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Senate President Randy Smith (left) and House Speaker Roger Hanshaw attend Gov. Patrick Morrissey's first State of the State address Feb. 12, 2025, at the state Capitol. (Photo by Perry Bennett/West Virginia Legislative Photography)

'It angers me' — Retired WV state employees, many on fixed incomes, hit with PEIA premium hike

It would take \$10 million to reverse a PEIA premium hike for retirees, a state senator says. But Gov. Patrick Morrissey has other ideas to 'fix' the insurance program.

By Lori Kersey and Amelia Ferrell Knisely for West Virginia Watch, www.westvirginiawatch.com

After 30 years as a teacher, Cathy Proctor, 72, is still working at a nearby Malden Elementary school as a substitute. She said the money is necessary to

pay for groceries and growing medical bills after her husband became ill.

Plus, she's going to pay more for her health insurance through the Public Employees Insurance Agency, which is offered to retired state employees.

In July, sweeping premium hikes went

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Buddy's Place animal rescue plans to open in Clay next month

Thanks to the determination of one area woman, plans are underway for Clay to have a new animal rescue. "Buddy's Place" is in the works to be open by the start of next month, if everything goes to plan.

Leslie Garabedian, who is originally from Long Island, says that she felt driven to open a non-profit to help area animals. "I want it to be available to these strays," she said after purchasing a property on Hartland Road that she hopes will soon be able to house stray animals and ones available for adoption. While she is still in the process of building, she is exploring funding sources for support. She is currently waiting for her non-profit status to be processed through the proper channels, and is limited to accepting just two dogs at a time until that filing is

complete. Once the non-profit status is approved, she hopes to get grants to provide spay and neuter services, vaccines, and other vet care.

Expect to see a booth next week set up at the Clay County Golden Delicious Apple Festival with homemade dog treats for sale, and a raffle for fundraising. Everyone is welcome to come by and talk with Leslie and other volunteers to get more information about the rescue, and to make a donation or a purchase for the cause.

A grand opening of the rescue is planned for October 1 of this year. Follow "Buddy's Place Animal Rescue" on Facebook for the most up-to-date information. On their Facebook is a link to their GoFundMe campaign, and other information.

CCHS Hall of Fame golf tournament and induction ceremony set for Sept. 19 and 20

By Allen Hamrick

It's time once again for the Clay County Schools Hall of Fame organization to hold their annual golf tournament, and follow that up with the Hall of Fame ceremony. This year's tournament will be held at the Big Bend Country Club on Friday, Sept. 19, and the Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held the following day, Saturday, Sept. 20, during the Golden Delicious Apple Festival at the CCHS auditorium. The ceremony starts at 4 p.m.

Registration for the golf tournament will be at 8 a.m. on Sept. 19, and play begins at 9 a.m. sharp. The tournament will be a two-man scramble with a shotgun start. There is a \$60 entry fee with prizes being awarded for winning team and closest to pins. The winning team will share \$200 prize money, \$100 will go to the second place finishers and \$50 will go to third. There will be prizes for closest to the pin, and the ball must be on the green, of course.

This tournament brings out the best and worst golfers that prize money can buy. If you decide to play and compete, it is an opportunity to play with the best and have a

great time. Keep in mind there are no prizes for the farthest club thrown, drag racing golf carts or seeing how many golf balls you can keep hidden for the occasional, "OVER HERE, I FOUND IT." golf quote. Big Bend course is not the easiest one to play but is playable for all skill levels. At Big Bend, a golfer can lose balls faster than a high diver in shallow water.

Win or not, this will be a great day of supporting the CCS Hall of Fame tradition. So, if you think you have what it takes to take on the best, sign up now. If you would like to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$100. Give Larry Gillespie a call at 304-444-2530 if you want to play or donate.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. The Clay County Schools Hall of Fame recognizes the best of the best who have played sports at CCHS and have gone on to have significant impact in today's world. Those being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year are Zach Ahart, Shannon McLaughlin Demasi, Vivian Mullins, Abygail Smith and Jason Tucker, all of whom have demonstrated great dedication to their sport.

Chad Smith, drummer for Red Hot Chili Peppers, supports Clay County High School music programs

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, Clay County High School students gathered in the gymnasium for a special announcement. Chad Smith, drummer for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and his family have started a music foundation, The Chad Smith Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to bridge the gap in music access and opportunity.

"Music changed my life, and at the Chad Smith Foundation, we are making sure we are changing other people's lives too," said Chad Smith in a video describing the new foundation. "My path to becoming a drummer started with these things, early exposure to music, a solid music program, and, luckily, a family that supported my dreams. But not everyone gets those three chances. We're going to change that. Our foundation has one mission: to make sure the next generation of musicians has the support they need to pursue their dreams." He explained that the Foundation will have college scholarships for aspiring musicians and music educators, and want to put "instruments in the hands of kids who otherwise wouldn't have access to them."

At the assembly last week, students were shown a video that Chad made for them to explain what his Foundation plans to do in Clay County. "I'm excited to announce that the Chad Smith Foundation will be supporting Clay County High School music program, this year and beyond." He added, "This is a very special place in my heart, your school, because my dad, Curtis Madison Smith, is an alumni. He graduated in 1948 from your school." He said he wouldn't be in music today if it wasn't for his dad's support. "It makes me so happy and honored to support one of the places that was one of his



The Chad Smith Foundation will be supporting music programs at Clay County High School, as announced by Chad Smith himself (pictured) in a video message to students.

biggest influences."

He said that the Foundation has already donated "lots of cool marching band stuff" with plans for "doing a lot more stuff in the future."

He signed off in saying "have fun, make some noise, and go Panthers!"

The Clay County High School Band will be performing songs by the Red Hot Chili Peppers throughout the year. Clay County Schools, Clay County High School, and the CCHS Band would like to thank Chad Smith, his family, and the Chad Smith Foundation for their generous support!

Statement from Superintendent Phil Dobbins

Monday, Sept. 8, 2025

Contrary to reports circulating on social media, there was not an active shooter incident at Clay County High School. At no time were students or staff in danger, and the school day has proceeded as normal. Clay County Schools remains committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

Sincerely,
Philip Dobbins, Superintendent of Schools

Mustangs open 2025 football season at George Washington Middle



Bryson Duty looks for running room. By Allen Hamrick.

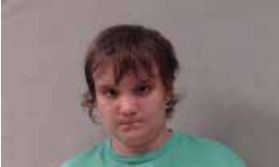
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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Francis Norena Brewster
Booked 9/4/25
Conspiracy, embezzlement,
entering without breaking,
grand larceny

Michael Dewey Garrett
Booked 9/3/25
Burglary

Shada Ranae Angel Grose
Booked 9/7/25
Domestic assault

Tashina Renee Ritchie
Booked 9/7/25
Shoplifting

Robin Lynn Williams
Booked 9/5/25
Grand larceny

Elijah Dylan Douglas
Booked 9/3/25
Receive/transfer stolen
goods, grand larceny

BRAXTON COUNTY



Carl Woodrow Bender
Booked 9/4/25
Sexual abuse first degree

Aaron Mycal Cuellas
Booked 9/8/25
Possession with intent, pro-
hibited person with firearm,
conspiracy

Ken Allen Roupe
Booked 9/8/25
Conspiracy, possession with
intent

Jodie Missionary Baptist to hold Homecoming

The Jodie Missionary Baptist Church will host their annual Homecoming on September 21, 2025. Preacher: Bro. Johnny Osborne. Special Singing: 4-Grace. Pastor: Bro. B. J. Evans. Everyone is welcome.

Top Readers named at Big Otter Elementary



During the summer, students at Big Otter Elementary participated in a school-wide summer reading program. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication! There were 69 Big Otter Braves recognized at a school-wide assembly. Congratulations to all the students who participated. The top readers from each grade were able to put a pie in the face of a teacher.

The top readers from each grade are:
Kindergarten - Connor Taylor
1st Grade - Mason Taylor
2nd Grade - Stephanie Thompson
3rd Grade - Rebecca Moore
4th Grade - Kendra Taylor
5th Grade - Cheyenne Bays

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 several 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 attendee is responsible for payment of their own food. It doesn't matter when you graduated, come out and mingle! Contact Quincy Potasnik at 304-549-8203 to RSVP. See you there!

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

Route 33 W LIVE Official Results released

The results of the Route 33 Wrestling event, Rt-33WLIVE, held on Saturday, Sept. 6 in Spencer, have been announced:

Owner: The Boss Lady. Ring Announcer: Stevie Tyler. Referees: Smartie Marks and Mike Luckey.

1) "The Lunatic" Caleb Throne vs. Tyler Grayson
Grayson defeated Throne at 12:09 with a massive fireman's carry powerbomb.

2) JMD vs. John D Crazy Hillbilly
JMD was victorious over John D following a thunderous impaler DDT at 7:54.

3) Handsome Nick Hamrick with the Lovely Chareesa vs. The Unwilling Tatiana

Wild and Wonderful West Virginia Championship Match
Despite Hamrick attempting to use a screwdriver slipped to him by the Lovely Chareesa, Tatiana successfully pinned her opponent following a flawless side suplex, becoming the first Wild and Wonderful West Virginia Champion at exactly 8 minutes flat.

4) "The Notorious GMT" Gorgeous Morgan Taylor & Bomani vs. Grappling, Inc. (c) Rt33W Tag Team Championship Match

At 8:05, Boulder nailed Taylor with a devastating spear and followed up with a successful pin attempt, as Troy dropkicked Bomani from the apron to prevent him from interfering. This makes Grappling, Inc.'s fifth successful title defense at Rt33W.

5) "Iron" Mike Bonner with RJ Booker vs. "The Babushka Baron" Jeffrey John (c)

Rt33W Open Weight Championship Match

John defeated Bonner at 12:37 following a springboard cutter and his signature Mikasa, putting his second successful title defense in the books.

6) MAIN EVENT: "The Leviathan" Michael Anthony vs. "King Freak" Hero Napier Street Fight

Trash cans, barbed wire, and thumb tacks were just a few choice items used in this grudge match. Napier put up a strong fight, but in the end, Anthony was victorious after putting his former tag team partner through a barbed wire wrapped door and following up with a successful pin at 17:48. This win means Anthony is the new holder of the Mountain Pass Medal, which he can cash in at any time for a championship opportunity.

Route 33 Wrestling will return to action on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Spencer Armory.

This update was brought to you by Smoker Friendly, Groves Auto Service, Twister's Garage, and the City of Spencer.

About Route 33 Wrestling, LLC:

Founded in 2017 by stuntwoman and actor-combatant Jessi McCumbers (aka "The Boss Lady"), Route 33 Wrestling is a 100% woman-owned and -run pro wrestling company located in the heart of Spencer, WV.

Route 33 Wrestling's core goals are to make quality live sports entertainment accessible to all, and to put the "professional" in "professional wrestling."

For more information, please visit us at: linktr.ee/route-33wrestling.

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly 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.

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

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Home Country

Slim Randles

I have to tell the Ballad of Hoser, to remain true to my readers. It began at the beginning of summer, when I went out the back door to check on my tree seeds and see if any miracles had occurred. Not on the growing of trees department, but as I stood next to the garden cart with tools and rolls of new hose on it, a bumblebee flashed past my face and then vanished into his or her duty of collecting and distributing pollen. But where had he come from?

I have a serious respect for bumblebees, because they can temporarily cripple you with a single sting, I knew from experience.

So when it cooled off that evening, here came the bumblebee back and as I watched, he landed on the tool cart and solemnly walked into the faucet end of the new garden hose. And as he entered, some of his day’s pollen fell off. I’d never known anything to live in a hose, but we wished him well. His name, of course, was Hoser.

Then one day we found his body lying next to his home entrance, so we wished he’d lasted longer so we could brag on him, but that’s how life goes.

Then a couple of days ago, I was out there again and a bumblebee flew past my face and later returned to the hose.

Meet Hoser II.

Haven’t used the hose yet for its intended purpose, but there’s always time for that later on. Like winter. Or maybe next Spring.

Go Hoser II!

(BF) If pollinating plants and supporting our pollinators appeals to you, but you’d feel cramped living in a hose, you might try <https://xerces.org/>.

Swimming in an Ocean of Pills

By Dr. James L. Snyder

I have a confession to make. I never realized that the older I get, the more difficult life seems to be. Oh, for those good ole days.

As a young person, I thought that when I got older, all of my problems would be solved. At the time, I did not know all the problems I was going to face in life. Maybe that’s why my face looks like it does!

The one thing I never really anticipated was the medical issue. I never thought that I would be swimming in an ocean of pills as I got older. Every time I see my doctor, he has a new pill for me.

There seems to be a pill for every problem in the world. If I could come up with a pill for being crazy, I would be a very wealthy man in no time. But no matter how many pills I have been prescribed, not one of those pills has anything to do with my being crazy. I’m crazy, no matter how many pills I take.

Every time I go to see my doctor, Dr. Pills-A-Lot, he has some new pill for me. I’ve seen him so many times that if you look at the pills on the table, you would think I was a drug addict.

It started a few years ago when I was hit with shingles. Fortunately, I caught it in time, so it didn’t get as bad as it could have. Then, a few years later, I had a heart attack, which required more pills. Then, this year I had several skin cancers removed. All of that stuff required pills.

There is no way under God’s beautiful heaven that I could ever manage all of those pills. I have to take certain ones at breakfast, then at lunch, and then after supper. If I had to pick them, I would not know which one is which. To me, a pill looks the same. I know there are some with different colors. But at my stage, what does that really matter?

I have one thing that gets me through all of this pill management. That is, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She manages all of my pills all of the time. If I had to manage my pills, I probably would forget to take any.

But she manages my pill regimen quite successfully. Every week, she prepares my pills for the week. Every day she has laid out all the pills I need to take and when I need to take them.

Even when she has to go out of town with our daughters for five days, she always sets up all the pills I need to take and when to take them.

She also manages my doctor visits. I hate visiting my doctor. I know when I visit my doctor and he examines

me, he will find something that needs a pill.

I have to be careful what I say in front of her. If I happen to mention that I have a pain somewhere, she jumps into action and gets a pill for me. I’m not sure what that pill is for or what it is, but she insists I take it.

There is one pill that she hasn’t been able to discover, and that is the pill for the Silly Boy Syndrome, of which I have most assuredly.

If, for example, I happen not to take my pills for breakfast and she discovers it, then she says, “What’s wrong with you, you silly boy?”

Once I snuck into the kitchen and quietly opened the freezer door where there was some ice cream and began to pick one up and who should walk into the kitchen but The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She looked at me and said, “You silly boy, you’re not getting ice cream are you?”

And I can name several other ones, but evidently, she is convinced that I have the Silly Boy Syndrome. I once dared to ask her, “Oh, my dear, do you have a pill for that?”

I don’t have to tell you that she was not smiling as she looked at me with both hands on her hips. I never said it out loud after that. But I thought it quite a few times.

She knows as much about my pills as the doctors do. She knows all by name and knows exactly what they’re for. At least, that’s what she tells me.

I’m not sure what I would do without her supervision of my pills. I certainly couldn’t keep up with all the pills that the doctors prescribed for me.

I thought I had for some time, what would happen if, for one week, I didn’t take my pills? The worst scenario would be that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would find it out, and you know what would happen after that.

Regularly taking my pills cures two things. The first, of course, is my health. But the second, more important, is it makes my wife happy. And when she’s happy, I’ll take as many pills as is needed.

I couldn’t help but think of my favorite Bible verse. Proverbs 17:22, “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.”

Sometimes it takes effort to have a merry heart. But, believe me, it is well worth the effort not only for me but for those around me.

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A Dog’s Life



I know that God gave us dogs for a reason.

By Joe Mazzella

Sometimes during a hot, lazy, summer afternoon my mind wanders. The other day I was sitting in my chair and my thoughts went to what it would be like to switch places with my dogs. It seemed like a pretty good deal to me. I would love to be able lay around, eat, and play for six hours a day then sleep for the other 18. It would be nice being able to do my business outside on my favorite tree instead of running inside to the bathroom. I would enjoy it if a can of dog food could get me jumping up and down with excitement like it was a gourmet meal. I would take great pleasure in barking at the garbage truck as it rolls up our road so very early in the morning. It would be so much fun just running through the house, fetching a ball, or chewing on a bone. And how I would love being able to always steal the best place on the couch right in front of the fan in the summer and under the blanket in the winter. Most of all, though, I would enjoy being able to

share my love as easily, simply, and unconditionally as my dogs do. Just a look from their big, brown eyes lets me know that I am loved. And when they throw in a smiling face, a happy pant, a wiggling body, and a wagging tail their peace, joy, and contentment become quite contagious. They cover my face with kisses, bring laughter to my lips, and swell my heart with happiness.

I know that God gave us dogs for a reason. Often we are too rushed, stressed, and concerned with the matters of this world. We are seeking to make a buck, to get ahead, or just to survive. And we forget that the most important thing in life is to just Live it: happily, completely, and lovingly. This is what our dogs teach us every single day. That is why I thank Our Heavenly Father so often for mine. May all of your days then be filled with the simple joy and pure peace that our furry friends have. And may you always give your love as freely as they give theirs.



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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by British and Indians during the Revolutionary War. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.



Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley River. Union Gen. William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates retreated before they could be defeated in the morning.



Sept. 10, 1887: Author

and scholar John Frederick Matheus was born in Keyser. He became a prominent writer of plays, short stories, and other works during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.



Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and TV actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru, the older sister of Hollywood Squares host Peter Marshall, was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 12, 1861: The Battle of Cheat Mountain was fought near the Randolph-Pocahontas County line. Gen. Robert E. Lee came into western Virginia to give support to Gen. William W. Loring,

commander of the Army of Northwestern Virginia, but the battle ended in a defeat for the Confederacy.



Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed at Talcott. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world's great folk heroes.

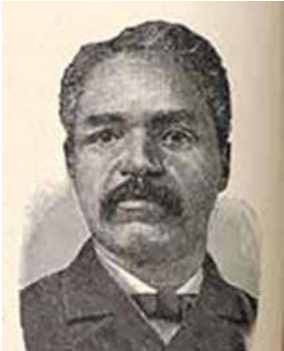


Sept. 12, 1952: A group of local youths were startled at a football game by a fireball streaking across

the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County, or Flatwoods, Monster.

Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools closed for four days due to a controversy over the adoption of new textbooks. Throughout the fall, advocates for opposing sides of the issue held mass protests, which, along with isolated and sporadic acts of violence (including a failed bombing attempt at the Board of Education office), drew national media attention.

Sept. 13, 1844: Milton Humphreys was born in Greenbrier County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate service as a sergeant. At the Battle of Fayetteville, Humphreys fired his cannon at Union artillery from behind an intervening forest, setting a precedent for modern warfare using indirect fire.



Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney "J. R." Clifford was born in present Grant County.

In 1887, Clifford became the first African American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the west bank of the Elk River.

Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon "Chu" Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.

Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the "Great Persuader," tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia's 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

Sept. 15, 1861: In the aftermath of the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, Union forces under the command of Gen. Jacob Cox occupied the area of Spy Rock. Spy Rock is a natural landmark located on U.S. 60, 18 miles east of Hawks Nest.

Sept. 15, 1862: Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson forced the surrender of a Union garrison at Harpers Ferry prior to the Battle of Antietam. The 12,500 prisoners taken by Jackson was the largest surrender of U.S. Army troops in the

war.

Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1912, he was elected the state's 14th governor.

Sept. 15, 1906: Songwriter Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and "Frosty the Snowman," two of America's most popular songs.

Sept. 16, 1876: The town of Milton in Cabell County was incorporated and named in honor of Milton Rece, a large landowner at the time.

Sept. 16, 1922: Walter Allen became the only person found guilty of treason in charges related to the Battle of Blair Mountain. He soon skipped bail and was never heard from again.

Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, A Separate Peace.

Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading Black intellectuals in the United States. His books include Colored People: A Memoir, about growing up in Mineral County. He hosts the popular PBS program Finding Your Roots.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree trunk is wider. 2. Sun is smaller. 3. Walking stick is shorter. 4. Cap design is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Cloud is not as large.

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Super Crossword

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EXPANSION

ACROSS

- 1 It's on either side of a weather front
8 Like some pain-causing toenails
15 Award for "Nomadland"
20 Decay of a plant's stalk
21 Suave, glib sort
22 1/24 of a day, in French
23 Astronauts' advisory group?
25 Blows gently
26 NHL great Bobby
27 Dot in la mer
28 Candied nut given to a kid to quell a tantrum?
30 Advice for Fonda when she has a grievance?
35 Finds a new purpose for
36 Saudi export
37 Adele's vocal range
38 Without remuneration
41 Big cheese
44 RBI, e.g.
45 "Lily White" novelist Susan

- 46 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
49 Present, as the whole group
51 Small car manufactured in Poland's capital?
54 Optimal nutrient amt.
55 In — of (replacing)
57 Suffix with hero or opal
58 Common brown rodent
59 Give praise to sellers of stolen goods?
63 Regarding
64 Like the horse favored to win
65 Units of gold purity
70 Zest or Dial
73 Fighting between Dracula and Lestat?
80 Puts into operation
85 Partner of neither
86 Land of Lima and llamas
87 "So that's it!"
88 Halt hubbub?
91 Is scornful of
93 Pork product

- 94 Ocean trip
95 Oolong and Darjeeling
97 List details
98 Isn't truthful with
99 Orch. section for timpani, triangles, etc.
100 Jet to JFK, once
101 Tater Tots maker
104 Give solace to actor Mike?
109 Win the contest?
113 — Grande
114 Meadow
115 From Havana, e.g.
116 Noting the differences between cutting utensils?
121 Nuclear trial, in brief
122 Respectful tributes
123 Hint-giving columnist
124 Old Persians
125 Unity
126 Plaits of hair

DOWN

- 1 Part of YMCA: Abbr.
2 Computer whiz

- 3 Supply with new weapons
4 2,100, to Caesar
5 "— you in?"
6 Communal
7 Vodka brand, familiarly
8 Suffix with 6-Down
9 Abbr. for those with only one given name
10 "Gee, I would never do that!"
11 Perez of film
12 Elevator company
13 "— asking?"
14 Big Apple mail abbr.
15 "I do so suffer!"
16 Slimy shore deposit in some spa treatments
17 Sleeve ends
18 Bandleader Shaw
19 Takes it easy
24 — Work ("Down Under" band)
29 Industrial city in southern Poland
31 Pal of Tigger
32 Maligned in print

- 33 "The Hunger Games" star, in tabloids
34 Acquire
38 D.C.'s land
39 Rustic denials
40 Tempo
41 DEA agent
42 "Battle Cry" actor — Ray
43 "Kapow!"
44 Watermelon waste
45 "So that's it"
46 Work to get
47 Mark for life
48 Suffix with kitchen
50 Watermelon waste
52 Big GOP get-together
53 It splits light
56 Aliens' ship
60 Clean a spill on the floor
61 Ltr. enclosure
62 Slalom, say
66 Jean of Dada
67 Bog grasses
68 Lot division
69 Vacation travel, often
70 Window part
71 Twice tetra-
72 Quark locale
74 Price to play
75 "Li'l ol' me?!"
76 For the time being
77 Portend

- 78 "Excuse me"
79 Fling
81 Mishaps
82 Ripped into
83 Tall birds
84 "The Power of the Dog" co-star Kodi — McPhee
89 Spanish for "bear"
90 Spongy ball
92 Teeny-tiny
96 Oak nut
98 Enzyme in fat breakdown
99 Thick soup
100 Dracula creator Bram
101 Philosopher with a "razor"
102 Way to travel
103 Plant firmly
104 Channel that televises hearings
105 Correct
106 "Blue Suede Shoes" singer
107 Della of song
108 RSVP card encls.
110 Say again
111 Great benefit
112 Single-named plus-size model
117 Apt., e.g.
118 Mag. edition
119 Mets' div.
120 Platform for iDevices

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THE WIDEN NEWS

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thinks very much.



September 1958

In The Mail Box....

Dear Sally,

You'd never guess what happened? School started. Being a Senior, to me, is the most thrilling thing in the world. Just wait until you see my ring. It has a pearl set and I don't think I'll ever take it off.

This year, like last, brings more male teachers than female. I really don't mind, though. I'm a girl!

Well, basketball season is almost here and the boys will start practicing soon. With the new coach and all I wonder how things are going to turn out! I hear all the girls think he's the most, so we can plan on good attendance at the games. You remember Dawne Backus and Lora Wilson, don't you? They are our cheerleaders and are they good! So, if you're passing our gym some night and hear screaming, come in and see what's happening. Widen may be winning a ballgame.

The way mom gripes everytime I ask her for a new dress, you'd think they cost a million dollars. I think I'll get one of those "sack dresses". That's the latest fashion now-a-days. I don't think it will last long though.

Our first dance started off with a bang this year. We had all the latest records, and you should have heard the clapping when they played "Summertime Blues". One couple especially liked the slow records. D. looked so cute in her tan sheath dress with the beige print, and R. in his black dress pants. I don't know, but I think it's serious.

I joined the "Footlighters" this year. They really have some nice clubs and one new one is F.B.L.A.

Boy, our Student Council has been busy this year. They have already fixed places for all teachers to park and a place for visitors, too.

You'd never guess how good our band is, unless you could have been at their concert the other night. They played one real "happy" tune "I Could Have Danced All Night." They sound as good as some professional bands I've heard.

Well, I'd better close now and go to chemistry—new man teacher, you know!

Love,
Coed

Dear Joe,

It's here again. I'm happy to say schools are starting again. I'm anxious for basketball season again, but that means a tough schedule for me—no late hours, eating the right foods, no smoking, you know how rugged basketball training is.

Man, you should have been at the dance the Seniors had last Thursday night. It was a kisser! All the girls turned up in Bermuda Shorts and those funny looking chemises (is that the way you spell it? They're still sacks to me.) We boys, of course, have stuck to our well-worn blue jeans and our flashy sport shirts and dirty loafers. Well, we can't talk always of entertainment so I'll tell of some of my classes.

First thing in the morning we have United States History to Mr. Leeson, and golly! He sure is nice to everyone. Then we have English to Miss Bailes. She really knows her English. Then to the roughest class in school—Journalism. It's a pain getting a paper out and all. The teacher is Mrs. Griffith. She is strict but you will know something when you come out of there. In the afternoon, of course, are typing and Phys. Ed. to those two new teachers, Mrs. Hathaway and Mr. Stover. Both are nice teachers.

How did you break the news to your dad about our wrapping his car around the utility pole? I expect that if I see you again it will be at your funeral—your dad will kill you! Well, I guess I'd better get back to Journalism. I see her coming close by; I'll see K— and you soon.

Yours,

Yul Flip

JUNIOR'S HOLD DANCE

A large crowd enjoyed the Junior's first dance which was held Thursday night, September 11, at the Legion Hall.

"Rock and Roll" records and slow music shared honors in the demands of the students, and the dance floor was crowded with dancers.

Sandwiches and candy were sold as refreshments. Sponsors were Mr. Stover and Mr. Leeson.

Five Join School Faculty

Five new faculty members have been added to the staff of Widen School.

Mr. Clyde E. Krise—Chemistry teacher came to us from Belva, West Virginia. He has had no previous teaching experience, but is a graduate from Morris Harvey College, Charleston. Where he holds a B.S. degree.

He thinks Widen is a typical coal camp, and the people seem very nice.

His wife, Kathleen, remained in Charleston to work.

A young married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Burke Hathaway, have moved to Widen to teach in the school here.

Mrs. Avonelle Hathaway, who holds a B.S. degree in education from Concord College and teaches commercial subjects in the high school, has previously taught at Clay High School.

Mr. Hathaway holds an A.B. degree in education from Glenville College. Last year he taught at

White Pilgrim School and now teaches the sixth grade here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway have three children, Beverly who is in the 4th grade, John who is 4 1-2 years old, and Mark who is 18 months old.

Mr. Robert M. Stover of Clay, W. Va. is teaching physical education and geography in the high school. He attended Marshall College for two years and is teaching on a sixty-four hour certificate. He has no previous teaching experience. He says, "As a beginning teacher, I am well satisfied with my position as coach at Widen High School. I think we have a well rounded school program."

Mr. Robert Ozden Leeson is the new social studies instructor. He comes here from Clay High School, where he also taught social studies. Mr. Leeson holds an A.B. degree from West Virginia University. He has a wife, Anna Mae, and one daughter, Carla Louise. Mr. Leeson says, "I like Widen fine."

ALUMNI NEWS

Mitzie Bailes — Has begun her first year at West Virginia University at Morgantown. You may write Mitzie at 165 N. Women's Hall, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

Russell Butcher—Is waiting for replies to several letters from technical schools. Meanwhile, he is staying with his parents at Dille.

Joanne Conner — Is working as a file clerk in Washington, D. C. Her address is 4301 Halley Terrace S. E., Apartment No. 1, Washington, D. C.

Ronald Cottrell — Is working for the Elk River Coal and Lumber Co.

Betty Craft—Is attending Glenville State College at Glenville. She lives at Kanawha Hall, room 213.

Joan Truman Dawson — Lives at 7 Boone Street with her husband, Jimmy Dawson, who runs a shuttle car. They are expecting their first child in November.

Paul DeMoss — At home.

Lillian Dodrill — Private secretary in Columbus, Ohio. She lives at 3403 Brokside Boulevard, Columbus 4, Ohio.

Reba Eagle — At home.

Carl Ellis — At home.

Helen Ellis — Is in Ohio attending an Air Hostess School.

SENIOR SCOOP

The seniors held the "First Round-Up" dance of the new school year Thursday night, September 5, 1958, at the Legion Hall. Sponsors were Mr. Krise and the senior sponsor, Mrs. Griffith. There was a good crowd and the profits amounted to about \$12.00.

Plans are underway for the annual bake sale, carnival, and Christmas card sale.

In case you have forgotten, here are some of the facts of the Senior Class: Colors—Silver and Blue.

Flower — White rosebuds with blue background.

Song—Stardust.

Motto—"It shall be done."

Delano Facemire — At home.

Lois Frame — At home.

Alice Hamrick — Is living in Morgantown where her husband, Jack, is majoring in music. Their first child was born in August and was named, Thomas Michael.

William Laxton—Is working for The Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad Company.

June Lloyd — Worked for a short time in Washington, D. C., but is now at home.

April Manning — Is attending Glenville State College, in Glenville.

Howard Wilson — At home.

Lanty Wilson — At home.

Patricia Young — Is working in Washington, D. C. in the credit Bureau. She lives at 6804 Webster Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated April 23, 2008, from Randy B. Jeffrey and Wilma J. Jeffrey to E. Dennis White, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 119, at page 240, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$56,619.28, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made in payment of the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse in Clay, West Virginia on September 26, 2025 at 3:15 p.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on Groves Creek, in Buffalo District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in a line of the land of which this is a part in the county road, thence N. 4-½ E. 109 feet to a white oak, a corner to this land and also a corner to Tom Young, and with said line N. 46-½ E. 20 poles to a stake in the road, S. 44-½ E. 8 poles to a stone pile, S. 46-½ W. 20 poles to a stone, thence N. 44-½ W. 8 poles to the place of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

Together with a Fleetwood Manufactured Home, Serial No. VAF1719AB63589GT13.

Being the same property conveyed from Randy Jeffrey to Randy B. Jeffrey and Wilma J. Jeffrey, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 23, 2008, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 202, at page 341.

Terms of the sale: cash or certified funds due on date of sale.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of September, 2025.

/s/Marc B. Lazenby
Marc B. Lazenby
Substitute Trustee

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(2024-C-000062 - Clay County - ONONDAGA HOLDING CO, LLC)

To: BRENDA MCCUNE ESTATE C/O HEATHER ATKINS, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, D/B/A PRODIRECTIONAL, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES C/O DALE H. HARMON, JACKSON KELLY PLLC, UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, INC C/O PATTERSON-UTI, CUNNINGHAM ENERGY, LLC, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF CHESSIE C. CONNER, RALPH NOEL CONNER, LAWRENCE P. CONNER, HAROLD C. CONNER, CLAUDE M. CONNER, PEGGY CONNER, JANE ANN MARTINEZ, JACK ALLISON CONNER, JAMES RALPH CONNER, MARK STEPHEN ANDERSON, KATHY NORMAN, KATHLEEN ALLISON CONNER, ERIN CONNER, DONNA CONNER, CUNNINGHAM ENERGY, LLC, UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, INC., PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, BRENDA MCCUNE ESTATE, HEATHER ATKINS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 3815.	\$	85.69
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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, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	309.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	527.41

You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand August 21, 2025

Christal G. Perry
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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 11, 2025

Claim Deadline: Monday, November 10, 2025

ESTATE NUMBER: 232685859

APPOINTMENT DATE 09/05/2025

ESTATE NAME: NORVELL W ADKINS

AFFIANT GREGORY S ADKINS

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Publication Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Claim Deadline: Monday, November 10, 2025

ESTATE NUMBER: 234705638

APPOINTMENT DATE 09/05/2025

ESTATE NAME: BECKY ADKINS

AFFIANT GREGORY S ADKINS

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(2024-C-000061 - Clay County - ONONDAGA HOLDING CO, LLC)

To: BRENDA MCCUNE ESTATE C/O HEATHER ATKINS, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, D/B/A PRODIRECTIONAL, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES C/O DALE H. HARMON, JACKSON KELLY PLLC, UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, INC C/O PATTERSON-UTI, CUNNINGHAM ENERGY, LLC, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF CHESSIE C. CONNER, RALPH NOEL CONNER, LAWRENCE P. CONNER, HAROLD C. CONNER, CLAUDE M. CONNER, PEGGY CONNER, JANE ANN MARTINEZ, JACK ALLISON CONNER, JAMES RALPH CONNER, MARK STEPHEN ANDERSON, KATHY NORMAN, KATHLEEN ALLISON CONNER, ERIN CONNER, DONNA CONNER, CUNNINGHAM ENERGY, LLC, UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, INC., PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, BRENDA MCCUNE ESTATE, HEATHER ATKINS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT HENRY MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0177 0000

You will take notice that ONONDAGA HOLDING CO, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000061, located in HENRY District, 42 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 3/8 OF 1/2 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CONNER CHESSIE C HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 10, 2025. ONONDAGA HOLDING CO, LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 3814.	\$	85.69
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 3794.	\$	23.76
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	104.11
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	309.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	523.48

You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand August 21, 2025

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

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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 for a 28' 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° 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Re: UIC Permit Application 2R01500004AP
Office of Oil and Gas
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Phone: (304) 926-0450
Fax: (304) 926-0452

APPLICATION FOR STATE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERM IT
Public Notice Number: UIC-2025-009 Paper: Clay County Free Press
PO Box 429
Lewisburg, WV 24901
304-647-5724

The following applicant has applied for reissuance of a State Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit for this facility or activity:
Applicant:
Ground Resources, LLC
151 Steele Hollow Rd. / P.O. Box 946
Spencer, WV 25276
Application Number: 2R01500004AP
Business Conducted: Oil and/or Natural Gas production and/or related activity.
Location: On the waters of Granny Creek in Clay County, West Virginia
Latitude 38.525655 Longitude -81.154020
UTM North 4264151.4 UTM East 486574.6
Activity: Issuance of an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit for the injection of approved fluids to operate a secondary recovery operation known as the Granny Creek South field. The state of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 13.24 issued pursuant to West Virginia Code Chapter 22, Article 11 & 12.
The application, draft permit, and fact sheet can be downloaded from
<https://dep.wv.gov/oil-and-gas/databaseinfo/Pages/UIC-Pending-Applications-.aspx> This information is also available for review by appointment, or copies obtained, at a nominal cost, at the Office of Oil and Gas, 601 57 th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.
Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing within 30 days of the date of publication. Such comments or requests should be emailed to DEPOOGEP@wv.gov with "UIC Comments" in the subject line or a hard copy addressed and mailed to:

Office of Oil and Gas
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attn: UIC Program

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Chief considers significant the degree of public interest raised on issues relevant to the draft permit. Interested persons may contact the office identified above at (304) 926-0450 to obtain further information.

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Office of Oil and Gas
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Charleston, WV 25304
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Fax: (304) 926-0452

APPLICATION FOR STATE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERM IT
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304-647-5724

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Applicant:
Ground Resources, LLC
151 Steele Hollow Rd. / P.O. Box 946
Spencer, WV 25276
Application Number: 2R01500005AP
Business Conducted: Oil and/or Natural Gas production and/or related activity.
Location: On the waters of Granny Creek in Clay County and Roane County, West Virginia
Latitude 38.547292 Longitude -81.146261
UTM North 4266551.1 UTM East 487254.7
Activity: Issuance of an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit for the injection of approved fluids to operate a secondary recovery operation known as the Granny Creek North field. The state of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 13.24 issued pursuant to West Virginia Code Chapter 22, Article 11 & 12.
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PEIA

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into effect for PEIA participants and some retirees as the program has struggled for years to stay afloat financially. The program provides health insurance coverage for teachers, state employees and more.

"It angers me," said Proctor, who lives in Rand, W.Va. "I feel like this part of my life that I gave meant nothing to them."

She added, "If they are in trouble financially, there's other avenues they could go without tacking everything on us."

PEIA premium hikes are supposed to make up an estimated \$113 million gap for the coming fiscal year because medical and prescription drug expenses have outpaced the program's budget.

While Gov. Patrick Morrisey has floated the idea of a special session this month to "fix" PEIA, the governor and the GOP-supermajority Legislature can't seem to reach a consensus.

PEIA premiums are increasing by 14% for state employees and by 16% for local government employees.

The agency will also raise premiums by 12% for the 42,000 retirees enrolled in PEIA. The premium increase went into effect for retirees not on Medicare in July; retirees using Medicare will see the increase Jan 1.

"I know living on this fixed income, which we get no raises, it's tough on retirees, especially if they increase the PEIA rates on us," said Robin Beamer Dalton, of Princeton. Dalton taught school in Mercer County for 33 years before she retired in 2015. Because she has a Medicare plan in addition to PEIA, Dalton's PEIA rates will increase early next year.

Dalton, a widow, said she's trying to cut expenses in anticipation of the rate increase, but she hasn't ruled out the possibility of finding a part-time job to help cover it.

"I don't want to [work], because I feel like — well, I have worked over half my life," she said. I just lost my husband four and a half months ago. I feel like I need to be home."

Lawmakers should allocate \$10M to reverse retiree price hike, senator says

A spokesperson for the state Department of Administration said the average increase for retirees in the program depends on the individual's years of service and type of coverage.

She explained that, for example, a Medicare policyholder with single coverage and 25 years of service will see a \$10 increase, while a non-Medicare family plan will see a \$76 increase.

PEIA co-pays for certain medical services and prescription drugs increases, too.

When asked if PEIA leaders were considering reversing these changes for retirees, the department spokesperson said, "This continues to be an ongoing dialogue between the administration and PEIA. With the increasing costs of health care and recent shifts in Medicare Advantage Prescription

Drug plans, these changes are necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the plan."

State lawmakers wrapped up their legislative session in April, exiting the Capitol without any action on PEIA while the price hikes loomed.

Sen. Mike Oliverio, R-Monongalia, said he's working on gathering support for lawmakers to gather in October to allocate \$10 million to reverse the PEIA premium hike for retirees. It's not part of Morrisey's alleged PEIA special session plan; the governor can call a special session or lawmakers can with the support of three-fifths in both the House and Senate.

"These are the folks who have cleaned our schools and state office buildings for decades. They've been our school bus drivers, they've been our school cooks," Oliverio said, adding that these retirees are typically on fixed incomes.

He added, "A budget of \$5 billion, a surplus of \$280 million — surely we could find \$10 million to hold off these premium increases on these folks who have served our state and our citizens for many, many years ... The Legislature could come in, one day in October, suspend the rules and pass this."

Morrisey has proposed a plan to "fix" PEIA, MetroNews reported. It includes establishing a new plan for new employees; removing coverage eligibility for spouses who are offered health insurance through their own employer; and establishing a PEIA fraud unit. Retirees weren't mentioned.

In July, Morrisey's spokesperson told West Virginia Watch that the governor would "look to find solutions for all who receive coverage, including retirees."

The possible PEIA-focused special session could start as early as Sunday since lawmakers will gather in Charleston for September legislative interim meetings.

Dalton said officials should consider using the state's surplus to give retired workers a raise.

"There are people that have been retired longer than me that we never get a wage increase unless it's Social Security, which they take part of that for insurance so you really don't get much," she said.

For Proctor, the premium hike comes as she is helping her husband recover from a serious illness that requires a list of medications.

"Every time I turn around, utilities are going up ... everything is just piling up," she said, adding that she turns to her faith and prayer in these times.

"God is in control, he provides our needs," she said.

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& Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

**GAULEY BRIDGE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM
Junior BYF/Senior BYF
6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship
7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM
Wednesday Kids/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
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone welcome!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**O'BRIEN 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
Prayer Meeting Tuesday
Evening
Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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

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

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

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

**WALLBACK METHODIST
CHURCH** Preaching 1st, 3rd,
5th Sun- days 9:45 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Eve-
ning 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**



Mustangs have rough start

Allen Hamrick

The CCMS Mustangs opened their season Thursday night on the road against George Washington Middle. The Mustangs are on a rebuild year with many of the players being inexperienced. Last year the Mustangs played one of the best championship games against Braxton that has ever been played. Most of those Mustang players moved up to the Panther team and are causing havoc on the JV team as well as the Varsity team. However, it's a new sun and a new horizon for the Mustangs as they rebuild their team. It's a big piece of meat-loaf to swallow for new head coach Mike Kiser, but you must trust the process. This game was a tough one for the Mustangs, to say the least.

The running game of George Washington Middle was the piece of straw that broke the Mustangs' back as the Mustangs found it difficult to stop their running game, and GW racked up the points in the first half. Moving the ball offensively was equally as difficult for the Mustangs except for one Mustang touchdown that kept the fire burning late in the game. However, once the Mustangs got their head in the game, and the cobwebs out of their helmet, they started to get down to business and kept the game respectable.

The final score was 8-46, George Washington. It will take a while, but the Mustangs will be back to their glory days soon. The Mustangs only have two home games this season since the million-dollar field gets its final touches. Next week, the Mustangs will be on the road once again at Sherman on September 11th. Their home opener will be on September 25th against South Harrison. Get out and catch a game. Go Mustangs!



Hinton Caldwell #56 and Ryder McMillion #71 combine on this tackle for a loss.

Panthers thump Buffalo on their home turf

By Allen Hamrick

This past Friday it was redemption night for the Panthers. After getting whipped like scrambled eggs on their season opener against Midland Trail, the Panthers were ready to belly up to some bison burger. With both teams notching losses in their first outing, the Panthers were not about to go to the bus empty handed. Fans could see at the onset of the game that the Panthers were not about to lay down their arms and surrender. It was a great game and was an offensive and defensive feeding frenzy for the Panthers as they regained their butt kicking status on the field. With the threat of severe weather on the horizon, the Panthers went to work on the air game and the running game.

New QB Cooper Collins got his game on, sights set and started connecting with his receivers. The Panther offense moved the ball at will and seemed to score when they felt like it as Brody Scarbro was busting Bison defense as he racked up the yards. Panther defense was all over the field hitting like raging bulls and picking apart the Bison passing game. Blake Coleman and Joel Elliot led the defense and were skinning buffalo as the defense dominated the field holding the Bison team to just 14 points. Meanwhile, the offense, simply put, pounded its way through the Bison line and scored a whopping 44 points. Mother Nature decided to make an appearance and sent fans scrambling, but after a delay, the game continued. The final score was Panthers 44, Buffalo 14.

There isn't much to be said about this game other than it was a complete thumping at the hands of the Panthers. By the end of the game, Buffalo was flying the surrender flag while the Panthers racked their first win of the season. The Panthers will once again meet Roane County on their turf this Friday night; let's hope that this win will carry into next week as the Raiders will be a tough match for sure. In the game it was Cooper Collins going 18-23 for 261 yards with two TDs and one interception. Brody Scarbro carried 21 times for 150 yards and two TDs and caught three for 51 yards and a TD. Jakoby Nichols had four rushes for 73 yards as well as six catches for 96 yards and one TD. On defense it was Jaden Morris with four tackles, three of those for a loss, and two sacks. Landon Delwarte had eight tackles and half sack. Kicker Jaxon Brown was 5-5 on extra point duty and was 1-2 on field goals.



Jaden Morris #51, gets one of his sacks. Photo Joey Varrella



Jakoby Nichols looks for the end zone. Photo Joey Varrella

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