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Gov. Morrisey visits Clay County for the opening of the new Elk River Trail Visitors Center and Elk River Trail expansion on May 21.

Governor Morrisey celebrates Elk River Trail expansion and new trail visitors center in Clay County

Governor Patrick Morrisey celebrated the opening of the new Elk River Trail Visitors Center at the Dundon Trailhead in Clay County, along with a 4.3-mile expansion of the Elk River Trail and the site's designation as an official Mountaineer Mile location.

"The Elk River Trail is a perfect example of how West Virginia is turning our rich industrial heritage into a booming engine for outdoor recreation, tourism, and public health," said Governor Morrisey. "By investing in our trails, we are supporting local small businesses, boosting economic development, and encouraging West Virginians to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle in the most beautiful surroundings imaginable."

Located at 12 Buffalo Creek Road, the new visitors center was designed to resemble a historic train depot in recognition of the area's railroad heritage near the former junction of the Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad and the Elk River Railroad. The facility includes trail information, a superintendent's office, a museum featuring local railroad artifacts, and a gift shop stocked with West Virginia-made products and West Virginia Grown food items.

The project also includes a newly completed 4.3-mile trail extension from Queen Shoals to Clendenin, made possible through a \$1.5 million Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation grant used by the state to purchase land from Elk River

Railroad Inc. The expansion features a paved mile leading into Clendenin, along with benches and a gazebo overlooking the Elk River.

"The opening of the Elk River Trail Visitors Center marks a major milestone in our mission to enhance the visitor experience while honoring West Virginia's rich industrial heritage," said West Virginia State Parks Acting Chief of Parks Dillard Price. "By providing a central hub for trail information, local history and essential amenities, we are making it easier than ever for hikers, bikers and history enthusiasts to explore the beauty of the region."

The Dundon Trailhead will also serve as an official Mountaineer Mile location as part of Governor Morrisey's statewide wellness initiative encouraging West Virginians to walk at least one mile each day. The designated route provides an accessible and scenic option for residents and visitors of all ages.

To support the expansion, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has entered into an agreement with the Town of Clendenin for local operation, maintenance, and patrolling of the new trail section.

West Virginia's state parks, forests, and rail trails attract more than seven million visitors annually. For more information about state park trails or to find a Mountaineer Mile location, visit WVstate-parks.com.

Amma student recognized for completing work-based learning experience at JMU

Sumukhi Vadrevu of Amma has completed a work-based learning experience at James Madison University.

A Work-based Learning Experience (WBLE) is a hands-on experience in an applied context that increases knowledge and skills necessary for discipline-focused career readiness. To qualify as a WBLE, the experience must:

- Increase field-related knowledge and skills identified at the beginning of the experience

- Be supervised by a professional in the field who provides oversight and guides

the student's experience

- Occur in a context beyond a class. This can include experiences in which a faculty member serves as the site supervisor (for example, with research or teaching assistant work) or in a course that requires students to complete a semester-long project for external partners or companies.

WBLEs may be paid or unpaid, for-credit or not, and in-person or virtual. They may include internships, research, practicums, clinicals or student teaching.

Vadrevu is majoring in Finance - BBA.

Morrisey signals potential cuts to WV's childcare assistance, clothing voucher program due to debt

'I'm not going to support cutting childcare subsidies or clothing vouchers at all,' said Del. Evan Worrell, R-Cabell



West Virginia has a projected \$40 million deficit in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funding. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources is located at One Davis Square in Charleston, West Virginia. (Photo by Leann Ray/West Virginia Watch)

By Amelia Ferrell Knisely for West Virginia Watch

Cuts could be coming to West Virginia's childcare assistance and a voucher program that helps low-income families afford school clothes.

Those programs - along with several children's support services - are funded through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families money, a federal block grant that the states administer.

On Monday, Gov. Patrick Morrisey announced that the state has a projected \$40 million deficit in its TANF funding. After TANF received an infusion of COVID-19

relief funds, Morrisey explained that programs' budgets ballooned and stayed that way after pandemic dollars expired.

"The emergency spending levels created a big structural deficit, and quite frankly, we had these silos operating within (the Department of) Human Services that led to inadequate oversight of the TANF budget, so we're obviously looking to fix that," Morrisey said during a news conference at the state Capitol.

Deanna Palmer, executive director of the Lewis County Family Resource Network, worried about the potential impact on services for vulnerable children and

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CCHS track shines at the AA state competition



110-meter shuttle hurdle team L-R Justin Nida, Evan Bass, Daymian Stricker, and Tilyr Bird.

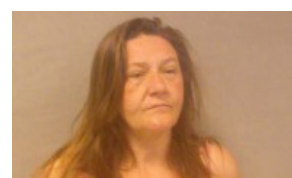
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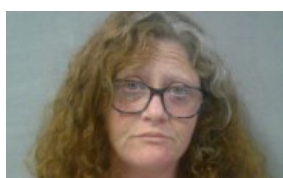


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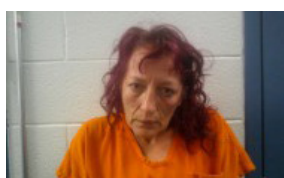
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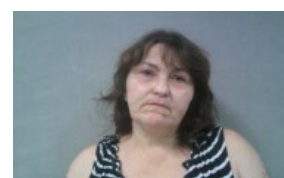
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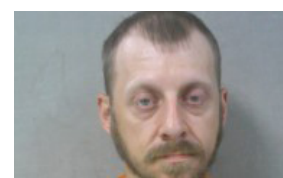
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Booked 5/23/26
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Booked 5/21/26
Domestic assault, obstructing an officer



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Booked 5/18/26
Capias



Kevin Wayne Phillips Jr.
Booked 5/24/26
Child neglect creating risk of serious injury of death (2 counts)

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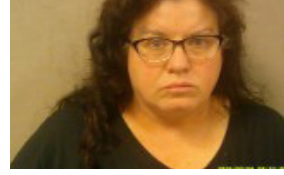
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Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance, obstructing an officer



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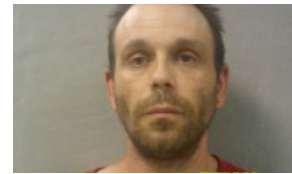
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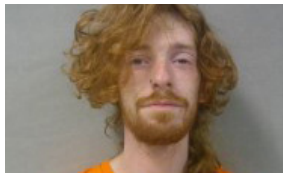
Patrick William Morris
Booked 5/20/26
Prohibited person with firearm, possession with intent

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Patrick Lee Butler
Booked 5/20/26
Threats of terrorist acts



Derek Alan Martin
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Possession of a controlled substance



William Joseph Posey
Booked 5/22/26
Possession with intent to deliver meth, DUI

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Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Detecting that leak

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

Safety is a top priority at the Public Service Commission, and that includes helping West Virginians protect their homes from dangerous natural gas leaks.

The Commission regulates in-state transmission of gas and hazardous liquids and gas distribution lines.

Our team of gas pipeline safety experts enforces federal and state pipeline safety regulations.

But you, too, can, and should, be aware of safety issues that involve these important sources of heating and cooling in your home.

Natural gas can be deadly if it escapes from pipes or appliances. Knowing the warning signs of a gas leak and how to respond can save your life.

Natural gas has a distinctive rotten-egg odor, which is added by your utility to make leaks easier to detect. If you smell this odor inside or near your home, take it seriously and act immediately.

But there are other things to look for that you might not be aware of.

There are also visual signs to watch for outdoors. Dead or discolored vegetation above buried gas lines, dust blowing from the ground, or bubbles forming in standing water may indicate a gas leak.

Inside your home, a hissing or whistling sound near a gas appliance, or even an unexplained increase in your gas bill, can also signal a problem.

If you suspect a gas leak, leave your home immediately. Do not use light switches, appliances, or electronics. Once you are safely outside, call 911 and your natural gas utility, and steer clear of the area un-



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

til emergency responders say it is safe to return.

Installing carbon monoxide detectors in your home adds another important layer of protection. While carbon monoxide is odorless, these detectors can alert you to dangerous conditions before symptoms appear.

Prevention is just as important as quick action. One simple but critical step is to call 811 before you dig anywhere on your property.

This free service sends a utility locator to mark underground lines so you can avoid damaging gas, electric, or other utility infrastructure.

At the Public Service Commission, we are committed to ensuring your natural gas service is safe, reliable, and responsibly managed by your utility.

At home, you can help protect yourself and your family by staying alert, maintaining your appliances, and knowing what to do if something doesn't seem right. A few moments of caution can make all the difference.

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A Gentle Reminder

By Joe Mazzella

I had a powerful dream last night. I was driving an old blue pick-up truck along a dusty, country road. I had no idea where I was going or how I got there. Suddenly I saw a short, stout man with black hair and thick glasses walking along the side of the road. I stopped and offered him a ride. He climbed in and we rode along in silence for awhile. Then I realized something. The pick-up I was driving was my Dad's old one and the person riding beside me was my Dad who died over ten years ago. I turned to say something to him but before I could he squeezed my hand, smiled, and said: "Keep up the good work, son."

I woke up with a start. My heart was aching. I stumbled into the bathroom and wiped the tears from my eyes. I wondered why my Dad would visit me in a dream and tell me what he did. I remembered how recently I'd gotten into a bad habit of criticizing myself whenever I missed an opportunity to do something good or to help another person. I had been condemning myself a lot and perhaps my Dad needed to give me a gentle reminder that I was a good person who was doing his best to love God, himself, and everyone else.

There is an old blessing that goes, "My child, may you live all the days of your life." I have learned over the years that to truly live means to truly love. To live means to be kind, to do good, to help others, to have peace, to share happiness, and to scatter joy. To live means to help Our Heavenly Father to make this world a better place with all the talent, time, brains, and heart that we have. We may not always succeed in doing so, but each day is a new chance to try again.

I am so grateful to Dad for giving me that gentle reminder. I am so grateful to God for giving me new chances every day to live my life and share my love. May you keep up your own good work too. May you live each day with a love so bright that Heaven smiles down upon you.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, "To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative."

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

Brought to you by Sun Dog Days, my novel about our wild horse catching days.



What If I Don't Want To Act My Age

By Dr. James Snyder

Throughout my life, I have often heard people telling other people what they should be or do. I do not know where they get the right to say that about other people.

I first encountered this attitude with my mother. She would often say to me, "Son, you need to start acting your age." At the time, I did not know what she really meant by that.

As far back as I can remember, I have never had any thespian ambitions. From the day I was born, I was always the real me. I never acted like something I was not. How could my mother look at me and tell me to start acting my age? If anyone should know how old I was, it would be her.

I had a hard time handling that until I went to school. At school, I did not know any other kids who were acting their age. Maybe they did not have a mother like mine.

I lived with it but could never act my age. By the time I figured out my age and learned how to act it, I had another birthday, which pushed me beyond that aspiration. When do you stop aging so that you can learn how to act your age?

When I left home, I got married, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage seemed to have the same kind of ideas as my mother.

Too often she would say, "Why don't you just act your age?"

The first time she said that to me, I was quite stunned.

I don't know how to do all of this acting. I can act like a fool, and I know how to do that quite well. But I don't know how to act my age because I don't know what my age is today. I do know that by the time I understand my age, I'll have another birthday, and I'll have to start the process all over again.

In all my years, I have never had any thespian training. I wouldn't even know where to start with that sort of thing.

Once, when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Why don't you just act your age?"

I responded, "If you can give me the script I'll study it so that I can act my age."

The look she gave me was well worth my comeback. But it is true. If I'm going to act my age, I need to have the script, but where do I find that script?

I had one concern: what if she gave me a script and I had to follow it? So far, she hasn't given me a script, so, fortunately, I will not have to act my age.

Recently, I was at the mall for some shopping. After getting my items, I got a cup of coffee and sat down in the middle of the mall. When it comes to shopping,

I certainly don't have the energy. So resting after the shopping is what I do.

As I sipped my coffee, I looked around and watched people come and go. And then that question of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage seemed to pop into my head. I looked at the people and thought to myself, "Are they really acting their age?"

I watched everyone and asked myself that question about them. I could not find anyone that afternoon who really knew their age. If they did know, they certainly were not acting it. The older the person was, the less they acted their age.

What if I get up one morning and feel like I'm 25? Do I then need to act my age, which is 25? I'm sure that would not thrill The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

The next morning, I get up feeling like I'm 65. Do I then need to act my age of 65? I'm sure that would not thrill The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. In fact, I don't think it would thrill me either. I don't know how to act like I'm limping

Instead of acting my age, why can't I live my age? The problem with both sides is that we cannot define age. Age is not a number, so they tell us. Embracing who I am feels more genuine than conforming to societal norms

If I lined up 10 people who are 25, each would act differently from the others. They would all be different, so how can I act my age when I really don't understand what my age is?

Fifteen years ago, on my 60th birthday, I made a resolution to myself that I would have no more birthdays. At 60, I was all I needed to be. I don't need any more age to define myself. If I don't know who or what I am at 60, I will never find out.

I've decided to never act my age because embracing my true self, regardless of societal norms, brings me more happiness and freedom than conforming ever could.

The great challenge of life for me is always to be true, and it's not always easy. In reflecting on this, I was reminded of a verse of scripture.

"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight" (Proverbs 12:22).

Pondering this verse, I believe my main objective in life is to delight God and not yield to the demands of anybody else.

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UHC School of Radiologic Technology Graduation



Front Row from left: Isabella Mayle, Alexis Williams, Trinity Eldridge, Olivia Vandevender, Lauren D'Angelo, Aliyah Elder. Back Row from left: Macey Franklin, Addie Cunningham, Zachary McGary, Jeremy Bonner, Emma Elliott, Kaleigh Ryan, Hope Auger.

United Hospital Center School of Radiologic Technology recently held a Commencement and Reception for the 2026 graduates. Diplomas were presented to 13 students by Program Director, Micah Ford; Clinical Coordinator, Jane Bray; and Clinical Preceptors, Lisa Knight and Abby Kovalck at 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 16, at the Bridgeport High School Auditorium.

Lois Auvil, radiographer at United Hospital Center, served as guest speaker for the Radiologic Technology commencement, while Addison Cunningham delivered the class address. Special presentations included Radiography Clinical Excellence Award presented to graduate Hope Auger; Radiography Academic Excellence Award presented to graduates Isabella Mayle & Lauren D'Angelo; and the Laurie D'Anselmi Technologist of the Year award presented to technologist Brooklyn Teepel.

Graduates of the School of Radiologic Technology include Hope Auger, daughter of Tammy Marlin of Cumberland, MD; Jeremy Bonner, son of Carolyn Bonner of Elkins and the late Paul Bonner and husband of Britany Bonner of Elkins; Addie Cunningham, daughter of Jonathan and Kristin Cunningham of Idamay; Lauren D'Angelo, daughter of Jacob and Allison D'Angelo of Elkins; Aliyah Elder, daughter of Chris and Whitney Elder of Lumberport; Trinity Eldridge, granddaughter of

Joe and Scarlett Bishop of Bridgeport and daughter of Tara Eldridge of Jane Lew; Emma Elliott, daughter of Marc and Kristy Elliott of Clarksburg; Macey Franklin, daughter of Chris and Ginger Franklin of Jane Lew; Isabella Mayle, daughter of Israel and Heather Mayle of Philippi; Zachary McGary, son of Brandy McGary of Clarksburg and grandson of Melissa Pierce of Spelter; Kaleigh Ryan, daughter of Patrick and Kristi Ryan of Clarksburg; Olivia Vandevender, daughter of David and Angela Vandevender of Durbin, WV; Alexis Williams, daughter of Scott and Missy Williams of Shinnston.

Elder, Elliott, and Mayle will attend the UHC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program; Cunningham and D'Angelo will attend the WVUH Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program; Eldridge will attend the WVUH Radiation Therapy Program, Franklin will attend the WVUH Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program; Auger, Ryan, Vandevender, and Williams have accepted employment as staff radiographers at United Hospital Center; Bonner has accepted employment as a staff radiographer at St. Joseph's Hospital and United Hospital Center and plans to further his education to become an interventional Radiology Physician Assistant; McGary has accepted employment as a staff radiographer at St. Joseph's Hospital and plans to further his education to become a radiation therapist.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

May 27, 1912: Golf legend Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, Virginia. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, Snead returned as the golf pro. Snead is tied with Tiger Woods for most career wins on the PGA Tour: 82.

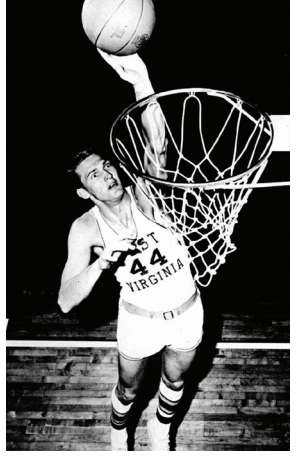
May 27, 1922: Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges following the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain. The trial was held in the Jefferson County Courthouse in Charles Town, where John Brown had been convicted of treason against Virginia in 1859.

May 28, 1863: Arthur Boreman was elected as the first governor of the new state of West Virginia.

May 28, 1920: Elmer Bird--"The Banjo Man from Turkey Creek"--was born in Putnam County. He was named best old-time banjo player in the country four times in his 60s.

May 28, 1938: Basketball player Jerry

West was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. West led East Bank High School to the state basketball championship in 1956 and then rewrote the record books at West Virginia University and with the Los Angeles Lakers.



May 28, 1998: The Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse in downtown Charleston was dedicated. The 440,000-square-foot building incorporated Neoclassic, Egyptian and Art Deco designs.

May 29, 1778: Dick Pointer, an enslaved man, helped defend Fort Don-

nally near Lewisburg from an attack by Shawnee Indians during the Revolutionary War.



May 29, 1949: Singer-songwriter and labor activist Elaine Purkey was born in West Hamlin, Lincoln County. She is best remembered for her labor anthem "One Day More."

May 29, 1961: Alderson and Chloe Muncy of McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. He was an unemployed coal miner, and they were the parents of 15 children.



May 30, 1883: The Soldiers Aid Society of

Wheeling dedicated the Soldiers and Sailors Monument to honor Civil War Union veterans. It now stands beside West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling.

May 30, 1914: Nurse Dolores Dowling was born in Ohio and graduated from Huntington's St. Mary's Hospital. During World War II, she was one of the first American nurses to land during the 1943 Sicily invasion at Gela.

May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the "Room of a Million Stalactites."

May 30, 1881: Frederick Douglass gave a notable speech at Storer College in Harpers Ferry honoring John Brown, who had been executed for his abolitionist raid on the town's armory in 1859.

May 31, 1841: Roman

Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.



May 31, 1946: Writer Meredith Sue Willis was born in Clarksburg and raised in Shinnston. Willis has authored books for children and on the subject of writing. Much of her adult fiction is set in West Virginia.

June 1, 1880: An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between

defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

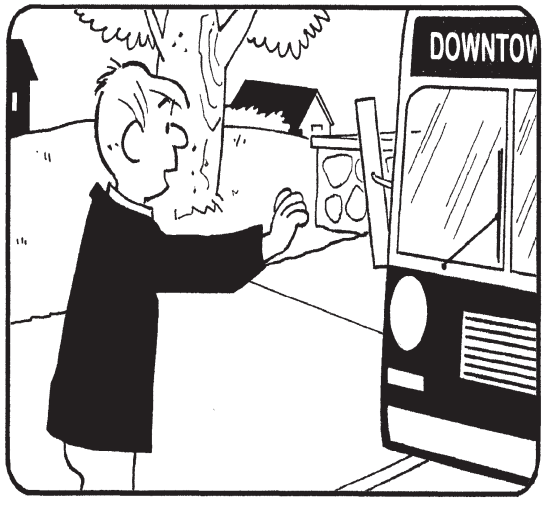
June 1, 1858: The Artists' Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore & Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for *Harpers* magazine.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mirror is longer. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Nose is different. 4. Windshield shape is different. 5. Windshield wiper is added. 6. Bush is missing.

Super Crossword D-PARTING

- ACROSS**
- 1 PlayStation 3 competitor
- 4 Prefix for "bird"
- 7 Man-to-man term of endearment
- 13 Luau skirt
- 19 Native (to)
- 21 Modern way to shop
- 22 Neckwear clasp
- 23 Noteworthy septet of piers?
- 25 Spanish fleet
- 26 Worship
- 27 Publicly revealing Edison's secret?
- 29 Bottom-row PC key
- 30 Recipe qty.
- 32 Overly
- 33 Eggs' shapes
- 34 Successfully trap a moray?
- 41 Shrek is one
- 43 "There oughta be —!"
- 44 Dozing
- 47 Spellbound
- 51 "This works like a charm!"
- 55 Up-to-the-minute
- 57 Director Ang
- 58 Like family-friendly films
- 59 Pres. after FDR
- 62 Bring a Ferris wheel to a complete stop?
- 65 Scrape (by)
- 66 Charlotte —, Virgin Islands
- 69 Internet ID
- 70 TV host Philbin
- 71 Like a king who has wild mood swings?
- 76 Burns a little
- 77 Army NCO
- 78 Teensy bit
- 79 Noted period
- 81 Ruling eagle sitting in her high nest?
- 84 Org. giving tows
- 85 Iridescent button materials
- 88 Architect I.M. from China
- 89 "Avengers: Age of —" (2015 Marvel film)
- 91 Government revenue sources
- 93 Ukraine port
- 96 Basketry willows
- 99 Shout
- 100 Mask
- 102 Wish you had never met the star of "Firestarter"?
- 107 Curved
- 110 — Fridays (restaurant)
- 113 Bank acct. amount
- 114 Uncooked
- 115 Response to a question about "Swan Lake"?
- 119 1996 #1 hit for Los del Rio
- 124 Funnel-shaped bloom
- 125 People with unorthodox opinions about a girl in Wonderland?
- 127 Quick raids
- 128 Cringed
- 129 Sugar alcohol used as a sweetener
- 130 Tiny amounts
- 131 Goes hastily
- 132 From — Z
- 133 Pop/soul singer Des'—
- DOWN**
- 1 Floor cleaner for liquid spills, in brief
- 2 Suffering, figuratively
- 3 — -Kit (police face-maker)
- 4 Part of ACLU: Abbr.
- 5 — voce
- 6 "High Rollers" rapper
- 7 See 109-Down
- 8 With the wish (of)
- 9 Actress Summer of "Serenity"
- 10 Encircled with a band
- 11 Not suitable
- 12 Like many simple questions
- 13 TDs or RBI
- 14 Loud warning device
- 15 Eliminator
- 16 Former first lady Michelle
- 17 Rafael of tennis
- 18 Lawn surface
- 20 Suffix of nationalities
- 24 Amsterdam is its cap.
- 28 Sticky gunk
- 31 Island setting
- 35 Appellation
- 36 Dressed
- 37 Bible book before Zechariah
- 38 Prefix with light
- 39 Pipe joint
- 40 Foliage unit
- 42 Stan of jazz
- 45 Region of pre-Roman Italy
- 46 Viewed intently
- 48 Some wheel adjusters
- 49 Animal's "family tree"
- 50 Golf pegs
- 51 Deep anger
- 52 Pay attention
- 53 Sault —, Mich.
- 54 Replace with
- 56 Bud of Cooperstown
- 60 Some roofing specialists
- 61 Up to, in brief
- 63 Suffix with southwest
- 64 Outdoor gear retailer
- 67 Large city in Iraq
- 68 Raised RRs
- 72 "Either he goes — go!"
- 73 Mao — -tung
- 74 Diva Sumac
- 75 Boomer's kid
- 76 Mafia chief
- 80 Horse cousin
- 82 Campus area
- 83 Film genre
- 86 Skillfully
- 87 Tranquil
- 90 Modern, in Munich
- 92 Scottish port
- 94 Varnish resin
- 95 Judgy glance
- 97 Make more offspring
- 98 Govt. loan agency
- 101 LAX guess
- 103 — mater
- 104 Collier's tram
- 105 Really bug
- 106 Discarded PCs or TVs
- 107 At the stern
- 108 Barber's tool
- 109 With 7-Down, the original "It" girl
- 111 Chews on
- 112 Town on Long Island's South Shore
- 116 Russian news agency
- 117 Chablis, e.g.
- 118 Ovid's "Lo!"
- 120 Brand of athletic shoes
- 121 "— la vie"
- 122 Slangy suffix with buck
- 123 Cup edge
- 126 ER staffers

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

February 1959

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Quotations

You know, the other day I was just thinking of how many of our famous quotations fit people in our class. Once James Stephens said,

"If a person desires to be a humorist it is necessary that the people around him shall be at least as wise as he is, otherwise his humor will not be comprehended."

The first person that came into my mind when I read that was David Hamrick. In a way, I think, that suits him.

Barbara Eagle came into my mind when I read Louisa Fletcher's words:

"I wish that there were some wonderful place, called the land of Beginning Again."

In a way that fits almost everyone. Don't you agree Mrs. Griffith?

This one fits Jim Manning perfectly. This was said by Max Eastman:

"I don't know why it is we are in such a hurry to get up when we fall down. You might think we would lie there and rest a while."

Pete Gibson is a good example of this quotation from Kahlil Gibran:

"Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy."

This quotation goes to Ruby Lee and Danny with my compliments—

from Anna Wickham (Mrs. Patrick Hepburn):

"The true male never yet walked who liked to listen when his mate talked."

I'll bet he wouldn't admit it now, though.

I hope this doesn't make David Wilson mad, but this quotation fits him to a "T".

This is it, Dave, as written by Cuppy:

"The Dodo never had a chance. He seems to have been invented for the sole purpose of becoming extinct and that was all he was good for."

This quotation is for the whole senior class—from Clifford Bax:

"Count me not with those that whine—For what is over—All that once was good is good for evermore."

This is for Rosa Gibson. She can always hope for something better. Quoted from Roy Helton:

I knowed in a minute:
 Never learnt nothing
 From then till today:
 Nothing worth learning
 Nothing worth knowing,
 I'm bound to the hills
 And I can't get away..

Can you guess who this quotation from George Gissing is dedicated to?

"Education is a thing of which only the few are capable; teach, as you will only a small percentage will profit by your most zealous energy."

Huh, Mrs. Griffith?

Noteworthy Choice Made By Widen Senior Class

A most note-worthy achievement has been accomplished this year which we think should be brought to the attention of everyone.

The Senior Class of 1958-59 has broken the past tradition of senior classes; they are being selfless, unselfish, and co-operative. The seniors of this year have considered the feelings of each person connected with Widen High School and the community before making their own plans.

We feel they have established a good conduct record which will remain the standard of all senior classes in the future.

The seniors have abandoned going on the senior trip because of working and money problems of the community. They are donating their surplus money to the hot lunch program. The seniors also gave a St. Valentine's Day benefit dance for the lunch program.

In view of these facts we pass along to the Senior Class a well deserved compliment on achieving adulthood before graduation.

Ruby Lee Rapp Wins Homemaker Of Tomorrow

Our school's 1959 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Ruby Lee Rapp.

She received the highest score in a 50-minute written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating senior girls. She will receive a homemaking pin manufactured by Josten's, which represents the slogan, "Home is Where the Heart Is." Her examination paper will be entered in competition with those of other school winners in the state to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The test is designed and judged by Science Research Associates.

Each state Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills, an educational trip April 4-10 with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., colonial Williamsburg, Va., New York City and Minneapolis, and she will be a candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. The school of each state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. General Mills will award a \$500 scholarship to each state runner-up.

Winners are being chosen for 12,260 schools throughout the nation which enrolled 349,150 senior girls, the largest number of participants in the five-year history of this \$106,000 scholarship program. Growth has been steady since 1955 when 187,463 girls in 8,040 schools participated.

The 1959 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be announced in Minneapolis April 10 at the American Table Dinner in the Leamington Hotel's "Hall of States."

The scholarship of the All America Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. The national runner-up will receive a \$4,000 grant, third place winner a \$3,000 award and fourth place winner a \$2,000 scholarship.

STUDENTS TO ATTEND CONVENTION, MAR. 2

Lora Wilson and Kyle Barnette will represent Widen High School at annual "Know Your State Government Day" in Charleston, Monday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The students will be accompanied by Mr. Robert O. Leeson, history instructor.

The annual "Know Your State Government Day" conferences sponsored by the W.V.E.A. Citizenship and International Relations Committee have met with success. This project offers an excellent opportunity to bring students into direct contact with governmental processes.

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BridgeValley expands free dental services with \$15,000 grant from Southern Land Company

BridgeValley Community and Technical College has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Southern Land Company to support its Dental Hygiene Clinic, which provides preventive dental care to hundreds of residents across the Kanawha Valley each year.

The funding will support essential clinical supplies, helping sustain services for patients who may not otherwise have access to routine oral healthcare. The clinic delivers an estimated \$350,000 in care annually, including cleanings, exams, x-rays, fluoride treatments, and oral health education.

Operating from late August through May, the clinic serves children and adults from the surrounding community, as well as BridgeValley students and employees. Services are provided by dental hygiene students under the supervision of licensed professionals, combining hands-on training with direct community impact.

For many patients, the clinic represents a critical point of access to care.

“This program changes lives,” said Robyn Mills, Chair of BridgeValley’s Dental Hygiene Program. “We are able to provide high-quality care to individuals who may not have access otherwise, while giving our students the hands-on experience they need to succeed in the workforce. This funding helps ensure we can continue doing both.”

In addition to addressing critical community health needs, the program plays a key role in strengthening West Virginia’s healthcare workforce. Demand for dental hygienists continues to grow, and BridgeValley’s program provides students with real-world clinical training in a community-centered environment.

The Southern Land Company, selected BridgeValley’s program in recognition of its measurable impact

on both public health and workforce development.

“We are proud to support BridgeValley’s Dental Hygiene Clinic and the meaningful work it represents,” said Shawn Atkins, Account and Project Manager with Southern Land Company. “This program delivers essential care to those who need it most while preparing the next generation of dental professionals. It’s a strong example of how education and community impact come together.”

Community members interested in receiving services are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling (304) 734-6651. Services include cleanings, x-rays, sealants, fluoride treatments, and oral health education.

Students interested in pursuing a career in dental hygiene can learn more about BridgeValley’s program at bridgevalley.edu or by calling 304-734-6600.

MORRISEY

Continued from Page 1

families in her area. Her FRN offers parenting classes, GED support, job training and support for grandparents raising grandkids.

FRNs, which operated in all 55 counties, could see potential funding cuts due to TANF issues, she said.

“With six weeks to go until the end of our current fiscal year contracts, I am deeply concerned about the lack of information we have, and about the rumors we continue to hear about potential budget and contract cuts starting July 1,” Palmer said. “A reduction in services would directly impact families, and would mean loss of dozens of local jobs, across West Virginia.”

Del. Evan Worrell, R-Cabell, said, “I’m not going to support cutting childcare subsidies or clothing vouchers at all.”

“I’d like to see the data on how we’re \$40 million in deficit on TANF, because our family support centers, our resource centers ... they rely on these funds, so it’s a big deal,” added Worrell, who serves as chair of the House Committee on Health and Human Resources.

He questioned if the governor could reallocate the money after lawmakers already approved around \$177 million in TANF funding in their Fiscal Year 2027 budget. It could require a special legislative session, Worrell said.

Morrisey also on Monday announced a number of state agency audits that revealed a potential \$168 million in savings, but the audits did not contain information related to TANF or a program deficit.

“I know (Morrisey) just announced an audit through DoHS with potential savings there. Can we not fill that gap with that without cutting childcare?” Worrell said.

West Virginia uses TANF dollars to support a number of organizations focused on assisting foster children and vulnerable families.

West Virginia has a childcare subsidy program that offers income-based assistance to parents who are working or in school. It currently helps thousands of children access childcare.

Lawmakers recently passed their first hallmark childcare bill, which included better support for the childcare subsidy program. Supporters of the Republican-sponsored bill hoped it would expand childcare slots in the state by better supporting providers.

Morrisey declined to sign the measure before it went into law.

Del. John Williams, D-Monongalia, worried that any funding cuts to the childcare subsidy were “going to take three steps back after taking that one step forward.”

“I’m really concerned when you consider that child-



Del. John Williams, D-Monongalia (Photo by Perry Bennett/West Virginia Legislative Photography)

care is a public utility that’s absolutely essential for families,” Williams said. “The cost of childcare as a percentage of household income is enormous compared to what it used to be. I think what we heard from the governor today was sort of a soft launch that he’s going to cut childcare dollars from TANF.”

Worrell said that it “just seems kind of weird to talk about cutting childcare subsidies that we just supported in this past legislative session.”

Potential funding reductions could affect family support centers around the state.

“Family Support Centers are the local backbone for West Virginia’s child abuse prevention infrastructure. They are one of the most effective strategies available to reduce the number of children entering foster care,” said Jim McKay is state director of Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia. “They are designed to help stabilize families before a crisis reaches a level requiring Child Protective Services intervention or a child’s placement in out-of-home care.”

Research shows a \$4.93 return on investment for every tax dollar invested in Family Support Centers, he added.

West Virginia had around 4,200 TANF cases in December, according to state data. The federal dollars help support Legal Aid, Good News Mountaineer Garage, student support services and community and technical colleges, and more.

Morrisey said that the state needs to have better tracking of TANF dollars.

“The program can go on potentially for up to 18 months, but we have to now make the changes that are going to make sure that there are no structural deficits within TANF,” the governor said. “This is all achievable, and we’re prepared to move forward administratively with the number of initiatives.”

The governor plans to brief the Legislature on the potential changes.

“You’ll be seeing that we’ll have those briefings with the Legislature with an opportunity to solve a number of these problems,” he said. “We’re certainly committed to being fiscally responsible while also helping people who are very much in need, our kids and our families definitely need the help from that TANF program.”

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“NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING”

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan** for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program. A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2027 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP’s Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP’s web site.

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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**
MARY ANN ICE, EXECUTRIX OF THE
ESTATE OF CHARLES MORRIS,
DECEASED,
PETITIONER,

Civil Action No. 28-2026-P-6
Judge Jasmine R. H. Morton

To: Charles Morris, Jr., Adult Respondent

To the above named Adult Respondent
By Petition filed in this action by the Petitioner, you may be a statutory beneficiary as set forth in West Virginia Code, §55-7-6, resulting from the wrongful death of Charles Morris on November 1, 2025. The object of this civil action is to approve a proposed settlement and distribute wrongful death settlement proceeds to statutory beneficiaries. The Petitioner in this matter is represented by Gerald R. Lacy, Gara Hoke Lacy, Lacy Law Offices, L.C., Post Office Box 589, Charleston, West Virginia 25322; telephone number 304-741-5565. A copy of the Petition filed in this case may be obtained from the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia, 246 Main Street, Post Office Box 129, Clay, West Virginia, 25043; telephone number 304-587-4256. If you wish to assert a claim in this matter as a statutory beneficiary, you must notify the Circuit Clerk of this Court on or before July 10, 2026. You are further notified that a hearing on the Petition shall be held on July 15, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, before the Honorable Jasmine R. H. Morton, Judge, Clay County Court-house, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia. Your failure to timely respond to the Petition or appear at the hearing will result in your forfeiture of any potential claim.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO. NOIR APCO and WHEELING 26A
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Notice of Intent to File General Base Rate Case.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES

On April 6, 2026, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (Companies) filed a Notice of Intent to file a general base rate case (NOI). On April 16, 2026, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) issued an Order in the above-referenced proceeding and with respect to the NOI (Order) stating that the "Commission has considered the potential impact of such a filing, and whether there is any alternative that could extend the timing between general base rate cases, levelize, and moderate the magnitude of future rate increase requests, incentivize the Companies to control costs so as to reduce the need for, and magnitude of, general base rate cases and, at the same time, consider the needs of the Companies to timely recover reasonable and prudently incurred costs." As the alternative, the Order authorized the Companies to increase their existing base rates pursuant to a "limited inflation-based revenue adjustment" effective June 1, 2026, if the Companies agree to withdraw their NOI and not make a filing to change their base rates on or before June 1, 2027, subject to the Companies agreeing to certain conditions.

The Companies have accepted this alternative and the conditions. Consequently, on April 23, 2026, in accordance with the Order, the Companies filed the affidavit of an authorized corporate executive wherein the Companies: (1) agreed that they have reviewed the Commission's Final Order entered on March 31, 2026 in Case No. 25-0310-E-P and will proceed with the securitization authorized therein, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, subject to the Companies alerting the Commission of certain corrections and adjustments in that Order; (2) agreed to file a motion to withdraw the NOI; and (3) agreed not to file a West Virginia base rate case prior to June 1, 2027, thereby satisfying the Commission's conditions and allowing the inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates become effective on June 1, 2026.

Once effective on June 1, 2026, the Commission-approved inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates will increase the Companies' residential and commercial base rates by 4.0 percent and will increase the Companies' industrial base rates by 2.5 percent, excluding Special Contract rates, resulting in an overall base rate increase of 3.5 percent, or approximately \$40.1 million. The impact of the inflation-based rate adjustment to base rates on an average monthly bill by customer category will be as follows:

	(\$) Increase/(Decrease)	(%) Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$5.12	2.77%
Commercial	\$11.32	2.57%
Industrial	\$2,797.00	0.99%
Other	\$0.00	0.00%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. A residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a monthly increase over current rates of \$4.84, or 2.74 percent.

Also on April 23, 2026, the Companies filed with the Commission updated Tariff Sheets reflecting the above-described inflation-based rate adjustment and resulting revised base rates, effective as of June 1, 2026. A complete copy of the Companies' Tariffs, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide information requested concerning them, are available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the offices of the Companies.

Copies of the Companies' Tariffs are also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY**

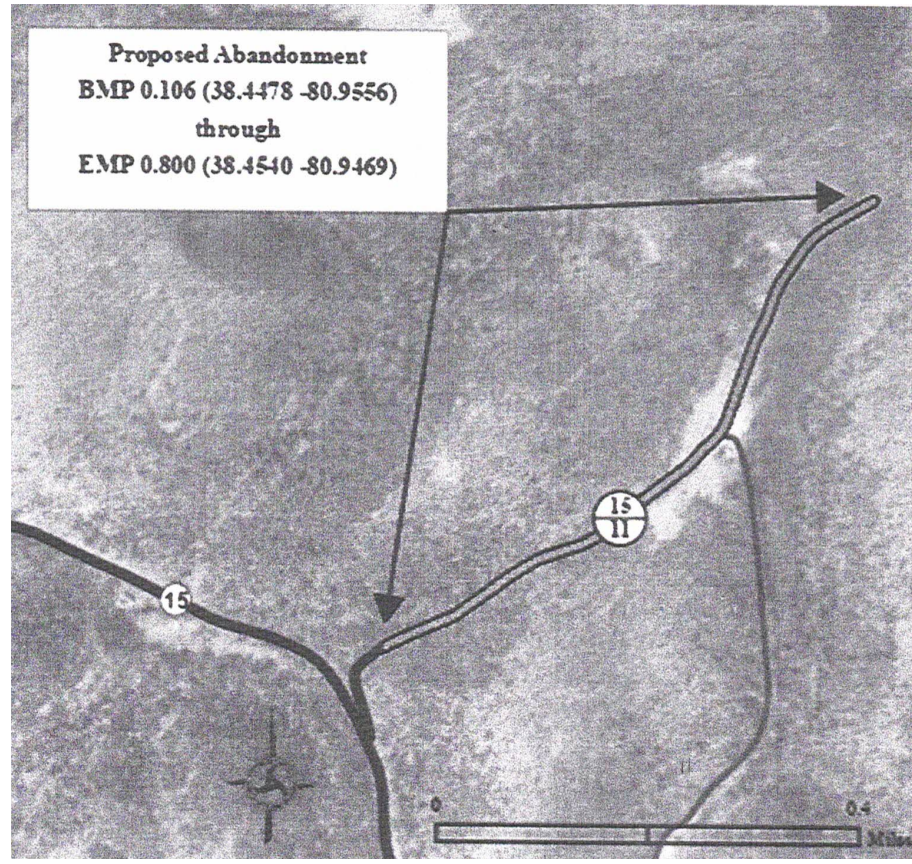
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**NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT
ON THE PROPOSED PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF
COUNTY ROUTE 15/11 (0.694 MILE)
LOCATED IN CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

The West Virginia Division of Highways hereby provides notice of the proposed partial abandonment of CR 15/11, beginning at a point on CR 15/11, said point being 0.106 mile northeast of the junction of CR 15/11 and CR 15; thence northeasterly 0.694 mile and ending at a dead end. The total length abandoned from CR 15/11 is 0.694 mile. The new total length of CR 15/11 will be 0.106 mile.

The West Virginia Division of Highways, District 1, requested the abandonment on behalf of an adjacent property owner. Information related to the proposed abandonment may be found at go.wv.gov/roadabandonments.

Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal or to request a meeting may do so by emailing the Commissioner of Highways (preferred method), at DOHDS@wv.gov or by writing to the Commissioner at West Virginia Division of Highways, Information Technology Division, Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 720, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, Attn: Chief Technology Officer on or before June 15, 2026.



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**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2027**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
CLAY COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Clay County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2027 fiscal year, and doth 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:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

Estimated revenues:

Local Sources:		
Property Taxes (Net of allowances)	\$	3,094,129
Other local sources		50,000
State Sources:		
State aid to schools		14,643,716
Other unrestricted		10,000
Federal sources:		
Unrestricted		150,000
Miscellaneous sources		40,000
Total estimated revenues		17,987,845
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources		
Estimated beginning balance		500,000
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$	18,487,845

Estimated expenditures:

Instruction	\$	10,550,840
Supporting services:		
Students		200,568
Instructional staff		228,423
Central administration		390,146
School administration		883,153
Central services		1,079,992
Operation and maintenance of facilities		1,972,770
Students transportation		2,645,044
Food services		
Community services		161,503
Capital outlay		85,448
Debt service:		
Principal retirement		160,000
Interest and fiscal charges		39,435
Total estimated expenditures		18,397,318
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses		90,527
Estimated budgetary reserves		
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$	18,487,845

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2027
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Estimated revenues:

Local Sources:	\$	35,445
State Sources:		
State aid to schools		444,216
Other		
Federal sources		2,733,915
Miscellaneous sources		
Total estimated revenues		3,213,576
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources		90,527
Estimated beginning balance		
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$	3,304,103

Estimated expenditures:

Instruction	\$	1,989,329
Supporting services:		
Students		
Instructional staff		
Central administration		
School administration		
Business		
Operation and maintenance of facilities		
Students transportation		
Food services		1,314,774
Community services		
Capital outlay		
Debt service:		
Principal retirement		
Interest and fiscal charges		
Total estimated expenditures		3,304,103
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses		
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses	\$	3,304,103

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2027**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
Clay County, to wit:

I, Philip R. Dobbins, Secretary of the Clay County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 19th day of May, 2026.

Philip R. Dobbins
Secretary of the Board of Education

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ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO. LLC, 200 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 400, ORANGE VILLAGE, OH 44122, has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 539 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number S201298 to coal surface mine in the Kittanning, Clarion, Stockton and Coalburg seam of coal.

The operation is discharging into Sycamore Run and an un-named tributary of Lilly Fork and Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River and is located 6 miles, northwest of Bickmore, in Henry/Grant & Summersville Districts of Clay & Nicholas counties, Longitude 80° 59' 2" and Latitude 38° 22' 39" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Heartwood Forestland Fund VI LLC - surface	8809 Lenox Pointe Dr. Sutie B Charlotte NC 28273
Allegheny Forestlands LLC c/o Orbiz Inc	8809 Lenox Pointe Dr. Sutie B Charlotte NC 28273
EL2, LLC	11 Spleltz Ln Oley PA 19457
Civil-Military Innovation Institute Inc	3592 Collins Ferry Rd Morgantown WV 26505

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

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

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

NAME	ADDRESS
N/A	

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 7/6/26, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until 7/6/26, 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

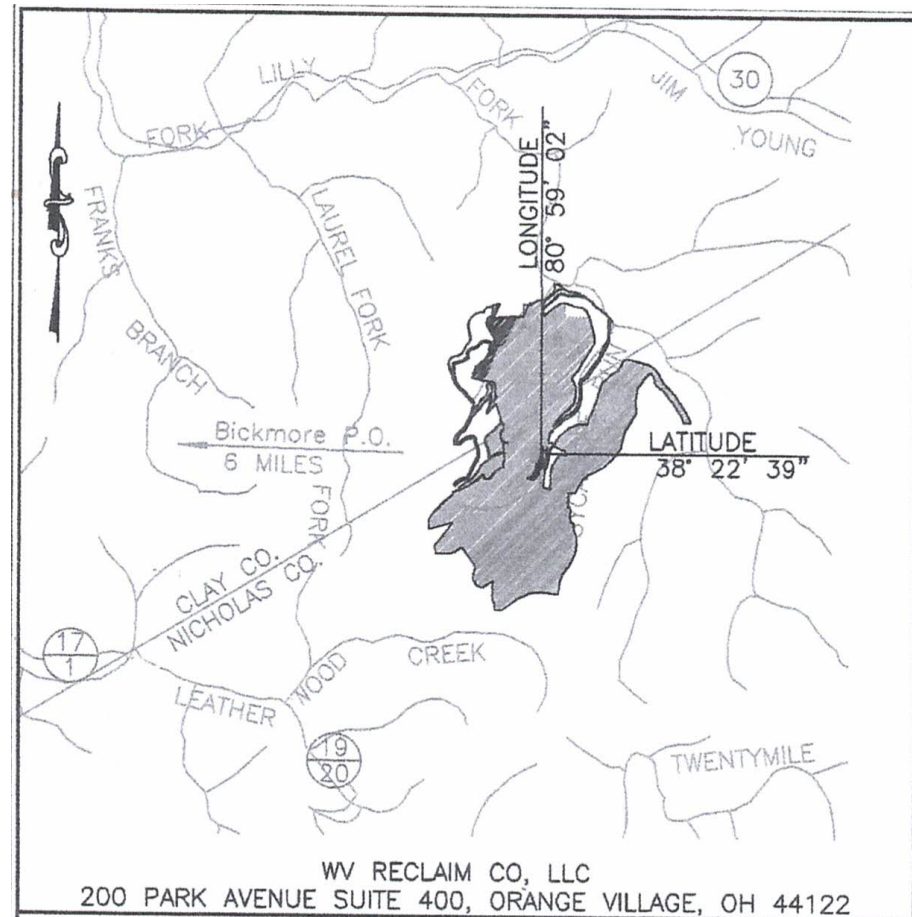
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219

Permit Number: S201298

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

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



WV RECLAIM CO, LLC
200 PARK AVENUE SUITE 400, ORANGE VILLAGE, OH 44122

LOCATION MAP

PERMIT NO. S201298 NPDES NO. WV1017951
NICHOLAS AND CLAY COUNTIES HIGHWAY MAP
SEE USGS - TOPO MAP (7.5' SERIES)
SWANDALE & GILBOA QUADRANGLES
GRANT, SUMMERSVILLE & HENRY DISTRICTS
NICHOLAS AND CLAY COUNTIES

NEAREST PO: BICKMORE
SYCAMORE RUN AND AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LILLY FORK
AND LILLY FORK OF BUFFALO CREEK OF
ELK RIVER

SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE



CHURCH DIRECTORY



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ALTA CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday Night Services
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM Everyone
is welcome! **Pastor: Paul E.
Young**

B

**BELL CREEK
COMMUNITY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

**BELL CREEK
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
Dixie
Tuesday Night 6:00 PM
Thursday Night 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
PM **Pastor: Lee Holiday (304)
632-1135**

**BETHEL BAPTIST
CHURCH** of Adonijah.
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

**BETHEL COMMUNITY
CHURCH**, Porter Creek Road,
Bomont, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:30 PM
Thursday Night Service
7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Junior Davis

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

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

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

BLUE KNOB CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM Everyone
is Welcome!

**BUFFALO VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday
School 10:00 AM Worship
Service 11:00 AM Sunday
Evening Service
6:00 PM
Radio Broadcast, Sunday
Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV
Summersville
Everyone Welcome **Pastor:
Doug Newell IV**

**BURKE COMMUNITY
CHURCH** in Precious. Across
Camp Creek Bridge on the left.
Preaching Every Sunday
10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible
Study every Wednesday 7:00
AM **Pastor: Clarence Deel**

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**CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF
LIZEMORE**
Prayer Service and Bible Study,
Tuesday 7:00 PM Regular
Service Sunday Nights at 7:00
PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

**CHURCH OF GOD
BENTREE**
Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Come and worship the Lord
with us.
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

**CLAY COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00
PM. Everyone welcome.

**CLAY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

**CLENDENIN UNITED
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

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

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

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

E

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

F

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

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

**FAITH MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Bomont, WV
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
and 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Nick Bird
Phone 304-548-6665

**FLAT FORK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Wednesday Prayer & Bible
Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson

**FOLA MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Adults Bible Study
& Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

G

**GAULEY BRIDGE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM
Junior BYF/Senior BYF
6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship
7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM
Wednesday Kids/Children/
Youth 7:00 PM

**GOSPEL LIGHT
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth
of Gabe. Everyone welcome.
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday night 6:00 PM
Wednesday night 6:00 PM
Pastor: Rev. David Smith

**GROVES CREEK
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone welcome!

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

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

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

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

**NEW ANTIOCH
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting 7:00 PM

Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

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

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

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

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

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

**OVAPA METHODIST
CHURCH**
Preaching every Sunday at
9:45 PM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Sunday School on the 2nd
Sunday is at 10:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Phone 304-587-2955 **Pastors:
Cindy & Roger Dunlap**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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

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

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

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

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**WALLBACK METHODIST
CHURCH** Preaching 1st, 3rd,
5th Sun- days 9:45 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Eve-
ning 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

**WALNUT GROVE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays
11:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: (304) 332-5503 **Pastor:
Jimmy Adkins**

**WALNUT MEMORIAL
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:00 AM Thursday
Evening Service 7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Lester Tanner

**WHITE PILGRIM
METHODIST CHURCH**
Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Coon

**WHITESTAR
TABERNACLE CHURCH**
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Sunday Night 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall

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Preaching 11:00 AM
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6:00 PM
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CCHS track shines at the AA state competition

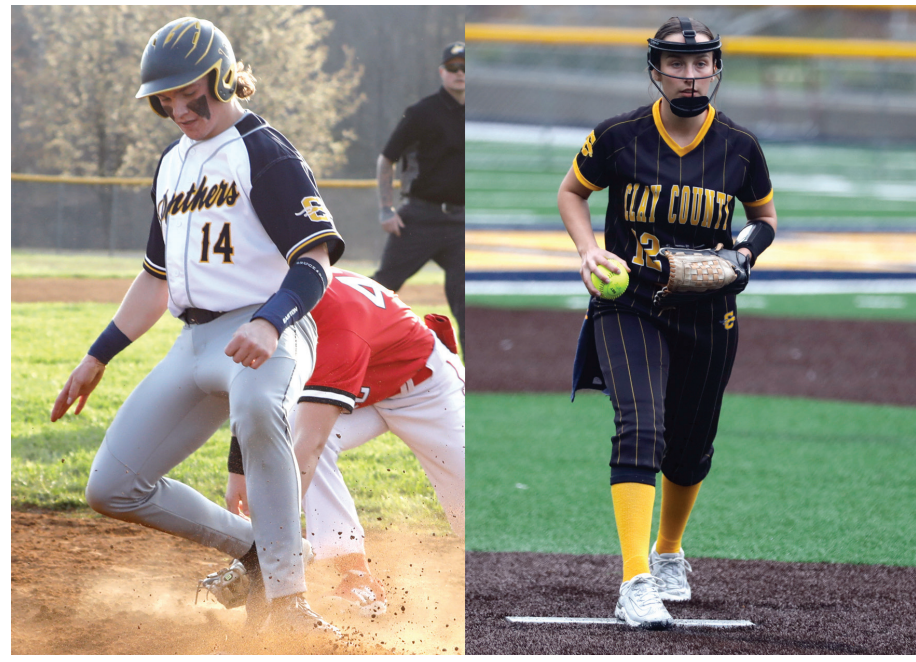


L-R The 4x800 team, McKinley Mahan, Ali Seward, Abigail Grandon and Sophia Berberich. Photo Matt Stricker

By Allen Hamrick
CCHS shuttle hurdle team shines at states; Lady Panthers wear gold for the first time. For the first time in school history the Lady Panthers strapped on some metal at the AA state track championship held in Charleston this past week. The 4x800 team consisting of McKinley Mahan, Ali Seward, Abigail Grandon and Sophia Berberich placed 7th overall. These girls have been in the hunt all season and have proved themselves as the 7th ranked 4x800 team in this state. This feat is a rare accomplishment considering the track team has no track to practice on.

The 110-meter hurdle team consisting of Evan Bass, Daymian Stricker, Justin Nida and Tilyr Bird also ran their way into the all time best placing 4th team in the race. They, too, will be wearing metal for the first time. Also, Evan Bass placed 4th in the 110-meter hurdles in his last season and last race as a Panther.

All in all, this has been a great season for CCHS track although the sport never gets the recognition that it deserves; these Panther athletes have put track on the map at CCHS. Congratulations to these athletes for gutting out the season and becoming some of the best.



L-R Pierce Adkins and Brooklyn Morton 1st Team All LKC

CCHS softball and baseball players named to LKC honors

By Allen Hamrick
The baseball and softball players at CCHS have played pretty good seasons, and some of the players have been named to the All LKC list. For baseball it was Pierce Adkins who got top dog honors by earning 1st team All LKC. Close behind him was Luke Stewart who was named 2nd team All LKC. Receiving honorable mention was Joel Elliott and Lathan Brown who

was Utility Honorable Mention. For the Lady Panthers it was Brooklyn Morton who was named 1st team All LKC. Receiving honorable mention was Addison Taylor, Hannah Gande, Emma Arnold, Rylee Murphy and Layla Parker. Congratulations to all these athletes who made the baseball and softball seasons worth buying tickets for because they gave fans their money's worth.

Gov. Morrisey announces West Virginia joins 'A Home for Every Child' initiative with HHS

Governor Patrick Morrisey joined Assistant Secretary Alex Adams of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to announce West Virginia's participation in the national "A Home for Every Child" initiative, a collaborative effort aimed at improving outcomes for children and strengthening the foster care system.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe, stable, and loving home," said Gov. Morrisey. "West Virginia is committed to strengthening families, supporting foster parents, improving permanency outcomes, and ensuring our child welfare system is focused on what matters most - protecting children and helping them thrive. This partnership allows us to continue modernizing our system while empowering frontline workers and community partners to better serve children and families across our state."

The initiative seeks to increase the ratio of foster homes to children in foster care while giving states greater flexibility to modernize child welfare systems, reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, and focus on measurable outcomes for children and families.

Gov. Morrisey and Assistant Secretary Adams made the announcement during an event highlighting West Virginia's ongoing child welfare reforms, including expanded prevention efforts, stronger

coordination with providers and faith-based organizations, implementation of the SAFE (Safety Assessment and Family Evaluation) Model, improvements to foster parent recruitment and retention efforts, and enhanced accountability measures throughout the system.

"Momentum continues to build behind A Home for Every Child. The Trump administration is thrilled to welcome West Virginia as the 19th state to join our national initiative aimed at increasing the ratio of foster homes to children in foster care," said Assistant Secretary Alex J. Adams. "Under Governor Morrisey's leadership, the state will be able to strengthen efforts that keep families safely together and support foster family recruitment and retention to ensure no child has to wait on a safe, loving, stable home."

The "A Home for Every Child" initiative is part of President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump's broader effort to improve outcomes for children and families through prevention-focused reforms, stronger permanency efforts, and increased state flexibility within the child welfare system.

As part of the initiative, participating states work collaboratively with ACF to improve foster home availability, strengthen kinship care, reduce unnecessary administrative burdens, and modernize child welfare accountability systems.



Gov. Morrisey (right) announces that West Virginia has joined "A Home for Every Child" initiative with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. (Photo courtesy WV Governor's Office)

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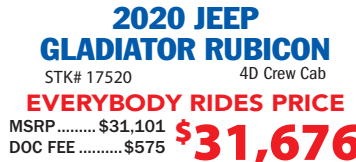


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DOC FEE.....\$575
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EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE
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STK# 17522 4D Crew Cab
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2025 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 RST
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STK# 126254A 4D Crew Cab
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DOC FEE.....\$575
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EVERYBODY RIDES PRICE
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2025 DODGE DURANGO GT
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