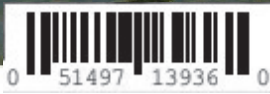




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Clay County Boy Scout Troop 123 honors area veterans with free dinner

By Gary Lee Stuber

Veterans in Clay County were once again honored and treated to a free meal for Veterans Day by the local Clay County Boy Scouts Troop 123 on Sunday afternoon on Nov. 9 at the Clay County High School cafeteria.

This has become an annual event sponsored primarily by the Boy Scouts of America in Clay. Hours were 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., allowing most veterans to finish church service and attend a great meal on the way home. Dinners were nominally priced for family and friends but veterans ate free. The meal was baked steak and gravy or ham steak (and veterans issued a name tag were offered both). Meal also included mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing and oversize school rolls. The meal also included a drink and a desert. Scouts maned the front table, acted as bus boys, waiters, assisting elderly to tables by carrying cafeteria trays to tables, and cleaned up afterward.

Many veterans, particularly war veterans, arrived in uniform and were treated with respect and honor by scouts tending to them. This has become an annual tradition at Clay, always the Sunday afternoon before

Veterans Day.

The Boy Scouts Troup 123 wanted to thank their supporters who help then to honor Clay County veterans. These sponsors are: Clay County School District, Lizemores Fire Department, Cunningham Motors, Leggs Welding, Pisgha Free Will Baptist Church, Mullin Feed and Seed, and Chapman's Feed Store. Thanks to these generous sponsors.

This has become a tradition in Clay County in November every year. Another tradition coming in the month of December is that many local churches get together and sponsor a free Christmas Dinner at this same high school on a Sunday afternoon just before Christmas. Details forthcoming. The dinner is typically a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings including pump-kn pie. This is offered FREE to all Clay County residents (and family members home for visits). Plan to participate.

Local restraunteur Judy Carr of Cool Car's Dairy Bar in Bickmore offered veterans a free meal on Tuesday, Nov. 11, actual Veteran's Day, a free meal too. This was two hot dogs made to order, fries and a soft drink.



Local boy scout troop members hosted the annual free Veterans Day meal at Clay County High School.



Veterans and their families participate in the luncheon.

Doors of the new Clay County Judicial Annex to be opened by month's end

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission met last week for the first of its two regular meetings in November. The commission dealt primarily with routine business and approved minutes from the previous meeting, bills, purchase orders, budget revisions, erroneous assessments as presented by the Assessor, fiduciary appointments as provided by the Clay County Clerk, probating wills, last testaments, affidavits of waiver, and final estate settlements. All three commissioners were present as well as the county clerk recording the event.

Terry Martin intended to be present, but was unfortunately delayed until the next meeting which will be held on Nov. 24. Because of his absence, he could not update the status of Congressional Directed

Spending for Clay County 911 relocation. However, the commission did approve his invoices for the Big Otter Waterline Extension, the invoices for the Grassy Fork Waterline Extension, the invoices for the Clay County Judicial Annex, and his request for reapplying for the Ossia Road Waterline Extension from HUD funding.

Speaking of the Clay County Judicial Annex, by the time of the second Clay County Commission Meeting this month, the new Judicial Annex should be officially open for relocation of current courthouse, and old courthouse, offices.

The commission also approved a motion to advertise for an additional position of courthouse janitor. This is a second position for both the new courthouse and the judicial annex. Both janitors will service

both side-by-side locations.

Technically, there was no additional business, but when the commission opened discussion to the floor, the same two women present at the last commission meeting who brought up concerns regarding PEIA insurance coverage continued to do so, however, they were cut off by a statement by Commission President Joyce Johnson: "We have gotten more information since the last time we met. We have new numbers, and we have not decided what we are going to do with it yet. We are still considering all that, but nothing can be done until we reach open enrollment which comes up next April. Until then we can continue to plan. We have time to do this." The commission allowed comment from the two without

further discussion.

If there was anything of new interest during the meeting, it was that the commission opened the meeting at 8:55 and the entire meeting was over by 9:03 a.m. Donna Salisbury arriving at 9 a.m. glanced at her watch so see if she was late. She was not. When challenged on the meeting starting early, Commission President Johnson pointed to the clock at the back of the room that seemed to indicate it was at least 9:10 a.m. It was noted that the physical old style clock had been set back that previous weekend to adjust for daylight savings time. Obviously, whomever had set it had made the error. The clock will likely be adjusted to correct the time by the next meeting on the Nov. 24.

Governor Morrissey Announces Full SNAP Funding Restored for all West Virginians

Governor Patrick Morrissey announced on Thursday, Nov. 13, that federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has been restored. As of today, every SNAP cardholder in West Virginia should be fully funded and able to purchase food with their EBT cards.

"The one thing I made clear from the start was that no one was going to go hungry," Governor Morrissey said. "The Schumer Shutdown hurt a lot of people both here and around the country, but when we were tested, our people rose to the occasion."

Since the government shutdown on October 1, Governor Morrissey has authorized more than \$13 million in emergency state support to help food banks and pantries meet the needs of families across West Virginia. These funds provided critical resources to ensure that local communities had food on their shelves and that no one was turned away during the shutdown period.

The West Virginia National Guard

played a key role throughout the response, assisting with logistics, food distribution, and transportation to help ensure supplies reached every corner of the state. Led by Maj. Gen. Jim Seward, guard members coordinated directly with food banks, local officials, and volunteers to streamline deliveries and keep operations running smoothly during the peak of the crisis.

West Virginia's food banks, food pantries, churches, and community organizations also stepped up to fill the void by working around the clock to serve thousands of families in need. Their efforts, combined with the generosity of citizens and local businesses, demonstrated the compassion, strength, and unity that define the Mountain State.

"This is what West Virginia is all about. When times get tough, we come together. I want to thank the people at our food banks, the National Guard, and everyone else who helped make sure that no one went hungry," Governor Morrissey concluded.

Panthers thump the Raiders and move to quarterfinals



The Randy Moss catch of the night goes to Joel Elliott. By Allen Hamrick

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

CLAY COUNTY



Raymond Michael Dechert
Booked 11/10/25
Sexual abuse in the first degree



Steven Howard Duffield
Booked 11/14/25
Receive, transfer stolen goods < \$1,000



Earl Kristopher Stone
Booked 11/15/25
Reckless driving, obstructing an officer, crashes involving death or personal injuries (Erin's Law)



Madison Elizabeth Donaway
Booked 11/13/25
Joyriding



Donnie Lee Gosling
Booked 11/11/25
Driving revoked for DUI



Robert Lee Wilt
Booked 11/14/25
Terroristic threats

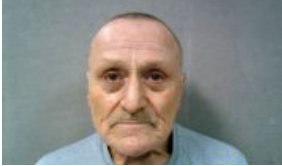
NICHOLAS COUNTY



John Aaron Bever
Booked 11/17/25
Destruction of property, trespassing



Timothy Lee Diamond II
Booked 11/13/25
Capias



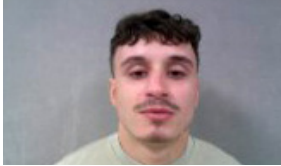
Teddy James Kyer
Booked 11/16/25
Expired registration, driving revoked for DUI, seat belt violation



Ronnie Lynn Legg
Booked 11/16/25
Prohibited person with firearm



Jason Edward McClanahan
Booked 11/14/25
Grand larceny



Dustin Lee McClung
Booked 11/12/25
Possession controlled substance, interfering with emergency communications, domestic battery

NICHOLAS CTY.



Debbie Marie Springer
Booked 11/13/25
Capias



PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

OBITUARY



Linda Given

Linda Ann Simmons Given, 80 years old of Spencer formally of Clay passed away peacefully on November 13 at Hubbard hospice house. She is preceded in death by her husband Earl Given parents Sidney and Ruth Simmons and nephew Sid Jackson. Linda was born in Web-

ster Springs at her maternal grandparents home the first of four daughters. She is survived by her son Billy Morehead (Kelly) of Looneyville, sisters Rose Jackson (Larry), Sherry Turcic (Pete), Donna Samples (Mick), three grandchildren Billy, Nick and Olivia, nephew Matthew Jackson and niece Kellie Morehead. A celebration of her life was held at Wilson-Smith Funeral Home in Clay, Monday 11/17/2025 at 11:30am, Funeral services at 1:00pm. Linda was laid to rest at Sunset Cemetery in Fola.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Linda's honor to the animal shelter/rescue of your choice.

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

5	9	6	1	3	8	4	7	2
8	7	3	4	9	2	5	6	1
4	1	2	6	7	5	8	9	3
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3	4	7	5	8	6	2	1	9
6	2	8	9	1	7	3	4	5
9	5	1	3	2	4	7	8	6

Super Crossword

Answers

MEANT	SNOWCAP	STOWAGE
OWNER	MINEOLA	PARADES
JANEALEXANDER	RIDDLES	
ONS	COL	ACETIC
REALBAD	KEITHURBAN	
RICKYMARTIN	NEIN	
ABOO	RALLYING	IRATE
MES	ASAN	ALLYSON
ARTBRUT	STOLE	MAYBESO
DIALUP	COENS	MIN
AARONPAUL	ELTONJOHN	
ODE	WATTS	BOOBOO
ESPOUSE	MIREDD	HOBBITS
DIRKBENEDICT	CUTS	SCI
SPODE	ALGERIAN	APAL
RIGG	DICKGREGORY	
MELISSALEO	SEERESS	
UPON	ORELSE	YAH
SCROLLS	CONNIEFRANCIS	
TORNADO	ALIENTO	REUNE
STEEPEN	REDDEER	POPE

October 2025 PAX Stars named



Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students! Students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the October 2025 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!

Mr. Dustin Vaughan – 5th Grade – Ellayna Brown

Mrs. Smith – 5th Grade – Kinslie Murphy
Mr. Stricker – 4th Grade – Aaliyla Young
Mr. Dylan Vaughan - 4th Grade - Kendra Taylor
Ms. Jarvis – 2nd Grade – Rylan Whittington
Ms. Douglas – 1st Grade – Wren Burge
Mrs. Collins – Kindergarten – Lincoln Vaughan
Mrs. Marks - PreK - Lainey Tully
Mr. Shepherd - Brentley Dawson
Mrs. Montgomery – PreK – Josie Gray

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A Single Act Of Kindness

By Joe Mazzella

When I was a young man just starting college I began to write my first articles for a local county newspaper. I hadn’t been doing this for long when I received a letter from a young woman who got the paper out of state. She had been in grade school with me many years ago. She told me of what it was like for her then. Health problems had stunted her growth and distorted her appearance. She was bullied and teased often. And she felt scared, sad, and alone.

Then one day the teachers took us all on a field trip to the local Post Office. They had us line up two by two and hold hands to keep anyone from wandering off. No one was wanting to hold her hand or walk with her but suddenly I volunteered. I think something deep inside me had opened my eyes to see her sadness. I held her hand and talked to her all the way to the Post Office and back. She wrote me that the kindness and compassion I showed her that day made school feel bearable again. We would sometimes talk after that but I didn’t know the impact I had made on her life. Her family moved away during the summer that year and I never saw her again. But after getting her letter that year in college we started to write each other and remained friends for several years until her life-long health problems finally took her life.

It is said that: “A single act of kindness can change a person’s life.” After getting that first letter from my friend I knew that this was true. Every act of kindness is precious. Every act of kindness is priceless. Every act of kindness is a gift from God that we are called to share with love. And each one has the power to change a life.

I am just happy that God gave me the chance that day so many years ago to be kind to a sad, little girl and to bring a moment of love and joy into her life. And I pray that one day I will see her again in a place where the love, joy, and kindness never end.

Home Country

Slim Randles

As I lay there in my super-duper borrowed-from-the-Army mummy bag, I had time to think about things. Mostly, I pondered how stupid I’d been to take a dog team out across the North Slope of Alaska in November.

As I can now contemplate, 50 years later, it was a dumb thing to do, making the first crossing north to south from Prudhoe Bay’s frozen oil fields to the Brooks Range. Brooks Range roughly translates to “that frozen rockpile there to the south.”

But even then, in the deadly silence of the arctic, I knew my doing this was ... well, me. I guessed at the time it would cost me my life, but I don’t know if I could’ve done otherwise. I HAD to do it. Ever since that first dogsled trip nearly a year earlier, I knew I was entangled in driving a dog team for good purposes. And good stories.

That first trip, from what was then McKinley (now Denali) National Park was to prove there were good dogs in the Anchorage pound. My whole eight dog team came from there. And we succeeded in finding homes for each of the dogs in my team except one, and I kept him.

This time, however, the trip was to raise money for the Jesse Lee Home for Children in Anchorage.

But there in the tent, there was just this silence. The wind blew mercilessly over the little arctic tent I had pitched there. The team dogs had long since tunneled down into the snow to sleep off the storm. And this silence. Well, it was a secret and I realized it at the time. Those foolish people who do what I did discover, too late, that life disappears and is just gone. No more deadlines at the paper. No more family. And no one would ever really know how I died because I was alone in this little tent on the frozen Sagavanirktok River somewhere near Franklin Bluffs.

Then, after a few days of thinking I was the last person on earth, I heard the helicopter.

If you helicopter fellows are still around, thank you once again. The last 50 years have had a lot of love and laughter in them.

Brought to you by Slim’s first book “Dogsled, a True Tale of the North,” available at your library or from amazon.com.

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Did I Really Say That?

By Dr. James Snyder

As far back as I can remember, I wanted to be a writer. My maternal grandmother wrote poems and would read one at the family gathering. I don’t know if that’s where I got it, but I got it.

I wrote poems as a teenager, although I never shared them with anybody. Back then, I did not have a computer, so all my poems were on paper. I had a stack of them, but when I moved away to college, for some reason, I left them behind and have not seen them since.

In high school, I was failing English—if you can believe that—and my teacher said if I gave him a poem each week, he would make sure I passed and graduated. That set me off writing poems; I only wish I knew what those poems were. At least I graduated.

Writing was a priority in my life, and I was around 16 when I got my first typewriter for Christmas. That was a very wonderful Christmas for me. I used that typewriter almost every day. Years later, I was able to get an electric typewriter, which made all the difference in the world to me.

I like to create words and phrases in my head and practice them before writing.

One of my favorite writers at the time was James Thurber, who wrote the famous short story, “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.” Later on, it was made into a movie.

James Thurber was blind, and his work schedule was to write his stories in his head at night, then dictate them to his secretary in the morning. That always impressed me.

It encouraged me to make things up in my head and think it through before I wrote them down.

I could create words and phrases and assemble them in sentences that really made sense. As I got older, however, my tongue and my brain had a falling-out. I could think of things in my head, but my stubborn tongue would never get them right. This caused me a lot of trouble. I think my tongue did it on purpose.

Most of the trouble was with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

One of her infamous questions to me is, “What are you thinking?”

That is one of the most challenging questions I have to answer. Do I tell her what I’m actually thinking or make up a story that would make her happy?

Usually, I would give a quick response that would satisfy her at that moment. To tell her what I was thinking would take several hours—who has time for that? Not her.

Sometimes I’ll be thinking about something and start chuckling to myself. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is there with me and asked, “What’s so funny?”

I look at her quite seriously and say, “I was just

thinking about a joke. Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because, 7 8 9.”

She might have believed me the first time I said that, but never after.

Sometimes, when you speak your mind, you either confuse the other person or get yourself in trouble. That’s been my experience throughout the years.

Often, when watching TV at night, I’m thinking about my sermon for the weekend. I will go over and over the elements of that sermon and work it out in my mind.

I’m not paying too much attention to what we’re watching on TV. But, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will say, “Did you see that? Wasn’t that amazing?”

At the time, I had no idea what she was talking about. But I go along with her and say, “That certainly was amazing.”

Then, much to my shock, she replies, “Tell me what was the most amazing part of that scene?”

Now I am in a situation I can’t get out of. She has caught me many times in this kind of situation.

It is not that I can’t pay attention; I’m just thinking about something altogether different. I’m working it out in my head so I can put it all in writing in the morning. That’s just the way I work.

We’ll be driving across town in her Sissy Van. She’s behind the wheel, and I’m sitting in the passenger seat, thinking about a project I’m working on. That’s a great time for me to think through some project I’m working on.

“Oh, my,” she said very excitedly. “Did you see that?”

Now I’m in a pickle jar, and not sure what she saw. Most of the time, I respond, “Yes, that was really something.”

She will glance at me and say, “I was referring to the dead raccoon on the road back there.”

I will never get it right. I can spend the first few moments in the car chatting back and forth, but sooner or later, my mind will focus on a project, and I won’t hear or see anything around me.

It’s not my mind that gets me into trouble; rather, it is my tongue.

I can’t help but think of a verse in the Bible that deals with the tongue. “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!” (James 3:5).

Most of my trouble stems from my tongue. If I can control my tongue, my life would be a better experience.

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Stealing public water and
damaging hydrants

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia wants you to know that damaging a fire hydrant anywhere in this state is illegal, as is taking water from a water system without paying for it.

Ultimately, when a utility’s service is diverted to an unauthorized person’s usage, the public ends up paying the bill.

It is as illegal to steal the electricity from a line as it would be to steal the copper wire through which that power is carried.

Unfortunately, these types of activities have been occurring in our state.

A case of this nature was recently brought to my attention by House of Delegates member Charles Sheedy, whose district includes most of Marshall County and northern Wetzel.

Our Commission has jurisdiction over many water systems and all public service districts in this state. The Legislature also gave the Commission jurisdiction over the state’s 50,000 fire hydrants to ensure they operate properly when needed.

If an individual taps into a water system and is not an authorized user, then the rest of that system’s ratepayers end up paying the bill. That is an illegal theft of services and can be prosecuted if the perpetrator is found.

We know of cases where fire hydrants have been tapped illegally for various reasons. This generally occurs at night or in rural locations, where the perpetrators hope to go unnoticed.

In some of these cases, the hydrants have been damaged in the process by these perpetrators to the point that they no longer function properly.

The ratepayers again pick up the tab for this illegal action.

But, even more concerning, is what if a fire occurs



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

where the damaged fire hydrant is located?

The fire department would be unaware that it could not use the hydrant. The result could be the loss of property or even lives.

We take very seriously at the Commission the authorization the Legislature has given us in overseeing fire hydrants.

Public utilities are a lifesaving service that are there to help and to protect each one of us. No individual, group of people, or company has the right to steal the services you ultimately pay for.



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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Nov. 19, 1899: Sculptor Gladys Tuke was born in Linwood, Pocahontas County. Tuke was a member of the original artist colony at The Greenbrier; during World War II, she taught at Ashford General Hospital, and later established a pottery and sculpture studio in White Sulphur Springs.



Nov. 19, 1900: William Page Pitt was born in New York City. In 1926, Pitt joined the faculty of what was then Marshall Col-

lege. In his 45-year career at Marshall, he built its journalism program into one with dozens of classes and hundreds of students. Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named in his honor.

Nov. 19, 1909: The Lincoln County Courthouse was burned. With coal, oil and gas, and timber booming, arson was suspected for the purpose of destroying land records and confusing titles.

Nov. 19, 1921: The USS *West Virginia* was christened. It was one of six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, that suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. It was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines.

Nov. 20, 1894: Eight men were killed in a coal mine disaster near Colliers, Brooke County. They were using a dan-

gerous method called "shooting from the solid," meaning that they blasted the coal loose without first undercutting it.

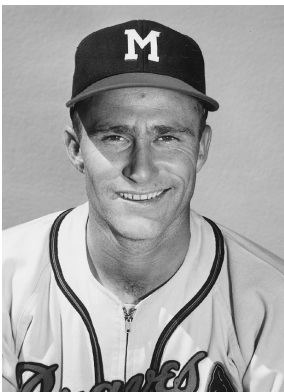


Nov. 20, 1917: Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.

Nov. 20, 1968: An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company's No. 9 mine near Farmington killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to the issue of mine safety.

Nov. 21, 1810: Allen Taylor Caperton was born in Monroe County. Caperton served in the Confederate Senate during the Civil War and in the U.S. Senate from 1875 to 1876.

Nov. 22, 1910: Fire destroyed the academic building at Concord College. By the next morning, community leaders had arranged to teach the 300 students in rooms throughout the town of Athens.



Nov. 22, 1926: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette, an outstanding professional baseball player, spent most of his

career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series to help defeat the New York Yankees.

Nov. 23, 1962: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.

Nov. 24, 2008: Former Governor Cecil Underwood died in Charleston. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, had the distinction of being the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.



Nov. 24, 2015: For her

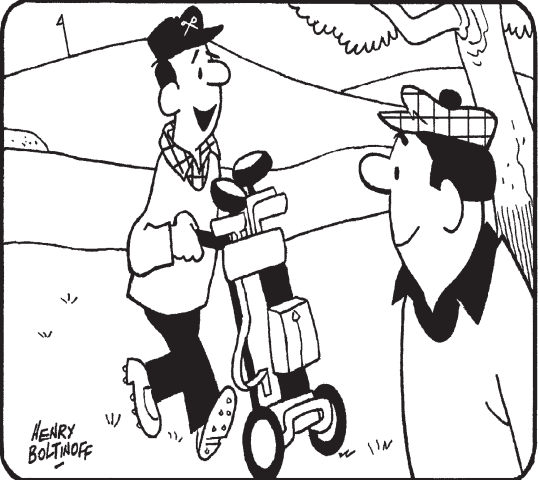
accomplishments in the field of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Johnson worked for NASA calculating trajectories for manned space flights.

Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Kentucky. He starred for various teams in the Negro leagues in the days when Major League Baseball was segregated. Thomas settled in Charleston after his playing days and had a long career in West Virginia state government.

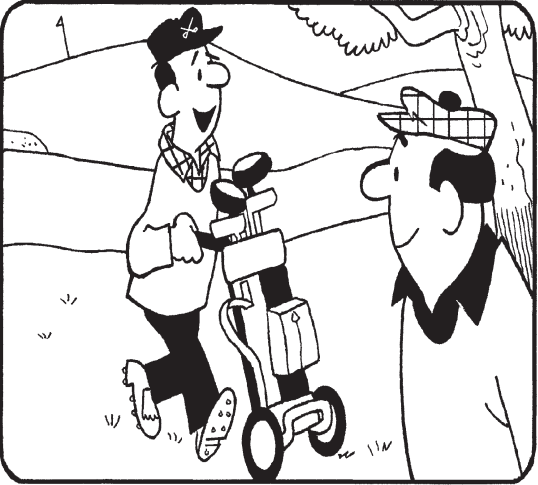


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Club is missing. 2. Man has less hair. 3. Cap is different. 4. Nose is different. 5. Shoe is different. 6. Golf bag strap is different.

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

“NO SURRENDER!”

ACROSS

- 1 Covered decoratively, as walls
8 Info to input
12 Bygone rival of Delta
15 Widespread
19 More foam-filled
20 “My turn now”
21 Wrestler Flair
22 English prep school
23 “Assuming this is relevant ...”
25 Very angry
27 “Illmatic” rapper
28 Large burden
29 Farthest down
30 Chop to bits
33 Far enough not to be in danger
38 Unlock, in verse
39 Rocket interceptor, in brief
41 Truncates
42 Corp. VIPs
43 Covert org.
44 Easy victory
46 Beer barrel
47 Heats a little
48 Pricy plane section

- 52 “Yes, that’s what I said”
56 Figure skater Kulik
57 Boston basketballer
59 Beginner, in slang
60 Jazz wailer
61 “Maintain self-control!”
66 “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” actress
67 Bridges
68 1924 Edna Ferber novel
72 Become a queen, as a princess
79 Commercials
82 Kingdom in Genesis
83 “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” character
84 German city on der Rhein
85 Test the suitability of
89 Advice that may calm someone
91 Clingy wrap
92 Pro at CPR

- 94 In — (in its original place)
95 Summer, in Soissons
96 Writer Bagnold
97 Set in motion
102 Kylo of “Star Wars”
103 Atmosphere
104 2008 novel by John L. Parker Jr.
107 Helsinki natives
109 Sounds
110 Head, in Nice
111 Hairstyles
112 Camps in the wild, e.g.
115 Subject of the adage formed by the starts of nine long answers in this puzzle
120 Tot’s query
121 Observe
122 District
123 Plane pilot
124 Boatloads
125 Singer Rita
126 Covert “Hey!”
127 Belt holes

DOWN

- 1 Tire pressure meas.

- 2 “— Wiedersehen”
3 PalmPilot, e.g., in brief
4 Channel for college sports
5 Split to bits
6 Wiggly fishes
7 Soft & —
8 Singers Ross and Krall
9 Attack from hiding
10 City south of Topeka, KS
11 Gibbon, e.g.
12 Old TV tube
13 Beneficial to both sides
14 Entry
15 Patronize
16 TGIF’s “I”
17 Enemy
18 Terminate
24 Military bed
26 Virginia hrs.
29 Terminate
30 Trust (in)
31 20th Greek letter
32 Splitting
33 Magic charm
34 Glenn of the Eagles
35 Quiz whizzes, perhaps
36 Key next to a period
37 Newark’s county
40 Lawn bowling variety
45 Soft mineral
47 Indiana river
49 Fills totally
50 Gawk
51 Fathered
53 Linking word in Leipzig
54 “Hath — sister?”: Shakespeare
55 “That’s icky!”
58 Detailed evaluations, in brief
62 Affix with paste
63 Bidirectional, as a door
64 Tartrate, e.g.
65 Thom of Radiohead
69 Using logical operators
70 Using Nero’s language
71 Kids of boomers
73 Nav. officer
74 Bus. firms
75 Bygone U.K. record label
76 Old Hollywood’s — Code
77 Whole

- 78 Fed. bond
79 Sailing
80 Partner of Sturm
81 Iraq neighbor
86 Appearing gradually, as a film scene
87 Sixth Greek letters
88 Arab chief
90 Flee fast
93 Torn clothes
97 “True indeed”
98 More prying
99 Cold brew, informally
100 “But wait, — more!”
101 Really vexes
105 Japanese dance-drama
106 “No kidding!”
108 Violinist Stern
111 “Whip It” rock band
112 TV brand
113 Granola tidbit
114 Party card game
115 Mushy food
116 Ryder vehicle
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118 Iowa college
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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike
should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.



October 1958



Above are the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strickland Nancy, 13; and Joan, 11; who attend school at Dille, W. Va. Mr. Strickland works on Oscar Miles' No. 1 Joy Section which was featured in the last issue of the Widen News Pictorial. These two young ladies should have been pictured then but the engravings were not received in time.

SPECIAL MEETING OF GROUND OBSERVER CORPS

Members of the Widen Post of the Ground Observer Corps (KILO JULIET O-2 BLACK) met Thursday night, October 23, 1958—a special meeting called by Post Supervisor John L. Henley for members to get acquainted with Sgt. L. W. Jeffries, the new Air Corps representative in this area, who replaced Sgt. Charles Herring, who was transferred to the Air Defense Filter Center in Charleston, West Virginia.

The Sleepy Creek Public Hunting Area, in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, consists of over 21,000 acres of rugged hunting and trout fishing country.

A is for ACCIDENTS, fatal and frequent. Here are some causes, both pithy and piquant!

B is for BRAKES—you'll be in a sad spot if you want to stop and your auto does not!

C is for COURTESY — COMMON SENSE — CARE. Use them on highways; drive safety, play fair.

D is for DRINKING. Remember this rule: A driver who drinks and then drives is a fool.

E is for EVENING. When darkness is falling. Deaths on the highway at dusk are appalling.

F is for FAILURE to signal. You'll find other folks seldom can read your mind!

G is the GRADE CROSSINGS. Drivers with brains Stop, Look and Listen for oncoming trains.

I is where streets INTERSECT. Experts say the smart drivers always will yield right-of-way.

J is for JAY-WALKING; people in hast wind up in bed for a lifetime to waste.

K is from KNOWLEDGE of rules for safe driving. It's wise, when you start, to be sure of arriving!

L is for LICENSE to drive. Does you state have high license standards? Or leave things to fate?

M is MECHANICAL failure. Inspection, required for all cars, is worthwhile protection.

N is for NO-PASSING signs—your cue to stay on your side of the road and not stew!

O is for ONE-EYED cars, coming at night. Is the rest of the car on the left? Or the right?

P is PEDESTRIANS, give them a break. Patience is a virtue, when lives are at stake.

Q is for QUICK STOPS and let us remind you, you can get rammed by the car close behind you. you're observed by a cop!

R is for RED LIGHTS: they always mean stop, whether or not

S is for SPEEDING—and driver take warning: Drive at safe speeds or your wife may wear mourning!

T is for TIRES—if one bursts like a bubble chances are good you are in for bad trouble.

U is UTMOST care when the highways are slick. You can skid on a curve in an eyelash's flick!

V is for VISION and vision's a "must." Keep windshields clear of all ice, rain and dust.

W is WEAVING through traffic-jammed streets. Death and destruction await such mad feats.

X MARKS THE SPOT where a guy in a huff passed on a curve. There was not room enough!

Y is for YOUTH—the hope of our nation. Do your schools give courses in driver education?

Z is for ZONES where the kids are at play. Drive slowly here, if it takes you all day!

ABOUT WEST VIRGINIA

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By Kyle McCormick, Director
West Virginia Department of
Archives and History
CHARLESTON, West Virginia
—As the clock struck twelve on the night of June 30, 1914, an important personage was put to death legally in West Virginia—John Barleycorn. This was the time that West Virginia went dry.

But John Barleycorn did not die without a struggle, for five West Virginians met death that night as the result of his efforts. A drunk stumbled behind a saloon on Summers Street in Charleston, a robber struck him over the head. The drunk died, the robber got 85 cents.

A man flourished a pistol in a saloon at Williamson. Two constables made an effort to arrest him. One constable bit dust as did the man with the pistol.

Two miners loaded up with liquor and retreated to their mountain cabin in Mingo County—a fire that night consumed the liquor, the cabin and the two men.

There were 1,200 saloons in West Virginia on June 1, 1914, 102 of them in Wheeling. Only one Wheeling saloon was open that night, the others had sold out of whiskey before seven o'clock.

There were 34 saloons and one brewery in Clarksburg. Mayor Cole issued a proclamation that there would be no celebration—but the boys celebrated in a quiet and dignified manner, the Clarksburg newspaper stated, with great crowds on the streets of Clarksburg. There were but nine arrests for disorderly conduct and being drunk.

Clarksburg had the dubious honor of having the first speak-easy raid, that on July 1st. The first arrest under the new Yost law was at Chester; a man was arrested at Weston for selling cider.

Charleston sustained that loss of 52 retail and wholesale liquor houses and one brewery. The crowds the last night were noisy and made the rounds of all the saloons that had any wet goods left.

Parkersburg had less than a half a dozen saloons remaining open by ten o'clock that night, but in later days Marietta, a few miles up the river from Parkersburg, was a local oasis. Things were quiet in Huntington, but the boys had to wait in line at the bar at Hotel Frederick. The cooling system could not cool the beer fast enough for the customers.

Drug stores took over the favored business spots of the saloons in Bluefield, and the Bluefield Telegraph commented that business the next day had not suffered from loss of the saloons. Out-

side the Kelly and Moyer saloon, one of the better places, there was a sign. "Gone for the holiday, back in 1950!" but 1950 found the state in the business of dispensing liquor near the same spot.

The state voted dry by nearly 100,000 majority. Only two counties voted wet, Hardy in the Eastern Panhandle, where farmers were accustomed to make their own, and McDowell County, booming with new coal mines. The Legislature passed the prohibition law sponsored by Ellis A. Yost, Morgantown, supposed to be the most drastic prohibition law ever devised and known as the Yost law.

The board governors of the swanky Edgewood Country Club of Charleston forbade any liquor in the place. But irate members appealed to the Supreme Court of West Virginia, which ruled that members could keep liquor in their lockers.

Tax Commissioner Fred O. Blue had the task of enforcing the Yost law, and it was difficult. For a time bootleg trains were run from the inland to wet Ohio and Kentucky, the Baltimore and Ohio to Marietta and the Chesapeake and Ohio to Catlettsburg, Kentucky, where there were 19 saloons in a row.

A million-dollar moonshine business later sprang up on shooting Creek in Floyd and Franklin counties in Virginia which supplied many parts of southern West Virginia until World War II when liquor was transported in coffins instead of dead bodies. Stills sprang up in the most unexpected places, one in a church steeple. One was found within 50 yards of the State Capitol.

Prohibition became much more effective when during World War I, the nation passed the 18th Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution. The federal agents joined state officers in rounding up liquor law violators, and federal judges sent hundreds and even thousands to the federal penitentiaries.

This writer, stopping between trains at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, saw a small lunch stand that had the appearance of also handling wet goods.

Comment was made to the proprietor: "Remember the 19 saloons?" He did. And again "Catlettsburg is the home of Federal Judge Cochran who sends so many of the boys to Atlanta!"

The proprietor quickly came back: "But he always leaves a few of us on the outside to carry on!"

Thus the spirit of John Barleycorn endured!

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Tuesday Night 6:00 PM
Thursday Night 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
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Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:30 PM
Thursday Night Service
7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Junior Davis

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CHURCH** located at Bick-
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Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening services
7:00 PM
Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

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

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

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Preaching 11:00 AM Everyone
is Welcome!

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Service 11:00 AM Sunday
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6:00 PM
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Study every Wednesday 7:00
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Service Sunday Nights at 7:00
PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Come and worship the Lord
with us.
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Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00
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**CLAY UNITED
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
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Pastor: Wilma Dobbins
**CLENDENIN UNITED
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**FLAT FORK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Wednesday Prayer & Bible
Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson
**FOLA MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Adults Bible Study
& Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

**GAULEY BRIDGE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
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Junior BYF/Senior BYF
6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship
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Wednesday night 6:00 PM
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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
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Sunday Evening Worship
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Youth
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Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
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Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

**LEATHERWOOD
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CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM
**LIBERTY ADVENT
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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!
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CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 PM
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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Pastor: Cecil Lee

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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
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Morning at 10:00 AM

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

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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'BRION CHRISTIAN
CHURCH** Sunday School
10:00 AM Preaching after
Sunday School. Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
Pastor: Jason Belt

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

**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

**PROCIUS 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
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VALLEY RIDGE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Night
7:00 PM
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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
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Pastor: Randy Tinney

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Jerry Hanshaw**



Charlotte’s Web Family Night held at Big Otter



Big Otter Elementary had Charlotte’s Web Family Night earlier this month. It was a fun evening of learning and games. Families and students enjoyed playing Charlotte’s Web bingo, completing STEM activities, and playing games.

Principal Anthony Boggs discussed how to read student data gathered from the iReady instructional program. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make Charlotte’s Web Family Night a huge success!

First Baptist Church gains new youth pastor



Clay First Baptist Church has a new youth pastor. Stan Souder, son-in-law to assistant pastor Rocky Osborne, was welcomed on November 9 with a Fellowship Diner after services. He is pictured here with his wife

Amanda next to him, and his daughter Bella beside her mother. Stan has already been a big help to the church and is a wonderful part of the team. Welcome Stan and family.

LEGAL

Clay County Commission
Job Description - Janitor
Location: Clay County Courthouse & Judicial Annex
Reports To: Clay County Commission
Position Summary
The Janitor is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness, safety, and overall appearance of the Clay County Courthouse and Judicial Annex. This position ensures that all offices, restrooms, hallways, and public areas are kept clean and orderly to provide a safe and welcoming environment for employees and visitors.
Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Sweep, mop, vacuum, and clean floors in all areas of the Courthouse and Judicial Annex.
- Empty trash and recycling containers and replace liners as needed.
- Clean and disinfect restrooms, including toilets, sinks, mirrors, and floors; restock soap, paper towels, and other supplies.
- Clean and dust furniture, fixtures, windows, doors, and other surfaces.
- Maintain cleanliness of entrances, hallways, stairwells, and public areas.
- Clean and maintain the break rooms, meeting rooms, and offices.
- Perform minor maintenance duties such as changing light bulbs, replacing ceiling tiles, or reporting repair needs to County Commission
- Ensure janitorial closets and storage areas are kept clean, organized, and secured.
- Maintain inventory of cleaning supplies and notify County Commission when reordering is necessary.
- Unlock and secure buildings as needed; ensure proper security procedures are followed.
- Perform snow and ice removal from entryways and walkways as needed.
- Assist with setup and cleanup for meetings, hearings, and special events when requested.
- Follow safety and sanitation policies and procedures at all times.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent preferred.
- Prior custodial or janitorial experience preferred, but not required.
- Ability to perform physical tasks such as lifting up to 50 pounds, bending, reaching, and standing for extended periods.
- Knowledge of proper cleaning techniques, use of cleaning chemicals, and safety precautions.
- Dependable, trustworthy, and able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism within government facilities.

Work Schedule
This is a **full-time position** with standard weekday hours. Occasional evening or weekend work may be required for special events or emergencies.
Application Process
Applications may be obtained from and submitted to:
Clay County Clerk Office
Clay County Courthouse
246 Main Street
Clay, WV 25043
Deadline is December 5, 2025

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Clay County Board of Health voted on November 3, 2025 to make changes to Clay County Board of Health’s Environmental Fee Schedule. Proposed changes will add two new fees - temporary tattoo permit and temporary body piercing permit fees to the schedule at \$75.00 each. There were no other changes made to the fee schedule. The full current schedule can be viewed at www.cchdww.org. These changes are scheduled to take effect February 1, 2026. Any comments regarding proposed changes are to be mailed to: Clay County Health Dept; Attn: Board of Health Chair; PO Box 36; Clay WV 25043. All comments must be postmarked by: December 5, 2025

LEGAL
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON
CASE NO. 25-0853-G-EFPP
NRG ENERGY, INC.
Enhanced Firm Pooling Program
NOTICE OF FILING
Application of NRG Energy, Inc. (NRG) for approval to offer, render, furnish or supply natural gas supply services to the public in West Virginia in the territory of Mountaineer Gas Corporation in West Virginia Public Service Commission Case No. 25-0853-G-EFPP.
NRG has filed an application with the West Virginia Public Service Commission (“PSC”) for participation in an Enhanced Firm Pooling Program to provide natural gas supply services as a supplier or aggregator of natural gas services. NRG proposes to sell natural gas and related services in all counties of West Virginia with the exception of Hampshire, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Taylor and Webster.
The PSC may consider this application without a hearing. Protests directed to the technical or financial fitness of NRG may be filed within 15 days of the date of this notice with the Executive Secretary of the PSC, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Please include the Case No. listed above, on the protest.
Additionally, please send copies of any protest to NRG’s attorney listed below.
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Panthers move to Quarterfinals against Philip Barbour

By Allen Hamrick
If you weren't at Roane County Stadium on Friday night you missed one of the best upsetting of the apple carts this season in any sport. The CCHS Panthers took on the Roane Raiders, who were last season's state runners up and were ranked sixth this season with a 9-1 record. Ninety percent of all armchair bookies gave the Panthers about as much chance as a two-legged horse at Churchill Downs to beat the Raiders.
Early this season, the Raiders took the Panthers to the woodshed, beating them 49-14. However, this Panther team didn't get the memo on game day that they were snowballs in Arizona. They were out to exact some revenge on the Raiders and do it in such a way that would burn in their memory for years. It was Raider turf, and for the Panthers to move up, they would have to overcome the home field odds.
The game started, and the Panther defense was unmerciful in their attack of the Raiders. The Raiders had speed and more speed, but the Panthers' defense was a wall they couldn't get through. The Panthers offense was having the same problem with the Roane defense as they couldn't seem to gain any real estate. So, in the first quarter neither team showed any signs of being able to score; at the end of

twelve minutes the score stood at 0-0.
Then, the Panther defense stepped up and put even more pressure on the Raider runners. The Raiders went into a sweep, and Kohan Ramsey hit the runner and stripped him of the ball that gave it back to the Panthers. This started a waterfall like no other that flooded the Raider camp. With that momentum, on the second play of their possession Cooper Collins started his air show hitting the uncatchable legend Joel Elliott in full stride for the first TD of the game. Jaxon Brown added the extra point, and the Panthers, once they had the lead, never gave it back. The Raiders were out yet they returned the favor seconds later with their own TD and made the score 7-6.
On their next possession, the Panthers were having a hard time moving the ball as Raider defense had them at third and 21. Cooper Collins pulled out the gun again and hit Jacoby Nichols for a 65-yard TD which permanently quieted the Raider fan box. The Raiders got the ball back and after a big run, had great field advantage on the kickoff and were camped on the Panther side of the field. The Panther defense really stepped up stopping the Raider run, and on the fourth down, Jaden Morris sacked the quarterback. This gave the ball back to the Panthers, and they went on a scoring frenzy. On

the second play of the drive, Jacoby Nichols went 67 yards for the TD. The Panther defense turned up the pressure, and the Raiders fumbled the ball on their next possession. Once again Collins went to the air to find Elliott wide open on a 40 plus yard TD pass. This ran the score to 25-6 Panthers. By the half, the score stood at 25-12 Panthers.
The second half started, and the Panthers had the ball but couldn't get it in on a goal to go situation. The Raiders couldn't move the ball either, and Nick Williams blocked the punt. Clay had the ball and attempted a field goal, but it was blocked. It looked like both defenses were working overtime. The Raiders tried a fake punt which netted them nothing but giving the ball back to the Panthers with great field position. It was Collins back to work finding Nichols in the end zone turning the score up top 31-12. The ball went back and forth until Collins once again hit Elliot for a 50 plus yarder. This catch was different as Elliott had to deal with a ball that didn't want to be caught. He finally secured it and ran it in for the TD. Clay went to their runners, and Brody Scarbro's runs set up a five-yard run by Blake Coleman to end the season for the Raiders. Final Score Panthers 44, Raiders 12.
This underdog victory will send the Panthers to the quarterfinals against

Philip Barbor on Friday, Nov. 21. If these Panthers continue to play the way they did Friday night... who knows. It's getting close to that time of year; do you believe in miracles?
Stats for the game include 503 yards total offense. Cooper Collins was 9-15 for 345 total yards with five TD passes and one interception. Joel Elliott caught six passes for 240 yards and three TDs. Jacoby Nichols caught two passes for 103 yards, had four carries for 75 yards and scored three TDs. Brody Scarbro had eight carries for 96 yards followed by Blake Coleman who had five carries for 12 yards and a TD.
On defense, it was Blake Coleman with 15 tackles. Brody Scarbro had eleven tackles, one for a loss and a forced fumble. James Grose had nine tackles with one for a loss. Nick Williams had nine and a half tackles with two for a loss and one forced fumble. Jaden Morris had five tackles, two for a loss and one sack. Kohan Ramsey had eight tackles and a fumble recovery along with Jaxon Brown with eight tackles and a sack.
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Cooper Collins was in beast mode and looking downfield.



There was no hope running towards James Grose - one and done.



Brody Scarbro looks for running room.



Coach Jason Nichols gets the well-deserved shower of the week.



Jacoby Nichols found some running room and nothing but endzone.



The Panther fan club was in full action.



Jaden Morris gets the score stopping sack of the night.