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Pictured are Catherine Vaillancourt's Clay Middle School students, Principal Leslie Goe and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michelle Samples.

Pictured are Shawn Krajeski's Clay High School students, Vocational Director Bob Morris and Superintendent Phil Dobbins.

Clay County Schools announces attendance numbers

The flu virus had a huge impact on our student attendance during the 6th school month. It also impacted our teachers and service personnel. Our younger student population was widely affected, but Clay County High School had a 92.98% for the school month, followed by Clay County Middle School with a 92.88%.

Our teachers offer attendance incentives to students who attend regularly, but children who are suffering from the flu would only infect entire classrooms. By teaching our students the importance of good attendance, we are helping them develop a positive habit that will aid them throughout their lives.

Shawn Krajeski's Clay County High School students continued to lead the county with a 97.50%, followed by Catherine Vaillancourt's students at Clay Middle School with a 94.74%. Dylan Vaughan's third grade students at Big Otter Elementary held third place with a 94.33% and JoAnn Metheney's Pre-K students at Clay Elementary were fourth with a 94.17%.

Attendance matters!

Fundraising Bingo to be held on April 5

Proceeds will go to Angie Cadle, her daughter, and three other girls that were victims of recent car accident.

There will be Bingo at Clay County High School on Saturday, Apr. 5 at 6 p.m. All proceeds will go to teacher Angie Cadle and her daughter and three other girls that were in a terrible car accident returning from a birthday party. Please come and enjoy an evening of fun and great food. If you would like to make a donation of a basket or door prize drop off to Clay Elementary.

Clay County Commission announces upcoming dates for Ambulance Service Fee public hearing, Spring Clean-Up dates, and more

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission met in their second regular monthly session on Monday, Mar. 24 at 9 a.m. All three commissioners were in attendance: Commissioner David Schoolcraft; Commission President Joyce Johnson, and Commissioner Duane Legg.

In the last article regarding the Commission, it was erroneously reported that, "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." Commissioner Legg stated that this item was not tabled and Logan Wrecking was always in the rotation pending the paperwork, which was met within the deadline. We apologize for any confusion this error caused.

The commission then took care of routine business approving minutes from the previous meeting, approving bills and purchase orders, fixing assessments, appointing administrators, and probating last wills and testaments. They appointed Josh Downy as Clay County's Fiduciary Commissioner for the county. They made the Clay County Board of Health Audited Financial Statements available for public inspection.

The commission also appointed Patricia White as the Clay County Ambulance Service Director.

Karen Nichols and Shelia Thorn of the Clay County Library presented their annual budget to the commission, requesting that they match the funds dedicated

Patricia White, Ambulance Director

Shelia Thorn and Karen Nicholas with the Clay County Library

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This Week in The House of Delegates

For the week ending March 28, 2025

Members of the House of Delegates began meeting twice a day this week as the legislative deadline for bills to pass from the House of Delegates to the Senate draws near.

The House overwhelmingly voted Tuesday to pass Senate Bill 199, which was more than a year in the making. The measure would address student behavior intervention and teacher safety. It would establish guidelines for the re-entry of a student who has been excluded from the classroom or school bus for disorderly conduct. A behavioral plan, developed by a school counselor, school social worker or school psychologist, would need to be developed before the student could return. It also would require the counselor or social worker to participate in a conference and implement a behavioral plan before a student who had been excluded

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Lady Mustangs are ruling the diamond

Roxy Schoolcraft fires the heat. By Allen Hamrick

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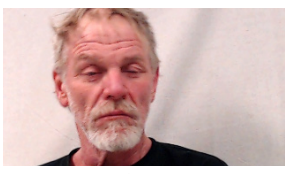
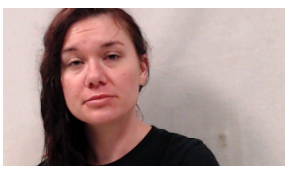


Eric Andrew Barnett
Booked 3/26/25
Driving suspended for DUI third offense, probation violation

James Anthony Dodrill
Booked 3/29/25
Murder

Mandy Jo Hinkle
Booked 3/27/25
Circuit court Capias



Stacy Marie Hughart
Booked 3/27/25
Capias

Austin Blake Kyer
Booked 3/24/25
Receiving/transferring stolen vehicle, grand larceny

Ryan Patrick Shelton
Booked 3/29/25
Obstructing an officer, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, fleeing from officer, domestic battery

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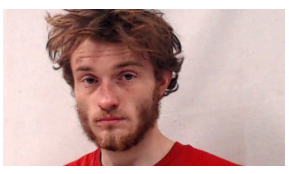
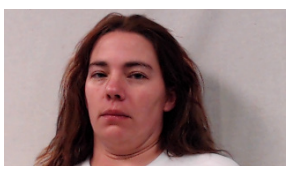
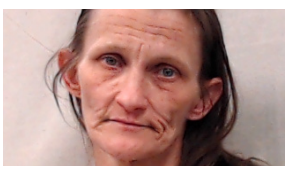


Christopher Dayton Burdette
Booked 3/28/25
Conspiracy, entering without breaking, grand larceny

Joshua Leaf Carver
Booked 3/30/25
Attempted homicide (murder)



Jerri Ann Ferrebee
Booked 3/24/25
Failure to report child abuse



Misty Irene Goodwin
Booked 3/25/25
Possession of controlled substance, Dui first offense, driving while suspended/revoked

Michael Chad Hodge
Booked 3/30/25
Possession of controlled substance, receiving/transferring stolen property, conspiracy

Kristin Dawn Johnston
Booked 3/29/25
Receiving/transferring +>$1,000, conspiracy to commit a felony

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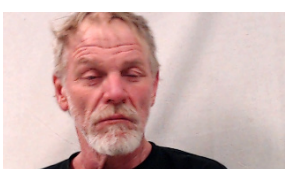
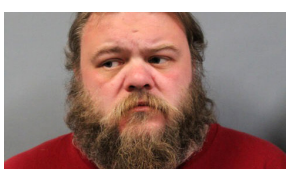


Jeremy Ray McCune
Booked 3/28/25
Driving while suspended, alteration of title/registration/permit

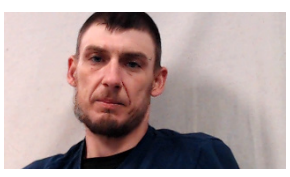
Andrew Jason Summers
Booked 3/27/25
Reckless driving, driving left side of road, driving too fast for road conditions, DUI
Causing serious bodily injury

BRAXTON COUNTY

Logan Todd Legg
Booked 3/30/25
Domestic assault, destruction of property



Gregory Scott Lewis II
Booked 3/27/25
Possession of meth



Brandon Doyle McCourt
Booked 3/25/25
Violation of bond

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 8, at 9 am, at the PSD office in Birch River.

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

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

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Governor Patrick Morrisey announces collaboration with Trump Administration to bring broadband investments to West Virginia

Governor Patrick Morrisey announced that West Virginia has been granted a 90-day extension to submit its final proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. This action comes after the Governor met earlier this week with U.S. Commerce Secretary Lutnick to discuss the Trump Administration's plans to make changes to the BEAD program.

The BEAD program is a partnership between the federal government and states that aims to get all Americans on-line by building the infrastructure necessary to increase the adoption of high-speed internet. Toward that end, West Virginia has been working diligently to develop a proposal that meets the State's specific needs. President Trump and Secretary Lutnick have stated their intention to implement changes to the BEAD program that give states greater flexibility to tailor the investment of BEAD funding to their unique needs, promote more technology-neutral approaches, and eliminate a variety of administrative mandates on states that do not advance the BEAD program's core goals.

West Virginia will use the additional time that NTIA has granted the state to work closely with federal partners and West Virginia BEAD stakeholders to expeditiously finalize the proposal in a manner consistent with the program changes being proposed by the Trump Administration. Doing so will best position West Virginia to submit a final proposal that successfully addresses the program's new focus and brings the desired BEAD funding to the state.

This extension will give West Virginia the opportunity to further focus on how BEAD funding can be most efficiently invested and most effectively leveraged to advance the state's broader economic development goals, including attracting investment from AI hubs, microgrids, and data centers. Getting broadband service across West Virginia is essential to making this happen — allowing the state to evaluate a broader range of technology options, including satellite and mobile wireless technologies, in addition to fiber, will help West Virginia maximize the coverage of high-speed internet.

Reminder: Poultry Exhibition and Sale Events Suspended in West Virginia

As the fair and festival season begins, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) reminds the public that all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and sales at flea markets or auction markets are suspended due to the ongoing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This decision follows an extended outbreak of HPAI cases in commercial and backyard poultry operations nationwide. Additionally, federal and state wildlife agencies have identified the virus in wild bird populations through ongoing surveillance, coinciding with the peak spring bird migration in the contiguous United States, which runs approximately between March 1 and June 15.

"This is a serious threat to West Virginia's poultry industry which is the largest overall contributor to our state's animal industry economy – this action provides added safeguard," said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "This nationwide outbreak has been ongoing since 2022, and we have worked closely with poultry industry stakeholders and our interagency partners to prepare for and respond when needed to a West Virginia outbreak."

The WVDA is monitoring waterfowl activity, as these birds naturally carry and spread avian influenza, and will advise of any status changes.

West Virginia has had two positive cases of AI in backyard flocks, one in Kanawha County in February of 2024 and another in Pocahontas County in January of 2025.

For detailed information on HPAI detections in the United States, please refer to Commercial, Backyard, & Wildlife cases in the United States (USDA APHIS).

As a reminder, to prevent the spread of the disease, WVDA urges poultry owners to:

Limit, monitor, and record any movement of people, vehicles, or animals on or off the farm.

Permit only essential workers and vehicles to enter the farm.

Avoid visiting other poultry farms or unnecessary travel off the farm.

Disinfect equipment, vehicles, footwear, and other items in contact with flocks.

Change clothes before entering poultry areas and before exiting the property.

Keep flocks away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl.

Isolate any ill animals and contact your veterinarian immediately.

For additional precautions against the virus, visit the CDC's Avian Influenza Guidance.

Poultry owners should report unusual death loss, a drop in egg production, or any sick domestic birds to WVDA's Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

OBITUARY

Harry Thomas Jerrell

Harry Thomas Jerrell, known to most as Tate, 76 years old of Leatherwood but Gobblers Knob to him, passed away on March 21, 2025, surrounded by family. He was a Korean War Veteran and avid member of the UMWA. He attended Lick Fork Baptist.

He was proceeded in death by infant son Wesley Thomas Jerrell, Mother Elizabeth Jerrell of Jonesville, Virginia, brother Lee Jerrell of Jonesville, Virginia, sister Margret Hansbarger of Ohio, son in law Donnie Wayne, and grandson Gage Stewart of Twenty Mile.

He leaves behind to carry on his memory the love of his life his wife, Kris Jerrell. His sisters Audrey Smith (Ronnie) of Jonesville, VA Della Rubes (Jim) Northfield, Ohio. Daughters Deena Stewart of Twenty Mile and Hayley (Jamie) Peters of Boomer, four sons Jonathan (Crystal)Boggs of Harnett County, NC, Christopher (Mereaha) Boggs of Chesapeake, WV, Andrew (Demi) Boggs of Maysel, WV, Bryan Boggs of Parkersburg, WV and many others. Tate had 13 grandchildren that he absolutely adored, Jayden Chapman, Ryley Chapman, Brier Stewart, Maddie Wayne, Kayleen Boggs, Jace Boggs, Braxton Boggs, Jamison Boggs, Delanie Boggs, Titus (Tuffy) Boggs, Kolten Tincher, and Ella Tincher. One great grandson Waylan Findley Any chance he would get he would tell you all about each of them and how proud he was to call them his.

In his prime, Tate was an avid outdoorsman and as he got older, he enjoyed long rides through the mountains. If he wasn't on the porch with his coffee, then you could find him in his spot on the couch watching the wildlife and the sunset through the window.

Tate was the kind of man who loved fiercely and unconditionally and when he loved he loved with his whole heart. His girls were his pride, his boys were his strength, and his family was his whole world. He always had a listening ear when you needed it and the right words to say.

His daughter, Hayley remembers he taught them about hard work, kindness, and how to stand tall no matter what life threw their way. Whether it was through his bear hugs, his words of wisdom, or his contagious laughter, or his funny dance moves, he had a way of making life feel a little easier, a little brighter.

The Jerrell family would like to thank Lick Fork Church, Tiny & Janet Johnson, Rodney Wayne and all of his Union Brothers for their unending friendship. He loved his brothers-in-law like brothers Dale, Brent and Jeff Morris. Thank you to the hospice nurses, Dr Jamie and Sandy Metz and Summerville Hospital for their quality of care they have shown over the years. Clay Ambulance and Clay Fire Department for all their help.

In lieu of flowers the family ask to make donations to Feed the Children or The Homeless Veterans.

Funeral service was at 6:00 pm, Thursday March 27, 2025, at Local Union Hall #8843, 3291 Cannelton Hollow Road, Cannelton, WV 25036 with Naaman Moore officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Tate left specific instructions that he was to be cremated, and his ashes scattered back home in Jonesville, VA

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com

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

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Living With Joyous Abandon

By Joe Mazzella

If you don't know the top speed for a toddler, it is a lot faster than you think. I witnessed it firsthand just recently. I had pulled into the parking lot of a grocery store to get some fresh fruit. As I got out of the car I saw a Mom hold her toddler boy's hand while she talked on her phone. She finished her call and let go of her son's hand for a second to put her phone in her purse. At that moment, however, a stray cat walked up on the sidewalk where they were standing. The boy reached down to pick up the cat. Now Mr. Cat didn't want to be picked up and started to run off but the toddler followed behind in hot pursuit while his Mom yelled for him to stop. The toddler ignored her and continued to chase after the cat at top speed. I saw that the drop off from the sidewalk to the parking lot was almost a foot so I ran at my own top speed, caught the boy just as he reached the edge, and picked him up before he fell.

I thought he might cry or scream having a strange person pick him up but instead he laughed mischievously while I carried him back to his Mom. I laughed too as I could see this wasn't his first time making a break for it, heading out for high adventure, and ignoring his Mom. His playful spirit reminded me of my own childhood.

Each day of my childhood was lived with joyous abandon. Each day had new opportunities for fresh adventures. Each day was full of fun, play, learning, laughter, and love. And in my soul, I could feel God watching over me from above. As I got older, though, hard work and responsibilities replaced fun and play. I grew up. I was no longer a child and I lost something in the process. It took me a long time to finally see that God wants us adults to have fun too.

Leo Buscaglia wrote: "Each day is a fresh beginning, a little life unto itself." May each one of yours then be filled with fun, play, laughter, love, and joy while God smiles down upon you.

Home Country

Slim Randles

All land developers really have to do to name all the new streets in a sagebrush subdivision is to leave the naming up to the local kids. The names may be goofy, but seldom boring.

Such was the case with FonsterFench. From the outside, she looked just like any other small stray cat that a young girl might rescue and bring home. But when my kid named her FonsterFench, I had to ask why.

"Well," she said, "you can see her name's Fonster, right? And she has this … *fenchiness* about her."

The Fench part transmogrified into a verb over the next few weeks, until Fonster was known to cavort in a fench-like manner. This became "fenching," to the neighborhood kids, who would practice fenching on their own around the yard until they had it perfected.

There must be some law of ethereal justice somewhere, carved on a cloud, which says the scruffier the animal, the classier its name must be.

One of Michael Candelaria's coonhounds out there in Laguna Pueblo wasn't as lucky. Mike named him "Speed Bump." Sure enough ….

A sled dog in Talkeetna, Alaska, named Shark fulfilled his destiny years ago by eating his own tail. His owner took him to a dog shrink (I'm not making this up) and the shrink took $25 up front and then told the owner Shark was crazy.

Sometimes adults who don't accept grown-up-icity (hey, sounds better than adultery) can come up with some kid-like names, too. For example, the little brown dog called "Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River," and the cat named "Nebula" because he had a certain … gas cloud problem.

A happily gobbled pair of turkeys in Corrales, New Mexico were known as King Tut and his bride, Neferturkey.

Sometimes a name changes slightly over time, due to a sharpening of an animal's personality. That was the case with the half hound, half husky given the magnificent name "Ulysses." After a few months, the lady of the house changed his name to "Useless."

Registered animals are given bizarre names by owners with more money than brains. How else would you explain the champion show horse named "Twist My Doo Doc"? The horse show announcer was never able to say it with a straight face.

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Money, Money, Money, Where's All The Money

Dr. James L. Snyder

I can't keep count of all the phone calls informing me that I won millions of dollars and a brand-new Mercedes-Benz. All I have to do is send them $15,000 to cover the income tax and processing fee, and they will be able to send me millions of dollars.

I grew up in the Pennsylvania Dutch area, and I would be the last person to fall for that kind of scam. If I won money, why do I have to pay money?

Growing up, my father was very frugal with money. If you could get money out of him, you were a magician of the top order.

When we would go to a restaurant, he was very frugal, but he did tip the waitress. The only thing about that tip was it was only $0.25. He thought she earned every penny of that quarter.

He died in 2010, so he won't hear about this, but many times after lunch, we were going out to the car; one of us would have to go to the bathroom, and so the rest would go out to the car. Actually, the guy going to the bathroom was the one we had assigned to put a tip on the table. All of us, except for my father, contributed to that tip. As far as I know, he never found out about that.

However, I learned a lot about money from my father. He never spent a nickel if he didn't have to. He loved to get his monthly bank statement so that he could see his money and study it for days.

My father did have money. He was a successful building contractor, but very few people knew he had a dollar bill on him. If you met him, you would not know he had an extra dollar in his pocket.

They would be a genius if they could scam him out of a dollar.

Money meant a lot to my father, especially in his pocket. He was never out to scam anybody or buy a lottery ticket. In fact, he thought lottery tickets were the worst scam in the world. I lean towards that thought myself.

One of the things I learned from my father was that it's not so much how much money you have as what you do with it.

I was a small-town pastor in Maryland one year, and one of my friends spread a rumor my first year that I was the poster child for the baby Gerber. I'm not sure where he came up with that scam, but he did.

I didn't know he did it, and all of a sudden pastors came to me and told about some of the ministries they were involved in and they needed to raise money to do them.

At first, I didn't understand why they were telling me this. Why did I need to know what their ministry was and how much money they needed?

After several months of this, somebody spilled the beans and told me what my so-called friend had done, why these people were telling me about their ministries, and how much money they needed for those ministries.

If I had the money he was talking about, I would probably have given money to their ministries. But all those pastors were talking to someone who was simply broke. I didn't have the money they thought I had, just enough to get by week by week.

What I do with my money is really important, but I won't let my money, which I don't have much of, define who I am.

There's nothing wrong with being frugal. I've been pretty much frugal all my life because I've never made much money. I just tried not to spend money that I don't have.

Money has a way of influencing people. If someone knows that someone has a lot of money, they're going to approach them to see how much they can get for themselves.

I have no problem giving to charities and to people who really need help. But I'm very careful about that because I want to make sure I help people who actually need help. That's a hard decision to make. Who really needs my money more than me? That's the question.

Many years ago, a friend of mine wanted me to invest in some investment program that he was involved with. He had given them well over $65,000. According to the investment, he would be getting interest every month. The one thing that sort of ticked me off was that the $65,000 had to be in cash. If that isn't a red flag, I don't know what is.

It turned out to be one of those Ponzi schemes. I'm not sure how they work, but I guarantee they will never work with my money.

The only investment I have made was to good old Uncle Sam. Now, I get a monthly salary from my Uncle, of which I am thankful.

I couldn't help but think of a verse of scripture that is ao often misquoted. 1 Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Money is NOT the root of all evil like so many people think. Rather, it's the LOVE of money that is the "root of all evil."

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to them from the Board of Education of $42,000. Commissioner Johnson said that the commission would continue to cover their insurance but would need to finalize the annual budget to see what is available for the Library Budget. The deadline for the County Commission to provide the budget to the State of West Virginia is close of business, Monday, Apr. 14. Because of this deadline the commission moved the next regular meeting of the County Commission to Tuesday, Apr. 15, at 9 a.m. The Library Budget deadline is at the same time, so Commissioner Johnson told Shelia and Karen she would get back to them by then,

The commission announced there will be a public hearing for the Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee at 10 a.m. on Apr. 28 to explain the fee. Commissioner Legg explained, "Clay County Commission will have a public hearing regarding enacting a county wide ordinance of 2 percent of all short term rentals. Hotels, AirBNBs, bikes, kayaks, etc." He also clarified, "Let me be clear this is not a $25 fee that will be placed on homes. This is a fee that will only affect the users of these services only. Refer to WV Code 8-13-6, 7-15-18 & 7-15-17. If you have questions or concerns please attend the public hearing on Apr. 28 at 10 a.m."

In other news, Terry Martin was going to provide an update on the Big Otter/Nebo/Walker Road Water Line Extension to the Commission, but was delayed and will possibly present at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner David Schoolcraft noted that the annual Clay County Cleanup this year will 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 County Assessor added that the Annual County Cleanup will precede this on April 22 and April 23, and many county entities, including Clay County High School students, will be picking up trash and bagging it for DOH workers to pick up by Saturday in dump trucks and taken to the Pierson site for collection on the 26th. Commissioner Schoolcraft also announced that the annual county-wide Yard Sale will be held on May 3.

Donna Salisbury with the Family Resource Center announced that they had had their County-Wide Baby Shower and was a success and that they were planning the annual Easter Extravaganza at the Maysel Park for Clay County children on Apr. 12 at 2 p.m. They have plenty of eggs, prizes, and treats, but they are looking for donations of candy.

All week people have been seeing cable trucks working through Clay County, in town and down through Route Sixteen. Commissioner Legg clarified that the trucks in town were Frontier, the trucks out of town were Citinet. This is broadband cable being installed in Clay County.

The Health Department announced that a Health Fair will be held on Apr. 29 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Most tests and screenings are free, but an A1C, for example, would cost $5. If you have a particular test you need done, call the Health Department prior to the fair to see if it is available that day and ask what it would cost if you showed up that morning.

Finally, the Clay County Rail Explorers announced that their tourist season will begin on Apr. 19 and that for the month of April and May they are offering a 35 percent discount for all Clay County residents who want to ride the rails.

The next Clay County Commission regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Apr. 15 at 9 a.m. The second monthly meeting will be on Monday, Apr. 28 at 9 a.m. There will be a special public hearing at 10 a.m. that morning explaining the Special Emergency Ambulance Fee. The public is encouraged to attend all these meetings.

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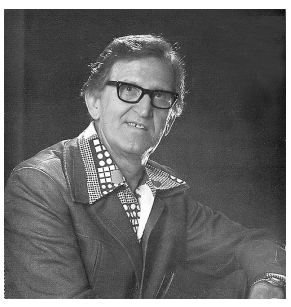
This Week in West Virginia History

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the site of the first European-American settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

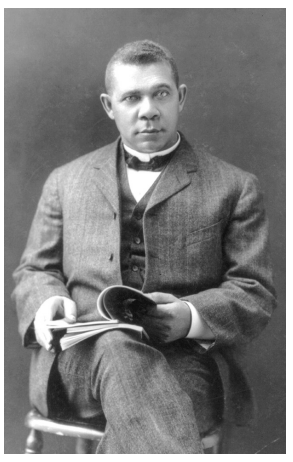
April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.

April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song "Sweet Beulah Land."



April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.



April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Mayor Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.

April 6, 1964: Brad Smith, the former head of Intuit, was born in Huntington and then grew up in Kenova. In 2021, he became the 38th president of his alma mater, Marshall University.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly $300 million in investments. He died in 2003.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while dragging a wounded soldier to safety.

April 7, 2004: Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

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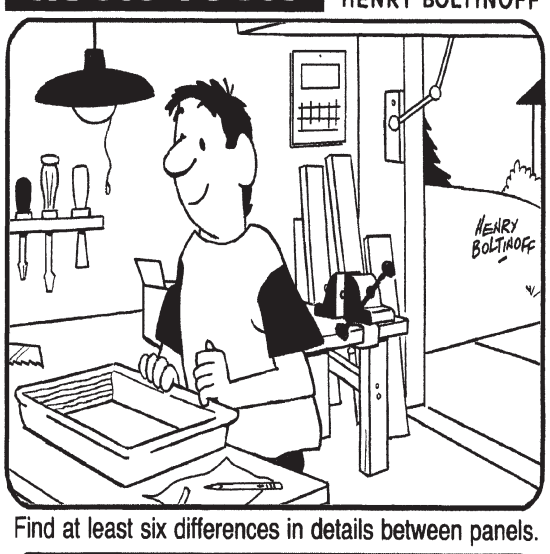

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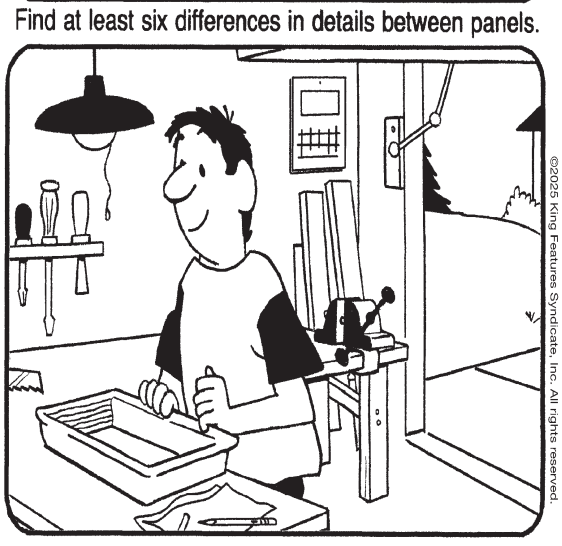

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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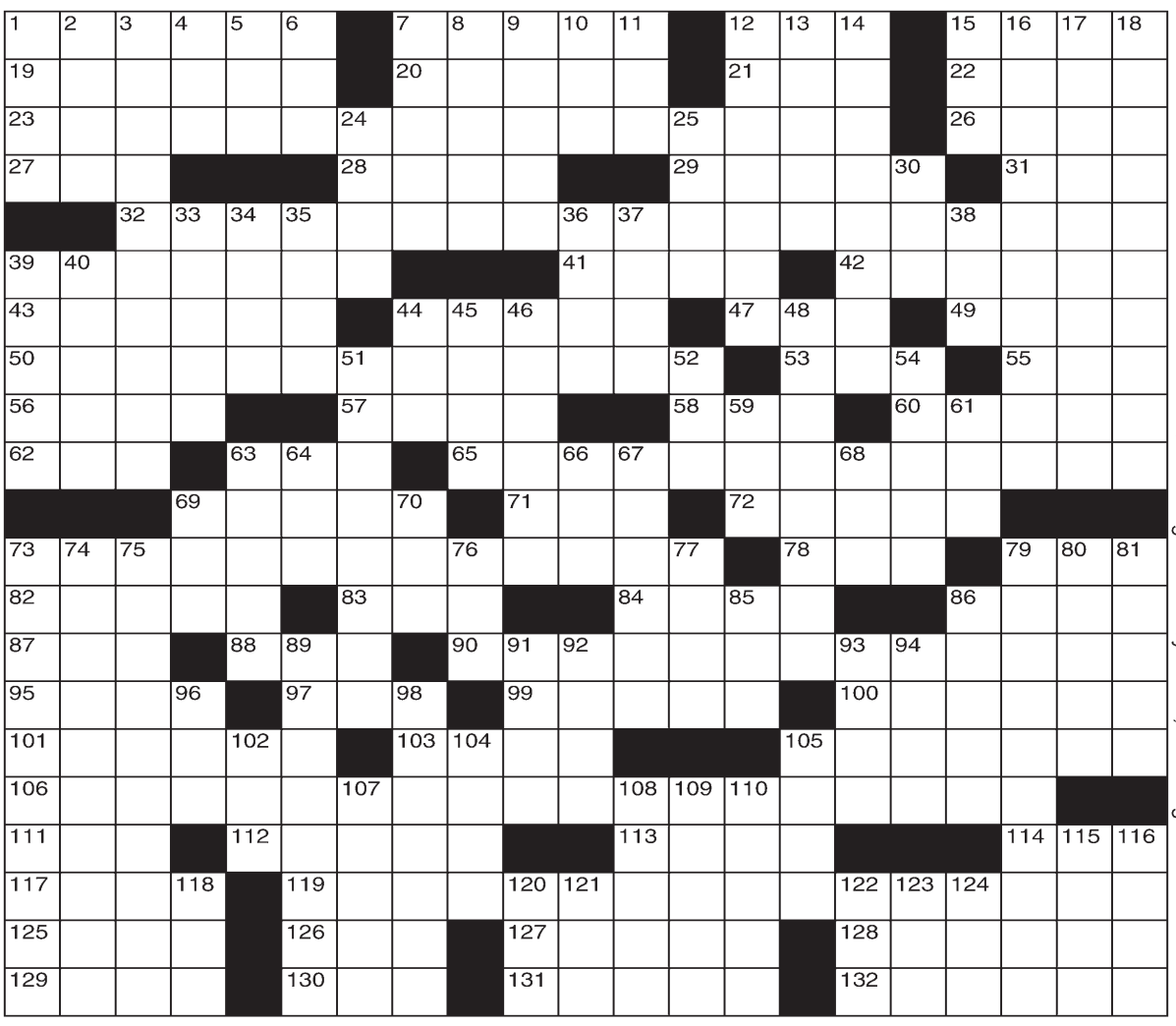
Super Crossword

FULLY STATED

ACROSS
1 Despises
7 Tennis great Rafael
12 Loutish guy
15 Drop- — (declines)
19 Corned beef sandwich
20 Kind of daisy
21 Bullring shout
22 Perfume bottle
23 Baseball's "Iron Man," fully stated?
26 Western U.S. gas brand
27 Hit sketch show since '75
28 Atop
29 Move, as a seedling
31 Stitch clothes
32 Statistic of a chemical element, fully stated?
39 Protein in egg white and milk
41 Panther
42 2010s dance move often done with the Whip
43 Tropical vines
44 —'s razor ("keep it simple" principle)
47 Fallon's network
49 Singer Ora
50 Irritability, fully stated?
53 — Lingus
55 Some racing autos
56 Evil "Get Smart" group
57 Tyro, in gaming lingo
58 Actor Cage, informally
60 Sneeze noise
62 Prefix with tourism
63 "Aladdin" monkey
65 Auto-cleaning site, fully stated?
69 "I knew it all —!"
71 Once surnamed
72 "Thank you, Yvette!"
73 Lode of unrefined metal, fully stated?
78 — -di-dah
79 .001 inch
82 Singer Cherry
83 Hoppy drink
84 UConn women's basketball coach Auriemma
86 Radiohead title track of 2000
87 Prone (to)
88 British islet
90 Biblical boat, fully stated?
95 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —
97 Fun, in brief
99 "The — Professor"
100 Tribe of the Southwest
101 Grads
103 Ear-busting
105 Mistaken
106 Annual beauty contest, fully stated?
111 Sorority letter
112 Motif
113 Solitary
114 Uproar
117 At the drop of —
119 "Mystic River" actor, fully stated?
125 Christ, in Italy
126 CPR expert
127 French ice cream
128 Focal point
129 Punta del —
130 Enzyme suffix
131 Useful thing
132 Believers in God, of sorts

DOWN
1 Circle bits
2 Coffee bit
3 Uproar
4 Kabuki sash
5 Sports official
6 — -Caps (candy brand)
7 Not for Windows
8 Truism
9 Country singer Carter
10 Scottish port
11 Luau gift
12 Certain cola container
13 Hebrew "A"
14 Rail against
15 Egg cells
16 Initial performance on Broadway, say
17 Inked cheek image, e.g.
18 Period when sales slump
24 Destroy
25 Baby buggy, in Britain
30 Airport agcy.
33 North African capital
34 Muscat's land
35 Soup with tofu
36 Junk email
37 Kind of wrestling
38 Alway
39 Comparable
40 Pale purple
44 Bear, in Baja
45 Alternative to vanilla, informally
46 Native of Habana
48 Part of B.A.
51 Overwhelm
52 Stranded cellular stuff
54 Cattle locale
59 Dogma suffix
61 Some film FX
63 Hilo "Hello!"
64 "— voyage!"
66 Abode: Abbr.
67 Ounce, e.g.
68 Writer Levin
69 Birthday topic
70 Hair stiffener
73 Running riot
74 Buffs again
75 Devotee
76 Put in writing
77 Trial balloon
79 Criminals
80 Boise locale
81 Cutting beam
85 Anti's vote
86 Tree knots
89 Body of water west of Liverpool
91 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" song)
92 German auto
93 "Citizen —"
94 Impressionist
96 "Mom" has two
98 Weather conditions
102 Tiny criticism
104 Uncork, e.g.
105 Judith with two Tonys
107 Looks as if
108 Arm bones
109 For the — (temporarily)
110 Map blowup
115 Cut calories
116 Boaters' tools
118 Mon. follower
120 Links gp.
121 Letters before 96-Down
122 PC readout of a sort
123 Winning sign
124 Singer DiFranco



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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

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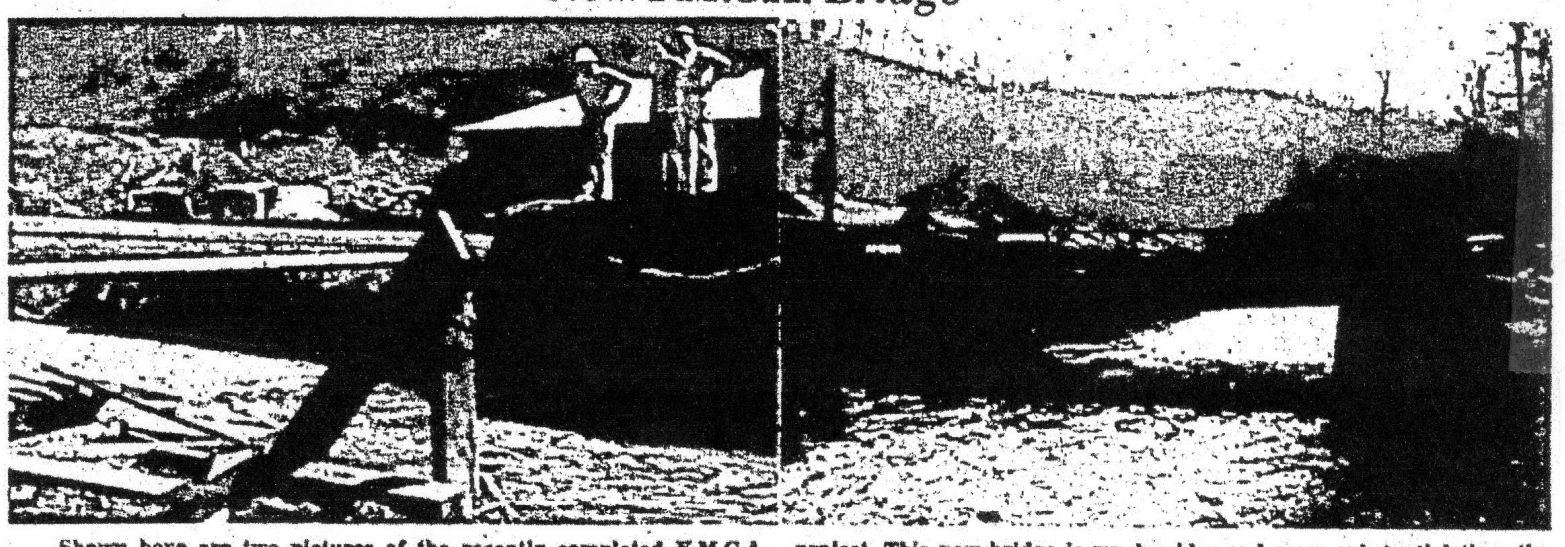
Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

May 1958

New Y.M.C.A. Bridge



Shown bove are two pictures of the recently completed Y.M.C.A., bridge. The first picture shows beginning of construction when the first steel was being laid and the second picture shows the completed project. This new bridge is much wider and more substantial than the old bridge which it replaces, and is a difinite improvement to our town.

FIFTEEN PLUS CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a special meeting of the Fifteen Plus Club, which was held recently, new officers were elected for the coming yaar. Mr. Harold L. Beattie was elected president, Mr. Darrell Wood vice president, Mrs. Walnah P. George secretary and Miss Helen Gibson treasurer.

The Fifteen Plus Club is a non-profit social club. It was organized seven years ago, and has sponsored many social functions for the various campaigns, such as Red Cross, Heart Fund, Cancer Fund, March of Dimes, etc.

Plans for the coming year are incomplete at this time, but will be announced later.

CLUB WOMEN INVITED TO CAMP DEDICATION

Members of the Widen Woman's Club have been invited by the Board Of Directors of Camp Galahad to attend a Dedication Ceremony, Sun. afternoon, June 8. 1958 at 2:00 a.m. at the camp site. Camp Galahad is located in Kanawha County near the Clay County Border about 17 miles from Clendenin.

This is a camp for handicapped children only and has been built largely from donations from different organizations in the State.

The West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs during the administration of Mrs. Phares Reeder, who has just recently completed a term as President of the State Federation, have raised enough money to build an additional cabin at Camp Galahad. They also raised enough money to buy mattress covers for all the beds.

Any club member wishing to attend this dedication may secure detailed directions for driving to the camp from Miss Hazel Baughman at the Post Office.

YMCA NEWS

YMCA General Secretary Herbert C. Johnson of the Widen "Y" will inaugurate a series of Bible reading programs and hymn 'sings' in the Widen YMCA on Wednesday, June 4, at 7:30 o'clock. He will read from King James version of the Scriptures, and the readings will begin with thirty-minute song service, using the old hymns as assembled in "Hymns of Praise Numbers One and Two." There will be no sermons preached at these Bible reading sessions, and all meetings are open to the general public free of charge.

Guest - singers from various churches in the valley will be invited to furnish special music each week, and both adults and young people are cordially invited to attend, regardless of their present church connections, or lack of them.

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The Arnett Hughes Evangelistic Party is now engaged in special services in the YMCA auditorium at Widen each night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Hughes is assisted in these services by Mrs. Hughes, guitar; Kermit Hughes on the electric guitar; and by Rev. Mrs. Geneva Epperson who is in charge of the devotional service; also Mrs. Russell Hess of Dundon, playing the piano and the accordian. It is expected that the Saturday-Sunday services will be held in Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Fayette Street and the Rev. Ira L. Farmer will assist with the preaching there.

The meeting will continue through Sunday, June 1st, longer if needed, and are held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association at Widen. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these evangelistic meetings.

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Mr. Herbert C. Johnson, Secretary of the Widen YMCA, has announced that Sunday School at the YMCA will resume the first Sunday in June—June 1, 1958, at 3 o'clock P. M. All children are invited to attend.

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The Civic Committee of the Widen Woman's Club has announced that the "Yard-of-the-month" project will be continued this summer. Winners will be published each month in the Widen News. Judging will be done around the middle of each month.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Because of heavy early registration at Camp Clifton McClintic, Widen Boy Scout Troop 111 will attend camp one week later than usual this year. Heretofore, the local boys have been in camp the week following July 4th, but that period was already "sold out" when Troop 111's application was made. The troop will leave Widen for camp on July 13 and will return on Saturday, July 19. At camp, they will live in Delaware Village, a familiar campsite to all former troop members, located on the hillside across Culverson Creek from the mess hall and lodge. It currently appears that ten boys will attend from the local group.

Newest member of the troop is Kelly Sparks, son of Flavy Sparks, who passed his tenderfoot test with flying colors on April 28. Under the troop's rule that candidate scouts have four weeks in which to accomplish their tenderfoot requirements, two other boys have been barred from troop activities until they can pass the test. It is not fair to the boys who work on scouting that others who will not put forth the effort to learn their laws, oath, motto, knots, etc., should share in the fun of scouting and that is the reason the four-week rule was put into effect. That is ample time for any eleven-year-old boy to do that work, and most boys are able to pass their tenderfoot test in not more than two weeks.

All the tenderfoot scouts in the troop completed their hike and second-class cooking on an outing Monday, May 12. Most of the boys lack only measuring requirements to complete their second step on the Eagle trail, which, incidentally has been completed by only one scout, Robert Asbury, during the nearly eleven years Troop 111 has existed. There are at least three youngsters in the present group that have the capabilities of becoming Eagles and thus far all of them have shown the interest that is necessary in any work to reach the top.

HELP WANTED!

During the month of May the Widen Post Office employees painted and cleaned the post office. It was quite difficult painting and taking care of the regular post office work, but all their efforts were well compensated with clean and cheerful surroundings.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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twice in one semester could be readmitted.

Delegates spent a great deal of time on the floor this week discussing foster care and child welfare. House Bill 2027, which passed the full House by a vote of 97-2, would change the process for the state to remove a child from a foster home. It would specify that a child who has been in a suitable placement for more than 15 consecutive months, or 50 percent of the child's life, cannot be removed unless it is in the child's best interest.

House Bill 2880 had only one vote against its passage. It would assign a "Parent Resource Navigator" through the Court Improvement Program or Public Defender Services to serve as part of the Bureau for Children and Families' multidisciplinary team. This individual would be charged with helping parents trying to be unified or reunified with their children work through the legal system.

House Bill 2377, which unanimously passed the House Thursday, would bring more transparency to fatalities and near fatalities of children involved in the child welfare system while still maintaining necessary confidentiality. It 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 reports and would require reports to be retained for at least one year.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, addressed the House at the end of Wednesday's floor session, reminding them the incremental changes they had voted on that day ultimately result in systematic reforms.

"It may not have seemed that way to those outside the body, outside the building, but we took up questions today of how we address — how society addresses — some of the most vulnerable people in our charge," Hanshaw said. "We took up a discussion about foster care and young people who are our responsibility. We talked about issues of criminal justice reform, how one gets a black mark expunged from one's record to enter the workforce and rejoin society as a productive member. We talked about issues of criminal justice. This was a big day."

Speaker Hanshaw also noted the oversized emphasis that often becomes put on the Legislature when crises occur.

"You know, not every problem — not every problem — can be solved by the government. Not every problem can be solved by a law, not every problem can be solved by a judge, not every problem can be solved by the governor," he said. "We had, on the discussion of our first bill today, what I believe to be a very meaningful conversation about what the role is of families in society and how we as the government relate to those who are just simply trying to keep a family together.

"And I think it's important to note that we have children in foster care in West Virginia. We have a foster care problem that wasn't created by the government, that wasn't created by the courts, that wasn't created by the Legislature, that wasn't created by DHHR. It was created because men and women chose to prioritize drugs and substance abuse and other things over their children."

Hanshaw reminded the Delegates to "continually reflect on the fact that the very best we can do is our best."

"Our goal today, for the next period of time we have together, for this legislative session and always, needs to be to contribute as well as we can contribute in the society to allow men and women of West Virginia, families of West Virginia, citizens of West Virginia, to solve our own problems and continue to create an environment in which that's possible."

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

LEGAL

Clay County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Clay, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Clay County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund		**Estimated Revenues**
Fund Balance	$	300,000
Property Taxes Current year		1,193,169
Prior Year Taxes		81,461
Property Transfer Tax		30,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		35,000
Wine & Liquor Tax		300
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)		8,200
Licenses		200
Building Permits		800
Sheriff's Service of Process		6,000
Sheriff's Earnings		50
County Clerk's Earnings		28,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings		8,000
Accident Reports		150
Motor Vehicle License Fee		1,200
Clerk Deed Fees		1,000
Rents & Concessions		7,000
Franchise Agreement		800
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		45,000
Interest Earned		1,200
Miscellaneous Revenue		30,000
Sheriff's Commission		15,000
Gaming Income		40,000
Video Lottery		4,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund		62,773
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	$	1,899,303
Coal Severance Tax		**Estimated Revenues**
Assigned Fund Balance	$	10,000
Coal Severance Tax		30,000
Interest Earned on Investment		100
Total Coal Severance	$	40,100

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	**General Fund**	**Coal Severance Tax Fund**
County Commission	$ 463,592	$ -
County Clerk	142,748	-
Circuit Clerk	123,320	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	177,737	-
Prosecuting Attorney	263,411	-
Assessor	101,272	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	62,773	-
Statewide Computer Network	47,584	-
Elections - County Clerk	38,000	-
Circuit Court	11,310	-
Courthouse	246,995	-
Regional Development Authority	1,948	-
County Clerk Operations	7,125	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,687,815	-
PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	149,088	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	6,000	-
Regional Jail	53,200	40,100
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	208,288	40,100
HEALTH & SANITATION	-	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	-	-
CULTURE & RECREATION	-	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	-	-
SOCIAL SERVICES	-	-
Human Resources	3,200	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	3,200	-
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-
Total Expenditures	$ 1,899,303	$ 40,100

CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025- JUNE 30, 2026

Current Year	**Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes**	**Levy Rate/$100**	**Taxes Levied**
CLASS I			
Personal Property	$	14.30	$
Public Utility			
Total Class I	$		$
CLASS II			
Real Estate	$ 115,947,470	28.60	$ 331,610
Personal Property	3,557,098		10,173
Total Class II	$ 119,504,568		$ 341,783
CLASS III			
Real Estate	$ 58,902,100	57.20	$ 336,920
Personal Property	50,465,062		288,660
Public Utility	50,689,240		289,942
Total Class III	$ 160,056,402		$ 915,522
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	$ 7,193,010	57.20	$ 41,144
Personal Property	4,080,717		23,342
Public Utility	2,965,874		16,965
Total Class IV	$ 14,239,601		$ 81,451
Total Value & Projected Revenue	**$ 293,800,571**		**$ 1,338,756**
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		7.20%	96,390
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	24,847
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			**$ 1,217,519**
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	0
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			**$ 1,217,519**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF CLAY

I, Sheila Stone, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 24th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Sheila Stone
(Signature)

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PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 15th day of April 2025.

	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy Levy Rate/$100	Current Expense Levy Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	$ -	19.40	$ -
Public Utilities	-		-
Total Class I	-		-
Class II			
Real Estate	115,947,470	38.80	449,876
Personal Property	3,557,098		13,802
Total Class II	119,504,568		463,678
Class Ill			
Real Estate	58,902,100	77.60	457,080
Personal Property	50,465,062		391,609
Public Utilities	50,689,240		393,349
Total Class Ill	160,056,402		1,242,038
Class IV			
Real Estate	7,193,010	77.60	55,818
Personal Property	4,080,717		31,666
Public Utilities	2,965,874		23,015
Total Class IV	14,239,601		110,499
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	**$ 293,800,571**		**$ 1,816,215**
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		8.00%	(145,297)
Less Allowance for tax discounts		1.00%	(16,709)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			-
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			1,654,209
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(33,084)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			**$ 1,621,125**

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

SIGNED THIS 18th DAY OF March, 2025 by
Philip R. Dobbins — SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Signature

PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 15th day of April 2025.

	Excess Levy Levy Rates/$100	Excess Levy Taxes Levied	Permanent Improvement Levy Rate/$100	Permanent Improvement Taxes Levied	Bond Levy Levy Rate/$100	Bond Levy Taxes Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	13.00	$ -	-	$ -	-	$ -
Public Utilities		-		-		-
Total Class I		-		-		-
Class II						
Real Estate	26.00	301,463	-	-	-	-
Personal Property		9,248		-		-
Total Class II		310,711		-		
Class III						
Real Estate	52.00	306,291	-	-	-	-
Personal Property		262,418		-		-
Public Utilities		263,584		-		-
Total Class III		832,293		-		-
Class IV						
Real Estate	52.00	37,404	-	-	-	
Personal Property		21,220		-		-
Public Utilities		15,423		-		-
Total Class IV		74,047		-		-
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		**$ 1,217,051**		**$ -**		**$ -**
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	8.00%	(97,364)		-	-	-
Less Allowance for tax discounts	1.00%	(11,197)		-		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing See Worksheet P/I			-			
Net Projected Tax Collections before Assessor's		0.00%	-			
Less Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)						
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		**$ 1,083,218**		**$ -**		

SIGNED THIS 18th day of March, 2025 by
Philip R. Dobbins — SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Signature

PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 15th day of April 2025.

	Excess Levy Levy Rates/$100	Excess Levy Taxes Levied	Permanent Improvement Levy Rate/$100	Permanent Improvement Taxes Levied	Bond Levy Levy Rate/$100	Bond Levy Taxes Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	0.94	$ -	-	$ -	-	$ -
Public Utilities		-		-		-
Total Class I		-		-		-
Class II						
Real Estate	1.88	21,798	-	-	-	-
Personal Property		669		-		-
Total Class II		22,467		-		
Class III						
Real Estate	3.76	22,147	-	-	-	-
Personal Property		18,975		-		-
Public Utilities		19,059		-		-
Total Class III		60,181		-		-
Class IV						
Real Estate	3.76	2,705	-	-	-	
Personal Property		1,534		-		-
Public Utilities		1,115		-		-
Total Class IV		5,354		-		-
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		**$ 88,002**		**$ -**		**$ -**
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	8.00%	(7,040)	5.00%	-	-	-
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00%	(810)	1.00%	-		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing See Worksheet P/I			- 0			
Net Projected Tax Collections, before Assessor's		0.00%	-			
Less Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund						
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		**$ 80,152**		**$ -**		
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies		**$ 2,809,767**				

SIGNED THIS 18th day of March, 2025 by
Philip R. Dobbins — SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Signature

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE		
Nonspendable Fund Balance	$	
Restricted Fund Balance		
Committed Fund Balance		
Assigned Fund Balance (General Fund Only)		
Unassigned Fund Balance		30,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense		58,463
Prior Year Taxes		-
Supplemental Taxes		
Tax Loss Restoration		
Property Taxes - Excess Levy		-
Property Taxes - Excess Levy		-
Property Taxes - Excess Levy		-
Property Taxes - Bond Levy		-
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication fees		
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		750
Excise Tax on Utilities		20,000
Business and Occupation Tax		
Wine & Liquor Tax		14,000
Animal Controll Tax		
Hotel Occupancy Tax		
Amusement Tax		
Insurance Premium Surtax		
Motor Vehicle Operator's Tax		
Horse and Dog Racing Tax		
Sales Tax		
Fines, Fees & Court costs		
Parking Violations		
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement		
Licenses		3,000
Building Permit Fees		100
Miscellaneous Permits		1,000
Franchise Fees		
Inspection, Dilapidated Building & Vacant Property Fees		
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		25,000
Employee Health Insurance Premium Charges		
Retirees' Medical Insurance Charges		
Retirees' Prescription Insurance Charges		
Private Liquor Club Fee		
Cemetery Revenues		
Dog Pound Fees		
Emergency Communication Fee		
Emergency Service Fee		
Parks & Recreation		
Municipal Service Fees		
Parking Meter Revenues		
Off Street Parking		
Collection of Delinquent Accounts		
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		
Airport Revenues		
Jail Fees		
Special Assessments		
Refuse Collection		
Police Protection Fees		
Fire Protection Fees		
Planning Commission Revenue		
Landfill / Incinerator Fees		
Street Fees		
Housing Program Revenues		
Civic Center / Coliseum		
Floodwall Fees		
Charges for Services		
Charges to Other Entities		
Ambulance Fees		
Federal Government Grants		
State Government Grants		
Other Grants		
Contributions from Other Entities		
Contributions from Other Funds		
Charges to Other Funds		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
Flood Reimbursement		
Payroll Reimbursements		
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund		
Gaming Income		11,000
Capital Lease Revenues		
Municipal Specific		
Gain / Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		
Interest Earned on Investments		150
Reimbursements		
Refunds		
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Sale of Materials		
Commissions		
Insurance Claims		
Filing Fees		
Library Fees		
Accident Reports		
Bingo Revenues		
Recycling Program		
Property Rehabilitation		
Interest on Special Assessments		
Confiscated Property, Forfeiture / Seizure		
Employees Retirement Contribution (Police & Fire)		
Fair Market Value		
Video Lottery (LVL)		600
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds		
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab)		1,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	$	165,063

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	$	300
Coal Severance Tax		1,200
Interest Earned on Investment		
Reimbursements		
Refunds		
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	$	1,500

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Economic Development	$	$
Federal Grants		
State Grants		
Zoning Board		
Consumer Protection		
Civil Service		
Insurance Program (Self Insured)		
Mayor's Office	7,900	-
City Council	8,400	-
Recorder's Office	6,300	-
City Manager's office	-	-
Treasurer's Office	-	-
Finance Office	-	-
City Clerk's Office	-	-
Police Judge's Office		
City Attorney		
City Auditor		
Main Street Program		
Engineering		
Community Development (Housing)		
Personnel Office		
Purchasing Department		
Contributions to Comms / Authorities		
Enforcement Agency		
Litigation Reserve		
Rehabilitation of Property		
Acquisition of Property		
Clearance		
Program Planning		
Printing		
Other Grants		
Custodial		
Housing Authority		
Regional Development Authority	250	
Building Inspection		
Planning & Zoning		
Elections		
Data Processing		
City Hall	63,842	-
Other Buildings		
Internal Audit		
Charter Board		
Contributions / Transfers to Other Funds		
Worthless Checks / Bad Debt Expense		
Other Buildings #2		
Employee Wellness		
Electrical Services		
Public Works Department		
Public Grounds	22,000	
Complaint Department		
Local Government Access Channel		
Energy Savings Contract		
Parking		
Market House		
Transfers / Reimbursements		
Contingencies		
Police Department		
DARE Grant		
COPS Grant		
Investigative Services & Control		
Police - Special Duty		
Regional Jail		
Fire Department		
Dog Warden / Humane Society		
Watershed Project		
Ambulance Authority		
Dams & Dredging		
Communication Center / Central Dispatch		
Traffic Engineering		
Civil Defense		
Flood Control / Soil Conservation		
Fire Hydrants		
Emergency Services	-	-
Juvenile Justice Diversion Program		
Drug & Violent Crime Control Grant		
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		
Fire Fee Distribution		
Streets and Highways	-	-
Street Lights	17,500	-
Signs and Signals		
Snow Removal		
Central Garage		
Street Construction		
Street Cleaning		
Sidewalks		
Airports		
Public Transit		
Port Authority		
Grants - Street and Transportation		
Garbage Department		
Landfill / Incinerator Department		
Recycling Center		
Local Health Department		
Other Health Program		
Storm Sewer		
Water & Sewer		
Sewer - Source of Supply		
Water - Source of Supply		
Grants - Health and Sanitation		
Parks & Recreation	3,500	1,500
Visitors Bureau		
Travel Council		
Fair Associations / Festivals		
Swimming Pools		
Community Center		
Arts & Humanities		
Youth Program		
Playgrounds		
Museum Commission		
Civic Center - Municipal Auditorium		
Historical commission		
Civic Promotions		
4-H Camp		
Rails to Trails		
Ice Arena		
Library		
Law Library		
Golf Course		
Stadium		
Grants - Culture and Recreation		
Beautification Programs		
Aging Program (Senior Citizens)		
Cemeteries		
Social Services		
Human Rights / Affirmative Action		
Human Resources		
Community Council		
Bingo Expenses		
Grants - Social Services		
Capital Projects - General Government	35,371	
Capital Projects - Public Safety		
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation		
Capital Projects - Health and Sanitation		
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation		
Capital Projects - Social Services		
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	$ 165,063	$ 1,500

MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
Certificate of Valuation

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	$ 0	10.05	$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	$ 0		$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	$ 3,331,020	20.10	$ 6,695
Personal Property	68,986		139
Total Class II	$ 3,400,006		$ 6,834
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	$ 7,193,010	40.20	$ 28,916
Personal Property	4,080,717		16,404
Public Utility	2,965,874		11,923
Total Class IV	$ 14,239,601		$ 57,243
Total Value & Projected Revenue	$ 17,639,607		$ 64,077
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	3,204
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	1,217
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			$ 59,656
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	1,193
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			**$ 58,463**

MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA
Excess Levy / Levies
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
Certificate of Valuation

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	$ 0	0.00	$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	$ 0		$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	$ 3,331,020	0.00	$ 0
Personal Property	68,986		0
Total Class II	$ 3,400,006		$ 0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	$ 7,193,010	0.00	$ 0
Personal Property	4,080,717		0
Public Utility	2,965,874		0
Total Class IV	$ 14,239,601		$ 0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	$ 17,639,607		$ 0
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	0

MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA
Excess or Bond Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
Certificate of Valuation

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	$ 0	0.00	$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	$ 0		$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	$ 3,331,020	0.00	$ 0
Personal Property	68,986		0
Total Class II	$ 3,400,006		$ 0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	$ 7,193,010	0.00	$ 0
Personal Property	4,080,717		0
Public Utility	2,965,874		0
Total Class IV	$ 14,239,601		$ 0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	$ 17,639,607		$ 0
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	0

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF Clay MUNICIPALITY Clay

I, _____, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the ___ day of March, 2025.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

The Clay County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will be accepting applications for examination for entry level Deputy Sheriff. Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for employment:

Be at least 18 years of age nor more than 45 years of age
Physically capable of passing agility test
Score at least 65% on the written examination
All applicants subject to background investigation
All applicants subject to psychological evaluation
Provide copy of **Valid Driver's License**
Authorization for Release of Information and Statement of Consent **must be notarized**

Applications may be received by contacting the Clay County Clerk's Office (304-587-4259). Applications may be returned by mail; however, they must be RECEIVED in the Clay County Clerk's Office by **April 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.** Applications may be mailed to the Clay County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, c/o Clay County Clerk, P.O. Box 190, Clay, WV 25043. No Fax copies will be accepted. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your valid **Driver's License** and copies of certification of any special training you may have had. If you are a veteran, a copy of your DD 214 must be attached to the application. **If the application is not completed, you will not be eligible to test**. Testing will be in person at the Clay County Clerk's Office at 246 Main St., Clay, WV 25043.

Application is also available at www.claycountywv.us

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No. 25-A-1
The Adoption of:
G.L.B., a minor

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS PETITIONER'S PETITION FOR ADOPTION
THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To **RYAN STEWART:**

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that **RYAN STEWART** has an unknown address. It is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the said **RYAN STEWART**, serve upon Jared S. Frame, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 103 3rd Street, Sutton, West Virginia 26601, an Answer to the Petition for Adoption filed in this action on or before April 30, 2025. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court March 19, 2025.

Clarissa Hanshaw
Clerk of the Court

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

IN RE: State v. K.V. and W.V., Case Nos. 25-JA-6-7

In the matter of K.V. and W.V., Infants, and the unknown whereabouts of Rebecca Guyatt, Adult Respondent Mother, and Russell Vaught, Adult Respondent Father of said Infants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
And
NOTICE OF ANSWER

To: **Rebecca Guyatt and Russell Vaught**

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

You are hereby notified that an abuse and neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 15th day of January 2025, and assigned Case Numbers 25-JA-6-7, wherein it is alleged that the father of Infant Respondent K.V. (DOB: 5/18/24), and W.V. (DOB: 5/18/24), is Russell Vaught and the Adult Respondent Mother is Rebecca Guyatt, 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 Respondents, Rebecca Guyatt and Russell Vaught, shall appear before the Honorable Michael W. Asbury, Jr. on the **9th day of May 2025, at 10:30 a.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 27th day of March, 2025.

Clarissa Hanshaw
Clerk of the Court

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 Zach O'Neill and Mikey Stapler, the Unknown Adult Respondent Father of Z.K.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
And
NOTICE OF ANSWER

To: **Zach O'Neill and Mikey Stapler.**

(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 Respondents, Zach O'Neill and Mikey Stapler, 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 31st day of March, 2025.

Clarissa Hanshaw
Clerk of the Court

HIGH STREET APARTMENTS
136 HIGH STREET, CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA 25043
304-587-2011
WEST VIRGINIA TTY/TDD 711
RENTAL OFFICE LOCATED AT
ANDERSON HEIGHTS APARTMENTS
2626 PROCIOUS MAYSEL ROAD, MAYSEL, WV 25133

TWELVE (12) ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS AVAILABLE
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AND QUIET.

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ALL ELECTRIC
REFRIGERATOR AND RANGE
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INCOME LIMITS DO APPLY
RENT BASED ON INCOME
PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED BY:
GATEWAY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 8AM – 4:30PM
FOR AN APPLICATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT THE RENTAL OFFICE AT (304)-587-2011

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

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

Publication Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025
Claim Deadline: Monday, June 2, 2025

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/04/2025
ESTATE NAME: **LONNIE DARRELL DONELSON**
ADMINISTRATRIX REBECCA JOYCE DONELSON
3248 TURNPIKE RD
SUMMERSVILLE WV 26651-4008

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/14/2025
ESTATE NAME: **SHERRI RENEE DOTSON**
EXECUTRIX ARIEL D MEADOWS
2178 GRANNIES CREEK RD
OVAPA WV 25164-7604

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/20/2025
ESTATE NAME: **BEVERLY ADELL JONES**
ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAM JONES
354 CROOKED RUN ROAD
NEBO WV 25141-9596

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/13/2025
ESTATE NAME: **HAROLD D KEENER**
EXECUTRIX VONDA D KEENER
472 ELK RIVER RD
PROCIOUS WV 25164-8003

APPOINTMENT DATE 11/04/2024
ESTATE NAME: **WILLIAM CHILTON MITCHELL**
ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL NEAL MITCHELL
1514 NORTH FORK RD
PINE GROVE WV 26419-8313

APPOINTMENT DATE 02/13/2025
ESTATE NAME: **JAMES STANLEY MOONEY JR**
ADMINISTRATRIX TRACY RENEE CROUCH
132 HIDDEN VALLEY ESTATE
SCOTT DEPOT WV 25560-9301

APPOINTMENT DATE 01/09/2025
ESTATE NAME: **AVIS ELIZABETH MOORE**
EXECUTRIX VICKI MOORE CUNNINGHAM
1 KORI RD
CHARLESTON WV 25304-2771

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/24/2025
ESTATE NAME: **WANDA LEE PENNINGTON**
EXECUTRIX ANGELA SALISBURY CRUIKSHANK
2943 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
CHARLESTON WV 25302-4501

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/17/2025
ESTATE NAME: **ERMA IRENE SAMPLES**
ADMINISTRATOR RONALD CLAY SAMPLES
107 COPPERFIELD LANE
CLENDENIN WV 25045-9313

APPOINTMENT DATE 03/21/2024
ESTATE NAME: **ROBIN MURRAY SMITH**
ADMINISTRATOR JALEN SMITH
2178 GRANNYS CREEK RD
OVAPA WV 25164-7604

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 03/27/2025
Sheila Stone
County Clerk
Clay County
P.O. Box 190
246 Main Street
Clay WV 25043-0190

To place your legals, call us at (304) 647-5724

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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ALTA CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday Night Services
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM Everyone is welcome! **Pastor:** ***Paul E. Young***

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BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Dixie
Tuesday Night 6:00 PM
Thursday Night 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
PM **Pastor:** ***Lee Holiday***
(304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah.
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road, Bomont, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:30 PM
Thursday Night Service
7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: ***Junior Davis***

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening services
7:00 PM
Pastor: ***Ralph D. Lane***

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

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

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

BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM
Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville
Everyone Welcome **Pastor:** ***Doug Newell IV***

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in Procious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday
9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM **Pastor:** ***Jerry Chandler***

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

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

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

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: ***Wilma Dobbins***

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: ***Fred Walker***

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

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

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

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ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Saturday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: ***Brace Cook***

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Pastor: ***Bret Wiley***

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Dutch Ridge Laurel Road
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Tuesday Service 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: ***Brother B. J. Evans***
Associate Pastor: ***Lee Roy Anderson***

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

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: ***Chris Johnson***

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: ***Daniel Tanner***

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

GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. All Sunday night services begin at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.
Pastor: ***Rev. David Smith***

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

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HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: ***Michael Jackson***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Vineyard Ridge
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH
103 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043
Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 12 noon
For more info call 304-587-4779
Pastor: ***David Davis***

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LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Night: Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and Youth Group 7:00 PM **Pastor:** ***John Barnhouse***

LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:00 every
Sunday Morning
Sunday Night Services
7:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Come worship with us!
Pastor: ***Herb Vance***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone welcome!

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00PM
Pastor: ***Darius Walker***
Pastor Emeritus: ***Ron Fisher***

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

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O'BRION ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
Pastor: ***James L. Balser***

OVAPA METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching every Sunday at 9:45 PM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday is at 10:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Phone 304-587-2955
Pastors: ***Cindy & Roger Dunlap***

OTTERLICK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM
Bible Study Thursday
6:00 PM
Pastor: ***Gene Copen***

OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday, except 5th, 11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening
Pastor: ***Rev. Rick Sams***

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PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Take time out for Jesus, he took time our for you.
Pastor: ***Freddie Schoolcraft***

PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: ***Dennis Vance***

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

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

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

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QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C. CHURCH
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Thursday Night 7:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: ***Scott Means***

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

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

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

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STRANGE CREEK CHURCH
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:30 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Thursday Service 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: ***Jason Belt***

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THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST
Saturday Services 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: ***Hiram Lewis***

TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service
7:00 PM.
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: ***Clifford Samples***

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PMEveryone welcome
Pastor: ***Don Dobbins***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service
6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: ***Randy Tinney***

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

Lady Mustangs hammered the Lady Greyhounds

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Mustangs are setting fire to the diamond going two and one this past week. The Ladies were on a three game away stretch matching bats and gloves with Calhoun, South Harrison, and Valley Fayette. First up was Calhoun, and with Calhoun upping their game this season they would be a tough matchup…or would they?

The Lady Mustangs are as gifted at softball as Jack the Ripper was with a knife. No matter how you slice the pie, the Lady Mustangs will come out with the biggest piece. Lady Mustang bats started pounding the ball early and didn't let up, turning round softballs to egg shapes. Calhoun was having a hard time mustering up some offense with the Lady Mustang gloves that were the size of wheel barrels.

However, the Lady Mustangs offered up five early Christmas presents just to give some drama to the game. The Lady Mustangs' bats continued to dominate the diamond and they took the match 15-5. Next, it was on the road to South Harrison, and the Lady Hawks were reeling from just getting field stomped by Calhoun 16-8.

The Lady Mustangs hit the field running and ran head long into a pumped up South Harrison team that didn't like the taste of loosing. The Lady Mustangs played a decent game but fell prey to a team whose bats were hotter than their own. The Lady Mustangs dropped their first game for the season 5-15. That didn't set to well with the Lady Mustangs who took a good look in the mirror and didn't like the loser face looking back at them. So it was on to Valley for the last road game of the week to butt heads with the Lady Greyhounds.

Roxy Schoolcraft took to the hill for the Lady Mustangs and proceeded to smoke the Lady Greyhounds with combinations of heat and pinpoint pitching… they didn't know what hit them. She pitched so well that the Lady Mustang team could have eaten their lunch in the field. The Lady Mustangs gave new meaning to " bats heating up;" it was pandemonium as the Lady Mustangs took out their loss frustrations to South Harrison on the Lady Greyhounds. The Lady Mustangs scored 16 runs in the first inning as Valley desperately tried to get the Lady Mustangs out. There were inside the park home runs as some of the girls rounded the bases like a 1970 Superbird. It would have been understandable if white towels were tossed onto the diamond, but Valley fought on.

The Lady Mustangs, with no quarter, proceeded to annihilate Valley before the game was called in the third inning. The scoreboard had a hard time resetting as runs hit and crossed home plate like Grandma's potato salad at a Baptist homecoming. Valley couldn't answer the call to arms and lost the game 36 to nothing. It has been a great season opener for the Lady Mustangs who have a full week of games this week, as well, if the weather holds out. They will be away at Madison on Monday night and home for a two game stretch Tuesday and Wednesday against Midland Trail and Braxton. Go Lady Mustangs!

Laney Sears sends this one to the fence. A Hamrick

McKinley Mahan picks one of the few hits off the bat. A Hamrick

Hannah Gandee cracks the whip. A Hamrick

Vanessa Cleavenger gets some RBIs with this hit to the fence. A Hamrick

Lady Panthers have a tough time on the diamond

Layla Parker takes the mound against Buffalo. A Hamrick

Lanie Nichols robs Buffalo of this hit. A Hamrick

By Allen Hamrick

The cosmos seems to have decided that the Lady Panthers will have another tough season. They opened up their season against Calhoun, and it looked like the season was going to be a hot one. The Lady Panthers pulled out the big bats and proceeded to whip the Lady Red Devils 20- 6, but that's been it. Whether it has been due to voodoo, just plain bad breaks or errors, it's hard to say. They travelled all the way to South Carolina to participate in the Myrtle Beach Ripken Experience. It was a long way to go to get your bats handed to you as they lost all five games. When they returned, they had a two game home stretch against Ravenswood and Buffalo. Neither game yielded any runs for the Lady Panthers as they dropped those games 0-8 and 0-19. The Lady Panthers will have several games this week to try and get back on track. They match bats with Richwood away on Thursday and play double headers against Hannan Senior Middle and Roane County on April 4th and the 5th. Let's hope the Lady Panthers can find the bats in the bag again this week, weather permitting. Get your schedules and get out and catch a game. Go Lady Panthers!