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## Governor Morrisey welcomes the launch of the 2026 Gold Rush Trout Stockings

Governor Patrick Morrisey marked the kickoff of the 2026 Gold Rush trout stockings last week, encouraging anglers from across the country to take part in one of West Virginia's most popular outdoor traditions.

"This is one of the most exciting times of the year for anglers in West Virginia," said Governor Morrisey. "Gold Rush is about more than fishing; it's about getting families outdoors, supporting our local communities, and showcasing everything our state has to offer. Whether you're a lifelong resident or visiting for the first time, we invite anyone fishing West Virginia waters to take part."

The event, which runs through April 11, features the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources stocking 50,000 golden trout in 69 lakes and streams across the state. A hundred trout have been tagged with numbered yellow tags. Anglers who catch a tagged fish and register it online are eligible to win one of 11 prize packages, including a resident lifetime fishing license, West Virginia State Park lodge stays, and West Virginia State Park gift cards.

March 30–April 4 stockings included Anawalt Lake, Barboursville Lake, Bear Rocks Lake, Berwind Lake, Blackwater River, Boley Lake (Babcock State Park), Brandywine Lake, Buffalo Fork Lake, Cacapon Lake (State Park), Cedar Creek Lake (State Park), Conway Run Lake, Cranberry River, Curtisville Lake, Deegan Lake, Dog Run Lake, East Lynn Tailwaters, Edward Run Pond, Fort Ashby Reservoir, Greenbrier River (Durbin area), Hinkle Lake, Kimsey Run Lake, Larenim Park Lakes, Longbranch Lake (Pipestem Resort State Park), Mill Creek Reservoir, New Creek Lake, North Fork of South Branch, North River, Ridenour Lake, Rockhouse Lake, Seneca Lake (State Forest), South Branch (Smoke Hole), Teter Creek Lake, Tomlinson Run Lake (State Park), Tygart Tailwaters (State Park), Wallback Lake, Watoga Lake (State Park), Wheeling Creek, and Williams River.

April 6–11 stockings include Burnsville Tailwaters, Castlemans Run Lake, Chief Logan Pond (State Park), Coopers Rocks Lake (State Forest), Elk River, French Creek Pond, Greenbrier River (Cass State Park area), Hurricane Reservoir, Laurel Fork Lake, Little Beaver Lake (State Park), Mason Lake, Middle Wheeling Creek Lake, Mountwood Lake, North Bend Lake Tailwaters (State Park), Opequon Creek, Pendleton Lake (Blackwater Falls State Park), Poorhouse Pond, R.D. Bailey Tailwaters, Rock Cliff Lake, Rollins Lake, Shavers Fork (Lower), Shavers Fork (Upper), South Branch (Franklin area), South Mill Creek Lake, Spruce Knob Lake, Stonewall Jackson Tailwaters (State Park), Summit Lake, Sutton Tailwaters, Thomas Park Lake, Tuckahoe Lake, and Warden Lake.

The event also includes the Governor's Prize trout, offering anglers a chance at a special West Virginia State Park prize package. The Governor's Prize trout will be stocked in one of the waters on the very first day of the event. Stocking information can be found at WVDNR Fish Stocking.

"The Governor's Prize adds another level of excitement, and it could be claimed for the first time this year," Governor Morrisey said. "I'm looking forward to seeing who reels it in."

The Gold Rush program was created to expand fishing opportunities across the state while encouraging youth and family participation in outdoor recreation. Continued investments in fish hatcheries and fish management programs have strengthened stocking efforts and enhanced opportunities for anglers.

Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to take part in this year's Gold Rush and enjoy West Virginia's lakes, streams, and state parks. Anglers also are encouraged to take advantage of a special Gold Rush Savings 15% discount on lodge rooms and cabins at select West Virginia State Parks booked between now and April 30.

## Clay-Roane Public Service District to receive funds for Clay Waterline Extension Project

Last week, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee and a leader on the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) allocations for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) to support U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' projects throughout West Virginia.

"As Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I am committed to ensuring our infrastructure and public works systems remain strong and reliable," Senator Capito said. "These funds for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will help support critical projects across West Virginia, providing our communities with the resources they need to strengthen infrastructure, enhance safety, and improve quality of life for residents across our state."

**The following CDS allocations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for southern West Virginia** – These allocations include projects in a number of communities throughout the state, including: Ansted, Greenbrier County, Lewisburg, Point Pleasant, and Putnam County.

-\$925,000 CDS allocation to the Clay-Roane Public Service District (Procious, WV) to fund the Clay Waterline Extension Project.

-\$2,450,000 CDS allocation to the Gauley River Public Service District (Swiss, WV) to fund the Gauley Route 39 Waterline Upgrade Project.

-\$1,225,000 CDS allocation to the Birch River Public Service District (Birch River, WV) to fund the Mill Creek Waterline Extension Phase II Project.

-\$1,000,000 CDS allocation to the Lashmeet Public Service District (Lashmeet, WV) to fund the Hiawatha-Springton

Waterline Extension Project.

-\$1,000,000 CDS allocation to the Mercer County Public Service District (Rock, WV) to fund the Rock District Regional Sewer 1A Project.

-\$1,000,000 CDS allocation to the Mercer County Public Service District (Rock, WV) to fund the Rock District Regional Sewer 1B Project.

-\$1,000,000 CDS allocation to the Northern Wayne County Public Service District (Wayne County, WV) to make improvements and upgrades to the wastewater system.

-\$1,000,000 CDS allocation to the Town of Davy (Davy, WV) to fund the Davy Sewer Phase II Project.

**The following CDS allocations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for northern West Virginia include:**

-\$2,000,000 CDS allocation to the City of Morgantown (Morgantown, WV) to extend the Van Voorhis area sewer line.

-\$1,700,625 CDS allocation to the Grant County Public Service District (Petersburg, WV) for replacement of the Maysville water tank.

-\$1,500,000 CDS allocation to the Town of Pennsboro (Pennsboro, WV) for the Bonds Creek Highland Road Tanks Project.

-\$1,200,000 CDS allocation to the Leadsville Public Service District (Elkins, WV) to make water system improvements.

-\$1,000,000 CDS allocation to the Weirton Area Water Board (Weirton, WV) to make upgrades to the distribution system.

-\$900,000 CDS allocation to the Fountain Public Service District (Keyser, WV) for extension of the the Headsville Road area waterline.

## Spotlight on Jimmy Miller

By Gary Lee Stuber

James B. Miller is a quiet man. You can find him most days at lunchtime at the Clay Senior Center Nutrition lunch tables on main street. There, he spends time with a dozen fellow senior citizens, all who have come to befriend him. He has shared lunch with many of them for years.

"Jimmy has a heart of gold, the best friend anyone can have," say Barb and Elizabeth who run the Nutrition Center. "We are so thankful he came into our lives. Our days are brighter when he is around."

You'll never hear him say anything there. He wasn't always this quiet. Twelve years ago they found cancer in his throat and sent him to WVU's Ruby Memorial Hospital where Dr. Chung removed part of his larynx. Five sessions of

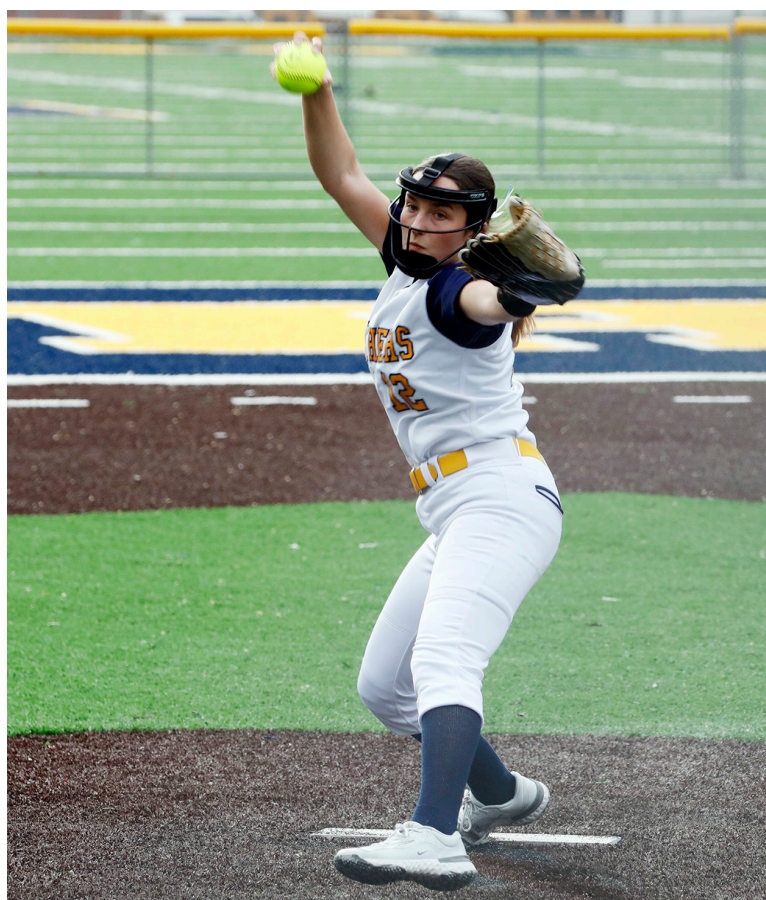


Jimmy Miller

chemotherapy, 35 radiation treatments, and he had hope. Unfortunately, six years later he was back with cancer in the same

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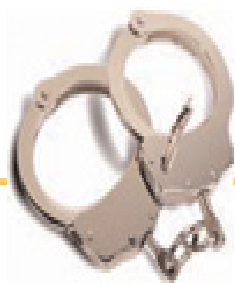
## Lady Panthers ruled the diamond last week



Brooklyn Morton was bringing the heat.

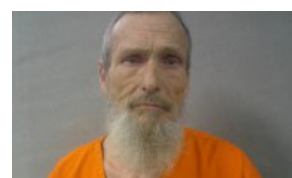
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# BOOKED



# REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

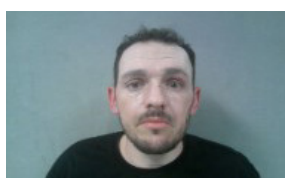
## BRAXTON COUNTY



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Domestic assault



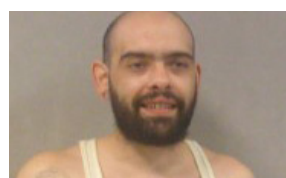
Christopher Michael Collins  
Booked 4/4/26  
Driving revoked for DUI third



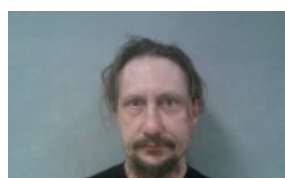
Ryan Daniel Duckworth  
Booked 4/1/26  
Driving while suspended, interfere with law enforcement, no insurance, motor vehicle or special mobile equipment with ID# or mark



Latosha Leigh Haney  
Booked 4/2/26  
Grand larceny, taking ID of another, forgery and uttering



Trevor Adam Hurst  
Booked 4/3/26  
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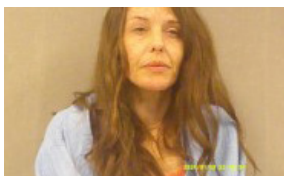


Jody Lynn McCartney  
Booked 3/31/26  
Child neglect, prohibited acts

## BRAXTON COUNTY

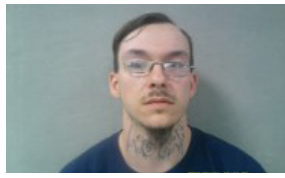


Ernest Wade Stout  
Booked 4/3/26  
Fleeing in vehicle with reckless indifference for the safety of others



Megan Marie Stump  
Booked 4/3/26  
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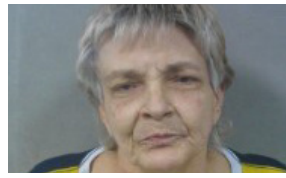
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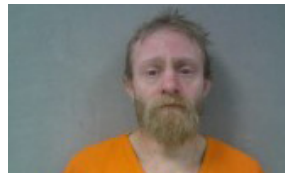
Jacob Livingston Conrad  
Booked 4/1/26  
Failure to register as a sex offender, failure to register as a child abuser



Stacy Allen Dillard  
Booked 4/2/26  
Assault, trespassing

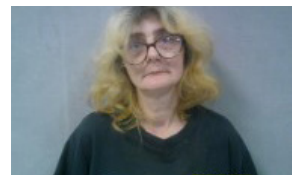


Terri Denise Hughart  
Booked 4/2/26  
Battery on officer, battery on healthcare worker, refuse to fingerprint

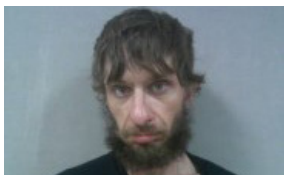


Shane Robert Moore  
Booked 4/1/26  
Escape

## CLAY COUNTY



Aquayla Shay Fugate  
Booked 4/2/26  
Possession with intent, drug delivery resulting in death/failure to render aid



Jack Dean Sizemore III  
Booked 4/6/26  
Fish and game (hunt on posted unenclosed land), fish and game (hunt, fish on posted without permit), prohibited person with firearm, prohibited acts, trespassing

## Clay County Health Department to hold meeting April 10

The Clay County Health Department will be holding a Threat Preparedness Point of Dispensing (POD) Tabletop Exercise on Friday, Apr. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Clay County Health Department.

A Point of Dispensing (POD) is a specialized, temporary site designed to quickly distribute antibiotics, vaccines, or medical supplies to large populations during public health emergencies, such as disease outbreaks, pandemics, or bioterrorism. Their primary goal is to prevent illness and ensure rapid, efficient, and equitable access to prophylactic medications.

The agenda is as follows:  
-Introductions  
-POD Overview: What is a POD?, Schedule of events  
-Roles in POD - JIT Training sheets: Establish roles and responsibilities, Just in Time Training Sheets

- Review of POD layout:
- Entrance & Greeting: Personnel provide initial instructions and intake forms.
- Triage: Staff screen individuals for symptoms or complex medical needs.
- Registration/Intake: Review and completion of paperwork.
- Medical Screening: Professional staff verify prescriptions and address contraindications.
- Dispensing/Vaccination: Actual delivery of the medical countermeasure.
- Briefing/Observation Area: Individuals receive dosage instructions; for vaccines, a waiting period is required.
- Exit: Clearly marked separate exit point to maintain one-way traffic.
- Give exit information (drug information sheets)
- Assess effectiveness of POD layout and go over any shortcomings

## Puzzle Answers

### Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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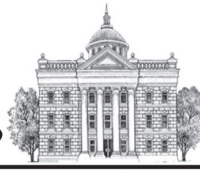
## PUBLIC NOTICES



The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m., at the PSD office in Birch River.

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

## Courthouse News



Thursday, April 16, Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Bass, Scott  
10:30 AM, State v. Jared Blankenship, Pre-Trial Hearing, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription

Wednesday, April 22, Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Bass, Scott  
09:00 AM, State v. Shawn David Smith, Magistrate Jury Trial, Fraudulent schemes, petit larceny



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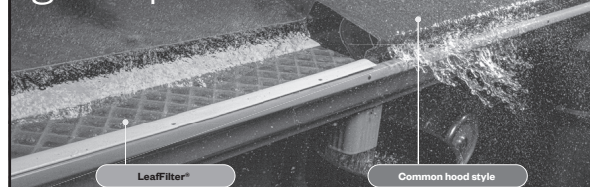
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# Beloved

By Joe Mazzella

My next door neighbor is a graveyard. Now some people would be freaked out by this but not me. They remain the quietest, most peaceful neighbors I have ever had. I also get a strange sense of serenity and peace from living so close to one. It gives me a daily reminder that one day my own life will end and that if I want to truly live then I have to do it today.

The truth is I have always been intrigued by graveyards. When I was younger I used to explore old, abandoned ones built next to empty churches or long forgotten family ones built on mountaintops. Often the gravestones would be so old that the letters on them would be faded off. I could sometimes even find ones dating all the way back to the 1800's.

There was one gravestone, however, that sticks in my mind. I saw it one day many years ago on one of my explorations. It was new compared to the older stones in the graveyard. On it was printed a woman's name but with no date of birth or death. Instead below the name were the words: "Beloved daughter, wife, mother, and friend." I couldn't help staring at it for a while. It made me think that if I wanted one word to sum up my own life here it would be, "Beloved." After all, that is how our Heavenly Father sees us all. We are His Beloved children. And that is how we should live all of our days here: with Love.

When we come to the end of our days here the number of years we lived won't matter. The accomplishments we achieved will soon be forgotten. The money we made and the things we bought will all turn to dust. The only thing that will matter is whether we loved and were loved. Love is the only thing you can truly carry with you when you leave this life for the greater life to come. Love is the only thing you can leave behind in the hearts and souls of others. Even the writing on gravestones fades with time, but Love lasts forever.

# Home Country

By Slim Randles

We have a master gardener in our family. Two, actually. My wife, Catherine, and her identical twin, Eleanor. These women spent a whole year studying stuff like how to grow things that you'd like to have and how to avoid growing things that turn your stomach.

Catherine is really active in the group and volunteers to find volunteers. Hey, you can ask. She loves doing it, and I'm kinda an occasional tag-a-long.

We went to a pruning clinic just the other day to learn how to prune grapevines. We listened, took pictures and snipped things off that looked to me like they belonged where we found them.

Shows what I know.

At home we prepared to give our own grapevine a thorough inspection to see about things like new growth, arms, bumps on the arms, all that stuff that knowledgeable gardeners who attend pruning clinics learn.

It's a wild grapevine that began life in a canyon up in the fairly nearby desert mountains. I, being a know-nothing gardener, wrenched it from its ground and planted it in the side yard here at the house. That was about 20 years ago. Since that time, it has flourished, having reached out to our neighbors to the south, and consumed everything in its path that held still long enough.

So out we went to our tiny little part of the viticultural world, just outside the office window a little way, and the vine exploded in our faces as a mama white-winged dove blasted out of there to a neighbor's tree. After undergoing self CPR, we looked and there was a tiny nest of twigs in the top of the grapevine. With two little eggs sitting quietly, waiting for Mom to come home.

I don't care how much our "vineyard" needs it, there will be no pruning on it without the full blessing of The Family Dove. Maybe next year.

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# My Addiction to Happiness

By Dr. James Snyder

One of the most important elements of life is happiness. When I look around the world, I notice how scarce happiness seems, which makes me reflect on its true value.

I have come to the conclusion that happiness is a choice. I can be happy or sad. The choice is mine.

Whenever things aren't going the way I want, and it seems very chaotic around me, I stop, think a little bit, and actively choose happiness over my worrying, which helps me regain perspective.

Not too long ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Why are you so happy?"

I looked at her smiling and said, "As long as you're in my life, I will be happy."

She looked at me, smiled, and then walked away. I'm not sure if she understood exactly what I was saying, but I meant it from the bottom of my heart.

I once told her that I had a PhD in happiness.

"What does that mean?" She asked.

"A PhD is a 'Perpetual Happiness Demeanor'". And I have earned that degree.

Throughout the years, I have had this degree challenged on many levels. When things seem at their worst, I need to step back, smile, and be happy.

If you watch the news on TV, there are a million reasons not to be happy. If I believed everything on TV, it would be hard to be happy. The purpose of television news is to depress people, and they are very successful at it.

No matter how bad a situation looks, I can be happy. For every bad thing in the world, I can always find something good to be happy about.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not one of those possibility thinkers who think all I have to do is think it and I can achieve it. I don't believe that at all. But I do believe in happiness in itself.

The other day The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was looking very sad. I approached her and said, "What's wrong? Why are you looking so sad?"

Then she explained to me in detail why she was so sad. Based on what she said, she has every good reason to be sad. She had both thumbs injured, and they were not quite movable, which hindered her from doing some of the work she does.

"I just am tired of my thumbs not working yet."

It reminded me of a time in my life when I was hit with shingles on my right side. My right arm was limited in what I could do with it. It really may be quite sad.

One day, I went to Wendy's, and a man came out of the store without a right arm. From the top of his shoul-

ders down, his arm was missing.

As I watched him walk to his truck, I got to thinking. That man will never be able to use his arm because it's gone. I, on the other hand, will be able to use my arm again one day because it's just a temporary setback.

So, I told my wife, "Don't get discouraged. That will soon go away and you will have full access to both of your thumbs." I smiled at her, hoping she would catch the happiness bug.

I don't think happiness comes automatically. It's a matter of choice. In the midst of some very negative situations, I can either suffer through them or choose to be happy. I'm not happy about my situation, but happiness is my choice in life.

When my schedule is full, it is an opportunity for something to go wrong. I've lived long enough to realize that something going wrong is always an option. When I think I've got everything in line and I'm ready to take the next step, something blows up in my face.

That is enough to make me sad and even angry. I see a lot of angry people in this world. I can choose to be angry or to be happy. The choice is all mine.

It's taken me almost a lifetime to understand that and to choose happiness under every circumstance.

The other day I had a doctor's appointment across town. Just a checkup that the doctors like to do. I went out, got in my truck, and it would not start. I did everything I could possibly think of, but nothing got that truck running.

That was a real recipe for some anger in my situation. I finally had to call AAA to have them come and start up my truck. When he came, he discovered that it was the battery.

It took him about an hour to fix my truck and get it running. In the meantime, I had to cancel my doctor's appointment and reschedule it.

I was a little bit agitated. When I walked into the house, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage greeted me and said, "Are you happy now?"

She caught me with pie in my face. I looked at her, smiled very gently, and said, "I am now!"

I found some scripture that supports my happiness.

Proverbs 3:13, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."

My happiness is not found in the world, but in my personal relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## SPOTLIGHT

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Staff and lunch crowd seniors at the Clay Senior Center Nutrition surround Jimmy.

location. This time he had a laryngectomy, over the course of six surgeries. Dr. Chung took out his voice-box and left him with an open hole in his throat.

David Derby, one of a dozen regulars for lunch, praised him, "Jimmy is always helpful. He is always busy. He shows love and kindness to anyone he meets. We need more Jimmys in the world."

Dave's wife Janis echoes those sentiments, "Jimmy is always helpful and so happy to help. He is a great example for all people dealing with illness and still keeps a positive attitude."

Jimmy believes he knows how the cancer started. It didn't start where he was raised in Ivydale, West Virginia, in Clay County. Nor at Triplitt Ridge or at Patty Ridge where he spent time in his youth. His parents Irah and Mable Mullins raised a house full of children. His brother Robert and sister Sharon are now gone, but Barbara and Dallas are still alive, as well as another brother, Archie Rush. Except for a single family member there is no history of cancer in his family.

A typical Clay County youth, he graduated from Clay County High School in 1975. On January 19, 1976 Jimmy enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp and like all east coast volunteers was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina for training. He was given the MOS (job description) of Machine Gunner. Following basic training at Parris Island, and before being sent overseas to Okinawa Japan, like all east coast Marines he finished training at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville North Carolina.

This Jimmy believes is the root of his cancer.

In 1982 they discovered contaminated water in the drinking water at Camp Lejeune. For nearly three decades from 1953 to 1987 up to a million people living and working at Marine Corp Base Camp Lejeune drank this undetected, untested, chemically contaminated water. And it went largely unaddressed for years after that. It has since been linked to various cancers, illnesses and even birth defects. In 1987 and again in 2012 Congress passed laws to allow justice for individuals and families impacted by a growing list of ailments. Not everyone

who drank the water got cancer or got ill.

Just like this was not discovered until the late eighties, Jimmy had no reason to believe he was unhealthy after living at Lejeune for over a year. Like everyone else who left the service with an honorable discharge, he began life.

He came back to Clay County where he worked for many years in construction. He built houses working with Terry Bevins among others. And while he never married, he fell in love with Donna Hill and lived with her for many years, keeping her son as his stepson. Donna died six years ago with brain cancer. His stepson, Steven Hill, lives in Charleston and he visits him as often as he can.

Because cancer was not done with Jimmy, even now he is consulting again because he has colon cancer. And while he hasn't been employed since 2013, he has been hauling junk with his older Chevy S10 truck and a flat bed pull trailer to make ends meet. Back when he was first diagnosed with cancer and had multiple surgeries, he made 52 trips to Morgantown and back. The cost for that 300 mile round trip these days is outrageous just for one trip. He needs financial help.

Jimmy now resides at Glen, WV. He is lucky to do so. Two years ago Jimmy had a heart attack. He said the doctors couldn't put him to sleep, and recommended he be sent to Hospice instead. Jimmy has retained a lawyer. Or it could better be said, one was retained for him by his sister-in-law in North Carolina. Because Jimmy cannot talk over the phone it has been nearly impossible for him to retain local representation. Few lawyers are willing to make the trek to Clay County to meet with a man who absolutely deserves whatever money they could receive for him, so he has been at the mercy of those who can speak, to do this for him.

Jimmy never slacks or shirks his duties. "I had only known Jimmy for a few months," Carolyn White said, "He was passing my house as my furniture was being delivered. He stopped to help carry my furniture in. That is a rare quality now a days"

It sure is.

# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

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

**April 9, 1817:** John Nuttall was born in England. In the early 1870s, he became one of the first operators to ship coal on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and founded the town of Nuttallburg in the New River Gorge.



**April 9, 1900:** Physician Margaret Byrneside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was

a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.

**April 10, 1806:** American Revolutionary War general Horatio Gates died in New York. The victor of Saratoga, he was relieved of command after his disastrous defeat at Camden, South Carolina. Before and during the war, he regularly visited his home Traveller's Rest in present-day Jefferson County.

**April 10, 1848:** John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry G. Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.



**April 10, 1932:** Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The

owner of a burlesque club rechristened her "Blaze Starr." Her story was the basis of the movie *Blaze*.

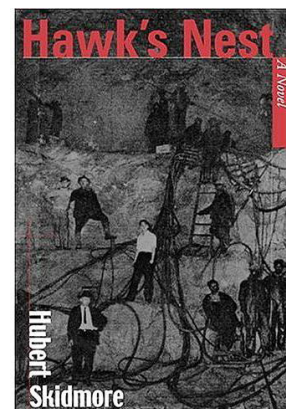


**April 11, 1821:** Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Parkersburg. Blair was the first West Virginian to be told by Abraham Lincoln of the president's support for making West Virginia a state.

**April 11, 1847:** Diarist Sirene Bunten was born in French Creek, Upshur County. As a teenager, she kept a diary about her daily activities, including emotional accounts of life on the West Virginia home front during the Civil War.

**April 11, 1909:** Writer Hubert Skidmore was born at Laurel Mountain in Webster County. In his novels, Skidmore depicted stoic endurance by mountain people in the face of

misfortune and economic exploitation by outside interests.



**April 11, 1923:** Fiddler Glen Smith was born in Virginia and eventually settled in Elizabeth, Wirt County. Known for his powerful playing style, his honors included the 1998 Vandalia Award, the state's highest folklife recognition.

**April 11, 1940:** Award-winning artist Susan Pofenbarger was born in Charleston. Her work can be found in many galleries as well as the state museum, IRS National Computing Center in Martinsburg and the Federal Courthouse Annex in Wheeling.

**April 11, 1964:** Writer Pinckney Benedict was born in Lewisburg. His two collections of short

stories, *Town Smokes* and *The Wrecking Yard*, as well as his novel *Dogs of God* were named Notable Books by the *New York Times Book Review*.

**April 12, 1865:** The 36th Virginia Infantry, known as the Logan Wildcats, disbanded. The Confederate company was created at Logan Courthouse on June 3, 1861, and consisted of about 85 men. The company saw its first action in the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County.

**April 12, 1885:** Photographer George James Kosuth was born. After opening his Wheeling studio in 1909, he achieved broad fame for his photos of the city and insightful portraits of world celebrities, including Richard Strauss, Jascha Heifetz, Leopold Stokowski, Clarence Darrow and Richard Nixon.

**April 12, 1912:** The Willard Hotel in Grafton officially opened with an elaborate banquet attended by Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad officials and state and local dignitaries.

**April 13, 1873:** Lawyer, diplomat and 1924 Democratic candidate for president John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued

141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 to continue racial segregation in South Carolina.

**April 13, 1951:** Sculptor Bill Hopen was born. The Sutton artist's works appear in government buildings, museums, churches and hospitals around West Virginia, across the nation and abroad.

**April 14, 1774:** Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore's War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.

**April 14, 1945:** Twenty people were killed when a commercial airplane on its way to Morgantown flew off course and crashed into the side of Cheat Mountain.

**April 14, 1982:** Twelve 135-foot-tall smokestacks were detonated at the former Libbey-Owens-Ford plant in Charleston. The factory, built in 1916, was the world's largest sheet glass manufacturer in the 1920s. It shut down in 1980.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is moved. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Plates are moved. 4. Chair is wider. 5. Table is moved. 6. Boy is taller.

## Super Crossword

LANGUAGE GROUP

<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Knee, elbow or shoulder problem</p> <p>9 Pop's Easton</p> <p>15 Koranic faith</p> <p>20 Make hostile</p> <p>21 "Omoo" writer</p> <p>22 Cheese, in Chihuahua</p> <p>23 Instruments such as maracas and congas</p> <p>25 Slow-moving mollusk</p> <p>26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"</p> <p>27 Comment just after waking</p> <p>28 Certain Fed</p> <p>30 "Nuts!"</p> <p>31 Angry rock subgenre</p> <p>33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit</p> <p>38 Upper-left PC key</p> <p>41 Anxious condition, for short</p> <p>43 Tranquillity</p> <p>44 City in Ohio</p> <p>45 Famed ethnic fighters</p> <p>49 Uncool character</p> <p>51 Big meles</p> <p>52 Pop's Celine</p> <p>53 See 130-Across</p>	<p>54 Gas brand in Canada</p> <p>58 Speller's clarifying words</p> <p>59 Mrs., in Essen</p> <p>60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals</p> <p>64 Hush-hush</p> <p>66 Horse father</p> <p>67 Like galaxies</p> <p>68 "Well now!"</p> <p>70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C</p> <p>74 One or more</p> <p>75 Israelites' Promised Land</p> <p>77 Makes illegal</p> <p>78 To a great degree</p> <p>80 The Bollywood film industry</p> <p>83 "Ask — questions ..."</p> <p>84 Self-motivation mantra</p> <p>87 Snow vehicle</p> <p>88 Bumped into</p> <p>89 "Je t'—" ("I love you," in Paris)</p> <p>90 Tranquillity</p> <p>91 Skip off to the altar</p> <p>94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri</p> <p>97 Flax-colored</p>	<p>100 Precious</p> <p>101 Pine- (disinfectant)</p> <p>102 Match unit</p> <p>103 5 and 10, but not V and X</p> <p>108 Rejections</p> <p>110 Short note</p> <p>111 Bandleader</p> <p>112 LAX listings</p> <p>114 Gp. for people 50 and up</p> <p>118 Intermingle</p> <p>120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle</p> <p>125 Debate topic</p> <p>126 "Pata Pata" singer</p> <p>Makeba</p> <p>127 Frat party dispensers</p> <p>128 Make fun of</p> <p>129 Mystery</p> <p>130 With 53-Across, section of the northern Atlantic</p>	<p>7 Bullet point</p> <p>8 Blood fluid</p> <p>9 Mu — shrimp</p> <p>10 "— So Fine"</p> <p>11 Lifesaving sites, in brief</p> <p>12 Political exile</p> <p>13 2020 U.S. Open winner</p> <p>Osaka</p> <p>14 Former U.N. chief Kofi</p> <p>15 Mensa stats</p> <p>16 Most fancy duds</p> <p>17 Found out, to Brits</p> <p>18 Italian cheese</p> <p>19 Liquefied by heat</p> <p>24 IRS hiree</p> <p>29 Central point</p> <p>32 Cuts, as a lawn</p> <p>34 Sign gas</p> <p>35 — es</p> <p>Salaam, Tanzania</p> <p>36 Pack-carrying equine</p> <p>37 Actress Issa or Charlotte</p> <p>38 Blogger</p> <p>Klein</p> <p>39 "Je —" ("I am," in Paris)</p> <p>40 Decorative enamelware</p> <p>42 "Celebrity Rehab" host</p>	<p>46 — Reader (magazine)</p> <p>47 Rodeo lasso</p> <p>48 Debt note</p> <p>49 Jan. preceder</p> <p>50 Infant's cry</p> <p>53 Stair part</p> <p>55 Lost tabbies</p> <p>56 Oscar winner</p> <p>Penn</p> <p>57 Paris airport</p> <p>59 Swiss money</p> <p>60 Entertainer</p> <p>Ross or Rigg</p> <p>61 Banquet liquid holders</p> <p>62 PC shortcut</p> <p>63 Tennis' Arthur</p> <p>65 Indian tea</p> <p>66 Old Thailand</p> <p>68 Folkie Phil</p> <p>69 Hard rain</p> <p>71 "Likely story!"</p> <p>72 "I volunteer!"</p> <p>73 "I haven't gotten word yet"</p> <p>76 Extra benefit</p> <p>79 Legal claim on property</p> <p>81 Little demon</p> <p>82 Originally named</p> <p>83 Former space station</p> <p>85 Nagging pain</p> <p>86 Bird's refuge</p> <p>89 "—Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit song)</p> <p>90 Sport played on horseback</p> <p>92 Maui gift</p> <p>93 Like much music of the '90s</p> <p>94 Bit of a giggle</p> <p>95 Corn serving</p> <p>96 Godzilla or Grendel</p> <p>97 Stratagem</p> <p>98 Ultimatum ending</p> <p>99 City near San Diego</p> <p>100 Mendeleev who created the periodic table</p> <p>104 Self-description after a lifestyle change</p> <p>105 Runner Bolt</p> <p>106 Zodiac lion</p> <p>107 Ticket ends</p> <p>109 Decaf brand</p> <p>113 General site</p> <p>115 A long time</p> <p>116 Floor decor</p> <p>117 Mexican money</p> <p>119 Inferior grade</p> <p>121 Smoked thing, for short</p> <p>122 Omelet meat</p> <p>123 Sumac of song</p> <p>124 Assoc.</p>
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike  
should vote alike.

## "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one  
thinks very much.

January 1959

### SENIOR STUFF

The Senior class sponsored a Christmas Dance at the Legion Hall, Friday, December 26, 1958.

A little tree was decorated and the walls were decorated in the Christmas motif.

Several former students, home from college, were present and they spent some time talking about old times and comparing notes on present activities.

The seniors have been reading synopses of three-act plays in preparation for selecting one for their spring production.

#### SENIORS FOREGO TRIP

The Senior Class unanimously voted to forego the annual Senior trip for this year.

During a class discussion, consisting of sixteen members, it was decided that due to the work-circumstances and the lack of interest the group would rather not take the trip.

The Seniors plan, however, to give the Senior play. This will be done primarily for entertainment purposes.

Plans are underway on what manner the Seniors will utilize the money already accumulated from various activities.

### Eighth Grade News

The first West Virginia Club meeting was on Thursday, September 18, 1958. We elected officers: President, James Mullins; Vice President, Mike Miller; Secretary, James Conner; Club Reporter, Richard Edwards.

We ordered West Virginia books and studied for the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe Test. Now we are drawing pictures of West Virginia animals.

#### TEN TOP TUNES

Here are the ten top tunes, according to the statistics compiled by the Journalism staff of Widen School in a school-wide survey. These are the favorite tunes most played, sung, whistled, and danced to in Widen High!

1. "Sixteen Candles"
2. Tied for second place are:
  1. "Lonely Teardrops"
  2. "Smoke gets in Your Eyes"
3. "One Night"
3. "My Happiness"
4. "To Know Him is to Love Him"
5. "Donna"
6. "Philadelphia U.S.A."
7. "Teasin"
8. "Whole Lotta Lovin"
9. "I'll Wait for You"
10. "The Wedding"

### Happy Birthday . . .

John Bego  
Patty Conner  
Peggy Conner  
Ronald Dodrill  
Donna Gail Hill  
Kenneth James  
Lois Keen  
Mike Mick  
Chris Sears  
Sandra Tinney  
Charles Barrett  
Joyce Dorsey  
Judy Gibson  
Carol Neal  
Betty Sigman  
Joyce Workman  
Nancy Workman

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### Mystery Students

#### GIRL:

One clue is my likeness below.  
My brown hair and hazel eyes  
make a show.

I am short five feet  
And ninety pounds sweet.

Although I am small, I can strut.  
Both here and away I often show  
my stuff.

#### BOY:

Yes, I know the one above.  
Sometimes she gives me a shove.

You may see me in either end of  
town.

I have brown hair and eyes, but I  
wear my favorite, blue.

You will often see me in my black  
leather jacket, too.

Last month's mystery students  
were Joyce Workman and Gary  
Eagle.

Dip cooled cupcakes in corn syrup,  
then swirl in chopped nuts and  
shredded coconut. It's easy and  
good.

What would you do with a  
BAISER?

Ruby Rapp—"Eat it."  
Mary Hamrick—"Sleep with it."  
Victor Frame—"Kill it."  
Betty Sigman—"Shave it."  
Doris Young—"I don't know."  
Pete Gibson—"Wear it."  
Rosa Gibson—"Give it a bath  
and a warm home."  
Dawne Backus—"Send it to  
Russell for Christmas."  
David Wilson—"Take it to the  
ballgames to keep me warm on the  
bus."

Carol Neal—"Save it for a  
rainy day."

Judy Lacorte—"Wash it down  
the drain."

David Hamrick—"Go to a  
Frenchman and ask him what it  
was."

Barbara Eagle—"Throw it  
away."

Jim Manning—"Look at it and  
try to figure it out."

Mr. Leeson—"Afraid to do any-  
thing with it."

Lillie Nash—"Put it on."  
Joe Wood—"Still thinking."

Lora Wilson—"Take it walking."  
—Definitions Next Month.

Happiness is a perfume you can-  
not pour on others without getting  
a few drops on yourself.

### Crazy Food Department

Have you ever wondered what  
these crazy teenagers eat? In case  
you have, here are some of the  
pet food ideas of some of our  
students!

CAROL NEAL — Hot sausage  
pickles with strawberries.

JUDY SHAFFER — Mayonnaise  
sandwiches.

DAWNE BACKUS—Dill pickles,  
bananas, and peanut butter sand-  
wiches.

LORA WILSON — Mustard and  
dill pickles.

GLEN SALISBURY — Pickles  
and cheese.

JOE WOODS — Cheese and  
walnuts.

DIANE CARTER — Fried eggs  
and dressing.

LOIS NICHOLAS — Potatoes,  
jelly, and pickles.

SANDY WILLIAMS — Mayon-  
naise and ketchup sandwiches.

ALBERT ADKINS — Peanut  
butter and celery sandwiches.

SHARON BAUGHMAN — Cat-  
sup sandwiches.

MACK ELLIS—Peanut butter  
in beans with a bit of jelly and  
baloney.

These are supposed to be true,  
but you can form your own opin-  
ion.

H-handsome—Kyle Barnette  
A-admirable—Lora Wilson  
P-popular—Dawne Backus  
P-pretty—Pearl Adkins  
Y-yett—Mrs. Griffith

N-neat—Nancy McMillion  
E-excellent—Lilly Maye Nash  
W-willing—Barbara Lee Eagle

Y-younger—Howard Dancy  
E-eligible—David Hamrick  
A-adorable—Joyce Workman  
R-radiant—Ruby Rapp

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### Student-of-the-Month



LORA LOU WILSON

Lora Lou Wilson, the 16 year  
old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ver-  
non Wilson of Wilson Ridge, has  
been chosen Student-of-the-Month  
for the month of January.

Lora is an honor roll student  
and is vice president of F.B.L.A.  
She has served three years in Stu-  
dent Council and ran for vice  
president of Student Council last  
year. She has been selected to rep-  
resent Widen High School at  
Charleston on "Know Your State  
Government Day." She was a  
cheerleader for four years.

Lora is a very active member of  
the Junior class of Widen High.  
She is popular and well liked by  
her classmates. She has black hair  
and brown eyes. She likes chili  
and her favorite song is "Sixteen  
Candles."

### BAND NEWS

The band is currently working  
on numbers for the Sportsmen's  
Club Dinner, January 24.

During the month of January,  
the band has lost three members  
Tom Napier, Shirley McClain, and  
Charlene McClain.

Their next project is a bake  
sale.

We wish to thank the Band  
Boosters who went to Swandale to  
work the food booth at the auc-  
tion.

## LEGAL

#### Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

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

- Publication Date: Thursday, April 9, 2025  
Claim Deadline: Monday, June 8, 2026
- APPOINTMENT DATE 01/07/2026  
ESTATE NAME: JEAN CAROL DORSEY  
EXECUTOR DANNY KERMIT DORSEY  
PO BOX 192  
MT. LOOKOUT WV 26678-0192
- APPOINTMENT DATE 01/07/2026  
ESTATE NAME: SEBERT N DORSEY JR  
EXECUTOR DANNY KERMIT DORSEY  
PO BOX 192  
MT. LOOKOUT WV 26678-0192
- APPOINTMENT DATE 09/26/2025  
ESTATE NAME: HARRY ROOSEVELT KEENER  
EXECUTRIX ELIZABETH JANE KEENER  
748 PACK FORK RD  
LIZEMORES WV 25125
- APPOINTMENT DATE 12/30/2025  
ESTATE NAME: WILLIAM GARY SCHOOLCRAFT  
ADMINISTRATRIX ROXIE VIOLET SCHOOLCRAFT  
243 ROOT FORK RD  
DUCK WV 25063-9467
- APPOINTMENT DATE 03/16/2026  
ESTATE NAME: ANNA BELL TAYLOR  
EXECUTRIX BEVERLY ANN YOUNG  
24699 TURNPIKE ROAD  
BELVA WV 26656
- APPOINTMENT DATE 03/09/2026  
ESTATE NAME: LINDA JEAN WILLIAMS  
ADMINISTRATRIX ELIZABETH DUFFIELD  
342 LEATHERWOOD RD  
CLEDENIN WV 25045-5314

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 03/09/2026

Sheila Stone  
County Clerk  
Clay County  
P.O. Box 190  
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Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
2025-C-000001	2024	1508	NORDELL ELLEN	14 AC IVYDALE SUR 540/768 INT	BUFFALO	\$255.78
2025-C-000002	2024	1509	NORDELL ELLEN	1 AC IVYDALE FEE 540/768 INT	BUFFALO	\$178.51
2025-C-000003	2024	1510	NORDELL ELLEN	1 AC IVYDALE SUR 540/768 INT	BUFFALO	\$221.23
2025-C-000005	2024	1165	KULSHRESTH ABHISHEK	3 AC WTS GROVES SUR	BUFFALO	\$1,009.11
2025-C-000006	2024	810	FRAME TONY L	3.10 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$1,803.81
2025-C-000007	2024	2112	WILKINSON LINDA	10.73 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR 1/4 OF 1/3 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000008	2024	2113	WILKINSON LINDA	63 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR 1/4 OF 1/3 INT	BUFFALO	\$231.60
2025-C-000009	2024	2114	WILKINSON LINDA	3.58 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR 1/4 INT	BUFFALO	\$200.63
2025-C-000010	2024	584	COOK DOUGLAS M ETUX	.50 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$359.28
2025-C-000011	2024	1102	JARVIS LESA S	0.37 AC STRANGE CRK SUR	BUFFALO	\$726.13
2025-C-000012	2024	1103	JARVIS LESA S	0.126 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$188.57
2025-C-000013	2024	1104	JARVIS LESA S	.662 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$635.84
2025-C-000014	2024	1105	JARVIS LESA S	4.542 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$193.95
2025-C-000015	2024	1106	JARVIS LESA SUE	.29 AC WTS OF DILLE RUN SUR	BUFFALO	\$254.43
2025-C-000016	2024	600	CREMEANS CATHY WALKER	4 AC WTS BUFFALO FEE 1/7 OF 1/4 OF 1/12 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000018	2024	1560	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	LOT IVYDALE MIN	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000019	2024	615	CUNNINGHAM ENERGY LLC	28.75 AC WTS SAND FORK O&G 1/2 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000020	2024	915	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	82 AC FLAT FORK 1/24 INT MIN	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000021	2024	916	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	167 AC WTS DOG RUN 1/12 INT MIN	BUFFALO	\$182.47
2025-C-000022	2024	917	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	50 AC WTS BUFFALO 1/12 INT MIN	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000023	2024	918	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	70 AC WTS BUFFALO 1/12 INT MIN	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000024	2024	919	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	50 AC WTS BUFFALO 1/12 INT MIN	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000025	2024	920	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	60 AC WTS GROVES 1/12 INT O&G	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000026	2024	921	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	56 AC S S ELK 1/3 OF 1/4 INT MIN	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000027	2024	710	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	82 AC FLAT FORK MIN 1/24 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000028	2024	711	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	167 AC WTS DOG RUN MIN 1/12 INT	BUFFALO	\$186.17
2025-C-000029	2024	712	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	70 AC WTS BUFFALO MIN 1/12 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000030	2024	713	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	50 AC WTS BUFFALO MIN 2/12 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000031	2024	714	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	56 AC S S ELK MIN 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000032	2024	715	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	60 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 1/12 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000033	2024	384	CARR SYBIL	122 AC S S ELK MIN 1/6 OF 1/9 INT(1/2 O&G OUT)	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000034	2024	385	CARR SYBIL	1.5 AC S S ELK MIN 1/6 OF 1/9 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000035	2024	386	CARR SYBIL	14 AC WTS BUFFALO COAL 1/6 OF 1/9 INT	BUFFALO	\$179.13
2025-C-000036	2024	2466	BURROUGHS-RHODES VANESSA ETAL	1 AC GROSE ADDN SUR	CLAY CORP	\$469.14
2025-C-000037	2024	2459	BROCK RANDALL LEE	FR PT LOT 101 CHURCH STREET SUR	CLAY CORP	\$402.75
2025-C-000038	2024	2858	VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC	PT LOT 12 FRAMES AD MAIN ST SUR	CLAY CORP	\$208.53
2025-C-000039	2024	2588	HALL O L HRS	3 AC EAGLE BEND FEE 2/3 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4	CLAY CORP	\$231.63
2025-C-000040	2024	2625	JARVIS JOHN K	3 AC EAGLE BEND FEE 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	CLAY CORP	\$182.15
2025-C-000041	2024	2562	FITZWATER CHARLES E	LOT 4 EAGLE BEND SUR	CLAY CORP	\$182.15
2025-C-000042	2024	2626	JARVIS JOHN K	4 1/8 AC CHAPMAN TR SUR 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	CLAY CORP	\$182.15
2025-C-000043	2024	2589	HALL O L HRS	4 1/8 AC CHAPMAN TR SUR 2/3 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4	CLAY CORP	\$209.64
2025-C-000044	2024	4001	DAVIS JEFFERY A	2 AC PT OF 16.25 AC WTS SANDY SUR (MH PARK)	HENRY	\$1,903.57
2025-C-000049	2024	4734	HALL O L HRS	23 AC WTS SANDY FEE 2/3 OF 1/12 & 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/12 INT	HENRY	\$193.47
2025-C-000050	2024	5069	JARVIS JOHN K	23 AC WTS SANDY FEE 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/12 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000051	2024	5336	LEGG HENSON ETUX	43.87 AC HAYES TWO RUN SUR	HENRY	\$943.57
2025-C-000052	2024	4129	DUNCAN KRISTIN DAWN	4 AC WTS LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$1,291.74
2025-C-000053	2024	5842	MULLINS TRESSIE	.72 AC WTS LAUREL SUR 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$253.14
2025-C-000054	2024	4921	HILL CHANCER IRVING III	1/12 AC N S ELK SUR 1/3 INT	HENRY	\$219.52
2025-C-000055	2024	3276	BIRD NILA HRS	.16 AC LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$313.53
2025-C-000056	2024	3696	COLE LARRY W ETUX	.20 AC BIG LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$759.56
2025-C-000057	2024	3697	COLE LARRY W ETUX	4 RDS BIG LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$183.00
2025-C-000058	2024	5843	MULLINS TRESSIE	4.2 AC LESS 2 LOTS & 2 ROW WTS LAUREL SUR 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$188.57
2025-C-000062	2024	3292	BLANKENSHIP ROGER	285X66 TWO RUN (B&T) SUR	HENRY	\$251.78
2025-C-000063	2024	5337	LEGG IRENE HRS	.71 AC WTS BUFFALO SUR	HENRY	\$396.08
2025-C-000064	2024	4085	DORSEY ERICA BETH	2 AC S S ELK SUR	HENRY	\$700.90
2025-C-000065	2024	5767	MORRIS JAMES RANDALL II	LOT 12 (.365) N S ELK FEE	HENRY	\$1,653.40
2025-C-000069	2024	3912	CREMEANS CATHY WALKER	276.8 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 1/7 OF 1/4 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000070	2024	3913	CREMEANS CATHY WALKER	50 AC WTS BUFFALO O&G 1/7 OF 1/4 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000071	2024	6174	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	9.5 AC BLUE KNOB COAL 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000072	2024	4758	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	100 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 1/3 OF 1/24 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000073	2024	4759	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	32 AC LAUREL MIN 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000074	2024	4760	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	8 AC LAUREL O&G 1/3 OF 1/12 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000075	2024	5120	JOHNSTON GARLAND M	250 AC GRANNIES CRK O&G 1/228 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000076	2024	5121	JOHNSTON GARLAND M	140 AC WTS SANDY O&G 2/384 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000077	2024	4112	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	32 AC LAUREL MIN 1/3 OF 1/16 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000078	2024	4113	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	96.5 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 1/3 OF 1/24 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000079	2024	4114	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	8 AC WTS LAUREL O&G 1/3 OF 1/12 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000080	2024	5844	MULLINS TRESSIE	39.5 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$179.56
2025-C-000081	2024	6180	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	LOT 7-8 BB E HARTLAND MIN	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000082	2024	6370	REED CHRISTOPHER R	1/6 AC LAUREL & OTTER MIN 30% OF 1/4 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000083	2024	6371	REED CHRISTOPHER R	229 AC LAUREL & SANDY MIN (BL 682 1/2) 30% OF 1/4 OF	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000084	2024	6372	REED CHRISTOPHER R	70 AC WTS SANDY MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000085	2024	6373	REED CHRISTOPHER R	161 AC RUSH FORK MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000086	2024	6374	REED CHRISTOPHER R	290 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000087	2024	6375	REED CHRISTOPHER R	13 AC LEATHERWOOD MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000088	2024	6376	REED CHRISTOPHER R	50 AC WTS BIG LAUREL MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 OF 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000089	2024	4761	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	16 AC N S ELK O&G 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000090	2024	4115	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	16 AC N S ELK O&G 1/4 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000091	2024	6183	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	LOTS 9-10 BLK B E HARTLAND MIN	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000092	2024	6170	PIERSON LUMBER CO	25 AC BUFFALO HICKORY KNOB COAL 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000094	2024	4725	HAGER WILLIAM ETUX	6.43 AC LEATHERWOOD MIN	HENRY	\$179.13
2025-C-000095	2024	11107	MORRIS RAY	12.9 AC WTS WEST FORK SUR	OTTER	\$313.71
2025-C-000096	2024	11495	ROBINSON CECILIA	28.21 AC WTS WEST FORK 1/2 INTEREST	OTTER	\$250.41
2025-C-000097	2024	11496	ROBINSON CECILIA	9.36 AC WTS WEST FORK 1/2 INTEREST	OTTER	\$975.28
2025-C-000098	2024	9022	COLE MICHAEL	1.958 AC WILSON FORK OF OTTER SUR	OTTER	\$568.53
2025-C-000099	2024	11754	SMITH B C	55 ACS RUSH FORK FEE 1/3 INT	OTTER	\$359.00
2025-C-000100	2024	11336	PHILLIPS RESSIE LYNN	LOTS 9-10-11 N S ELK SUR & ROW	OTTER	\$655.82
2025-C-000101	2024	11337	PHILLIPS RESSIE LYNN	LOTS 9-10-11 N S ELK SUR & ROW (PAT'S BAR)	OTTER	\$809.54
2025-C-000102	2024	10488	LEGG HENSON ETUX	27.49 AC WTS OTTER & ELK SUR	OTTER	\$335.24
2025-C-000103	2024	11086	MORRIS JOHN AMOS	11 AC LOG SHOALS SUR 1/3 INT	OTTER	\$209.17
2025-C-000104	2024	11771	SMITH JAMES F ETUX	LOT LOG SHOALS SUR	OTTER	\$928.44
2025-C-000105	2024	12446	WRIGHT PHYLLIS	PT LOT 7 N S ELK SUR	OTTER	\$333.80
2025-C-000106	2024	8425	BARKER MARTY ETUX	LOT N S ELK SUR	OTTER	\$181.82
2025-C-000107	2024	11779	SMITH RICKY DALE JR	.62 AC WTS OTTER SUR	OTTER	\$397.12
2025-C-000108	2024	8911	CARTE JERRY C ETUX	.74 AC WTS OTTER SUR	OTTER	\$628.64
2025-C-000110	2024	10704	MCLAUGHLIN LARRY ETAL	LOT 13 & PT LOT 14 OTTER TOWN SUR	OTTER	\$317.88
2025-C-000111	2024	11339	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	100 AC WTS OTTER ROSE TR O&G 1/2 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000112	2024	9791	FRUM MARY LOU	52.5 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/2 OF 1/4 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000115	2024	10105	HATHAWAY MAXINE ETAL	111.25 AC RUSH FORK MIN 8/28 INT	OTTER	\$182.70
2025-C-000116	2024	10052	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	75 AC SNAKE CREEK O&G 1/24 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000117	2024	10053	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	183 AC WTS O'BRION O&G 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000118	2024	10054	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	65 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/3 OF 1/8 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000119	2024	9592	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	183 AC WTS O'BRION O&G 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000120	2024	9593	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	75 AC SNAKE CREEK O&G 1/24 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000121	2024	9594	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	65 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/3 OF 1/8 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000122	2024	11390	REED CHRISTOPHER R	200 AC WTS OTTER MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000123	2024	10633	MCCRACKEN HAM HRS	80 AC WTS O'BRION MIN 1/2 O&G OUT 1/5 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000124	2024	10635	MCCRACKEN JACKSON	137 AC WTS OTTER MIN COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/11 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000125	2024	10636	MCCRACKEN JACKSON	41 AC BUTLER FORK O&G 1/2 OF 1/11 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000126	2024	10637	MCCRACKEN JACKSON	10.5 AC BUTLER FORK MIN COAL OUT 1/2 OF 1/11 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000127	2024	11391	REED CHRISTOPHER R	70 AC RUSH FORK MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000128	2024	11392	REED CHRISTOPHER R	30 AC WTS OTTER MIN 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000129	2024	10500	LLB ENTERPRISES LLC	30 AC WTS STINSON O&G 1/4 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000130	2024	11393	REED CHRISTOPHER R	48.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY MIN 30% OF 1/14 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000131	2024	11394	REED CHRISTOPHER R	43 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY MIN 30% OF 1/7 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000132	2024	11395	REED CHRISTOPHER R	13.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY MIN 30% OF 1/2 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000133	2024	11396	REED CHRISTOPHER R	12.5 AC N S ELK JMF DOWNEY MIN 30% OF 1/7 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000135	2024	10384	KING VERNON KENNY	54 AC WTS STINSON MIN 1/6 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000136	2024	10385	KING VERNON KENNY	3 AC WTS STINSON O&G 1/6 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000137	2024	8903	CARR SYBIL	383 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/6 OF 1/9 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000138	2024	8904	CARR SYBIL	23.5 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/6 OF 1/9 OF 1/4 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000139	2024	8905	CARR SYBIL	50 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/6 OF 1/9 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000140	2024	8906	CARR SYBIL	32 AC WTS OTTER O&G 1/6 OF 1/9 OF 1/2 INT	OTTER	\$179.13
2025-C-000141	2024	16203	YOUNG GARNET M	2 AC BIG SYC SUR 1/10 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000142	2024	13818	FITZWATER KARL K ETUX	21.13 AC BIG SYC SUR	PLEASANT	\$1,170.89
2025-C-000144	2024	15519	SAMUELS WILLIAM E	15 AC MID CRK SUR	PLEASANT	\$843.94
2025-C-000145	2024	15839	TANNER KATHLEEN EST	102.55 AC BIG SYCAMORE SUR	PLEASANT	\$775.33
2025-C-000146	2024	15840	TANNER KATHLEEN EST	3 AC WTS BIG SYCAMORE SUR	PLEASANT	\$1,103.51
2025-C-000147	2024	13537	CUNNING			

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2025-C-000173	2024	13653	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	100.55 AC MID CRK MIN 1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000174	2024	13654	DUDLEY ANGELINA GLADYS	82.47 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/3 OF 1/10 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000175	2024	15395	REED CHRISTOPHER R	39 AC BIG SYC O&G 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000176	2024	15396	REED CHRISTOPHER R	77.5 AC BIG SYC O&G 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 OF 1/2 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000177	2024	13973	HAMACHER CAROLYN SUE	82.47 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/3 OF 1/10 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000178	2024	15397	REED CHRISTOPHER R	77.5 AC BIG SYC COAL 30% OF 1/4 OF 1/6 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000179	2024	13484	COOPER GEORGE M	65 AC WTS BIG SYC O&G 1/4 INTEREST	PLEASANT	\$179.13
2025-C-000180	2024	16595	ANDREWS MERIBA	1 AC S S ELK SUR	UNION	\$273.33
2025-C-000182	2024	18723	SAMPLES CLIFFORD A ETAL	LOT N S ELK SUR	UNION	\$430.92
2025-C-000184	2024	16857	BURDETTE DAVID C	58 AC BIRCH RUN SUR	UNION	\$868.15
2025-C-000185	2024	16673	BATTLEGROUND MINISTRIES INC	(LT 8 & PT 6) 7 AC JACKS BEND SUR & COAL	UNION	\$409.25
2025-C-000186	2024	16674	BATTLEGROUND MINISTRIES INC	LOT 4 JACKS BEND SUR	UNION	\$366.58
2025-C-000187	2024	16675	BATTLEGROUND MINISTRIES INC	LOT 5 (5200 SQ FT) JACKS BEND SUR	UNION	\$244.26
2025-C-000188	2024	16676	BATTLEGROUND MINISTRIES INC	LT 3 JACKS BEND SUR	UNION	\$240.14
2025-C-000189	2024	16677	BATTLEGROUND MINISTRIES INC	105X82X105X75 JACKS BEND SUR	UNION	\$192.65
2025-C-000192	2024	18446	NOTTINGHAM KENNETH E	.48 AC JACKS BEND LOT 33 SUR	UNION	\$601.78
2025-C-000193	2024	17098	CONNER CHESSIE HRS	10 AC LIL SYC SUR 3/8 OF 5/8 INT	UNION	\$193.47
2025-C-000194	2024	17099	CONNER CHESSIE HRS	18 1/4 AC LIL SYC FEE 3/8 OF 5/8 INT	UNION	\$224.19
2025-C-000195	2024	17919	JOHNSTON KEVIN ETAL	25 AC FALLING ROCK SUR	UNION	\$711.79
2025-C-000197	2024	16728	BISHOP ELVIN ETAL	1 AC LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR	UNION	\$226.22
2025-C-000200	2024	19305	YOUNG ROBERT D	130 AC PORTER CREEK MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000201	2024	16925	CAMPBELL WILLA MAE TR	800 AC FALLING ROCK O&G 2/6 INT	UNION	\$309.21
2025-C-000202	2024	18521	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	LOT 4 JACKS BEND COAL	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000203	2024	17100	CONNER CHESSIE HRS	18 AC PORTER MIN 3/8 OF 1/3 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000204	2024	18522	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	105X82X105X75 JACKS BEND COAL	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000205	2024	18523	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	LOT 5 (5200 SQ FT) JACKS BEND COAL	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000206	2024	18524	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	LT 3 JACKS BEND COAL	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000207	2024	16756	BLUNDON DEWITT V	238 WTS QU SHOALS O&G 1/3 OF 325/15000 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000208	2024	18012	KOSOWICZ AUGUSTA B	238 AC WTS QUEEN SHOALS O&G 1/3 OF 325/15000 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000209	2024	16758	BLUNDON HELEN QUARRIER	238 WTS QU SHOALS O&G 1/3 OF 325/15000 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000210	2024	16757	BLUNDON DEWITT V	1276.06 AC WTS QUEEN SH O&G 1/3 OF 325/15000	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000211	2024	18013	KOSOWICZ AUGUSTA B	1276.06 AC WTS QUEEN SH O&G 1/3 OF 325/15000 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000212	2024	16759	BLUNDON HELEN QUARRIER	1276.06 AC WTS QUEEN SH O&G 1/3 OF 325/15000 INT	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000213	2024	18366	MORGAN SARAH H	115 AC WTS PORTER MIN 1/3 INT	UNION	\$198.25
2025-C-000214	2024	18367	MORGAN SARAH H	142 AC NS ELK MIN 1/3 OF 1/4 INT	UNION	\$185.54
2025-C-000215	2024	18968	STANLEY HELEN V	133 AC WTS LIL SYC 4/10 OF 1/4 INTEREST O&G	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000216	2024	18969	STANLEY VIRGIL ETAL	133 AC WTS LIL SYC O&G 2/4 INT	UNION	\$201.53
2025-C-000217	2024	18453	OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INC	2 AC S S ELK COAL (LESS C B METHANE)	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000218	2024	18512	PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CO	6 AC PORTER & BIRCH MIN	UNION	\$179.13
2025-C-000219	2024	18525	PIERSON LUMBER CO INC	83 AC JACKS BEND MIN LESS O&G	UNION	\$199.89

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Given under my hands this 17th of March, 2026.

*Christal G. Perry*  
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 Land Director of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of CLAY County

# LEGAL

## ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that SCREAMING EAGLE COAL, LLC, 1245 22 MINE ROAD, HOLDEN, WV 25625 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 5.63 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suit 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number U201495 to operate an underground coal mine in the Little Eagle seam of coal. The operation is discharging into Kanawha and is located 4.54 miles north of Drennen, in Jefferson and Grant Districts of Nicholas and Henry/Pleasant Districts of Clay County, Longitude 81° 03' 18" and Latitude 38° 19' 16" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
AppleAtcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave., Suite 400, Orange Village, OH 44122
Vaughn Railroad Company	P.O. Box 110, Bickmore, WV 25019

\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
AppleAtcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave., Suite 400, Orange Village, OH 44122

\*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
AppleAtcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave., Suite 400, Orange Village, OH 44122
Lexington Coal Company, LLC	1051 Main Street, Suite 2, Milton, WV 25541

Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
AppleAtcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave., Suite 400, Orange Village, OH 44122
Vaughn Railroad Company, LLC	P.O. Box 110, Bickmore, WV 25019
Lexington Coal Company, LLC	1051 Main Street, Suite 2, Milton, WV 25541

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 5/30/26, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until 5/30/26, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

[http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm](http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm).

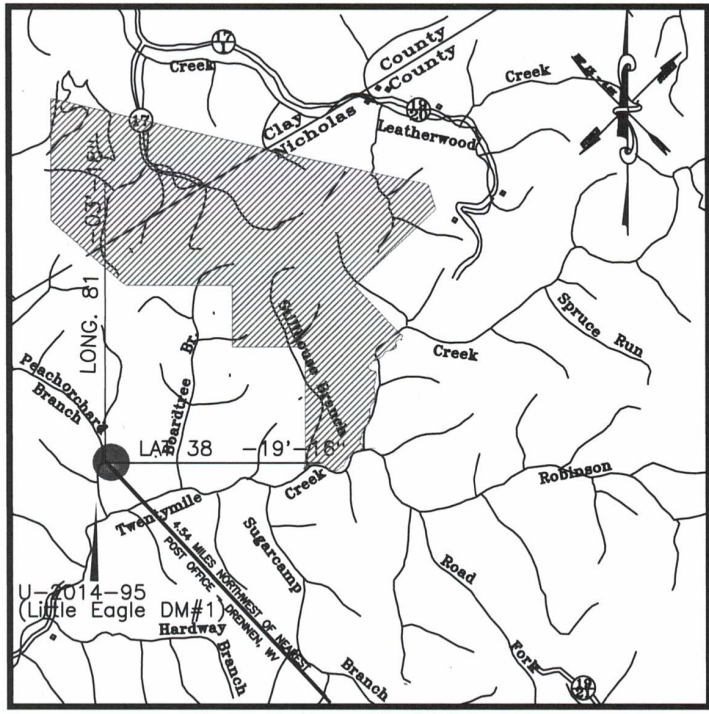
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219

Permit Number: U201495

\*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.

Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



Permit No.: U-2014-95

**General Highway LOCATION MAP Renewal No. 6**  
 Grant and Jefferson Districts of Nicholas County  
 Henry and Pleasant District of Clay County  
 Lockwood Quadrangle  
 Receiving Stream: Peachorchard Branch of Twentymile Creek  
 of the Gauley River of Kanawha River  
 Nearest Post Office: Drennen, WV.  
 Scale: 1" = 1 mile

# LEGAL

(2023-C-000095 - CLAY COUNTY - LLB ENTERPRISES LLC)

To: ANGELA MOORE, PEGGY MOORE, 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 0008 0001 3002**

You will take notice that LLB ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000095**, located in PLEASANT District, 4 AC BIG SYC SUR 2/3 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MOORE ANGELA ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 7, 2024. LLB ENTERPRISES LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 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 2022 - 14674.	\$ 106.35
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 2023 - 14723.	\$ 33.35
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 113.69
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 658.78
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 419.68
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,331.85

**You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand March 27, 2026

**Christal G. Perry**

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

**Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

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## WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until May 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
013	2024080028	S308-13/5-2.89 00	NFA-1305(001)D	SLIDE REPAIR Mountain Home Rd Midpoint COUNTY: CLAY

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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# LEGAL

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027  
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY

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

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

REVENUE SOURCE	
Nonspendable Fund Balance	\$ -
Restricted Fund Balance	-
Committed Fund Balance	-
Assigned Fund Balance	-
Unassigned Fund Balance	30,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	60,248
Prior Year Taxes	-
Supplemental Taxes	-
Tax Loss Restoration	-
Property Taxes - Excess Levy	-
Property Taxes - Excess Levy	-
Property Taxes - Excess Levy	-
Property Taxes - Bond Levy	-
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication fees	-
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	750
Excise Tax on Utilities	20,000
Business and Occupation Tax	-
Wine & Liquor Tax	14,000
Animal Control Tax	-
Hotel Occupancy Tax	-
Amusement Tax	-
Insurance Premium Surtax	-
Motor Vehicle Operator's Tax	-
Horse and Dog Racing Tax	-
Sales Tax	-
Fines, Fees & Court costs	-
Parking Violations	-
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	-
Licenses	3,000
Building Permit Fees	100
Miscellaneous Permits	1,000
Franchise Fees	-
Inspection, Dilapidated Building & Vacant Property Fees	-
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	25,000
Employee Health Insurance Premium Charges	-
Retirees' Medical Insurance Charges	-
Retirees' Prescription Insurance Charges	-
Private Liquor Club Fee	-
Cemetery Revenues	-
Dog Pound Fees	-
Emergency Communication Fee	-
Emergency Service Fee	-
Parks & Recreation	-
Municipal Service Fees	-
Parking Meter Revenues	-
Off Street Parking	-
Collection of Delinquent Accounts	-
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	-
Airport Revenues	-
Jail Fees	-
Special Assessments	-
Refuse Collection	-
Police Protection Fees	-
Fire Protection Fees	-
Planning Commission Revenue	-
Landfill / Incinerator Fees	-
Street Fees	-
Housing Program Revenues	-
Civic Center / Coliseum	-
Floodwall Fees	-
Charges for Services	-
Charges to Other Entities	-
Ambulance Fees	-
Federal Government Grants	-
State Government Grants	-
Other Grants	-
Contributions from Other Entities	-
Contributions from Other Funds	-
Charges to Other Funds	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-
Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-
Flood Reimbursement	-
Payroll Reimbursements	-
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund	-
Gaming Income	11,000
Capital Lease Revenues	-
Municipal Specific	-
Gain / Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	-
Interest Earned on Investments	150
Reimbursements	-
Refunds	-
Sale of Fixed Assets	-
Sale of Materials	-
Commissions	-
Insurance Claims	-
Filing Fees	-
Library Fees	-
Accident Reports	-
Bingo Revenues	-
Recycling Program	-
Property Rehabilitation	-
Interest on Special Assessments	-
Confiscated Property, Forfeiture / Seizure	-
Employees Retirement Contribution (Police & Fire)	-
Fair Market Value	-
Video Lottery (LVL)	600
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab)	1,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 166,848</b>

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

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	
Economic Development	\$ -
Federal Grants	-
State Grants	-
Zoning Board	-
Consumer Protection	-
Civil Service	-
Insurance Program (Self Insured)	-
Mayor's Office	7,900
City Council	8,400
Recorder's Office	6,300
City Manager's office	-
Treasurer's Office	-
Finance Office	-
City Clerk's Office	-
Police Judge's Office	-
City Attorney	-
City Auditor	-
Main Street Program	-
Engineering	-
Community Development (Housing)	-
Personnel Office	-
Purchasing Department	-
Contributions to Comms / Authorities	-
Enforcement Agency	-
Litigation Reserve	-
Rehabilitation of Property	-
Acquisition of Property	-
Clearance	-
Program Planning	-
Printing	-
Other Grants	-
Custodial	-
Housing Authority	-
Regional Development Authority	250
Building Inspection	-
Planning & Zoning	-
Elections	-
Data Processing	-
City Hall	65,627
Other Buildings	-
Internal Audit	-
Charter Board	-
Contributions / Transfers to Other Funds	-
Worthless Checks / Bad Debt Expense	-
Other Buildings #2	-
Employee Wellness	-
Electrical Services	-

Public Works Department	-	-
Public Grounds	22,000	-
Complaint Department	-	-
Local Government Access Channel	-	-
Energy Savings Contract	-	-
Parking	-	-
Market House	-	-
Transfers / Reimbursements	-	-
Contingencies	-	-
Police Department	-	-
DARE Grant	-	-
COPS Grant	-	-
Investigative Services & Control	-	-
Police - Special Duty	-	-
Regional Jail	-	-
Fire Department	-	-
Dog Warden / Humane Society	-	-
Watershed Project	-	-
Ambulance Authority	-	-
Dams & Dredging	-	-
Communication Center / Central Dispatch	-	-
Traffic Engineering	-	-
Civil Defense	-	-
Flood Control / Soil Conservation	-	-
Fire Hydrants	-	-
Emergency Services	-	-
Juvenile Justice Diversion Program	-	-
Drug & Violent Crime Control Grant	-	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	-	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	-	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	-	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	-	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	-	-
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	-	-
Fire Fee Distribution	-	-
Streets and Highways	-	-
Street Lights	17,500	-
Signs and Signals	-	-
Snow Removal	-	-
Central Garage	-	-
Street Construction	-	-
Street Cleaning	-	-
Sidewalks	-	-
Airports	-	-
Public Transit	-	-
Port Authority	-	-
Grants - Street and Transportation	-	-
Garbage Department	-	-
Landfill / Incinerator Department	-	-
Recycling Center	-	-
Local Health Department	-	-
Other Health Program	-	-
Storm Sewer	-	-
Water & Sewer	-	-
Sewer - Source of Supply	-	-
Water - Source of Supply	-	-
Grants - Health and Sanitation	-	-
Parks & Recreation	3,500	1,500
Visitors Bureau	-	-
Travel Council	-	-
Fair Associations / Festivals	-	-
Swimming Pools	-	-
Community Center	-	-
Arts & Humanities	-	-
Youth Program	-	-
Playgrounds	-	-
Museum Commission	-	-
Civic Center - Municipal Auditorium	-	-
Historical Commission	-	-
Civic Promotions	-	-
4-H Camp	-	-
Rails to Trails	-	-
Ice Arena	-	-
Library	-	-
Law Library	-	-
Golf Course	-	-
Stadium	-	-
Grants - Culture and Recreation	-	-
Beautification Programs	-	-
Aging Program (Senior Citizens)	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-
Social Services	-	-
Human Rights / Affirmative Action	-	-
Human Resources	-	-
Community Council	-	-
Bingo Expenses	-	-
Grants - Social Services	-	-
Capital Projects - General Government	35,371	-
Capital Projects - Public Safety	-	-
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation	-	-
Capital Projects - Health and Sanitation	-	-
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation	-	-
Capital Projects - Social Services	-	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 166,848</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>

**MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Regular Current Expense Levy  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027**

Certificate of Valuation			
Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$ 0	10.22	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 4,541,060	20.44	\$ 9,282
Personal Property	52,316		107
Total Class II	\$ 4,593,376		\$ 9,389
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 8,281,340	40.88	\$ 33,854
Personal Property	2,638,293		10,785
Public Utility	2,937,061		12,007
Total Class IV	\$ 13,856,694		\$ 56,646
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 18,450,070</b>		<b>\$ 66,035</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		3,302
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		1,255
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>\$ 61,478</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%		1,230
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<b>\$ 60,248</b>

**MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Name of Excess Levy #1  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027**

Certificate of Valuation			
Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 4,541,060	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	52,316		0
Total Class II	\$ 4,593,376		\$ 0
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 8,281,340	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	2,638,293		0
Public Utility	2,937,061		0
Total Class IV	\$ 13,856,694		\$ 0
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 18,450,070</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		0
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>

**MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Name of Excess Levy #2  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027**

Certificate of Valuation			
Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	0		0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class IV	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	0.00%		0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	0.00%		0
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>

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MUNICIPALITY OF CLAY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Name of Excess Levy #3  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

Certificate of Valuation  
Assessed Value  
for Tax Purposes

Levy  
Rate/\$100

Taxes  
Levied

CLASS I	Assessed Value	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 0	0.00	\$ 0
Personal Property	0		0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class IV	\$ 0		\$ 0
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		0.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		0.00%	0
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF  
MUNICIPALITY

Clay  
Clay

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the \_\_\_ day of March, 2026.

(2)

Signature

Official Title of Recording Officer

## United Hospital Center main laboratory receives accreditation from College of American Pathologists

United Hospital Center has been awarded accreditation by the College of American Pathologists Accreditation Committee based on results of a recent on-site inspection conducted by CAP inspectors. The inspection team included practicing pathology and laboratory medicine professionals. Recognized for rigorous and robust standards, CAP accreditation elevates quality and mitigates risk, an important way that laboratories can contribute to improved patient outcomes.

The CAP advised Laboratory Medical Director's Lixin Zhang, M.D., FCAP, of this global recognition and congratulated the laboratory for its excellence in the services being provided. Our laboratory is one of more than 8,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

"The patient is always our highest priority. Every test we perform, every result we report, and every decision we make is guided by our responsibility to provide accurate, timely, and reliable laboratory data that supports patient care and clinical decision-making. I am fortunate to work with a dedicated laboratory team and highly skilled clinicians. It is truly an honor to serve alongside such a committed and collaborative group. I extend my sincere gratitude to our laboratory staff for their expertise, diligence, and professionalism, and to our hospital leadership for their ongoing support and investment in creating an environment where excellence in patient care can thrive," said Laboratory Medical Director, Lixin Zhang, MD.

"This CAP accreditation is a tremendous honor and validates the exceptional dedication of our laboratory team, whose work behind the scenes is absolutely critical to the patient care we provide at UHC," said David F. Hess, MD, CEO United Hospital Center, Regional President of the Central Region for West Virginia University Health System. "Achieving this gold standard in laboratory excellence directly supports our commitment to providing safe, reliable, and high-quality healthcare to our community. I am incredibly proud of Dr. Zhang, his entire team, and the collaborative spirit they demonstrate every day in ensuring our clinical data meets the highest standards."

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and re-



David F. Hess, MD, President and CEO, United Hospital Center.



Lixin Zhang, MD, Laboratory Medical Director, United Hospital Center.

cord, and overall management. These reviews help verify activities reflect the most recent best practices.

With over 23,000 laboratory participants, in addition to accreditation, the CAP offers proficiency testing/external quality assessment (PT/EQA) programs, quality improvement tools, and cancer protocols and evidence-based guidelines to ensure excellence in all areas across the laboratory. Built on a foundation of pathologist expertise, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) partners with laboratories worldwide to elevate the quality of laboratory medicine with best-in-class solutions designed to drive operational excellence, achieve diagnostic confidence, and ensure the best patient care.

Congratulations to the pathology and laboratory medicine team for this significant accomplishment that further demonstrates our commitment to high-quality patient care at UHC.

## April and May full of FOOTMAD events

The Kanawha Valley Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance known as "FOOTMAD" is celebrating the end of their season with three dance events, a concert and an annual cookout with its customary potluck and jam session. Visit FOOTMAD.org or call 304-729-4382 for more information or to purchase tickets.

On Friday, April 10, the dancing begins with the family-oriented community dance 7pm at the Kanawha United Presbyterian Church (KUPC). With live music provided by fiddler Dan Carney and friends and calling by the local calling cooperative, all are welcome, no experience necessary. A donation of \$7 is suggested for admission and family rates are available.

On Saturday evening, April 11 singer-songwriter Joe Jencks will take the stage at the WV Culture Center at 7:30pm for the last concert of the FOOTMAD season. Jencks knew and was influenced by Pete Seeger and has been allied with Si Kahn. His songs celebrate who we are as Americans and what we hold dear, what we struggle with and what we share. Many of his songs will inevitably become audience sing-alongs. Known for his strong and smooth delivery and love for mankind, Joe Jencks is a man for our times that all ages will enjoy.

Tickets for the Saturday evening concert are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and students of any age are only \$10. Children under 13 are admitted free at the door.

From Friday evening, May 1 to Sun-

day afternoon May 3 the annual FOOTMAD dance weekend pulling together dance gypsies from across the United States will be held at Fayette County's 4-H Camp in Beckwith, WV. Featuring two energetic bands and three callers, this "Whitewater Whirl" will likely sell out. Register at FOOTMAD.org/whirl, \$130 for age 30 and over, \$80 for younger dancers. An on-site meal plan is available for purchase and cabin lodging or camping is free.

On Sunday, May 17, the FOOTMAD board of directors invites supporters to the grounds of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 1600 Kanawha Boulevard East for the group's annual meeting. Hot dogs and hamburgers and fixings are provided starting at 2pm. Participants should bring potluck additions to the celebration. Musicians will gather for an Old-Time jam after a short board report so all are invited to bring instruments and play.

And on Friday, May 29, re-scheduled from the snowed-out Old-Time Winter Breakdown IV, The Kessinger Brothers Band and caller Steve Ballman will host a square dance at KUPC from 7pm to 10pm. Part of FestivALL, admission is free. Inexperienced dancers should come at 7pm as the dances will build steam as the night goes on. All ages are welcome!

As an educational non-profit, FOOTMAD has presented traditional music and dance in the Kanawha Valley for 45 years. This presentation is made possible with funding from WV Tourism and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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# Lady Panthers ruled the diamond last week

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panthers were taking softball to a new level this past week as they doled out some good old-fashioned whipping on the diamond. First up was a double header against Braxton, and these games may as well have had a string of therapy buses lined up because the Lady Panthers were causing tears to run like a river. These girls came out bending aluminum and flattening softballs. Layla Parker and Brooklyn Morton were masterful from the mound as they pitched English the Lady Eagles couldn't read. On offense, Parker was queen of the aluminum going 3 for 3 and driving in four runs in the game.

Every Lady Panther had a run at the score board knocking balls all over the field while the Lady Eagles looked like they were trying to catch rain. Brooklyn "Smokin'" Morton took the win for the Lady Panthers and didn't let the Lady Eagles get a hit. She sent six of their hitters packing on strikeouts allowing no early Christmas presents. When the Lady Eagles had enough and softballs

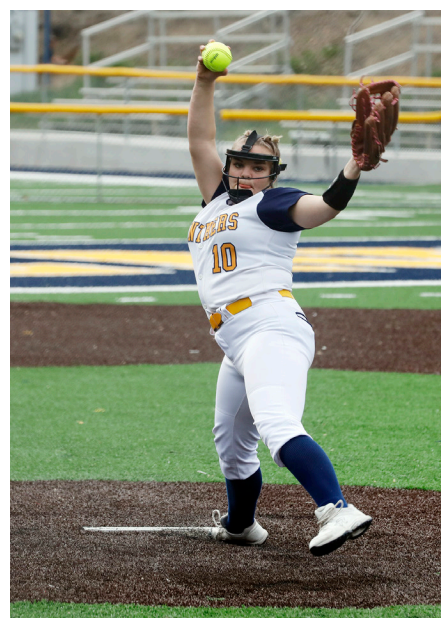
were headed to the return department, the refs called a cease fire and ended the carnage. The Lady Panthers won hands down 19-0.

The second game of the double header came and went just like the first one, except maybe just a little worse. Layla "Speedy" Parker got the win striking out four batters and allowing just one hit. The Lady Panthers hung out the wash winning by the score of 23-0. It was a perfect example of how to play softball.

In the third game of the week the Lady Panthers hosted the Lady Red Devils of Calhoun. This game would prove to be a little tougher as the Lady Red Devils brought Hades with them. However, the Lady Panthers were up to the task. Rylee "Professor" Murphy took to the hill to lead off the game. After doing a great job cleaning house, Brooklyn "Smokin'" Morton finished off the Lady Red Devils and put out their fire. Emma Arnold, the only senior on the crew, showed what the Lady Panthers will be missing after she graduates. She sent a softball



Emma Arnold crosses the plate with an inside the park homer.



Rylee Murphy brings out the gun.

packing to right center field, and by the time the Lady Red Devils saw her blur, she was across the plate with an inside the park homer. The lead was in question most of the innings, but in the 5th

inning the Lady Panthers scored seven runs on six hits and pretty much doused the flames of the Lady Red Devils.

The final score was Lady Panthers 11, Lady Red Devils 8.

# Panthers participate in the Bison Invitational

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther track teams ran at the Bison Invitational this past weekend and were among some of the best track teams in the state. The CCHS track team has been giving no quarter in these tournaments and are just getting better each year. The girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> as a team, and the boys placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

Leading out the Lady Panthers was Xena Legg who took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the shot and Brooke Cliver who placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Langston McKinney was 4<sup>th</sup> in the long jump, and Abigail Grandon took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pole vault. The 4x102.5 shuttle hurdle relay team took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the 4x800 team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 4x400 relay team took 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 4x200 took 4<sup>th</sup>,

and the 4x100 was also 4<sup>th</sup>. Ivy Beard took 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100m hurdles followed closely by Jayda Stricker at 5<sup>th</sup>. Ashley Roberts took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3200-meter run, and McKinley Mahan took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800-meter run.

For the Panther boys it was Jackson Stricker placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the pole vault, Daymian Stricker was 4<sup>th</sup> in the high

jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 300-meter hurdles, Brody Scarbro was 4<sup>th</sup> in the discus and T.J. Pritt was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the shot put. The 4x400 team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Justin Nida was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 110-meter hurdles. Kaden Fitzwater took 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800-meter run. If you want to see some good running and field events, make sure to catch an event before the season ends.



Xena Legg hits for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Ivy Beard runs the hurdles.



Brody Scarbro throws the discus.



Jackson Stricker runs the 100.

# Mustangs de-armor the Knights

By Allen Hamrick

Bats were on fire last week as the CCMS Mustang baseball team lectured Braxton Middle Knights on the fine art of baseball. Bases became dance floors, and home plate was crossed like busy railroad tracks. The Mustangs sent right-handed Trenton Parker to the hill to chill

the bats of the Knights. He was smoking the fast balls, and his dirty stuff had more English than the dictionary. However, the Knights notched the first runs on the board, scoring two runs on a single. Then the Mustangs took a stroll around the bases when the Knight pitcher couldn't find the strike zone and tied up the game.

The Knights came right back and added two more runs to bring their lead to 4-2. The Mustangs had enough, and at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning decided to show up and "git er done."

After another stroll around the bases, the Mustangs started bending aluminum scoring seven runs on three hits. The

Knights couldn't recover as the Mustangs sent ace reliever Palmer Adkins to the hill. He struck out four and allowed just two hits. Trenton Parker was king of the hickory with three RBI's in the game. When the dust settled it was the Mustangs over the Knights 10-5.



Palmer Adkins brings the heat.



Trenton Parker holds class from the mound.