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Clay County Clerk Submits Letter of Retirement

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission met on Monday July 27 for their second and final regular meeting for the month of August. All three commissioners were present. Commission President Joyce Johnson and Commissioner Duane Legg were present and Commissioner David Schoolcraft was present by phone.

The commission quickly took care of routine county business. They approved minutes from the previous meeting, bills, purchase orders, budget revisions, erroneous assessment as presented by the Assessor, fiduciary appointments as presented by the County Clerk: appointment of administrators, last wills and testaments, and affidavits and waivers of final settlements for estates.

The commission accepted one new hire for the Ambulance Service: Jerry Moorehead.

The commission reaffirmed the Clay County Emergency Absentee Voting

Procedure, which has been effectively in place since February of this year. This means, if you are involved in an emergency, admitted to a hospital, hospice or other such institution, even a nursing home and have not voted, you can call and an absentee ballot will be delivered to you. This will happen within the week prior to and including election day itself. If your admission is more than thirty days, that does not constitute an emergency (you could have requested a mail-in ballot). Your ballot will be counted.

The Commission was presented with and adopted the Clay County Goes Purple Resolution. West Virginia Goes Purple was founded by Tara Mayson, founder and executive director of The Hope Dealer Project, and is a statewide movement dedicated to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and supporting individuals and families affected by substance use disorder. Under this Resolution September 2026 will be identified

in Clay County as Clay County Goes Purple. Residents are encouraged to wear purple, light homes and businesses with purple lighting, display purple ribbons, participate in recovery focused events and initiatives, and support individuals and families impacted by substance use.

The Commission heard from Terry Martin regarding the proposed grant financing of the New 911 Center.

If there was a sudden surprise at this month's meeting it was the Letter of Retirement from County Clerk, Shelia Stone, effective August 15. "No Emergency," Shelia told me after the meeting, "I'm just old." She laughed as she talked about visiting grandchildren and doing life at a slower pace. She does have a recommendation to replace her, but she is tight lipped. "That is up to the Commission." She said. Whomever the Clay County Commission selects, will continue until 2028 when a new County Clerk will be elected. The commission reluc-



tantly accepted her retirement. Good Luck Shelia.

The next County Commission regular meeting will be Monday August 10, 2026.

Local artist to paint community mural near Clay County Courthouse

By Zachery Miller

A retaining wall near the new Clay County Courthouse will soon become a colorful tribute to the community, thanks to the vision of local artist Brit-tany Stone.

Stone, 32, is a lifelong Clay County resident who currently serves the community as a 911 dispatcher. She has previously worked as an EMT with both Clay and Lizemores Ambulance Services and deeply enjoys serving the public.

"I genuinely enjoy being the voice, or the hand, that helps them in emergencies," said Stone.

But, while public service has long been an important part of her life, art has always been her greatest passion. Stone believes that public art can inspire pride in the places people call home and she is willing to take the lead. Recently, she began pursuing larger-scale artwork and murals right here in Clay County.



"I shared a Facebook post looking for a business or property owner who might be interested in having a mural painted. My goal wasn't just to build a business, it was to bring more art into our community and hopefully encourage others to see what's possible in small-town West Virginia."

The opportunity came when Clay County Commissioner Joyce Johnson saw examples of Stone's work and invited her to create a design for the retaining wall behind the new courthouse.

Stone developed a concept that celebrates the community and showcases the natural beauty of Clay County.

The courthouse mural will be Stone's first public mural in Clay and marks the beginning of what she hopes will become many more community art projects throughout the area.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity," She said. "This project has only made me more passionate about creating artwork that reflects our local identity. Whether it's murals, signs, or

logos, I enjoy designing pieces that tell the story of our community and the people who live here."

Construction on the mural is expected to begin soon, giving residents another reason to look forward to a vibrant new addition to downtown Clay.

After work on the mural is complete, Stone plans to continue working with local businesses, organizations, and community groups to transform blank walls into artwork that reflects the character, history, and spirit of Clay County.

2026 Ag Fair held at Don Jarvis Memorial Park

Allen Hamrick

With the heat reaching into the 90's and the fresh and somewhat tart scent of barnyard filled the nostrils, the 2026 Clay County Youth Agriculture fair was under way. With quality at one hundred ten percent, the animals sweated out the weekend. On Friday evening, Timothy Brown from the Department of Agriculture officially opened the show with the cutting of the ribbon. Afterward it was all action it was time to bring on the hogs to be judged. On Saturday it was the chickens, rabbits, goats and sheep that took center stage to be judged.

On Saturday night, the auction was held as Clay County youth paraded their animals in the corral for the prospective buyers. This annual event is a great time for youth to understand the meaning of hard work and getting a little something for their dedication. This year's Ag Fair Queen was Lydia Shamblin. Many thanks go out to those who bid and made it possible. All in all, it was a good show, and former

owners walked away from the event with good memories, a work ethic instilled and some with pockets of money. Without these laudable figures that stand in the fields and pens and brave the elements day after day, this event would not take place.

Some of the youth of this county still hold true to the ideals of farming and



Jase Young showing his champion hog. Allen Hamrick Photo.

have a desire for this way of life to continue. They did a great job of raising some of the most superb farm animals in this state. Clay County 4-H also had a display that the youth participated in. The ones who were at the helm of the Agriculture Fair did a fine job of putting this event together. It is good that we still have people who care in this county and work. Thanks to Betsy Keiffer for all her help with the fair and providing additional information and pictures.

Taking the top hog award for 2026 was Jase Young whose hog took home the



2026 Ag Fair Queen 2026 - Lydia Shamblin. Allen Hamrick Photo.

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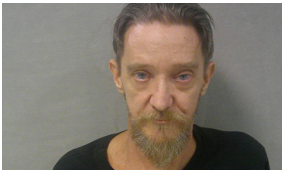


REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

CLAY COUNTY



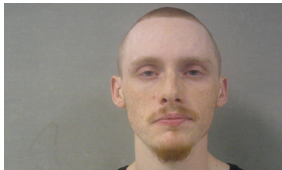
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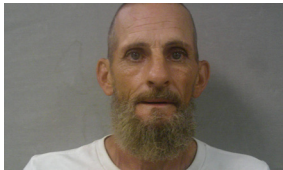
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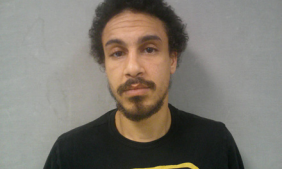


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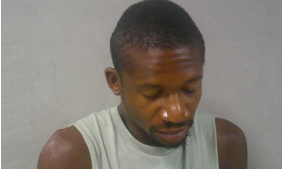


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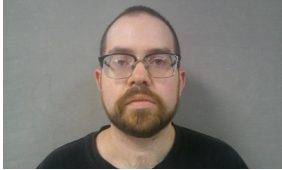
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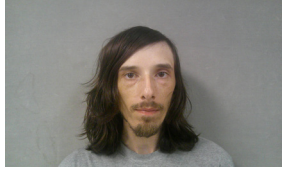
Anthony David Morris –
Booked 7/29/2026, Child Concealment, Conspiracy



Dominic Tyrell Craig
Booked 7/31/2026
Receive/Transfer Stolen +>\$1000, Petit Larceny, Enter W/O Break Other than Dwelling, Driving while Suspended/Revoked, Improper Registration



Lee Auston Godbey
Booked 7/31/2026
Distribution and Exhibiting of Material Depicting, Sex Abuse by Parent/Guardian



Seth Ryan Sutton
Booked 7/30/2026
Domestic Assault, Destruction of Property

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Bridging the Gap for Our Kids: How Parents and Community Are Coming Together

By Amy Lane

With a new school year fast approaching, families across West Virginia were relying on the state’s school clothing voucher program to help prepare their children for the classroom. However, after opening on July 20, the application window was abruptly closed at 11:59 PM on July 27—after just seven days—due to exhausted funds.

The early closure was driven by massive, instant demand across the entire state. In those seven days alone, more than 52,000 children applied for assistance. Because only a fixed portion of the state’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) budget was allocated specifically for clothing vouchers, that pool of money was drained almost immediately, leaving thousands of local families without the help they were counting on.

According to information shared by County Commissioner Duane Legg, local leaders have shined a light on this funding shortfall to emphasize just how critical it is for our community to step up and support our kids right now.

Witnessing the Need: Building a Parent-to-Parent Network

When news spread that the clothing vouchers had officially run out, the reaction across our town was immediate and heartbreaking. I saw the sheer panic on parents’ faces as they realized they might not be able to buy their children basic clothes or shoes for the upcoming school year. Knowing the stress and helplessness so many moms and dads were feeling in that moment, I knew I couldn’t just stand by.

That urgency is why I launched our dedicated Facebook group: **New Clothing Swap, Direct Donations, Children in Need Brand New Clothing.**

Our primary focus is giving parents a direct, real-time way to connect and help each other. Through this online space, parents can post exact sizes their kids need, swap outfits their children have outgrown, or donate brand-new items with tags still on directly to another local family. It cuts out the middleman and creates a fast, direct support network right where people spend their time every day.

There is something deeply special about giving a child something brand-new and fresh to wear, whether it’s a new pair of shoes or an outfit with the tags still on. It’s not just about fabric and leather; it’s about dignity, self-confidence, and letting every student walk into their

classroom on day one with their head held high. Every single child deserves a new pair of shoes and the pride that comes with it.

While our online group allows parents to coordinate directly, we know not everyone is on social media or able to arrange individual swaps. That is where Brother’s Keeper comes in as a vital community partner.

Brother’s Keeper has graciously agreed to serve as our central physical drop-off location. She is accepting physical clothing and shoe donations and actively organizing them to make sure at least 35 local children currently waiting for help get the exact clothes they need before school begins.

Clay County is known for its incredible natural beauty. But anyone who lives here knows that our county’s true beauty isn’t just in the landscape, it’s in the heart of our people.

We live in an extraordinary community where neighbors don’t hesitate to step in when times get tough. When state programs fall short, the spirit of Clay County shines brightest. Time and time again, our town proves that no matter the challenge, parents and neighbors will come together to make sure our children never stand alone.

How You Can Get Involved Today:

Join the Facebook Group (Primary Hub): Join our community space to connect directly with other parents, request needed sizes, or post items you have available.

Donate Physical Items to Brother’s Keeper: Drop off clean, new, or gently used clothes and shoes so Brother’s Keeper can package them for families on the waiting list.

Spread the Word: Share our Facebook group link with friends, neighbors, and local church groups so every parent in need knows where to find help.

When we share what we have, we build a safety net where every family can give when they can and receive help when they need it most. Let’s rally together as a community and make sure no student starts the school year feeling left behind.

Contact & Group Information:

Primary Online Group: New clothing swap, direct donations, children in need brand new clothing (Join on Facebook)

Direct Group Link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18wMB3Me2E/>

Physical Drop-Off Partner: Brother’s Keeper In May-sel

West Virginia Folklife Seeks Applications Statewide for 2026-27 Folklife Apprenticeship Program

Charleston—West Virginia Folklife, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, is now accepting applications for its statewide Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

Since 2017, the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program has supported expert traditional artists working with dedicated apprentices on a yearlong apprenticeship to teach traditional music, dance, craft, foodways, storytelling and more. This popular program follows the time-tested model of one-to-one teaching so that apprentices may carry on techniques, artistry, stories and traditional knowledge of communities from throughout the Mountain State.

Applications are due September 18, 2026, for the 2026-27 program. The application, guidelines and instructions for how to apply can be found at wvfolklife.org. Mentors and their proposed apprentices must apply together. Applications will be evaluated by a review panel, and successful applicants will be notified in November 2026.

Teaching artists will receive \$3,000, and apprentices \$800, for participating in the program. Pairs may request an additional \$400 to reimburse for expenses related to their apprenticeship. Folklife apprenticeship pairs design their own work plans, and they are expected to participate in a public presentation, recorded interview, virtual meetings as a cohort with other selected pairs and a final public showcase.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program



Apprentice Aristotle Jones (left) listens as his mentor, Bill Hairston, tells stories of growing up in West Virginia. Photo by Michael Keller.

is facilitated by the West Virginia Folklife Program at the West Virginia Humanities Council. The Folklife Apprenticeship Program is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation and support of West Virginia’s cultural heritage and living traditions. For more information, visit wvfolklife.org. For questions about the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program, contact Jennie Williams at williams@wvhumanities.org or 304-346-8500. Follow our YouTube channel @West-VirginiaFolklife to watch past West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship showcases.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11, at 9:00 am, at the PSD office in Birch River.

Attention Clay Panthers: The 60th Class Reunion for Class of 1966 will be held at the Clay Middle School on September 18th, from 4p.m. to 8:30pm, with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP Judy Dobbins, 623 Paxton Rd. Prociuous, WV 25164.

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph soon became the senior senator from West Virginia and served for 26 years.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 7, 1928: Author Betsy Byars was born in

Charlotte, but her most productive period occurred during her 20 years in West Virginia. Her books during this time included the 1971 Newberry Medal-winning *The Summer of the Swans* and *Goodbye, Chicken Little*, which the *New York Times* named an outstanding book for 1979.



Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant

business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County; 71 people died, and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

Aug. 9, 1927: Matthew Reese was born in Huntington. During the 1960 presidential Democratic primary, he helped organize all 55 counties and recruited thousands of campaign volunteers for John F. Kennedy. JFK's victory forged Reese's national political consulting career, working on more than 450 campaigns.

Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with

financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county. He most notably led the anti-union forces at the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

Aug. 10, 1913: Sam Shaw was the beloved third-generation editor of the *Moundsville Daily Echo* from 1951 until his death in 1995. His letters home during World War II earned him the Ernie Pyle Award. He was also a tinkerer, long-distance runner, hiker, musician, photographer, linguist and bird watcher.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.

Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia from 1885 to 1890.

Aug. 11, 1910: Funeral director Elizabeth Harden Gilmore was born in Charleston. In 1958, she was an original organizer of West Virginia's first Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chapter and, on her 48th birthday, began leading demonstrations that desegregated Charleston businesses.

Aug. 11, 1914: U.S. Ambassador Joseph S. Farland was born in Clarksburg. He helped facilitate U.S. Secretary of State's Henry Kissinger's secret 1971 trip to China as a prelude to President Richard Nixon's historic visit.

Aug. 11, 1941: Musician John Ellison was born near Montgomery, Fayette County. While performing with his band, the Soul

Brothers Six, he wrote the classic song "Some Kind of Wonderful."



Aug. 11, 1974: Singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. was born in Logan. In 2011, he won the nationally televised *America's Got Talent* competition, performing standards. His win offered him a chance to perform at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved. 2. Window sill is missing. 3. Rear car window is smaller. 4. House window is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Briefcase is larger.

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Super Crossword

ODD DUCKS

ACROSS

- 1 Arctic footwear item
9 Triaging concern
15 "Rope- —" (Ali ring tactic)
20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms
21 Twinkled
22 Adversary
23 Brief seconds
24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
26 See
27 61-Across
28 Dandy dudes
29 On guard
29 Foxx amuses his audience?
34 Flock babies
37 Droop
39 Phone button abbr.
40 Special span
41 Granola snack option
43 Flood preventer
44 Muscles called "guns"
47 Paul acts in a serious film?
50 Military pupils
52 One of a pair of sense organs
53 Expiators

- 54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
57 Favored ones
60 "Hence ..."
61 With 26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
62 Philadelphia's La — University
63 WWII battle city in France
64 Adaptable truck, in brief
65 Christ, in Cremona
67 Oldham fashions clothes?
70 Cheer shouts
74 Court org.
76 "Look at Me" novelist Jennifer
77 Bunk
79 Gunk
80 "ATM" rapper
83 Small warbler
84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
86 Orchestrate
88 Miracle- —
90 Brown ermines
91 Roger describes a news event?

- 96 "C'mon, quit it!"
98 "It's all clear"
99 Lightning source, informally
100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
102 Put in a juicer
103 One of a pair of sense organs
104 Cultural spirit
105 Billy steps off his ship?
109 Plow inventor John
111 Swiss mounts
112 "— had it!"
113 Jason bounces the basketball?
117 Kitchen tools
122 Architect Jones
123 — d' (head-waiter)
124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
125 De Mille the dancer
126 Less than retail
127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?

DOWN

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- 2 Writer Anaïs
3 Carry- — (flight totes)
4 Sweaty, say
5 Straitlaced
6 Indian tongue
7 Scale's span
8 Road curve
9 Certain opening for a bolt
10 Elated bliss
11 Gives help
12 German link
13 Rx request
14 Suffix with lime or Gator
15 Seed casings
16 Belly flop, say
17 Unusually big
18 People eating meals, e.g.
19 High trains
25 Maze-running rodent
27 Mrs., in Berlin
29 Burglarize
30 Gourmet
31 Tenths of centuries
32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
33 Slip up
34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
35 Court org.
36 Mothers, informally
38 Undercoat for an oil painting

- 42 Skilled sorts
43 Evening eats
45 People who are hoofing it
46 Rock layers
48 — Moines
49 Perfectly
51 Song for one
54 Hazy stuff
55 Not as young
56 Pigeon perch, maybe
58 Yale for whom Yale is named
59 "I swear —!"
63 Capitol fig.
64 No longer bothered by
66 Remove the cargo from
68 Hazard
69 Motions "yes"
71 "Equus" actress Jenny
72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
73 "Rescue us!"
75 Road curve
78 "The Lady" star Michelle
80 Farr or Foxx
81 Fighting for change
82 Called for a pizza, say
83 Like Cardiff natives

- 84 Write hastily
85 City in Iraq
87 Go- — (no idler)
89 Climbing roses
92 "Am — blame?"
93 Refusals
94 Cuts off
95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
97 Evening hrs.
101 Add while proofing
104 Paul who published many math papers
106 Surprise win
107 Tennis legend Chris
108 Park seat
110 Threshold
111 Counter-tenor
113 Rio carmaker
114 "— bad boy!"
115 Slugging club
116 Razor brand
117 Israeli weapon
118 College org. of sisters
119 Suffix with opal
120 Tell fibs
121 Mournful

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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.



March 1957

WIDEN ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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Following the departure of Program Chairman Herb Johnson to Florida, Darrell Wood, President of Widen Rotary Club, appointed Dr. E. B. Gray to succeed Mr. Johnson. Dr. Gray has now lined up a series of medical films to show at the weekly meetings, the first of which, "Antibiotics", was shown following dinner on March 2. The film dealt primarily with penicillin and the mass production of that drug in the United States. Most of us take our "shots" of "wonder drugs" as a matter of course, without a thought of the tremendous amount of extremely careful work that has gone into their production. In the case of penicillin, first comes the selection of a living mold containing the proper ingredients, then the careful feeding of that live organism until it has grown to a tremendous size. These molds are tended and grown in laboratories much the same as livestock are raised on a farm, from selective stock and specialized feeding on certain foods. There is enormous expense attached to the development of new drugs and in their original form they would be much too costly for any practical use. Only the mass production techniques of American industry has enabled the drug profession to lower the costs to a point where it is possible for a doctor to administer the shots at a cost within the reach of nearly everyone. Other films of similar interest will be shown on succeeding weeks.

The Widen club recently has been honored by the attendance at some of its meetings of the president of Elk River Coal & Lumber Company, Robert Hughes, and the vice president, Steve Canonico, who is an active member of the Rotary Club of Clarksburg. Other recent guests have been Russell Decker, of Industrial Engineers of Fairmont, and Richard Pate, manager of the Insurance Department of Clinchfield Coal Company.

The Rotary Club of Widen is always happy to welcome guests, particularly visiting Rotarians. These guests soon learn that although we're not a real big club so far as membership is concerned and don't go in too much for elaborate programs, we are probably the best fed club in the state, if not in all Rotary, thanks

to Club Manager Harry Taka, our only remaining Charter Member, who very shortly will complete thirty successive years as a member of the Widen Club.

Members Woman's Club Attend Convention

Members of the Widen Woman's Club attending the 53rd annual convention of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, were: Mrs. Harold L. Beattie, Mrs. E. D. Moyers, Mrs. Cecil Butcher, Mrs. E. B. Gray, Mrs. Marie Donohue, Mrs. Robert Osborne Mrs. Scott Williams and Miss Hazel Baughman. The convention was on March 19th to 21, 1959.

Mrs. Scott Williams and Miss Hazel Baughman were named as delegates from the Widen Woman's Club and also served as ushers on the evening of March 19th. Mrs. Harold L. Beattie, First Vice President of Capitol District and Mrs. Cecil Butcher, President of the Widen Woman's Club were in the processional at the evening session, Thursday, March 19th. Mrs. Beattie was in charge of ushers for the entire convention.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Widen Troop III happily chose Monday, March 2, as the date for its first cookout this year. That turned out to be one of the few really nice days during the first half of March. Eight boys accompanied Scoutmaster E. C. George to Heart Rock, on top of the hill above the ball diamond. Climbing the hill is fun for the boys it's just a bit hard on the scoutmaster. About half way up the hill we found evidence that some carnivorous form of wildlife had dined on pheasant. A few large colorful tail feathers and a multitude of soft, white downy feathers gave mute evidence of the successful hunt, probably by a fox. The rock itself, named for its shape, juts out over the valley. At the rear of the rock there is a large solid overhang, beneath which the boys build their cooking fires in shelter.

The troop has made many trips to that rock and on each occasion the boys seem to have more fun than the last time. Directly across Buffalo Valley from Heart Rock is another piece of the same formation, called Saddle Rock by the youngsters. That is another favorite spot for cookouts. At the March 2 outing, Roger Mick, the only tenderfoot in the troop, passed his fire building and cleanup tests. To do that, he gathered the wood for his fire, built a good fireplace, started his fire with one match, kept it going while he cooked his supper, then doused the fire (Boy Scout fashion?), and left the area cleaner than he found it.

Three newcomers to the troop are coming along nicely with their tenderfoot work. They are Kelly Sparks, son of Flavy Sparks; Freddie Donohue, son of Paul Donohue; Daniel Wood, son of Darrell Wood, who appeared for the first time at a meeting on his eleventh birthday, March 16.

Several outstanding events are in the offing for the local troop and scouts generally in this area. First is the Spectacular, a tremendous scouting show at the Civic Center in Charleston on April 3 and 4. Several national notables will be in attendance, including Bill Pierce, champion archer who not only will demonstrate his skill, but will shoot against any who care to try to match his shots. Also, there will be a nationally famous marksman, an indoor swimming pool in which among other things there will be log-rolling, or birling, demonstrations. A feature of the show will be the appearance of Col. Chuck Yeager, of supersonic flight fame, who will do the announcing for a live showing of jet formation flying by a team that will come from Martinsburg to put on a performance over the city of Charleston. Scout officials at Buckskin Council headquarters have also said there will be a noted TV character in attendance, but have thus far refused to reveal his identity. Tickets for the event have been sold locally by the members of Troop III, and may also be obtained at the door of the Civic Center on show days.

On April 1, several troops will be represented at a tree-planting near Renick, when some 5,000 tiny plants will be set out by scouts. Then the last two weekends in May, district and council camporees will be held. The local troop will go to Camp Clifton McClintic

for the week of July 26, to August 1. Council officials have announced that the advance registration for summer camp is the earliest and heaviest in history. It is expected that at least ten boys from Troop 111 will spend a week in camp this summer.

WEST VIRGINIA TEST: The Clay County Club test will be given Friday, April 10. The superintendent's office will provide the Junior Citizens tests. The tests for Discoverers, 5th grade; Explorers' 6th grade and Pioneers' 7th grade, will be made up by the teachers of the schools.

Unusual Things Happen On The Golf Course

The hazards of the first-time out gave trouble to at least one member of Widen's golfingest threesome recently. Playing at Hawk's Nest one Sunday early in March, one of the lads managed to three-putt fifteen of the eighteen greens. At the other extreme, one of the others required only one putt on thirteen greens. Funny thing is, their final scores were very similar, the poor putter having no trouble getting to the greens but being unable to take advantage of his success on the fairways, with a vice versa case for his buddy. That's what makes golf the great game it is, and keeps the men coming back time after time, searching for that elusive golden day when every shot has the perfection that every golfer has in mind when he starts his swing. And, of course, if all else fails, there is always the nineteenth hole, which only the inveterate golf bug can really appreciate.

SPELLING BEE—: The date of the Clay County spelling contest has been set for Saturday, April 18, 10 o'clock A. M., in the Clay County High School auditorium. Watch the county newspapers for announcement of prizes to be awarded to the winners.

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MARCH OF DIMES results for 1959, made a total of \$767.67, raised by the Clay County Schools.

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

Publication Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026
Claim Deadline: Monday, October 5, 2026

ESTATE NUMBER	895
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/27/2026
ESTATE NAME:	EDWARD LEE HARDWAY
AFFIANT	JEAN P HARDWAY 2436 WOODBINE DRIVE CRESTVIEW FL 32536

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APPOINTMENT DATE	07/07/2026
ESTATE NAME:	WANDA L COULTER
EXECUTRIX	PATRICIA L COULTER 296 PISGAH RIDGE RD CLAY WV 25043
APPOINTMENT DATE	01/23/2026
ESTATE NAME:	BRENDA LEE DENNIS
ADMINISTRATOR	ROBERT DANIEL DENNIS 1025 BIG OTTER HIGHWAY IVYDALE WV 25113-9609
APPOINTMENT DATE	06/23/2026
ESTATE NAME:	LEWIS MACK DUFFIELD
EXECUTOR	BRIAN LEWIS DUFFIELD 827 LANTZ ROAD CLAY WV 25043
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/07/2026
ESTATE NAME:	MICHAEL NOBLE JARVIS
EXECUTOR	ARGYLE JARVIS 282 STRANGE CREEK RD DUCK WV 25063
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/06/2026
ESTATE NAME:	PATRICIA MAE LOUDIN
ADMINISTRATRIX	TRACEY MARIE WISEMAN 751 IDA ROGERS DRIVE HENDERSONVILLE NC 28792
APPOINTMENT DATE	06/30/2026
ESTATE NAME:	MANCEL MELVIN MARTIN
EXECUTOR	DONALD SAMPLES 1145 IVYDALE RIDGE RD IVYDALE WV 25113
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/28/2026
ESTATE NAME:	MAZIE EMOGENE MULLINS
EXECUTRIX	ILENE HUMPHREY 1654 QUEEN RD CLEDENIN WV 25045
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/27/2026
ESTATE NAME:	SHIRLEY JANE MURPHY
EXECUTOR	KEITH ALLEN MURPHY 703 HOUSTON RD PROSPERITY SC 29127
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/06/2026
ESTATE NAME:	BARBARA KAY SCOTT
ADMINISTRATRIX	JENNIFER LYNN JENNINGS 5461 WALLBACK RD WALLBACK WV 25285

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 07/30/2026
Sheila Stone
County Clerk
Clay County
P.O. Box 190
246 Main Street
Clay WV 25043-0190

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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the “Company”), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will increase revenues approximately \$20.3 million annually, an increase of 10.08%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ DECREASE	% INCREASE/ DECREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$8.18	7.34%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	\$34.43	9.67%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$65.92	3.01%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS)	\$2,223.85	15.52%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS) 1/	\$834.61	5.60%
Large Commercial - Industrial Distribution Sales (Rate class LCI-D)	\$13,761.98	22.58%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$4,438.30	15.34%
Daily Balancing - Transport	\$147.19	24.82%

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

Resale customers of the Company include Cardinal Natural Gas Company and Mountaineer Gas Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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(2024-C-000266 - CLAY COUNTY - ELEMENTAL RESOURCES)
To: ROBERT J. WILMINK, ROBERT J. WILMINK, 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 UNION MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0520 3002
You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000266**, located in UNION District, 101.15 AC N S ELK O&G (SWARTZ) 87.857 15% INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WILMINK ROBERT J. and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the April 10, 2025. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after October 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before September 30, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 19229.	\$	105.85
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 19253.	\$	43.26
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	110.74
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	623.10
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	359.47
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,242.42

You may redeem at any time before September 30, 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 July 29, 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) 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 September 15, 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):

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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 deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on 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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(2025-C-000145 - CLAY COUNTY - DANNY W COCHRAN AND ARMSTRONG)
To: GARY J TANNER, WANDA J TANNER, JENNY L TANNER, JULIE A TANNER, JANET L FITZWATER, JOSEPH TANNER, 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 14 PARCEL 0004 0000 0000
You will take notice that DANNY W COCHRAN AND ARMSTRONG, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000145**, located in PLEASANT District, 102.55 AC BIG SYCAMORE SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TANNER KATHLEEN EST, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the April 21, 2026. DANNY W COCHRAN AND ARMSTRONG requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 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 2024 - 15839.	\$	398.84
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 2025 - 15978.	\$	308.50
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	209.95
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	828.92
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,746.21

You may redeem at any time before December 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 July 16, 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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(2025-C-000192 - CLAY COUNTY - ABRAHAM OSBORNE)
To: KENNETH E NOTTINGHAM, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, HEIRS OF KENNETH NOTTINGHAM, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, KENNETH NOTTINGHAM, 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 UNION MAP 15 PARCEL 0005 0000 0000
You will take notice that ABRAHAM OSBORNE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2025-C-000192**, located in UNION District, 48 AC JACKS BEND LOT 33 SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of NOTTINGHAM KENNETH E, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the April 21, 2024. ABRAHAM OSBORNE requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 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 2024 - 18446.	\$	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 2025 - 18606.	\$	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 December 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.
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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No. 2026-D-34

The Marriage of:
Christopher Reneau and Andrea Reneau

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by evidence filed in this action that Andrea Reneau is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby Ordered that Andrea Reneau serve upon Christopher Reneau, Petitioner, whose address is 186 Upper Two Run Rd., Clay, WV 25043, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before August 27, 2026 at 1 p.m. If you fail to Answer for Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court July 21, 2026

Christina Hamshaw
Clerk of the Court

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Mark Anthony Carte Magistrate Court Case No.:

Respondent Family Court Civil Action No.: 26-DV-24

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

(PROTECTIVE ORDER/HEARING DATE)

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by affidavit duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the Clay County, Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until August 20, 2026.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 20th day of August, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. before the Clay County Family Court.

Issued this 7/30/26 at 12:19 p.m.

Christina Hamshaw
Clerk of the Court

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Daniel McCourt

Respondent

Pleasant Rd

Duck, WV 25063

DOB: 08/11/1986

Magistrate Court Case No.:

Family Court Civil Action No.: 26-DV-25

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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Issued this 7/30/26 at 12:02 p.m.

Christina Hamshaw
Clerk of the Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections Amendment"

Summary-of-Purpose: "This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote."

Full Text of the Amendment: §4-1. *Only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state shall be entitled to vote at all elections held within the counties in which they respectively reside; but a person who is a minor, or who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or who is under conviction of treason, felony or bribery in an election, or who has not been a resident of the state and of the county in which he or she offers to vote, for 30 days next preceding such offer, shall not be permitted to vote while such disability continues; and, a person in the military, naval, or marine service of the United States shall not be deemed a resident of this state by reason of being stationed therein.*



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AG FAIR

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Grand Champion market hog ribbon. The Reserve Grand Champion award went to Bently McKinney. Other winners were Market Rabbits Grand Champion- Libby Dawson, Reserve- Matthew Neely. Meat Goat Grand Champion went to Payton Rhodes. Grand Champion chickens was a 4-H exhibitor, runner up was Elijah Paxton. Grand Champion in Feeder steer was a 4-H exhibitor. Grand Champion Wool Market Lamb was Katie Davis, reserve was a 4-H exhibitor. Grand Champion Hair Market Lamb was a 4-H exhibitor, reserve was Rachel Shamblin. There were best of class awards on Friday as well. There were participants who won the best of show awards by knowing all about their animals and showing the judges that they

knew what they were doing.

A big dinner was laid out on Saturday evening before the auction and bellies were filled with some of the best food money could buy. All the youth did an excellent job of raising animals and showing them. Thanks to all the bidders who showed up in support of our kids. As the Ag Fair closed its doors on 2026, one just couldn't leave without listening to the animals communicating to each other and maybe a singing song in a language all their own ... give me a mud hole where the water is deep, give me a coop with plenty to eat, just give me till mornin' to fatten up the meat, grab a fork and knife an sit down to eat . Support the youth, they are the future!



Judging the rabbits. Allen Hamrick Photo.



Judging the chickens. Allen Hamrick Photo.



Cutting the ribbon on the 2026 Ag Fair. Allen Hamrick Photo.



L-R Bindi Schintz, Kimber Schintz, Brooklyn Hamrick, Baylee Rogers, Annalise Dennis and Queen Shamblin. Allen Hamrick Photo

