RUSSELL | .50 AC N S ELK SUR | UNION | \$421.59 |
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| 2024-C-000225 | 2023 | 16566 | ANDERSON DUSTIN | 1 AC N S ELK SUR | UNION | \$938.37 |
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| 2024-C-000227 | 2023 | 17126 | COULTER CRYSTAL D ETVIR | 1.8 AC N S ELK SUR | UNION | \$533.41 |
| 2024-C-000228 | 2023 | 18401 | MYERS JUSTIN | LOT 9 VAUGHN LAND SUR | UNION | \$370.62 |
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| 2024-C-000236 | 2023 | 17298 | DUFFIELD BILLY J | .50 AC JACKS BEND SUR | UNION | \$266.49 |
| 2024-C-000237 | 2023 | 17200 | DAVIS ALEXANDER B C | 1 AC FALLING ROCK SUR | UNION | \$280.93 |
| 2024-C-000238 | 2023 | 17068 | CONNER CHESSIE HRS | 53 AC LIL SYC FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT | UNION | \$312.74 |
| 2024-C-000239 | 2023 | 17069 | CONNER CHESSIE HRS | 6 AC LIL SYC SUR 3/8 OF 5/8 INT | UNION | \$180.98 |
| 2024-C-000240 | 2023 | 17070 | CONNER CHESSIE HRS | 36 AC LIL SYC FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT | UNION | \$274.00 |
| 2024-C-000241 | 2023 | 17071 | CONNER CHESSIE HRS | 5 AC LIL SYC FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT | UNION | \$180.58 |
| 2024-C-000242 | 2023 | 17476 | EVANS PATRICIA ANN ETAL | 1 AC WTS PORTER SUR | UNION | \$569.13 |
| 2024-C-000243 | 2023 | 18652 | ROGERS JOHN C SR ETUX | 19.08 AC BLUE CREEK & SYC SUR | UNION | \$379.74 |
| 2024-C-000244 | 2023 | 18653 | ROGERS JOHN CLINTON | LOT LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR | UNION | \$425.41 |
| 2024-C-000245 | 2023 | 18474 | PATRICIA LINEBERRY EST | 53 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR 1/4 INT | UNION | \$349.65 |
| 2024-C-000246 | 2023 | 18648 | ROGERS CONNIE | 2 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR 1/2 INT | UNION | \$221.13 |
| 2024-C-000247 | 2023 | 18655 | ROGERS JOHN CLINTON JR | 2 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR 1/2 INT | UNION | \$221.13 |
| 2024-C-000248 | 2023 | 18651 | ROGERS JOHN | 2 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR | UNION | \$399.47 |
| 2024-C-000249 | 2023 | 18654 | ROGERS JOHN CLINTON | 28 AC WTS LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR | UNION | \$456.95 |
| 2024-C-000250 | 2023 | 17926 | KEENER RENFORD M JR | 5.3 AC QUEEN SHOALS 1/7 OF 1/7 INT MIN | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000251 | 2023 | 17925 | KEENER RENFORD | 227.603 AC BIRCH RUN 1/7 OF 1/7 MIN COAL OUT | UNION | \$237.65 |
| 2024-C-000252 | 2023 | 16885 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS | 45 AC PORTER CREEK MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000253 | 2023 | 16886 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS | 165 AC PORTERS CREEK MIN 1/10 OF 1/2 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000254 | 2023 | 16887 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS | 130 AC PORTER CREEK MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000255 | 2023 | 16888 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS | 43 AC PORTERS CREEK MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000256 | 2023 | 16889 | CALLISON GEORGIA Y HRS | 239 AC PORTERS CREEK MIN 1/10 OF 1/24 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000257 | 2023 | 16633 | BARNES ELIZABETH C | 238 WTS QU SHOALS O&G 12.50% OF 2739/15000 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000258 | 2023 | 16634 | BARNES ELIZABETH C | 1276.06 AC WTS QUEEN SH O&G 12.50% OF 2739/15000 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
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| 2024-C-000260 | 2023 | 17976 | KING MITCHEL H | 1.5 AC QUEEN SHOALS MIN 1/2 OF 1/7 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000261 | 2023 | 17977 | KING MITCHEL H | 4 AC QUEEN SHOALS MIN 1/2 OF 1/7 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
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| 2024-C-000263 | 2023 | 18700 | SALVATION ARMY CHARLESTON AREA | 118 AC WTS QUEEN SHOALS COAL 5/10 INT | UNION | \$182.98 |
| 2024-C-000264 | 2023 | 16737 | BOARD JANNETTE | 6 AC WTS PORTER MIN 1/4 OF 1/6 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000265 | 2023 | 16738 | BOARD JANNETTE | 78 AC WTS PORTER MIN (C OUT) 1/4 OF 1/6 OF 1/2 INT | UNION | \$177.52 |
| 2024-C-000266 | 2023 | 19229 | WILMINK ROBERT J | 101.15 AC N S ELK O&G (SWARTZ) 87.85715% INT | UNION | \$207.14 |
| 2024-C-000267 | 2023 | 17987 | KNIGHT WILLIAM F | 10 AC QUEEN SHOALS MIN | UNION | \$180.24 |

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that would allow streams and rivers to be reclassified if it's demonstrated that they don't have the capacity to reliably and continuously support a public water system.

This latest push by industry lobbyists comes as Chemours Company is appealing one of its permits, arguing that the improper categorization of a stream has resulted in inappropriate permit limits and restrictions.

Bill Bissett, president of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association said this legislation and the Chemours permit appeal are not related. He said that the group has opposed statewide application of drinking water standards long before the Chemours case.

"The WVMA's interest is in seeing that the water quality standards are reasonably applied to all its member companies in a manner that protects the public," Bissett wrote in an email.

But the state industry group and Chemours do share a connection. The WVMA's general counsel and lobbyist David Yaussy also serves as a lobbyist for Chemours and is currently representing the company in its permit appeal.

Prior to the committee vote last week, Yaussy said, "I'm here on behalf of Mr. Bissett today, and we'll do it by email." He did not respond to emailed questions.

Before the House committee voted to advance

the bill, Del. Bob Fehrenbacher, R-Wood, urged lawmakers to support it, noting that the change to the water quality protections had essentially been greenlighted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Environmental Protection, both of which he said are charged with "protecting all of us."

Fehrenbacher said in an interview that he was not aware of Chemours' permit appeal until Hansen mentioned it during a previous committee meeting.

He told lawmakers that allowing the rule change was ensuring that what was being protected was actually intended to be drinking water.

"This change basically allows that common-sense interpretation to be the rule in West Virginia," he said.

Fehrenbacher worked as a plant manager at the Washington Works site for the Chemours company before retiring.

Dry Run Landfill and the C8 public health crisis

The former DuPont, now Chemours, Washington Works plant in Wood County has a long history of public health and environmental concerns related to its use of C8 — a chemical that resists heat, water, oil and grease — to produce common everyday items, including nonstick pots and pans.

In the 1980s, farmer

Earl Tennant's cows started dying downstream of a recently constructed, unlined landfill near the base of Dry Run Creek, where DuPont was disposing of C8 — a type of PFAS, also known as "forever chemicals" because they don't naturally break down.

After purchasing hundreds of acres of the Tennants' property to build its landfill, DuPont began dumping hundreds of tons of C8 contaminated waste onto the site after the company discovered that the chemical was leaching into the groundwater beneath its disposal ponds on its Washington Works site.

The company also discovered that the chemical had seeped into the drinking water sources for surrounding communities, including Parkersburg, Vienna and Lubeck.

Following years of losing hundreds of his cattle and documenting the discolored and frothy waters of the Dry Run Creek, Tennent and his family sued DuPont. That lawsuit marked the beginning of what became a series of legal battles against the company that spanned more than two decades.

In 2017, DuPont and Chemours — a spinoff of DuPont which now owns and operates the Washington Works site — agreed to pay a total of \$670.7 million to settle the more than 3,500 cases in the class-action

lawsuits against DuPont over health problems, including kidney and testicular cancer, caused from exposure to C8.

DuPont has consistently denied any wrongdoing related to C8.

In August, Chemours, represented by Yaussy, appealed to the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board to revise its permit to discharge pollution from its Dry Run Landfill. In its appeal, the company argues that the creek the landfill discharges into is improperly categorized as a public water supply, resulting in an incorrect "forever chemical" limit.

Whether or not the appeal is successful, under the new rules being written by lawmakers, the company could try to recategorize Dry Run Creek from its current drinking water use designation.

During the committee's Monday meeting last week, Hansen asked Yaussy whether he anticipated he would try to change the creek's use designation.

"Would I? I'm not here to speak on behalf of Chemours. I'm here to speak, I assume, on behalf of the WVMA," Yaussy replied. "The WVMA was who advanced this proposal — negotiated with the DEP."

"Do you personally represent Chemours and their permitting?" Hansen asked.

"Yes. I do, but I'm not

going to talk about what work I do for a client," Yaussy said.

Chemours' other troubles

In December, the West Virginia Rivers Coalition filed a lawsuit against Chemours accusing the company's Washington Works site of violating federal law since 2023 by failing to comply with its permit limits and discharging forever chemicals into the Ohio River at levels exceeding the amount allowed.

Under the federal Clean Water Act, waterways are designated for different purposes, including drinking, fishing and water contact recreation. A designation determines what water quality standards apply and establishes pollution discharge limits in permits issued to businesses.

The lawsuit also alleges that the company has reported "numerous violations" of its permit limits for several chemicals, including PFOA, which is a type of forever chemical that the EPA has determined there is no safe level of exposure to. WV Rivers also accused Chemours of violating its discharge limits for GenX, the chemical used to replace C8 in response to the health concerns.

Although GenX was intended to be a safer alternative to C8, it was eventually determined that was not the case. In fact, the EPA found that

the effects of GenX could be equally harmful or even more dangerous than the chemical it was meant to replace.

The Ohio River supplies more than five million people with drinking water.

In 2023, the EPA issued an administrative order to force Chemours to take corrective action, but the company failed to do so, and the federal agency has not taken any further action, according to the WV Rivers' lawsuit.

In an emailed statement, Chemours spokesperson Cassie Olszewski said that the company is aware of the legal action filed by WV Rivers and "is disappointed at the action given that the Coalition's concerns are already being addressed through an April 2023 Consent Order between U.S. EPA and Chemours."

"As always, Chemours is committed to being a good neighbor and invites the Coalition to engage directly with the Washington Works team as a community stakeholder," Olszewski wrote.

Following new House rules, bill goes to vote with little public notice

Back in the committee room on Thursday—before lawmakers voted to send the amended rules to the House floor — a man in a grey and dark red flannel shirt sitting on one of the benches lining the perimeter of the room spoke up.

"Questions from the public, Mr. Chairman, if you will entertain that," said Jeff Seager, a South Charleston resident.

But the time for public comments had already passed, House Energy and Public Works Committee Chair Bill Anderson, R-Wood, told Seager.

"We don't take questions from the public at this time," Anderson said.

Under new House rules, members of the public can testify on legislation only on the first day it's considered in committee. This meeting was the second day the committee had taken up this specific measure.

But because the changes to the DEP rules were introduced during the first Monday meeting as a substitute for the bill on the committee's agenda, the measure wasn't on the agenda, so there was no notice given to the public.

On Tuesday, Hansen tried to amend the bill on the House floor by removing the new language. He urged his colleagues to not allow more toxic pollution into West Virginia streams but the House rejected his amendment.

To have a roll call vote that puts lawmakers on the record for or against an amendment, at least 10 members have to ask for it. Although Hansen called for a roll call vote, he didn't have the numbers to make it happen.

UPDATE, March 13, 2025: The House of Delegates passed this bill and it advances to the Senate next.

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Blood moon and Bassin'

By Allen Hamrick

Hey folks, its Zeb coming at ya with pen in hand, so sit back and let's talk a minute. Spring basin' is just around the corner and me an' Lew get a passel of letters asking us advice on catching those big ol' bucket mouth basses that hang out in the rivers and lakes. One such letter from a person callin' themselves Bass Lipper asked, "Fellers, its Bass Lipper an' I was needing advice on river lunkerein' when spring hits. Now, what's the rule of thumb fer you fellers when you pack a tackle box for 'em?

Well I'll tell ya Bass Lipper, a lotta what we do depends on the day, the weather, and the moon; we don't do a thing but what the moon tells us to do and when to do it. We learned that a long time ago from Paw Paw Pawper at his Blood Moon fishing affair and tall tale event. Also, those bucket mouths come out of their winter habits when the sun shines over head to warm their winterized hides. They are also preparin' for bringin' more basses to the water during the spawn, so get set to run them speedy crank baits an' spinny baits along shallow to deep parts of the water like flat points that drop into deep water. Them basses like to gather in and around trees, rocks an' grass on their way to the shallows, so fill yer tackle box with baits that resemble an all you can eat buffet of crawdad an' minnow colored spinners and jerkers. Bright and flashy works good during this time. Just keep in mind they need to warm up and where there is food and an attack point, that's where they will be.

As I said before, the moon does a lot of our talkin' when it comes to bassin'. If ya get the chance to attend Paw Paw's event, you will learn a lot about the moon. He has what he calls his fishing bible that he seeks his advice from, a diary that has been handed down since 1837 penned by a feller named Hosiah B. McPaxrick who was a mountain man durin' the time of the "blood moon of 1837." Paw Paw reads pages from the diary as we all sit around with our ears peeled to the sage advice.

"Aye, me name is Irish Hosiah B. McPaxrick. I've travelled these long miles from the old country to see fer meself the fishin' waters of the Americas. I heard tell of bass that control the waters of swift rivers and deep haunts of mountaintop lakes. Bass that will bite a hook with nothin' but a worm an' a hope an' fight like a rooster gone mad. I, Hosiah B. McPaxrick, will see fer meself these wayward monsters tied at the end of me stringer". Paw Paw continued with his best Irish tongue ... "For anyone who reads this, I'll tell ye 'bout a day that will make yer stringer so heavy ye couldn't lift it by mere mortal standards.

Meself had been fishin' a long stretch of river they call the Snake fer bout a week where monster bass big as yer leg dwelled with no hits. I made me camp an' settled down to some venison I had smoked earlier but me heart and stomach was hopin' fer fish. It was all quiet on the mountaintop save the rushing ramparts of the Snake and the occasional song of the coyote whose belly was probably empty as me own, I mused. The moon was full over head an' I lay on my pine bough bedding, the wind was pickin' up as I wondered about me camp choice. As I lay there, an' as the good Lord as me witness, the moon started to turn to blood as if it would start drippin' on the good earth at any time. I could only imagine what was going on an' me imagination got the best of me as I started to panic as if the very world was about to end. The moon's warm gaze seemed to stare right into me soul as me nerves gripped me bones, pullin' them apart. After some bone chillin' tense moments, the moon began to become an even brighter white; the red began to sweep away from the moon's surface as if being swept away by a good stiff broom. It was as if the moon suffered a knife wound and then healed itself. I tried to find me sleep, but it left me an' me eyes were wide open.

The next day, I gathered meself in the mornin' and set by the river, once again pondering the previous night's near death of the moon. Just I was about to pick up an' move, my pole bent toward the water an' a fish was on. By the time I landed the big bass, it was an hour later yet seemed that time had stood still. The rest of the day was spent fillin' my stringer with bass. I understand what the moon was tellin' me. It said, "Hosiah, if ye want to catch some big bass do it when ye wear the full moon as a hat or when ye stomp on it, which I didn't learn 'till later.

That was all Paw Paw read of the diary much to the

taunting of the fishin' folk who wanted more. So, when you are preparin' for spring bassin' keep in mind all I have said. Great fishin' times are when the moon is full over yer head or when yer stompin' on it when its new. This is a sure bet. There is no substitute for just getting' out there and getting' yer line wet and trying different things. As

Hosiah B. McPaxrick said "Aye, says aye, old moon, new moon, worms or wishin, nothin' like standin' in the river fishin". Keep a tight line an' gas in the motor, the bass are waitin'.

Until next time,
Zeb



Grandpa Pawper is set for the annual spring blood moon event.



Hosiah McPaxrick fishes the Snake river.



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