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Aaron Tippin entertains the masses.

## Clay County Golden Delicious Festival 2025 joins the annals of time

By Allen Hamrick

The 2025 Clay Golden Delicious Festival is now a part of history. It all started with some awesome weather on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday night, the flag was raised and the festival got underway. The newly crowned queens were ushered through their coronation as friends and family watched. The new parade that is strictly to honor and showcase the area's finest first responders took place Thursday evening, and afterward, music filled the air. Clay's finest local talent hit the stage first and then it was time for Tracy Wayne's open mic night. This event displayed many of the up-and-coming local talents that have some great pipes. Smoke from barbecues filled the air and the smell of pulled pork sandwiches, chicken and such was nearly overwhelming to the senses. If your taste buds were not satisfied, you better get your tongue tested. The quilt show also opened and displayed some of the best talent in stitchery. These Clay County quilters put heart and soul into their art, sometimes requiring months from the first stitch to finish.

Friday started as a fine day to get reacquainted with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee and chase it with some fine food. Big Otter and Clay Elementary choirs took the stage in the morning hours as those in attendance heard some great voices. Francis Sutton was named this year's Golden Delicious Belle as family and friends gathered to celebrate a well-deserved award given to a lady whose list of accomplishments rival anybody's. She has not just lived her life in the hills as many do; she is a part of a community and acted in service to others. Mrs. Sutton accepted the crown like a true queen and will hold the title with the utmost class and style. Afterwards, it was time to crank up the speakers and enjoy some fine entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Then came Saturday and some of the most curvaceous bodies rolled into town

as the car show got underway at the board office parking lot. It was a wonderful day to have a festival. A few clouds threatened late in the day, but all was well. People came from all over and filled the streets and music once again filled the air. The parade commenced about 1:30, and the streets were lined with hundreds of people as the sirens began to blow. Candy was flung on streets like confetti and kids and adults enjoyed the challenge of getting it first. Queens and princesses were dressed in their finest, rode in the finest carriages money could buy and went through waving to the subjects. The CCHS band marched in the parade and performed well. It just wouldn't be a parade without the music of the drums. Music was enjoyed the rest of the evening as Aaron Tippin hit the stage with heart pounding and soul stirring music as fans covered the courtyard and listened from the hills in the area. Fireworks were cancelled due to the rain chances, and the festival ended with folks lining the streets to meet Aaron Tippin. Sunday brought gospel music and food to the event, and just like that, the 2025 Clay County Golden Delicious Apple Festival was over.

The end of the festival brings in the idea that frost and snow are just around the corner. It was a good festival with its share of highs and lows, but it absolutely could not go on if not for those behind the scenes getting it ready, setting it up and tearing it down long after the people have gone. To those people, Clay County owes you many thanks because so much of our culture is dying and you take the time to make sure that good times will roll on in Clay County and that the opportunity to get together with friends, enjoy music, and eat great food will be something to look forward to. It isn't much coming from me, but Clay County is indeed fortunate to have people who are dedicated to preserving our heritage so that we can let our hair down once in a while, keep our sanity and not go mad.

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## Clay County Runners Shine at Back-to-Back Cross Country Meets

Clay County's middle and high school cross country teams delivered impressive performances in two meets this past week, competing at the Big Ditch Lake Invitational on September 16 and the Calhoun Invitational on September 20.

At the Big Ditch Lake race at Cowen, the Clay County Middle School girls' team claimed second place overall, led by a standout performance from Marissa Atha, who finished second. Danae Stricker placed 14th, and Tara Conley followed closely in 16th, with all three earning medals. Teammates Lilian Goebel and Dolores Poland also contributed solid efforts to the team's success. Dominating the field, the boys' team brought home its first-ever first place team trophy of the season. Gunner Dobbins led the way with a fourth place finish, followed by Sam Hubbard at eighth, Holden Reed at tenth, Scott Butler at 14th, and James Mullens at 16th. Impressively, all five runners earned medals for their top twenty finishes.

The Clay County High School girls' team earned second place overall at Big Ditch. McKinley Mahan placed fifth, Abigail Grandon came in ninth, Cheyanne Taylor finished 12th, and Ashley Roberts secured 19th - each earning individual medals. Led by Kaden Fitzwater's seventh place finish, the boys' team also took second place overall. Andrew

Tanner and Isiah Woods both medaled at 19th and 20th, respectively, with teammates Daymian Stricker, Jackson Stricker, Evan Bass, and Toby Yeager rounding out the effort.

At the Calhoun Invitational, Atha continued her dominant season by winning the girls' race with a time of 13:07, marking her sixth medal of the year. Stricker and Conley added to the medal count, placing 13th and 18th, respectively. Goebel and Poland once again contributed to a strong team showing. Dobbins led the boys with a ninth place finish, securing his third medal of the season. Mullens, Reed, and Butler also competed, maintaining the team's competitive momentum.

For the high school girls' team at Calhoun, Mahan placed ninth and Roberts came in 19th, both earning medals. Their consistent performance continues to anchor the high school girls' team this season. For the boys, Fitzwater claimed a strong 5th-place finish, with Daymian Stricker also medaling in 19th. Yeager, Woods, and Jackson Stricker helped round out the team's effort on the challenging Calhoun County Park course.

All teams now prepare for their next challenge at the Lincoln County Invitational in Hamlin on September 24, where they hope to continue building on their strong seasons.



The CCMS boys' team won the Big Ditch Lake Invitational with all five runners earning medals.

CROSS COUNTRY cont. on page 3

## Panthers crush Indians on new field opener



Brody Scarbro looks for the end zone. By Allen Hamrick

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY




Aaron Scott Canfield  
Booked 9/16/25  
Home confinement violation



Sidney Ryan Mullins  
Booked 9/22/25  
Possession with intent, petit larceny, destruction of property, conspiracy



Colton Eugene Naylor  
Booked 9/18/25  
Bond violation



Eric Allen Smith  
Booked 9/18/25  
Destruction of property



Ashley Ranae Starcher  
Booked 9/19/25  
Probation violation



Kelley Rachelle Sweet  
Booked 9/22/25  
Destruction of property, possession with intent, conspiracy, petit larceny

NICHOLAS COUNTY

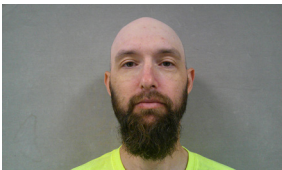


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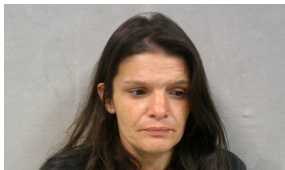


Jerry Ray Whitlock  
Booked 9/16/25  
Interfering with emergency communications

BRAXTON COUNTY




Lawilliaming Ray Harrison  
Booked 9/15/25  
Failure to register as a life-time sex offender



Shanna Marie Johnson  
Booked 9/19/25  
Possession of controlled substance, obstructing an officer

CLAY COUNTY



Jonathan Gay O'Dell  
Booked 9/20/25  
Domestic assault, brandishing weapon



Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Students at Big Otter Elementary School have been earning tickets for each day they were in attendance. These tickets were then used to play fun games and activities during the Attendance Carnival. Students

enjoyed basketball games, face painting, popsicles, an obstacle course, and many more enjoyable activities. Thank you to all the people who made this a success. It's a great day to be Big Otter Brave!

Two environmental decisions affecting coal

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has been at the forefront of discussions on the importance of having a reliable energy source for this nation.

While never downplaying the importance of all fuels, we consistently advocate for having energy that doesn't falter when there's no wind or no sun shining.

We've found that coal and natural gas, both abundant in the Mountain State, are reliable sources for powering electric generation plants.

In support of this idea, the administration in Washington declared a national energy emergency soon after it came into office.

As part of that initiative, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced it would fast-track approval for projects involving coal, gas, oil, and minerals on public lands. (May 30, 2025)

As a result, environmental reviews of permits that previously took a year to complete could be done in as few as two weeks.

More complicated environmental impact statements that usually take two years to complete could be done in four weeks.

Interior Secretary Doug Burgum says the federal government intends to cut through unnecessary delays so it can fast-track the development of American energy and critical minerals.

And the administration has taken steps under the emergency declaration to promote fossil fuels in particular.

Just recently, the U.S. Supreme Court narrowed the scope of environmental review on some major energy projects under the National Environmental Policy Act. (May 31, 2025)

This law requires an agency to produce an environmental impact statement that must address significant effects expected to be caused by a project, and to suggest alternative ways of making a lesser impact.

In its unanimous ruling, the nation's highest court reversed an appeals court decision.

The appeals court said the agency should have broad-



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

ened its study to include environmental effects upstream and downstream of the project. The Supreme Court reversed that finding.

The court also said citizens could not use the courts to challenge the environmental effects beyond the immediate project at hand.


This decision is in line with the administration's concern for energy independence and our use of fossil fuels to power this nation.

It remains important to all of us, as the demand for electric power continues to grow in this country, that we continue to have a reliable source for that energy.

These two matters should help us on the way to energy independence.



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A Life Well-Lived



Aunt Charlotte

By Joe Mazzella

My Aunt Charlotte is soon going to be 100 years old. When I was a boy we used to take a week each summer to travel seven hours to where she lived and visit her and my Uncle Rich. She and my Mom acted like best friends more than sisters and I always delighted in seeing how happy Mom was when we visited her.

Even though I probably spent only a few months of my life visiting her at most, my Aunt Charlotte had a profound impact on my life. She lived her life with such kindness, with such love, laughter, and joy. She lit up every room she entered and made the rest of us better people just by her presence. And after my Mom died when she was only 55, I took a lot of comfort in writing her big sister. Sharing my life and struggles and growth and learning with her was like sharing them with my Mom. I am not sure why God has given my Aunt Charlotte so many years with us here but I am so very thankful every day that He did.

I noticed something too when I looked at her pictures recently. All of her wrinkles were in the right places. They curved around her eyes and mouth to indicate where a lifetime’s worth of smiles had been. Yes, her face was well-wrinkled but so beautiful as well. It was a living testament to a life well-lived, a life full of love, a life full of kindness, a life full of laughter, a life full of joy. If I could live the rest of my life only half as well as she has lived hers then I will consider it a triumph.

God wants us all to have a well-lived life. God wants us all to spend our lives loving and helping each other. And God wants us to fill our days with joy, laughter, and smiles. May you always do so. May your heart grow warm. May your wrinkles grow deep. And may your soul shine bright just as my Aunt Charlotte’s has for all these years.

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Peek-a-boo, I See You

By Dr. James L. Snyder

One of the most valuable gifts in life is the ability to see. I cannot imagine a day I cannot see.

I was having some trouble with my eyes about four years ago, and I had to go to my eye doctor and have cataracts removed from both my eyes. Before I had the surgery, I was really having a hard time seeing things. It wasn’t easy to read or work on my computer.

After the cataract surgery, I was blessed to be able to see very clearly. What a blessing. Seeing clearly can also be a curse, especially in the mirror in my bathroom. If only you could look in my bathroom mirror and see what I see, you would go crazy. I know I have. Before the cataract surgery, I looked in my mirror and I could hardly see anything. After the cataract surgery, I looked in my mirror, and oh boy, what I saw was horrific.

That was about four years ago, and several months ago, I started having some difficulty seeing. I have these things called floaters, which have scared me on several occasions, especially when driving.

I was watching television with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and I started swatting. Looking at me, she said, “What are you doing over there?”

“I’m swatting these bugs flying around my head.”

Staring at me for a few moments, she finally responded, “Don’t you know there are no bugs flying around your head?”

If anybody knows anything, it is The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I was swatting at things that didn’t even exist.

About four months ago, my right eye seemed foggy. That fog seemed to get thicker each day. Finally, I had to go to the eye doctor, and he diagnosed what I had and scheduled me for surgery on that eye.

Leading up to that surgery, I was having some difficult times. Especially at night, it was challenging to drive because I couldn’t see much out of my right side. I was also having a hard time working on my computer and reading books.

The only benefit I had was in the bathroom. When I looked in the mirror, everything was so foggy I couldn’t really see anything clearly. That in itself was a blessing. Looking in my mirror and not seeing my face clearly was a happy beginning to my day.

When The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would ask my opinion about some work she was doing, I could only smile and say, “My dear, I really cannot see very clearly so I’m not sure what you have in your hand.”

During those foggy times, there was a blessing really attached to it. I can walk around and not see anything that was around me. I could go to a store, walk around,

and not see anybody I recognized.

I was going to enjoy those foggy moments as long as possible. Yes, there are moments of agitation when I couldn’t actually read something, but those were few and far between.

I was going to milk those foggy days as much as possible. Enjoy something while you have it because there will come a time when you don’t have it. I knew in two weeks, all of that fogginess would disappear. Then, I would really begin to see things.

The only area I was concerned about was going into the bathroom and looking in the bathroom mirror. I have asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage 100 times if I could remove my mirror in my bathroom.

She would shake her head, laugh, and walk away.

The only difficulty I didn’t have was being able to hear. I may not see very clearly, but unfortunately, I can hear.

Trying to make an excuse for not hearing her, I said, “My dear, I don’t see what you’re saying.” I hid a little chuckle under my breath when I said that.

Looking at me, she said rather sternly, “It’s not your eyes I’m concerned about it’s your ears.”

I tried to get away with it, but being who she is, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is very hard to trick. Not that I haven’t tried, I just haven’t succeeded.

I went to the eye doctor, had my eye fixed, and I can see very clearly now.

It’s amazing what those doctors can do. I walked out of the doctor’s office being able to see as clearly as I’ve ever seen before. My sight is now back to normal.

As The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me home from the eye doctor, she said rather cheerfully, “It’s great that you got your sight back, and now you can see everything. Are you happy about that?”

I told her I was happy to see very clearly. Then I told her, “There’s only one more thing that needs to be fixed. That is the mirror in my bathroom. Can you do something about that?”

The look she gave me revealed that it wasn’t going to happen; I didn’t have to hear it. I knew it from past experiences.

Later on, I thought of a Bible verse that explains this. Proverbs 20:12, “The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.”

God has enabled me to hear and see, and the combination is a great gift to our lives. Each day, I must appreciate this amazing gift.

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Home Country

Home Country  
Slim Randles

Delbert McLain was seen going into Marvin Pincus’s house the other evening. We wondered on it a bit, because those two were less likely to become friends than any other two people in the valley.

But Marvin, an old curmudgeon, is an amazing tier of fishing flies, and Delbert, who thinks blizzards are wonderful because the grass will be greener in the spring, is also an amateur fly tier. But Marvin is the real expert.

“There should be,” said Del, expansively, “a National Fly Tying Month. Just think how many more people we could get to tie flies if it were more ... organized, you know?”

Marvin looked up from his bench and stared at his visitor over the magnifying glasses he was wearing to help him tie an Adams dry on a number 20.

“Del,” he said, “some things are just meant to be quiet, you know? Just quiet. You just sit down and tie flies, and you don’t need an organization or festival, or factory.”

“Well ... okay, I see your point. You working on emerger patterns right now for the spring hatch?”

“Adams, dry.”

Del looked over his shoulder as Marvin carefully wound the hackle behind the wings then in front of the wings, and then tied it off with a whip finish tool.

“Shouldn’t you be tying emergers this time of year?”

“Del, emergers sink. Wets sink. Worms sink. Salmon eggs sink. Where’s the glory in that? Dries alight on the surface film of a creek with a flutter, and they just sit there on top, going for a ride. They don’t sink. Then the fish has to make an effort and come up and get him.”

“Never thought of it that way.”

Marvin nodded. “There’s only dry fly fishing in the world, Del. Only dry fly fishing. Everything else is just killing fish.”

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(BF) Have you tried the old-fashioned Japanese method of fly fishing called tenkara? Lots of fun. www.tenkara.com is a good place to start.

CROSS COUNTRY

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The CCMS girls' team brought home a second place trophy at Big Ditch Lake.



The CCHS girls' team earned second at the Big Ditch Lake Invitational with all four athletes medaling.



The CCHS boys' team also secured second place overall at Big Ditch Lake.



# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

**Sept. 24, 1911:** Laura Jackson Arnold died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.



**Sept. 24, 1918:** George Spencer “Spanky” Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He en-

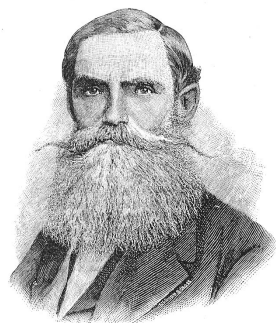
tered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.

**Sept. 25, 1864:** George Smith Patton was killed at the Third Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer, had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

**Sept. 25, 1866:** Editor and publisher M. T. Whittico was born in Virginia. He moved to Keystone about 1900 and made the *McDowell Times* the preeminent Black newspaper in West Virginia, with topics ranging from race issues to life in the coalfields. He also played a key role in McDowell County Republican politics.

**Sept. 26, 1816:** David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name “Porte

Crayon.”



**Sept. 26, 1863:** The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.



**Sept. 27, 1914:** Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson City, Tennessee. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived

in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s. Her best-loved novel, *Christy* (1967), was based on her mother’s girlhood in the southern mountains.



**Sept. 28, 1955:** Labor activist Sarah “Mother” Blizzard died at age 90. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America, from the organization’s early beginnings in the late 19th century.

**Sept. 28, 1965:** The first national recreation area within a U.S. national forest was established when President Lyndon B. Johnson created the Spruce

Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area.

**Sept. 29, 1861:** The Kanawha Valley experienced severe flooding. The Kanawha River reached 46.87 feet in Charleston, more than 16 feet above flood stage.



**Sept. 29, 1927:** Artist June Kilgore was born in Huntington. She was an abstract expressionist painter who spent 30 years as an art professor at Marshall University.

**Sept. 30, 1832:** Social activist Anna Reeves Jarvis was born in Virginia. Years later, in Taylor County, she organized Mother’s Day Work Clubs to improve health conditions and to nurse Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. She was the inspiration for

Mother’s Day, first celebrated in Grafton in 1908.



**Sept. 30, 1872:** Educator Fannie Cobb Carter was born in Charleston. She organized the teacher-training department at what is now West Virginia State University, led the State Industrial Home for Colored Girls in Huntington, and was director of adult education in Kanawha County.

**Sept. 30, 2010:** Facing an economic downturn and foreign competition, Wheeling-La Belle Nail Company closed. The company was founded in 1852 as LaBelle Ironworks. By 1875, Wheeling was known as the Nail City, and La Belle was the city’s leading nail producer.

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shorts are shorter. 2. Suitcase is moved. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Flap on backpack is smaller. 6. Sock is missing.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

DROP OUT

### ACROSS

- 1 Dish list
- 5 Attorney —
- 10 Tidies up with a broom
- 16 Even score
- 19 Salt Lake City team
- 20 Stock market disaster
- 21 Audrey of “Amélie”
- 22 Hostelry
- 23 Arrive like rain
- 25 Goof-ups
- 26 Many a pro bono TV ad
- 27 Enclose, as a yard
- 28 Fail to complete a task
- 31 Brand of candy wafers
- 34 Lose power
- 35 Considering everything
- 36 Become a responsibility for
- 44 Grove growth
- 45 1965-69 veep Humphrey
- 46 Simile center
- 47 “Veni,” in English
- 49 Home of the Dolphins

- 50 Blow it when success is very close
- 57 Bitter conflicts
- 59 Totally wreck
- 60 Navy leader
- 61 “Ararat” actor Koteas
- 64 Indian queen
- 66 Escargot
- 67 Poking tools
- 71 Stop being noticed
- 75 Spyro — (jazz group)
- 76 Pipeline problems
- 78 Boat deck wood
- 79 Suddenly bright stars
- 81 Stray
- 84 Say a Hail Mary, say
- 86 Considered comparable
- 91 Collapse
- 95 Fierce look
- 96 Holy city of Islam
- 97 — -Z (totally)
- 98 — Mae (loan offerer)
- 99 “Superfood” berry
- 102 Be overlooked
- 107 Flag sewer Ross

- 109 La.-to-Mich. dir.
  - 110 Seize forcibly
  - 111 Fizzle out, as an endeavor
  - 116 New word
  - 121 Bullfight cry
  - 122 View with astonishment
  - 123 Autumn foliage ... or what happens at the starts of eight answers in this puzzle?
  - 126 Set- — (sharp fights)
  - 127 Car radiator protector
  - 128 Baseball great Buck
  - 129 Bubble maker
  - 130 Rubble maker
  - 131 Made tamperproof
  - 132 Surprise attacks
  - 133 Out of kilter
- ### DOWN
- 1 Bungle
  - 2 Raison d’—
  - 3 Vegas light
  - 4 Gomer Pyle’s org.
  - 5 Most sore, as muscles

- 6 With 32-Down, Dick Tracy’s cover-up
- 7 — Vegas
- 8 Query
- 9 “— you do it?”
- 10 Baby on “Family Guy”
- 11 Time merged with it in 1990
- 12 Currency of Austria
- 13 Princely prep school
- 14 Left, at sea
- 15 Raw fish dish
- 16 Gratuity holder
- 17 Shoe part
- 18 Empower
- 24 Largest of the Canary Islands
- 29 Strange
- 30 Going into
- 32 See 6-Down
- 33 Kick out
- 36 Units of resistance
- 37 Opposite of day, in Dijon
- 38 Ski lift variety
- 39 Hot-rod engine
- 40 Oz lion portrayer Bert
- 41 Family gal
- 42 Bi- cubed

- 43 1982-2005 Saudi king
- 48 “— the word”
- 50 “Likely story!”
- 51 Cries of discovery
- 52 Perjurer, e.g.
- 53 Former U.N. head Kofi
- 54 Hauling cart on a farm
- 55 Jungle den
- 56 “— Enchanted”
- 58 “Xanadu” band, in brief
- 62 Astern
- 63 Curry of the NBA
- 65 Oath reply
- 67 Alan who played Pierce
- 68 Have a bawl
- 69 Soft rock?
- 70 Minor battle
- 72 Long-eared hopper
- 73 Rd. crossers
- 74 “Chi- —” (2015 Spike Lee film)
- 77 Fill up fully
- 80 Sweetums
- 82 Savoir faire
- 83 Engrave
- 85 “Awright!”
- 87 Penne — vodka
- 88 Bath powder

- 89 Actor Estrada
- 90 Poor grades
- 92 Road goo
- 93 An Aleutian island
- 94 — scale (mineral hardness gauge)
- 98 Executes a “Page Up,” e.g.
- 99 — and Costello
- 100 Sri Lanka, formerly
- 101 Certify (to)
- 103 Red-tagged
- 104 Part of USA
- 105 H.S. proficiency exam
- 106 “The Father of Geometry”
- 108 Safe robbers, in slang
- 112 Suffix with silver or table
- 113 Capital of Samoa
- 114 Give a whoop
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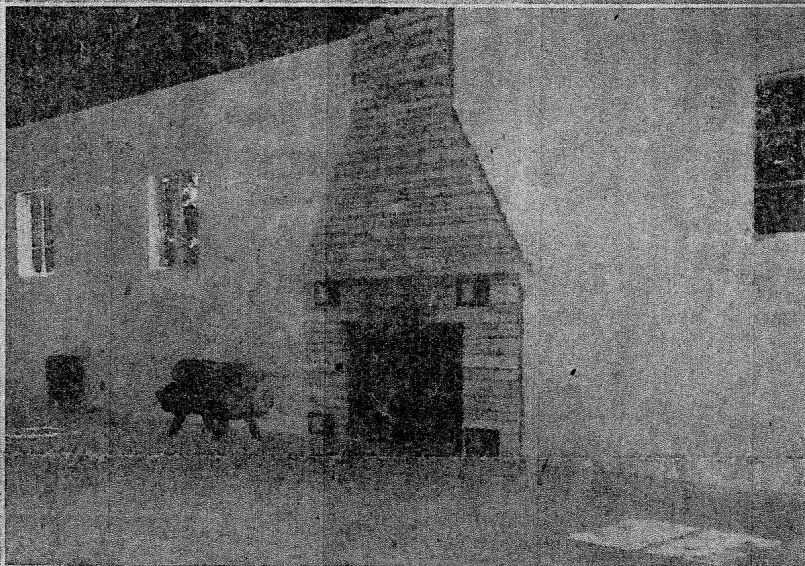
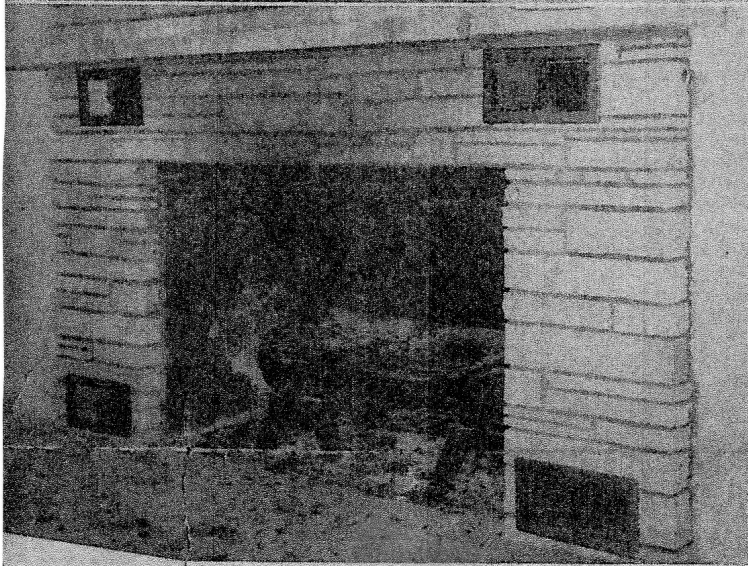
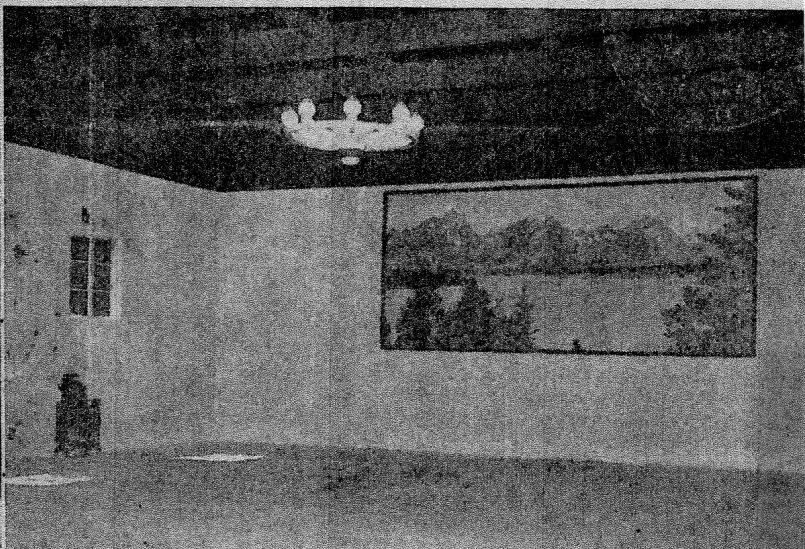
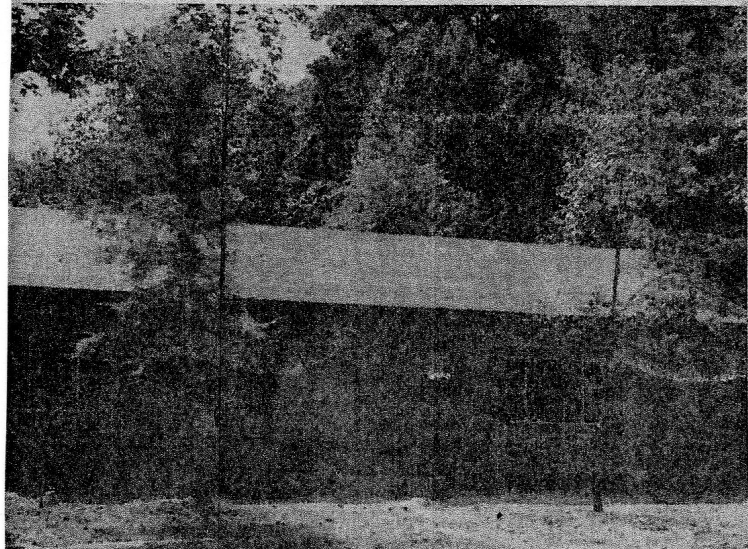
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name "Big Poplar Lodge" is derived from a big poplar tree which stands nearby and is believed to be the largest living Poplar Tree in West Virginia

According to Mr. E. D. Currence, Superintendent of Elk River Coal and Lumber Company's Lumber Department, the tree was probably a sapling when Columbus discovered America which would

make it about 500 years old. The tree measures approximately 6.5 feet in diameter, and is over 20 feet in circumference. Our engineering department measured the tree a few years ago and found it to be 206 feet high. Mr. Currence also states that there is approximately 20,000 board feet of lumber in the tree.

one week at Myrtle Beach, and one week with his father and step-mother. He also sponsored two weeks band-camp.

**Mrs. Butcher** — Stayed home.

**Miss Graham** — Going to start the year with a bang! Stayed home, built onto the house, and farmed.

**Mr. Hathaway** — First six weeks attended college and second six weeks farmed.

**Mr. Jackson** — Farmed.

**Mrs. Bragg** — Stayed home part time and visited some.

**Mrs. Elliott** — Went to Florida during the month of June.

**Miss Ashley** — Went to Glenville five weeks and taught Bible School at Dille.

**Mrs. Dodrill** — Really loafed, lay in the sun, and went to Cleveland for a week.

**Mrs. Shaffer** — Stayed home and worked. Visited near-by relatives.

**Mrs. Henderson** — Stayed home and loafed.

**Mr. Simmons** — Worked with school band all summer except for two weeks in South Carolina,

## Memories Linger

Vacation time was a busy time for most faculty members. Work of course, superceded all other forms of entertainment, but nevertheless, most individuals found a little time for play. Are you interested in what your teachers did this summer? Here's a report from each.

**Mr. Baer** — Visited Richmond, Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Jamestown. Spent six days and nights in these historical spots and 10 days with his Mother and Sister in Cumberland, Maryland.

**Miss Bailes**—Stayed home with parents and sister at Enoch, W. Va.

**Mr. Krise** — Spent summer attending Morris Harvey College.

**Mr. Stover** — Worked on the railroad, went to school at Morgantown, and played ball for Widen.

**Mrs. Hathaway** — Worked at home.

**Mr. Matheny** — Attended West Virginia State four days a week, was playground supervisor for two days each week, and taught some boys in math.

**Mr. Leeson** — Farmed and went to North Carolina.

**Mrs. Sizemore** — Stayed home, painted, and papered the house, raised flowers, and won three first places in the Flower Show.

**Mrs. Griffith** — Worked, read, and enjoyed life. Spent three weeks with her parents and sister in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Swam and slept most of the time.

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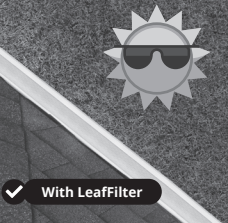
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**DISTRICT BUFFALO MAP 12 PARCEL 0023 0000 0000**  
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000005**, located in BUFFALO District, 5 AC FLAT FORK SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonenetre in the name of JACKSON ROBERT L, 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES 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 - 1075.	\$	105.35
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 - 1085.	\$	48.39
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	150.80
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	779.91
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,084.45

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Given under my hand August 28, 2025  
**Christal G. Perry**  
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305.  
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## LEGAL

(2024-C-000008 - Clay County - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)  
To: CHARLES E. TURNER, SARAH E TURNER, SARAH ELIZABETH TURNER, S E TURNER, L D TURNER, LEE TURNER, G E TURNER, MARY AGNES TURNER, R L TURNER, RAYMOND L TURNER, ALTA B TURNER, ALTIE TURNER, ELSWORTH TURNER, CLARA FAYE TURNER, FAY TURNER, FAYE TURNER, CHRISTINA TURNER, ELLEN PSIMER, ELLEN ASBURY, MARTHA WOODS, MARY BRAGG, FLORA GRAHAM, ELIZABETH JOHNSON, NORMAN JOHNSON, HESTER JOHNSON NELSON, DAVID B TURNER, D B TURNER, PATRICIA SLAUGHTER, CAMERON SLAUGHTER, JONATHAN TURNER, TEENA TURNER, JERRY E TURNER, JERYL G TURNER, GIULA B NUTTER, ETHEL STOVER, BOBBY STOVER, DAPHNE TURNER, NETA TURNER, ERNESTINE TURNER, DAVID W TURNER, CHARLES E TURNER, CHARLES W COLSON PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION, RBC MINISTRIES RADIO BIBLE CLASS, GLEN MATHEWS REVIVAL CRUSADE INCORPORATED, TRUSTEES OF THE TURNER CEMETERY C/O BOBBY STOVER, DEBORAH CROSKEY FISHER, DEBBIE FISHER, ROGER TURNER, LORRAINE TURNER, CHARLOTTE CHANDLER, ANNA WHINERY, EUGENE CHANDLER, GENE CHANDLER, DAVID WHINERY, SUE TURNER, SUSAN TURNER, MARITA ANDERSON, RAY TURNER, AVIS JOHNSON, AVIS M. JOHNSON, ANNA WHINERY, JONATHAN TURNER, 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 any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT BUFFALO MAP 13 PARCEL 0002 0000 0000**  
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000008**, located in BUFFALO District, 45 AC WTS GROVES FEE (1/2 O&G OUT), which was returned delinquent or nonenetre in the name of TURNER L D 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES 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 - 2033.	\$	301.52
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 - 2014.	\$	294.38
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	210.80
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	820.42
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,627.12

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## LEGAL

(2024-C-000084 - Clay County - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)  
To: JOHN RANDOLPH OSBORNE, J F WILSON, ROXIE WILSON, MARY IRENE WOFFTER, CECIL PERRY WILSON, CLOVA JARRETT WILSON, MARY ANN WILSON, LEWIS WOOFTER, JOHN FREDERICK WOOFTER, PERRY W WOOFTER, JOHN RANDOLPH WOOFTER, C P WILSON, H M YOUNG T B STEPHENSON, GLENDORA STEPHENSON, M A YOUNG, J FRED WILSON, MARY J WILSON BAUGHMAN, NORA WILSON HICKMAN, LORING WILSON, MARTHA E WILSON GIBSON, S HENDERSON WILSON, W ADDINGTON WILSON, J W BAUGHMAN, W E GIBSON, J M HICKMAN, WV TAX DEPT. TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION RE: JUGMNT 23/352 & 23/280 ACT. 2064-5102, 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 1165 0000**  
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000084**, located in HENRY District, 100 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 1/2 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonenetre in the name of WILSON J F 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES 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 - 7620.	\$	90.86
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 - 7597.	\$	30.24
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	120.80
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	838.41
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,080.31

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## LEGAL

(2024-C-000006 - Clay County - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)  
To: ROBERT L JACKSON C/O TIM SUVANNOPARAT, ROBERT L JACKSON, ROBERT BOB LOUIS JACKSON, IRA JACKSON, MARY JACKSON, TIM JACKSON, TONI JACKSON, TIM SUVANNOPARAT, TONI SUVANNOPARAT, TIM L JACKSON, UTAIWAN P SUVANNOPARAT, UTAIWAN P JACKSON, TONI JACKSON, 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 any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT BUFFALO MAP 12 PARCEL 0024 0000 0000**  
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000006**, located in BUFFALO District, .50 AC FLAT FORK SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonenetre in the name of JACKSON ROBERT L, 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES 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 - 1076.	\$	99.15
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 - 1086.	\$	43.23
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	120.80
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	779.91
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,043.09

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## LEGAL

(2024-C-000245 - Clay County - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)  
To: DAMRON WALTON, KAYLA JONES, PATRICIA LORAIN WALTON LINEBERRY, GLEN WALTON, MAYSEL WALTON, MARY MASEL DURHAM WALTON, GLENN ALLEN WALTON, GARY JONES, DAVID W LINEBERRY, DAMRON WALTON, CONDA WALTON, KAYLA JONES, CHRISTOPHER VIA, STEPHANIE JOHNSON, BRIAN JOHNSON, MONA KAY WALTON HELPER, WANDA RAE WALTON, DOUGLAS ALLEN WALTON, EMMA MAE JOHNSON, GARY LINEBERRY, BONNIE LINEBERRY, TRACI SATTERWHITE, SARAH JOHNSON, ABRAM JOHNSON, LUKE JOHNSON, PHILLIP SATTERWHITE, AMANDA SATTERWHITE, GRANVILLE SATTERWHITE, EMMA E DURHAM, 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 any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT UNION MAP 25 PARCEL 0014 0000 3003**  
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000245**, located in UNION District, 53 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR 1/4 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonenetre in the name of PATRICIA LINEBERRY EST, 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES 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 - 18474.	\$	161.60
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 - 18486.	\$	121.74
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	117.02
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	793.41
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,193.77

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## LEGAL

(2024-C-000196 - Clay County - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)  
To: DAVID M CAMPBELL C/O AMOS CAMPBELL, DAVID M CAMPBELL, DAVID MATTHEW CAMPBELL, AMOS LLOYD CAMPBELL, CHARLENE CAMPBELL, GEORGE CAMPBELL, 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 PLEASANT MAP 13 PARCEL 0017 0014 0000**  
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000196**, located in PLEASANT District, 12 AC WTS SYC SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonenetre in the name of CAMPBELL DAVID M, 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES 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 - 13290.	\$	222.32
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 - 13292.	\$	208.06
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	195.80
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	779.91
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,406.09

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Given under my hand August 28, 2025  
**Christal G. Perry**  
Christal G. Perry  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and  
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# LEGAL

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 25-0634-PWD-30B  
CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Rule 30B application to pass through increased water costs  
from the Town of Clay to the District's water customers.

### NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 13, 2024, the Town of Clay (Town) adopted an ordinance increasing its wholesale resale rate from \$4.82 to \$5.78 per 1,000 gallons, an increase of \$0.96 per 1,000 gallons, or approximately 19.92%.

The Clay County Public Service District filed for increased rates to recover the increased cost of purchased water. Commission Staff reviewed the District's application and recommended that recovering the Town increase will require an increase in the District's rates of \$1.36 per thousand gallons. By Order issued September 3, 2025, the Commission approved the Staff Recommended Rates on an interim basis, for all bills issued on and after September 3, 2025.

The average monthly bill for District customers will be changed as follows over current rates

	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$ 3.67	6.84%
Commercial	\$ 7.75	7.66%

The 30B procedure is designed to provide for a change in rates and charges in order to produce additional revenue sufficient, but no more than sufficient, to offset the increased cost for water purchased by the utility. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of the cost offset and the method by which it is calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless such date is modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

### CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

# LEGAL

(2024-C-000256 - Clay County - ONONDAGA HOLDING CO, LLC)

To: DAVID CALLISON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF GEORGIA YOUNG CALLISON, MARY HELEN LEMON, PAUL RAY CALLISON, JOHNNIE P. CALLISON, JOHN CALLISON, DAVID CALLISON, WILLIAM CALLISON & LISA PURVIZ, 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 any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT UNION MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0034 3004**

You will take notice that ONONDAGA HOLDING CO, LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000256, located in UNION District, 250 AC GRANNIES CRK MIN 1/10 OF 42/512 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonenetered in the name of CALLISON GEORGIA Y HEIRS, 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 March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 16889.	\$ 86.43
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 - 16916.	\$ 23.96
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 104.66
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 234.91
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 449.96

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 25-0364-SWF-PC  
DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC., LCS SERVICES, INC., MEADOWFILL  
LANDFILL, INC., AND NORTHWESTERN LANDFILL, INC.

Petition for consent and approval to Modify Escrow Agreements.

### NOTICE OF FILING & HEARING

On April 7, 2025, Disposal Service, Inc., LCS Services, Inc., Meadowfill Landfill, Inc., and Northwestern Landfill, Inc. (collectively, Petitioners) filed an application to request the Commission approve (i) the termination of the current escrow agreements with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (JPMorgan) and WesBanco Bank, Inc. (WesBanco), (ii) the liquidation of the current escrow accounts at JPMorgan and WesBanco, and (iii) the use of surety bonds to demonstrate financial assurance for closure and post-closure costs for the Landfills.

The Petitioners have requested to terminate and liquidate the following escrow agreements:

1. Escrow agreement entered into on March 30, 2000 between Disposal Service Incorporated (DSI), the Commission, and Bank One West Virginia (now JPMorgan).
2. Escrow agreement entered into on November 21, 2001 between LCS Service Landfill (LCS), the Commission, and Bank One West Virginia (now JPMorgan).
3. Escrow agreement entered into on September 24, 1996 between Mid-American Waste Systems of Harrison, Inc. (now Meadowfill Landfill, Inc.), the Commission, and The Heritage Bank of Harrison County, Inc. (now WesBanco).
4. Escrow agreement entered into on December 10, 1998 between Northwestern Landfill, Inc. (Northwestern), the Commission, the Parkersburg Utility Board (PUB), and WesBanco.

The Petitioners were notified by JPMorgan that it desired to cease serving as the escrow agent for the DSI and LCS escrow accounts. The Petitioners have submitted closure plans, including estimated closure and post-closure costs, for the Landfills to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the closure plans and has agreed with the estimated closure and post-closure costs for the Landfills.

Petitioners submit that any surety bonds obtained by Petitioners will be in an amount at least equal to the estimated closure and post-closure costs for the Landfills.

The Commission set a hearing date on the Application which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 17, 2025, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the web docket.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or request to intervene that briefly states the reason for the protest or request to intervene. Requests to intervene must comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and must be filed by 4:00 P.M. on October 3, 2025. The Commission will receive public comments throughout the entirety of the proceeding. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812) Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

**Disposal Service, Inc., LCS Services, Inc. Meadowfill  
Landfill, Inc., and Northwestern Landfill, Inc.**

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**DISTRICT HENRY MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0110 0000**

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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 - 3508.	\$ 23.96
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 166.35
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 234.91
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 511.65

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# Panthers christen the new field with a big win

**Allen Hamrick**

It was perfect weather for football this past Friday night as the CCHS Panthers took on the Indians of Sissonville. This home opener officially christened the new field, and a win would seal the deal. Alumni, from football players to major-ettes, took part in the ceremony to open the new field. These men and women played and cheered when the field was dirt and blood mixed from teams of hard-hitting bone breaking action that was a staple of this community. From mud- and snow-covered fields to fog and mist, the battle between who was the best played on down through generations that will not be forgotten but...the good old days are over. This is the dawn of a new day, and those washed and clean uniforms will more than likely stay that way.

The new field affords the opportunity for the future pro bowl players of Clay County to be the best they can be, a place where there will be no more bad hops on the softball field; although, I believe that sliding into base will take some getting used to. This field will be a place that, if Clay ever gets a soccer team, they will have a regulation field to play on. All the board members and Greg Gency, President of Clay County Bank, were on hand to watch superintendent Phil Dobbins officially cut the ribbon on the new field. It's here, it is pretty and it's a nice touch for the youth and the school system.

This game against the Indians was the Panthers' true home opener, and a win on the new field was needed to spring-board the future of the field. There was no way a team should even think they

could come onto Panther fresh real estate on a special night and do anything but lose, no matter who they are or how far they travelled to get here.

Buzzards circled the field and had their sights set on the Indians the whole game; they knew the end was four quarters away and just a matter of time. Straight out of the chute, the Panther offense and defense went to work on the Indians. When the Indians got the ball the Panther defense took it back quickly as Jakoby Nichols intercepted. After a couple of punts by both teams, the ball was handed to Brody Scarbro, and he took it to the house on a big run from scrimmage. This was not going to be a repeat of the Roane loss. The Indians could not get the ball past the Panther defense and had to punt. The ball went to speedster Jakoby Nichols who juke and jived his way into the endzone for the punt return, leaving the Indians scattered all over the field.

The Panthers gave the Indians an early Christmas present and let them score to keep the game interesting. The Panthers came right back and a run by Brody Scarbro took the ball in the endzone for his second TD of the evening. The Indians snuck past the Panther defense again and scored but were answered once again by Cooper Collins who took the ball into the endzone himself. It was the play of the game with just under ten seconds remaining. The Indians had the ball and were fifteen yards out from scoring, with one last chance for a score. They threw the ball, Joel Elliott intercepted and literally kicked in the after burners to outrun the field. He took it nearly 100 yards for the

TD as time ran out. If that boy was on the CCHS Track team, there might be a champion in the making. At the half, it was Panthers 34, Indians 14. The game moved on after that, and it was all Panthers as they went on to score twenty more points to end the game Panthers 54 Indians 21. The game was well played by the Panthers, all the right calls were made at the right time and executed by the players and the Indians never stood a chance.

On offense, the Panthers played as if this was a championship game. One can't say enough about the offensive line - they did a great job containing the Indian defense, allowing for some good runs and giving Cooper Collins the time he needed. The Panthers will be at home again against South Harrison this Friday evening, so come out and support the team.



Joel Elliott kicks in the jets.



A ribbon cutting was held at the new field.



Jakoby Nichols looks for running room.



Alumni majorettes were in action and didn't miss a beat.



Panthers triple team the QB.



Panthers take the field.

## Mustangs fall to the Bears

**By Allen Hamrick**

The Mustang football team had a tough, tough time Thursday night as they travelled to Summersville to take on the Bears. The Mustangs and the Bears were a pretty good matchup with the Bears having a slight size difference. The Mustangs, coming off a win against Sherman where they dominated the grid iron on offense and defense, hoped to bring that momentum to this game. The Mus-

tangs would have their hands full to bring a win against the Bears, but with the way they have played it seemed it would be no problem.

However, it was not to be in this game as the Mustangs fell off the wagon and got rolled over by the wheels, so to speak. The Mustangs just couldn't seem to get their defense working as in the Sherman game or their offense either. There were some highlights in

the game for the Mustangs on defense and offense, but it just wasn't enough to match the game of the Bears. Somewhere there was somebody pushing needles in a CCMS football voodoo doll. No matter what they tried, they just couldn't get the Vegas odds in their favor and get the ball in the end zone.

When the game ended, the score stood at 0-42 with the Bears winning the game. Next week, South Harrison Middle comes to town

for homecoming night. The Mustangs will once again have their hands full, but hopefully this loss will get rid of all the bugs. This will be the first home game for the Mustangs and Clay Middle's first dance on the million-dollar field, so come out and support them. Optimistically, this week of practice will iron out the bugs in the Mustang offense, and they will be ready to crush South Harrison. Go Mustangs!



Logan Morton looks down the grid for a receiver.



Ryder McMillion cracks the whip on the line.