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# Nearly 55,000 West Virginians are set to lose Medicaid. Here's what to expect, and when.

President Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" takes away health care over ten years, mainly beginning with the onset of work requirements in 2027 and extending to 2034.

#### by Erin Beck for Mountain State Spotlight, www.mountainstatespotlight.com

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If you rely on Medicaid for your health care, or you know and love someone who does, you've almost certainly heard about the massive cuts Congress made to the program.

A new law makes the biggest cuts to the program in history.

Nearly 55,000 West Virginians will lose Medicaid health insurance over the next decade, according to an estimate by KFF, a health analysis and news non-

Congress passed the "Big Beautiful Bill" last month, but your ability to get treatment won't end right away. People will lose care more gradually - here is how and when the changes are expected to affect you.

#### Who relies on Medicaid in West Virginia?

Say you work a low-paying job and your employer doesn't offer health in-

Or maybe you live in an isolated part of the state to be close to family, so you work odd jobs to get by.

You may be someone who uses Medicaid because you're too disabled to work, someone who spends all your time caring for a family member or someone in active addiction.

One in ten West Virginians who receive Medicaid is likely to lose coverage over the next decade.

Just over 500,000 state residents have Medicaid as of this month, according to the state Department of Human Ser-

#### How did the new law change Medicaid?

Congress made the biggest cuts to Medicaid in two ways.

Medicaid is a matching government program, meaning it's partially funded by the state and partially by the federal government.

When President Donald Trump signed the bill into law last month, the federal government restricted how much it will give states for Medicaid.

As states receive less money, they will be forced to stop paying for some of your care.

In addition, the law requires you to prove that you are working to qualify for Medicaid based on income.

Medicaid historically covered people for reasons like old age, illness or pregnancy. In 2014, officials expanded the programs to cover people based on income alone.

In West Virginia, about one third of Medicaid recipients, 165,000 people, are covered because they're considered low-income.

Kelly Allen, executive director of the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, noted state health officials will ultimately determine how you'll demonstrate you're eligible, such as by providing a W2 or paystub.

You could lose coverage if you are working but aren't able to prove it.

The law states that you don't have to

meet this work requirement if you're: caring for kids age 13 and under or

for disabled family members

- · pregnant or receiving postpartum Medicaid coverage
- disabled
- medically frail
- have a substance use disorder
- have a disabling mental disorder or serious and complex medical condition
  - a former foster youth

But you could lose coverage if you can't prove you meet those exceptions, and states are given discretion to refine the definitions of terms like "medically frail" and "complex medical conditions."

"We don't know what that's going to look like yet, whether that's a doctor's visit, a doctor's note, or proof of being in regular treatment," Allen said.

#### 2026

Next year, the state will receive less money for Medicaid, and cuts incrementally increase until 2034.

may first cut some of your Medicaid ser-For example, other states frequently

Health analysts predict state officials

cut dental benefits when facing tough budget years. West Virginia officials could choose

to cut some other state services to divert money to Medicaid. But in January, your representatives in

the state Legislature won't have as much money to allocate due to other costs, including tax cuts, the Hope Scholarship and the rising cost of the state health insurance program, PEIA.

And if you or someone you love experience addiction, you should know West Virginia lawmakers discuss ending coverage of medication for fentanyl and other drug cravings.

## 2027

The biggest coverage losses begin in 2027, when Medicaid work requirements begin. But states can start work requirements a year sooner or a year later with federal permission.

If you're 19-64 years old and enrolled in Medicaid for low income, you must prove you work, volunteer, participate in a work training program or perform some combination of those activities for at least 80 hours per month. You may also go to school half-time.

You might lose coverage because you can't find a job or can't pay for a vehicle to get to work.

If you're on Medicaid based on your low income, you'll also face two additional challenges in 2027.

The state will require you to prove you're eligible for coverage every six months instead of every year, which current law requires. So if you move, or you're evicted and become homeless, you could lose care if the state can't contact you.

Medicaid currently pays for health care costs you had up to three months before you enrolled. In 2027, pre-enrollment coverage will decrease to one month.

## 2028

The state may start charging you up to \$35 for some services and would be permitted to deny care if you can't pay.

So you might not be able to pay for a visit when you're behind on bills or need groceries.

## 2029-2034

As states lose more and more Medicaid funding over the next decade, the Georgetown Center for Children and Families estimates that by 2034, 7.5 million Americans will have lost Medicaid.

## **Golden Delicious Festival Returns** to Clay Sept. 18-21

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Golden Delicious Festival will return to Clay County, West Virginia, from Sept. 18-21, offering three days of family-friendly fun, local traditions, and community spirit.

Thanks to generous sponsors, admission to the festival is free for all visitors. The celebration will feature a full schedule of activities, including the festival's signature parade with floats and marching bands. Parade participants must submit an application in advance.

Festivalgoers can enjoy live music, local vendors, baking contests, clogging competitions, and the popular Apple Dash 5K. Additional highlights include the annual skillet-flinging contest and three beauty pageants open to participants of all ages. A car show will be held



on Saturday, Sept. 20, on Church Street. Registration starts at 8 a.m. that day, with awards at 12:30 p.m. and a parade at 1:30 p.m. (Must be registered by 11 a.m. to be judged.)

Organizers invite residents and visitors alike to experience the wide range of events that have made the Golden Deli-

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## **Big Otter Elementary holds Open House**







In con junction with the start of the 2025-2026 school year, an Open House was recently held at Big Otter Elementary School. Staff members passed out new school supplies, held fun activities, and welcomed students back to the school.

## Panthers take on the Patriots in season opener



Cheerleaders were pumping up the crowd. By Allen Hamrick

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# BOOKED



## REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

### BRAXTON COUNTY



David Allen Carper Booked 8/27/25 Failure to appear, Capias



Joey Brandan Cole Booked 8/25/25 Capias



Justin Garrett Conner Booked 8/26/25 Harassment by electronic device, domestic assault, threatening communication by electronic device, domestic battery



Timmie Allen Maze Booked 8/28/25 Sexual assault third degree, sexual assault first degree



Alberto SebaChigo Booked 9/1/25 Domestic assault, domestic battery



Tara Jo Turley Booked 8/25/25 Possession with intent, Capias

## NICHOLAS COUNTY



Michael Allen Friend Booked 8/26/25 Probation violation



Camilla Ann Ramsey Booked 8/31/25 Possession controlled substance, possession with



Christopher Don Underwood Booked 8/28/25 Fleeing from officer in vehicle, third licenses suspended/ revoked for DUI



Thomas Leo Wilford Booked 8/30/25 Capias



Larry Dale Cobb Jr.
Booked 8/26/25
Domestic battery third offense



Justin Matthew Hannah Booked 8/25/25 Possession controlled substance, Capias for felony (x2)

#### **CLAY COUNTY**



Elizabeth Dawn Holcomb Booked 8/26/25 Home confinement violation



Mary Jane Mcglothin Booked 8/25/25 Trespassing, disorderly conduct



Edward T. Oxley Booked 9/1/25 Domestic battery, domestic assault



Anthony Raymond Ramsey Booked 8/30/25 Domestic battery, domestic



Curtis Ray Shamblin Booked 8/30/25 Family court Capias



# Salango Law Dirty Birds Light the Night returns for third year

## 2025 Dates and Details Announced

Salango Law, in partnership with the Charleston Dirty Birds, is proud to announce the return of Salango Law Light the Night for its third year. The holiday tradition has quickly become one of West Virginia's most anticipated seasonal events, drawing families, companies and visitors from across the state and beyond. "We're so excited for the third annual

"We're so excited for the third annual Salango Law Light the Night," said Ben Salango. "Building on another recordbreaking event last year, we're looking forward to an even bigger, more expansive celebration this year with new attractions, memorable experiences and opportunities to bring our community and state together."

er."
Last holiday season, GoMart Ballpark transformed into a Winter Wonderland featuring 2.5 million lights, attracting more than 123,000 attendees. Guests traveled from 387 towns and cities across West Virginia, 42 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Canada and Japan to experience the region's premier holiday attraction.

"The countdown for November 21 started about 9 months ago. Salango Law

Light the Night is such a special opportunity for families, companies and the entire community to take in the holiday spirit in an affordable and accessible way," said Andy Shea, Charleston Dirty Birds Owner and CEO. "We have shared memories here with people from Japan, throughout the entire state of West Virginia, and thousands more across the country. We are really pumped about our new layout and new experiences!"

In 2024, the event set a new single-day

In 2024, the event set a new single-day attendance record at GoMart Ballpark with 11,263 attendees on Saturday, December 14.

The 2025 celebration will expand once again, offering attendees brand new attractions alongside returning favorites. Guests can enjoy five new carnival rides and carnival games, plus signature experiences such as ice skating, ice bumper cars, inflatables and the centerpiece of the event, more than 2.5 million dazzling holiday lights.

Opening night for Salango Law Light the Night is set for November 21 and will be open every day through January 1 except for Christmas Day. For more infor-



mation or to purchase tickets, visit www. dblightthenight.com.

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

# Your Voice. Your Vote. September is National Voter Registration Month

By Kris Warner, WV Secretary of State

In September, the National Association of Secretaries of State and the WV Secretary of State's Office celebrates National Voter Registration Month. Since National Voter Registration Month was started in 2002, we use every September as a timely reminder that the foundation of our democracy rests not just on the right to vote - but on the responsibility to be ready to exercise that right.

In every election, whether local, state, or national, the power of the vote is the most direct way citizens shape the future of their communities and country. But that power begins with one simple act: registering to vote. My office and all 55 of West Virginia's county clerks want every eligible citizen to be properly registered and ready to vote.

Across the United States, millions of eligible voters remain unregistered. In addition, some voters may not realize they need to update their registration after moving or changing their name. Others may feel

disconnected from the political process or unsure whether their vote truly matters. National Voter Registration Month is a chance to change that narrative. It's an opportunity for me and my office to educate, engage, and empower eligible West Virginians.

In West Virginia, we've made it easier than ever to register. Through the Secretary of State's office, citizens can register online, check their registration status, and find information about upcoming elections. Everything relating to issues about elections and campaigns in West Virginia can be found at GoVoteWV.com.

These tools are designed to remove barriers and ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate. But accessibility alone isn't enough. We must also foster a culture that values civic engagement and understands the impact of pure vector.

and understands the impact of every vote.

Consider this: local elections often hinge on just a handful of votes. School board decisions, city council policies, and county budgets are shaped by those who show up. These outcomes affect our roads, schools,

public safety, and economic development. When citizens don't vote, they leave those decisions to others - often a small fraction of the population.

Moreover, voting is not just a right—it's

a legacy. Generations of Americans have fought to expand access to the ballot box. From the suffragists of the early 20th century to the civil rights activists of the 1960's, to the passage of the 26th Amendment that reduced the voting age from 21 to 18, the struggle for voting rights has been a defining chapter in our nation's history. Honoring that legacy means participating in the

process they fought to protect.

National Voter Registration Month also serves as a call to action for organizations, schools, and community leaders. Hosting registration drives, sharing resources on social media, and encouraging conversations about civic duty can make a real difference. When people see their peers engaged, they're more likely to take that first step themselves.

As a lifelong West Virginian, a political

party leader, a candidate myself, and now as WV Secretary of State, I've seen first-hand the dedication of election officials across West Virginia who work tirelessly to ensure fair, secure, and transparent elections. But their efforts rely on one essential ingredient: voter participation. A healthy democracy demands informed and active citizens. And that begins with being registered

So this September, I urge every eligible West Virginian to be sure that you are properly registered to vote. Help a friend or family member do the same. If you're eligible to vote but not yet registered, make it happen. If you're already registered, make sure your information is up to date. These small actions have a big impact.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. It thrives when we all take part. Let's make National Voter Registration Month more than a reminder—let's make it a movement.

Kris Warner WV Secretary of State

# Appalachian Power, Wheeling Power to keep rates unchanged for now following an order from the PSC of West Virginia

Appalachian Power (APCo) and Wheeling Power have received an order in their recent base case from the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) that indicates a desire to support the company's securitization plans to mitigate the impacts of this rate increase on customers. The PSC's decision directly recognizes the benefits of the company's proposed securitization plan. "We're pleased that the PSC saw the ad-

"We're pleased that the PSC saw the advantages for our customers in our securitization plan," said Aaron Walker, Appalachian

Power president and chief operating officer. "However, we are disappointed that the PSC didn't recognize the full investment made on the system on behalf of our customers."

Although the order recognizes the need for a base rate increase of \$76.1 million, customer rates will stay the same for now. The PSC will soon make a final decision on securitization, a proposal that aims to ease the impact of the base rate increase by spreading out the cost recovery over a longer period.

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The order provides additional support for customer assistance programs and extends the eligibility window for certain assistance programs. Additionally, it adopts proposed net metering changes to ensure fairness for customers who install their own generation equipment

At the PSC's direction, APCo will conduct a study to determine the feasibility of a summer rate plan for residential customers.

About Appalachian Power:

About Appalachian Power: Appalachian Power has 1.1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP), whose nearly 16,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electric transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to deliver safe, reliable power to 5.6 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 30,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity.



meeting on Tuesday, September 9, at 9 a.m., at the PSD office in Birch River.

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.



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# **Home Country**

Janice Thomas came in the Mule Barn for breakfast the other day, and sat at the counter for the first time. She usually gets one of the tables, or a booth against the wall. We were kinda flattered that she'd come sit with us, but wondered why. After all, this high school art teacher never has been one to sit down and solve the world's problems, the

She didn't keep us waiting long, though.
"Boys," she said, "I have a deer pointer."
She let the silence pounce heavily on our sweet rolls

while we pondered this. "A what?" Doc said.

"A deer pointer. You want deer, you just let ol' Woof out and you'll find 'em.'

'Woof, eh?'

"Yes. He's that new dog I got after that Lab of mine died. I've had Woof for about six months now. He's half bird dog and half heeler and he points deer."

We looked at each other and grinned. When it comes to telling stories at this particular lunch counter, the first liar doesn't stand a chance.
"Points 'em you say?"

"Locks right up. Steady to wing and shot."
"This I have to see," Dud said.

So after coffee we all went out to Janice's place while she turned this little dog out into the wood lot. He ran here and there and then froze into a perfect field-trial point. We walked up quietly and sure enough, there was a doe stand-

ing about 40 yards away. We'd never seen anything like it. "When I got him," Janice explained, "he thought he'd herd deer, with that sheep dog blood he has in him. Well, the first time he tried that, some doe just kicked the puddin out of him. His tail didn't work right for a week

'So now he's switched over to the other half of his heritage and points 'em. He's found that works out a lot better

She grinned. "And no ... you can't borrow him this fall."

(BF) If you can spare some time, and need some love, go to your local animal shelter and tell them to find something for you to do. You'll always be glad you did. (UNBF)

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## **Bread For The Soul**

By Joe Mazzella

I was a little boy sitting in church on a hard, wooden pew, trying to sit still and not squirm while listening to the sermon. Most of it went over my young mind each week, but there always came a point when we recited the Lord's prayer. And there was a part of it that I understood very clearly: "Give us this day our daily bread." That part spoke to me because each Sunday afternoon my beloved Nana would bake a couple of loaves of homemade Italian bread for our after church dinner. My brothers liked the middle part but I always enjoyed the heel piece at the end. I would cover the still warm bread with butter, watch it melt, and then eat the piece with a smile on my face and a joy in my heart.

I think, though, that what I enjoyed more than eating the bread was seeing Nana's face when I ate it. She was so happy. Her eyes sparkled when she said: "Mangia, Mangia" which means "Eat, Eat." I so loved her joyful smile, her shining eyes, her sing song voice, and her huge hugs whenever I came into the kitchen to watch her cook. She cooked to fill our stomachs but it was her love that filled my heart. I still miss her every single day. And I always try to be as generous, kind, giving, and loving to others as she was in her own life.

Now that I am older too I understand that our "daily bread" isn't just food for our stomachs but also nourishment for our souls. When we pray to God asking for our daily bread what we are really asking is that He in His infinite Love give us just what we need to Live and Love today. Because Today is the only day any of us ever have.

May God always give you your daily bread: bread for your body and bread for your soul. May God always give you the Love you need to fully live Today. And may you like my dear, sweet Nana always share your bread, your kindness, and your love with everyone.

# I Didn't Have Google, I Had Granma

Dr. James L. Snyder

It was Thursday, and as usual, I was busy working on weekend projects. My biggest project, of course, was my Sunday sermon. Most people don't understand the amount of hard work that goes into preparing a Sunday

sermon. And I work hard.

I was spending time researching some ideas on Google. I spend a lot of time on Google because it helps with my research. I'm able to find certain sub-

jects very quickly.

Until Thursday, I didn't realize how much time I spent on Google. It's really a blessing in my life.

I had some coffee, and I was resting in my chair,

thinking about what I was finding on Google. I thought back to when I was a youngster, and back then, we didn't have Google, nor did we have the Internet. What would young people do today if they didn't have Google, the Internet, or cell phones? I'm not sure they would have a life.

In my younger days, we didn't have any of that, but there was one thing we did have that made all the dif-ference in the world. We may not have had Google, but we had Grandma.

I spent some time with my Grandma, especially during the summer. If I wanted to know anything, all I had to do was ask her, and she always had the answer.

Looking back now, I realize how important my

Grandma was to me in that regard. There wasn't a subject that I could bring up that she didn't know something about it. Whether she was making things up or not, I will never know. All I know is, she had an answer for every question I could put in front of her.
Once, I had to do an essay for my science class. I was

really stumbling around, and then Grandma stopped by to visit us. When that happened, I had a brilliant idea.

I went to Grandma and asked her about my subject and if she knew anything about it. She said she did, and she began explaining everything to me about that, and I took notes. Looking at those notes afterward, I didn't quite understand everything, but I put them together as best I could and prepared my essay. That was the first essay I received an A. My teacher took me aside and asked me how I came up with all

of these wonderful ideas in my essay. I did not know what to say, I was a little embarrassed. I simply told him I had done research on that subject. He smiled at me, congratulated me, and said, "Well done. Keep up the good work.'

I hope that when he said "keep up the good work," he was referring to my relationship with my Grandma on these subjects.

I don't know how my grandmother got so smart. No matter what the subject people were talking about, my grandmother had something to say about it. She was known throughout the community as a very wise lady,

and I could understand why.
I've always wanted to ask her how she knew all the things she knew. If I had that answer, maybe I could be as smart as she was. But I never dared to ask her why she was so smart about so many things.

Throughout my teenage years, I received advice from my grandmother. Her advice always turned out to be the right advice. I learned to trust her advice, and it One area of my life that I never ask her for advice on was my "Dating Life." Actually, I did not have such a life, but if I had sat down with Grandma, I'm sure

she could have given me advice along that line. I'm not sure I would've taken her advice, but it probably would've been good advice.

Looking back, I'm glad I didn't ask her about that.
That may have changed my life entirely, and I'm glad

That may have changed my life entirely, and I'm glad my life is the way it is today.

Every once in a while, when I'm searching for something on Google, I think of my Grandma. In my mind, she was Google before Google was even invented. Where she acquired all her wisdom is beyond me, but I was glad to draw on it when I needed to.

I have learned that asking the right question to the right person will bring you to the right answer. And that sure described my Grandma. Thinking about that lately, I wanted to sit down with my Grandma and go over a list of questions I have today. As I think of it, what would be some of the answers that she would give me?

give me?

Over the last few years, I hope I have inherited some of Grandma's wisdom. I'm not sure I have, but I'm going to pretend I did, and pass it on to my grandchildren, just like my Grandma did.

A verse of Scripture came to mind. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind

and tossed" (James 1:5-6).

God's wisdom is better than Grandma's. I just need to ask Him. Asking opens the door to the flow of wisdom I need in my life.

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# Clay County Alumni Luncheon set for Sept. 17

The Clay County Alumni Luncheon will be held at Harding's Family Restaurant in Mink Shoals, West Virginia, on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All Clay County High School Alumni or anyone who attended the high school but did not graduate from there and family members are welcome to attend.

The alumni luncheon was started by Christine Beaver sev eral years ago. Her vision to bring people together throughout the year to keep folks in touch face-to-face continues through this luncheon. Folks from different graduating years

enjoy sharing stories, pictures, and getting to know each other... feel free to bring memorabilia or photos to share! A special menu will be provided for attendees. Each at-

tendee is responsible for payment of their own food. It doesn't matter when you graduated, come out and min-

gle! Contact Quincy Potasnik at 304-549-8203 to RSVP. See

Please note: This luncheon is separate from the Alumni Dinner held at the high school on Golden Delicious Festival

## **FESTIVAL**

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cious Festival a cherished tradition in Clay County for more than five decades

This year, there will be live music performances on Friday evening from Marissa Ramsey at 5 p.m., Logan Truman at 6 p.m., Grace Campbell at 7 p.m., and Almost Journey (a Journey tribute band) starting at 8 p.m. On Saturday, catch Brodey Proctor at 5 p.m., Marissa Truman at 6 p.m., then Josh Pantry at 7 p.m., and the final performance of the Festival will be a live show by Aaron Tippin at 8 p.m.

With a wide smile and engaging Southern drawl, Aaron Tippin proclaims he's the "luckiest hillbilly that has ever lived?" and there's no arraying it A for all he's has ever lived," and there's no arguing it. After all he's been struck by lightning twice and lived to tell, piloted planes with engine failure and even somewhat more miraculously, he's survived more than three decades in the music business and is still going strong. Along in the music business and is still going strong. Along the way, he's earned six gold albums and one platinum. He's released more than 30 singles, including such hits as "You've Got to Stand for Something," "My Blue Angel," "I Wouldn't Have it Any Other Way," "Kiss This," "Workin' Man's Ph. D," "There Ain't Nothing Wrong with the Radio" and "Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly," which was not only a country hit, but too 20 on Billboard's all genre Hot 100 chart. Of course, luck often plays a role in achieving success in the entertainment industry, but the real driving forces behind Tippin's achievements are a dedicated work ethic and undeniable talent. Visit facebook.com/claycountygoldendeliciousfesti-

val for more details, or their website at www.claygoldendeliciousfestival.org.

The full schedule of events for the Festival is as fol-

Thursday, Sept. 18: 6 pm- Opening Ceremonies with Queen's Corona-

6 pm- Amusement rides open

7 pm- First Responder's Parade 8 pm- Open Mic Night with Tracy Wayne

Friday, Sept. 19: 9 am- Flag raising/National Anthem

9 am- Business decorating registration (Information 10 am- Big Otter Elementary Choir 10:30 am- Clay Elementary Choir

11 am- Clay Middle School Choir 11 am-6 pm- Quilt Show (Clay County Health Department)

12 pm- Apple Belle Ceremony (Courthouse square) 12:30 pm- Apple Belle Reception (Clay Senior Services building)

3 pm- Business decorating winner announced pm- Music by Marissa Ramsey 5-11 pm- Amusement rides open 6 pm- Music by Logan Truman

**Aaron Tippin** 

pm- Music by Grace Campbell 8 pm- Music by Almost Journey (A Journey tribute

Saturday, Sept. 20: 8 am- Car Show Registration (behind old courthouse)

8 am- Bake Show Registration (Auxiliary gym)

9 am- Flag Raising/National Anthem 9 am- Pet Pageant registration (information table)

9:30 am- Pet Pageant

10 am- Bike Show (DHHR lot)

11am-4 pm- Quilt Show (Health Department) 1-4 pm- Amusement Rides Open

2:30 pm- Skillet Flinging Contest Registration (Annex building) 2:30 pm- Cornhole Competition registration (old

2:30 pm- Baked Goods auction (courthouse square)

3 pm- Not So Newlywed Game 3 pm- Skillet Flinging Contest

pm- Cornhole Competition (old courthouse) pm- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction (CCHS)

pm- Music by Brodey Proctor -11 pm- Amusement Rides open

1:30 pm- Grand Feature Parade

pm- Music by Josh Pantry

pm- CCHS Alumni Gathering (CCHS) 6 pm- Music by Marissa Truman

8 pm- Music by Aaron Tippin

# This Week in West Virginia History

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Reservoir. Summersville Lake (now State Park), located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County. It is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and over 60 miles of shoreline.

Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil during the Civil War.

Sept. 4, 1894: Jessie Maynard was born in Williamson. Two of her husbands were killed in violent incidents during the Mine Wars: Cabell Testerman during the shootout at Matewan in 1920 and Sid Hatfield on the steps of the McDowell County Courthouse a year later.



Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, Gen. Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.

Sept. 5, 1936: Baseball hall of famer Bill Mazeroski was born in Wheeling. He played all 17 years of his career for the Pittsburgh Pirates. His walkoff home run to win the 1960 World Series over

the New York Yankees is one of the most famous moments in baseball his-



**Sept. 6, 1875:** Members of the notorious James Gang allegedly robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James-brother of Jesse James-hiding out in Wayne County.

Sept. 6, 1942: Awardwoodcarver, winning dancer, playwright, and educator Jude Binder was born in Maryland. In 1982, she founded Heartwood in

the Hills, a school for the arts in Calhoun County. For two decades, she also been Charleston's "FestivALL Princess."

**Sept. 6, 1980**: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game for new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.



Sept. 7, 1808: Peter Godwin Van Winkle was born in New York City. In 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.



Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In 1896, Payne became the state's first Black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.



Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Arnout "Sonny" Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people appeared in magazines, books and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Sept. 8, 1862: Confederate raiders led by Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, a Cabell County native, rode into Barboursville. They skirmished with the enemy and then rode into Wayne, Logan and Raleigh counties.

Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current location on the south side of the Kanawha River.



Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

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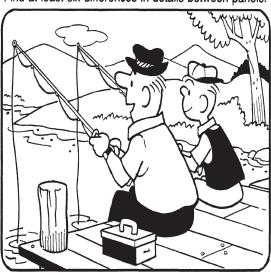
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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# THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

## "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



September 1958

#### WIDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL 1958-1959 Officers

President ..... Judy LaCorte V. President. Ruby Lee Holcomb Secy-Treas. ..... Judy Shaffer Reporter ...... Dawne Backus Sgt-at-Arms ..... Dave Hamrick Members:

> Dawne Backus Robert Baughman Roger Baughman Karen Donahue Victor Frame Jane Gibson David Hamrick Jerry Hamrick Ruby Lee Holcomb Judy LaCorte Dale Rogers David Shaffer Judy Shaffer Joyce Workman

Chairman of assembly Committee ... Joyce Workman

Chairman of Social Committee .... Karen Donohue Chairman of Project

Committee .... Dawne Backus Chairman of Building

and Grounds ... Dave Shaffer

## Widen High School Class Officers

1958-59 12th Grade

President ..... David Hamrick Vice-President .... Rosa Gibson Sec'y-Treas. . . Ruby Lee Holcomb Reporter ..... Barbara Eagle

11th Grade

President ...... Victor Frame Vice-President .. Dawne Backus Sec'y-Treas. . . Erie Bell Graham Reporter ..... Abe Holmes 10th Grade

President .... Robert Baughman Vice-President .... Juanita Forte Sec'y-Treas. .. Erie Bell Gibson Reporter ..... Virginia Nettles

9th Grade President ..... Jerry Hamrick Vice-President .... Ronald James Sec'y-Treasurer . . Ronnie Holmes Reporter ...... Gary Eagle

8th Grade President ..... Roger Baughman Vice-Pres. .... Charlene McClain Sec'y-Treas. .. Patricia Manning ..... Joseph Potasnik Reporter

President ..... Dale Rogers Vice-President .... T. G. Griffith Sec'y-Treas. . . Sharon Baughman Reporter ..... Keith Jones

7th Grade

## **Mystery Students**

GIRL-

Do you remember seeing this brunette with the soulful brown eyes, walking down the hall? You. may have noticed her because she is usually humming her favorite songs, "Don't Ask Me Why" and "Poor Little Fool" or dreaming of that wonderful food-chicken, which she likes very much.

She is also mad about all cars, especially brown ones, dancing, and her ex-steady guy. In her wardrobe you will find lots of reds and blues which go with her 5 feet 7 inches of dynamite. BOY-

Everyone remembers this boy who went to school here in '56, but afterward went to Ohio for two years. This year he is back with us again. He is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, has light brown hair and brown eyes. His favorite song is "Guess Things Happen That Way." His ambition is to graduate.

#### TEACHERS COUNT NOSES

I cocked my bare feet on the arm of the swing. I lay there with a smile of anticipation for the long holiday ahead, while the poor teachers trudged along the dusty streets acquiring writers cramps taking State Census.

Widen School was closed, Friday, September 6, 1958, while the teachers took a report on all children under the age of twenty who are at home.

These State Census are taken every ten years. The school statistics are compiled from these census. These census also are used to determine the number of new pupils who will enter the first grade in the next years.

Helen Keller, the great deafblind leader, has reached the age of 78, according to the American Foundation for the Blind, of which she is International Counselor.

# OFFICE NEWS

Widen High School has scheduled assemblies for every other Wednesday from 11:10 to 12:00 o'clock. That schedule will be continued if the programs given justify that amount of time. Teachers and students will be notified in advance if the period is cut to the usual thirty minutes.

All members of the band are now practicing at the auditorium five days a week, from 11:10 to 12:10, except on Wednesdays when assemblies are scheduled. On those days band members will attend assembly. This new schedule entirely eliminates band practice after school and will give those boys who are interested in basketball, etc., an opportunity to participate therein.

Also, there has been a change in the bell schedule and the length of the school day. The school day begins at 8:24 A.M. and ends at 3:15 P.M. for first grade pupils. The day ends at 3:30 P.M. for all except the first grade. Elementary pupils are permitted to enter the building at 8:15 A.M. and high school students at 8:20 A.M.

This change in schedule has been made to give additional, badly needed, teaching time, and to give full six hours each day of instruction.

### CLASS LEARNS LESSON

Chemistry class started with a big bang this year. Eleven students discovered the potential power of sodium submerged in water.

During a demonstration of the reaction of sodium with water, conducted by Mr. Krise instructor, an over-zealous student decided to lend his help. Before he could be stopped he pushed the floating sodium under water with forceps-BOOM! Water shot all over the ceiling. The instructor received minor burns and the startled student was found latercarefully concealed under the desk!

#### WIDEN SCHOOL HOLDS FIRST ASSEMBLY

Widen School Band entertained the high school students, faculty and guests at the first assembly of the year on Wednesday morning, September 10, 1958.

The band, under the capable baton of Mr. Gerald Simmons, played the beautiful, modern "Black Night Overature", the stirring "March Gloria", and the tuneful melodies from "My Fair Lady", "With a Little Bit of Luck," "I've Grown Accustomed to Your Face" and "I Could Have Night."

Judy LaCorte, Student Body President, presided as Mistress of Ceremonies. She led the group in the traditional flag salute. Mr. Simmons conducted the group singing of "America". Rev. Ernest Hammack led devotions and spoke a few words of encouragement and advice to all students.

Mr. Matheny introduced all new members of the Student Council and then the fourteen new members were given the oath of office.

Mr. Baer made several important announcements.

Several visitors were present to hear the band. We wish to extend an invitation to all parents, former students and friends to attend assemblies.

#### **GRADE SCHOOL NEWS**

Twenty-five students are enrolled this year. When asked what they liked best about school, here is what they said:

Peggy-Work Terry-To learn and play David-To eat .... Sally-The teacher Jimmy—Reading Emma-Drawing Karen-Writing.

4th Grade News-Twenty-five students are enrolled this year. One girl has been absent because of illness.

#### 6th Grade News-

There are 26 patrolmen in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades together. There are one captain, four lieutenants, and the rest are pa-

We have two bulletin boards. One is the Honor Board, the other is the board for notices and other

### BASKETBALL SEASON **OPENS**

Coach Stover will start basketball practice October 15 at the new Widen Community Building. The schedule for the basketball team consists of twelve games and we hope to schedule more later on. The coach has hopes for having a Junior High basketball team, if possible, and if there are enough boys who will participate, Coach Stover has high hopes for both teams.

We think we can have a very good basketball team if the boys are willing to give their time and patience to concentrate on the game. Some of the returning players will be Kyle Barnette 6'3", David Wilson 5'9", David Ham-"Abe" rick 5'11", Holmes 5'6", Victor Frame 5'3", and many more good prospects.

Coach Stover also plans to have a başeball team in the early spring of 1959. He has had previous experience at coaching baseball teams in the Pony League throughout the summer.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with 85.69 interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 3815. Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for 0.00 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 3795. 27.41 Additional taxes with interest. 0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. 104.39 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, 309.92 Secretary of State with interest.

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Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order,

Given under my hand August 21, 2025

certified or personal check.

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

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Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated March 16, 2018, from Catherine Ann Atha to Marc B. Lazenby, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 142, at page 440, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$108,998.00, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse in Clay, West Virginia on September 26, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, that certain real estate, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, survey description x 68' Box Size Doublewide Home to be placed on a 1.52 Acre Parcel, more or less, owned by CATHY ATHA. Deed Book 219, Page 44 - Tax Map 26 Parcel 80. Situate at 178 Fitzwater Road, Lizemore 25125 in the Pleasant District, Clay County, West Virginia. Boundary shown on Plat of Survey by Timothy L. Keely - WVPS No. 972 ... dated February 20, 2018. Being more particularly described as follows: 1.52 Acre Description;

Beginning at a point at old deed call of set stone (now gone) on top of ridge on the eastern line of Amherst Industries, Inc. (Deed Book 134, Page 119 - Tax Map 26 Parcel 119), thence with said line along the ridge S 72° 38'26"W, 66.00' to a corner point at old deed call of a set stone (now gone) near a black oak on the ridge; thence leaving Amherst, and now running down the hill with Richard W. Fitzwater (Deed Book 104, Page 323 - Tax Map 26 Parcel 112), N  $3^{\circ}$  00'00"W, 886.53' to a 18" Ash tree; thence along the hillside N 81° 35'01"W, 34.00' to a 5/8" rebar set; thence along the bottom crossing Fitzwater Road N 3° 00'00"W, 110.00' to a 5/8" rebar set on the northern right of way of said road; thence with said right of way S 81° 35'01" E, 34.00' to a concrete post found corner to Wanda Taylor (Deed Book 92, Page 367 -Tax Map 26 Parcel 113); thence leaving Fitzwater, and now running with Taylor, re-crossing said road S 71° 07'02"E, 68.90' to an old 3" iron pipe found on the southern right of way of said road; thence leaving the road and now running with an old fence joining Taylor back up the hill S 3° 00'00"E, 954.30' to the point of beginning, containing 1.52 Acres, more or less.

Commonly known as: 178 Fitzwater Road, Lizemores, WV 25125.
Together with a certain 2018 CMH Manufactured Home, Serial Number CAP031446TNAB.

Being the same property conveyed from Richard W. Fitzwater and Shirley Fitzwater to Cathy Atha by Deed dated August 2, 2017, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 219, at page 44. Terms of the sale: Cash or certified funds due on date of sale. Given under my hand this 28th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby Trustee

WV Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management 601 57th Street, S.E. Charleston, WV 25304 Telephone: (304) 926-0495

Public Notice No. DWWM: PH-25-05 Public Notice Date: September 1-5, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

TWO PROPOSED GENERAL PERMITS TO REGULATE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: WVGS10000 - LAND APPLICATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND/OR DOMESTIC SEPTAGE WVGS20000 - DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND/OR DOMESTIC SEPTAGE AT PUBLICLY OWNED SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM)

is proposing to reissue two General Permits to facilitate sludge management regulatory procedures for septic tank cleaners. DWWM plans to issue these general permits under the authority and mandate of the West Virginia Sewage Sludge Management Regulations (Title 33, Series 2). Any owner of a sewage or septage pumping operation that can qualify under the terms and conditions of one

of these proposed General Permits may apply. Those accepting General Permit coverage agree to comply with all permit terms and conditions. However, the DWWM Director can require any owner to apply for and obtain an individual permit. The Director can exercise this authority when it is determined that such a permit will better protect human health and the environment. New individuals seeking coverage under these General Permits must complete and submit a permit regis-

tration application form. To allow for continued coverage during the reissuance process, the DWWM will extend permit coverage for six months to all individuals who currently are registered under these two (2) General Permits. These individuals will be required to submit a permit registration reissuance application for continued coverage beyond the extension date. The draft permits and fact sheets may be inspected by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday

through Friday at the Department of Environmental Protection, DWWM-Permitting, 601 57th Street, S.E., Charleston, WV 25304. Copies of the documents may also be requested by phone or email.

Any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments will be accepted until October 05, 2025. They should be addressed to:

Department of Environmental Protection 601 57th St., S.E. Charleston, WV 25304 Attention: Pamela S Houston (304) 926-0499, extension 43864 Fax: (304)926-0463

E-mail: Pamela.S.Houston@wv.gov

All comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the Draft Permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues being raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the draft General Permits. Interested persons may contact Pamela Houston to obtain further information.

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 notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any claims against an estate must be filed within 60 days of the first publication of this Notice in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3. Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will

proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner. Publication Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025

Claim Deadline: Monday, November 3, 2025 APPOINTMENT DATE 05/19/2025

ESTATE NAME: BERTHA MARIE ADKINS EXECUTOR DAVID WAYNE ADKINS

7123 WIDEN RIDGE RD CLAY WV 25043\$166 APPOINTMENT DATE 08/01/2025

ESTATE NAME: LEONA JEAN CHURCH

ADMINISTRATOR HARVEY ROBERT CHURCH 962 OVAPA RIDGE RD OVAPA WV 25164

APPOINTMENT DATE 08/25/2025 ESTATE NAME: DANNY LEE DAWSON

EXECUTRIX PEGGY ANN DAWSON

PO BOX 111 CLAY WV 25043-0111

APPOINTMENT DATE 07/24/2025

ESTATE NAME: BILLY RAY FIELDS ADMINISTRATRIX DIAN CAROL FIELDS

146 BELCHER CEMETERY RD OVAPA WV 25164-9473

APPOINTMENT DATE 08/01/2025

ESTATE NAME: KENNETH RAY HORROCKS CHRISTAL BROWN EXECUTRIX

PO BOX 4

**DIXIE WV 25059** APPOINTMENT DATE 08126/2025

ESTATE NAME: MILDRED LEE HUNT CO EXECUTOR DENNIS LEE HUNT

434 NORTH PETERMAN RD GREENWOOD IN 46142-7317

CO EXECUTOR RANDY RAY HUNT 1083 PINNACLE LANE

MYRTLE BEACH SC 29577-1847

APPOINTMENT DATE 06/26/2025

ESTATE NAME: CHARLES L MCCUNE

EXECUTOR STEVEN MCCUNE 2870 SOUTH JEFFERSON BLVD

LORAINE OH 44052 APPOINTMENT DATE 08/25/2025

ROBERT LEE NEAL ESTATE NAME:

ADMINISTRATRIX DOROTHA VAE TAYLOR PO BOX 12

WALLBACK WV 25285-0012 APPOINTMENT DATE 08/04/2025

RAYMOND DALE SMITH ESTATE NAME:

ADMINISTRATRIX DESI ANN SMITH 5251 BIG OTTER HIGHWAY

BIG OTTER 25113 APPOINTMENT DATE 08/25/2025

ESTATE NAME: LEONARD GALE WILLIAMS EXECUTRIX LINDA ROSE WILLIAMS

PO BOX 232

CLAY WV 25043-0232 Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/29/2025

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#### IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY Case Nos. 25-JA-16-17 IN RE: State v J.D. and B.D.

In the matter of J.D. and B.D., and the unknown whereabouts of Joshua Dancy, Adult Respondent Father.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION And

NOTICE OF ANSWER

Joshua Dancy.

(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 abandon-

ment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 5th day of February 2025, and assigned Case Numbers 25-JA-16-17, wherein it is alleged that the Adult Respondent Mother of Infant Respondents J.D. (DOB: 8/29/14), and B.D. (DOB: 12/27/17), is Catherine Dancy, and that said Infant Respondents be placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, with said Infant Respondents 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 CUS-TODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the Adult Respondent, Joshua Dancy shall appear before the Honorable Judge Asbury on the 12th day of September 2025, at 1:30 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 DEPART-

MENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PRO-TECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION.

BY: Wayne King, Prosecuting Attorney, Clay County, West Virginia. Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 19th day of August 2025.



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NO Scheduled Services At This Time

**BELL CREEK** PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Tuesday Night 6:00 PM Thursday Night 6:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

PM Pastor: Lee Holiday (304) 632-1135 BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah.

Preaching from K.J.V. Bible Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Morning 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 7:00 PM Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road,

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

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road

Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday evening services

7:00 PM Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

**BIG OTTER BAPTIST** CHURCH OF IVYDALE

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

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 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

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Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM Pastor: Jerry Chandler

LIZEMORE

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

Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

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Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Come and worship the Lord with us.

Everyone Welcome! Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr. CLAY COMMUNITY

Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Service 7:00

PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM. Everyone is Welcome!

Pastor: Wilma Dobbins **CLENDENIN UNITED** 

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:30 PM Pastor: Fred Walker

**CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH** 

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Preaching 7:00 Wednesday Worship

7:00 PM Everyone welcome.

Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Fall-

ing Rock, Clay County Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:30 AM Sunday Evening Service

Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM Teachings from the King

James Bible

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE

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

Wednesday Prayer Service/ Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM

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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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

Everyone Welcome! Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans Associate Pastor: Lee Roy

Bomont, WV and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Pastor: Nick Bird

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM Sunday School 10:00 AM

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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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/Children/ Youth 7:00 PM

**GOSPEL LIGHT** 

COMMUNITY CHURCH Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth

of Gabe. Everyone welcome. Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday night 6:00 PM Wednesday night 6:00 PM Pastor: Rev. David Smith **GROVES CREEK** 

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

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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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

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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!

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Wednesday Night 7:00 PM JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH

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Pastor: David Davis

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

FREEWILL BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

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

Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: David McLaughlin LIVING GOD WORSHIP

CENTER

We invite you to come and worship with us. Thursday Evening 7:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Pastor: Cecil Lee LIZEMORE CHURCH

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

MAYSEL COMMUNITY **CHURCH** 

Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Night 6:00 PM Monday Night Service

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM Everyone welcome!

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM

MIDDLE CREEK

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

**COMMUNITY** CHURCH Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Everyone welcome!

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

Church Service 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Christopher Stout

NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 11:00 AM Preaching, Prayer Meeting

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer

Please join us in Praise!

Meeting 7:00 PM

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching every Sunday

Pastor: Kenneth Boggs NEWTON BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

11:00 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meet-

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM Pastor: Darius Walker Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

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

O'BRION CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School

10:00 AM Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Pastor: Jason Belt

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

Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

PEOPLES COMMUNITY **CHURCH** 

Sunday School 10:00 AM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM Take time out for Jesus, he took time our for you. Pastor:

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

**BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday Sunday 11:00 AM Wednesday night Bible Study 7:00 PM Saturday Night Preaching

PLEASANT HILL **BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM

Pastor: Wayne Smith PROCIOUS COMMUNITY CHURCH Welcomes You! Preaching 11:15 AM

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

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

ROGERS FORK BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Sunday Worship 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday Singing or Preaching 11:00 AM

11:00 AM

Service 7:00 PM Everyone

STRANGE CREEK

CHURCH

School 11:00 AM Thursday welcome!

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Preaching 10:30 AM Sunday

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

Everyone welcome!

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Everyone welcome Pastor: Don Dobbins

UNITY GOSPEL

Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Bible Study Wednesday Night

W-WALLBACK METHODIST

VALLEY RIDGE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Bible Study Wednesday Eve-

Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST

Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays

Jimmy Adkins WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Lester Tanner

WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM

WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night 6:30 PM

WIDEN BAPTIST Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service

Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Randy Tinney

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sangamore Rd., Bentree, WV 7:00 PM

**CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM

**GAULEY BRIDGE** BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00

Pastor: Roy Huffman

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Service 6:00 PM Tuesday Service 6:00 PM

Anderson FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Service 10:00 AM

Phone 304-548-6665

**CHURCH** 

Sunday Worship 11:30 AM Pastor: Chris Johnson FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday Service 10:00 AM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM **CHURCH** 

Pastor: Freddie Elliott

JODIE BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

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Pastor: Jim Hamrick

Pastor: John Osborne MT. OLIVE Sunday School 10:00 AM

Wednesday at 7:30 PM **NEW ANTIOCH** 

Pastor: Gary Walker NEWTON UNITED

Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM

NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Thursday 7:00 PM

Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening

Freddie Schoolcraft PISGAH FREEWILL

PLEASANT DALE School 10:00 AM Preaching

Sunday Evening 6:30 PM

Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

Everyone welcome.

Pastor: Wayne Litton

Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday Night 6:30 PM Pastor: David Walker

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

Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Delbert McKenzie RUSH FORK Sunday School 10:00 AM

Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM Come see us in church. Pastor: Harry Dobbins

Sunday Worship 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM. Pastor: Clifford Samples

**TABERNACLE** Sunday School 10:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to

attend.

CHURCH Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-days 9:45 AM ning 7:00 PM Everyone welcome.

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

CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 AM Thursday Evening Service 7:30 PM

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Paul Coon

Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall **CHURCH** 

WINGS OF DELIVERANCE on the left Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

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



# Panthers fall to the Patriots in their season opener

By Allen Hamrick
This past Friday, it was opening night for the Panther football team as they took their show on the road to Roane County to take on Midland Trail for their season "home" opener. With the million-dollar football field in its final phase of construction, Roane County allowed the Panthers to take the field on lowed the Panthers to take the field on their own Raider real estate. This was also a good opportunity for the Raider coaches to see live and in person the

2025 Panther team

Clay's new field is supposed to be finished by mid-September, and the official champagne bottle will be busted. As it stands now, September 19 will be the date of the Panthers' next home game against Sissonville IF the field is indeed ready. So, break out the caviar and finger foods for your tailgate parties; ham-burgers and hot dogs are for grass fields, baby, and the Panthers are stepping into the future mid-September.

The air was cool and crisp, a per-fect night for football as the Panthers

rolled onto the field looking to repeat last year's 28-7 win against the Patri-ots. The Patriots came out with a more than full team with blood in their eyes. The Panthers got the ball first, and with some excellent running by Brody Scarbro, the Panthers were moving down the

field. New QB Cooper Collins, brother of the award-winning Panther QB Noah Collins, took to the field as leader of the pack. This was his first game as a Panther starter, and although there were some glitches in some plays, he did a respectable job for his first time at the helm. However, the Panthers had a chal-

helm. However, the Panthers had a challenging time getting the ball down field and in scoring position.

The Patriots scored early in the first quarter with a kind of bait and switch play after the Panthers defense was holding them at the line. This fired up the Patriots, and they did not look back as the Panther defense couldn't get dialed in on their offense. At the half, it was the Patriots with a small lead 0-7. In the third quarter, the Patriots came out swinging again with a combination of passes and long runs. The Panthers got their game on and scored a TD of their own but missed the extra point. The score stood at 6-20 at the end of the third. In the fourth, the Panthers made a third. In the fourth, the Panthers made a run for the endzone and scored another seven points but could not match the 21 racked up by the Patriots.

Final score was Panthers 13, Patriots 41. The Panthers' next game is at Buffalo, and with this loss under their belt, they can now get to the business of winning. Go Panthers!





Cooper Collins fires to Jakoby Nichols



Brody Scarbro looks for running room.

# Lady Panthers open their season at Nicholas County

By Allen Hamrick

CCHS Lady Panthers volleyball hit the floor running this past week in a tri matchup with Charleston Catholic and the Lady Grizzlies of Nicholas County. On deck first was Charleston Catholic coming into the match hopeful but not overzealous. The Lady Panthers did not get off the ground too well and seemed to be a little flat-footed against the fast-playing Irish girls. The Lady Panthers were bombed by at least four Lady Irish, including former Lady Panther Illyana Evans. The Lady Panthers could not return the favor and

fell to the Lady Irish in two games 15-25, 11-25. The girls would need to define the problems and straighten them out before scraping with the Lady Grizzlies who were themselves just thumped by the Lady Irish. However, the Lady Panthers could not put their heads into the game as the Lady Grizzlies took out their vengeance against them. The Lady Panthers went down again in two games by the score of 10-25 and 12-25. This week they will be at the nets again on the road at Buffalo on Saturday. So, if you get the chance, get out and support the team. Go Lady Panthers!



Jaedon Delwarte gets in a kill shot.



Zoey Jones makes the close net point.