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25th Annual/Silver Anniversary “Ride for Life” Dice Run

Saturday, August 15 is the date of 25th Annual/Silver Anniversary “Ride for Life” Dice Run benefitting the American Cancer Society. The Ride is approximately 135 miles long through six beautiful counties in West Virginia including dice-roll stops in Barbour, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, and Taylor Counties.

Registration is from 10 am – 12 Noon on the 15th at Texas Roadhouse in Clarksburg. All participants will depart at their leisure no later than 12 Noon. The cost is \$20 per bike and \$10 per rider, which includes breakfast at Texas Roadhouse, snacks along the way, a beautiful ride through country roads, and dinner at Best Western Plus in Bridgeport, along with a band and lots of raffles, not to mention CASH prizes for high and low rolls.

If people don’t want to do the ride, they can come to the dinner beginning



at 5 pm. There will be a band on stage and many raffles going on at the dinner. A highlight of the evening will be the display with shirts from the previous 25 years displayed in the ballroom during dinner.

Co-chair Chrissy Musta says, “Cancer Never Quits, and neither will we.”

Funds raised through this and other events for the American Cancer Society are funding life-saving research to “help end cancer as we know it.”

Co-chair Cecilia Daugherty said, “There were 648 participants last year, and we are hoping for more this year.” To register for the “Ride

For Life” event, come to registration between 10 am and 12 noon at the Texas Roadhouse in Clarksburg. If a questions, if anyone please contact Chrissy Musta at 304-677-1472. Text is preferred due to unknown numbers. Calling will get sent to Spam and Voicemail.

New App Aims to Put Clay County ‘All in One Place’

By Zachery Miller

For residents trying to keep up with what is happening around Clay County, finding local information can sometimes mean searching in several different places. Business hours may be posted on Facebook, a menu might be found on a separate website, and information about an upcoming event could be buried in an older social media post.

A new app called TownHaven is hoping to make that process a little easier by bringing local businesses, events, food trucks, and other community information together in one place.

TownHaven was created by LaneTech LLC after its developer Ronald Lane noticed how difficult finding local business information could be.

“I kept noticing the same problem,” said Lane, “There are a lot of businesses, events and other things happening around Clay County, but the information is scattered everywhere.”

The idea was to create a single place

where residents could find the information they need without having to search across multiple websites and social media platforms.

Clay County is the first community to launch on TownHaven, with plans to eventually expand the concept to other communities. Each community would have its own TownHaven focused on the businesses, events and activities happening locally.

TownHaven is designed to go beyond a traditional business directory. Businesses can create their own pages featuring information such as hours, contact information, products and menus. Businesses can also use the platform to sell products or accept online orders directly through TownHaven.

The developer designed the app with mobile businesses in mind, particularly food trucks. Owners can post where they will be operating and when they will be there, with their locations displayed on a map. For customers, that means someone

looking for a food truck or other mobile business can open TownHaven and see where businesses are operating that day.

Community events are another major component of the app. Residents and organizations can submit information about festivals, markets, church events, fundraisers, yard sales and other activities.

The goal is to make it easier for residents to answer a simple question: What’s going on in Clay?

TownHaven could also serve as a resource for visitors to the county.

Clay County attracts visitors for attractions such as its rail trails and Rail Explorers, but visitors may not always know what other businesses, restaurants or activities are available once they arrive. TownHaven is intended to help visitors discover those opportunities, potentially encouraging them to spend more time in the community and patronize local businesses while they are here.

Businesses pay a small monthly fee to

join TownHaven, which helps cover the ongoing costs of operating the app and allows for continued development and improvements.

“TownHaven is brand new, so it is going to take some time to fill up,” Lane said. “It will become more useful as local businesses join and people start submitting events. I’m hoping the community will give it a chance and help it grow.”

The app was built locally through LaneTech LLC and remains a work in progress. Its creator expects TownHaven to continue evolving as businesses and residents begin using it and provide feedback about what they need.

The iPhone version of TownHaven is currently available, while an Android version is in development. The platform can also be accessed through a web browser on any device.

For more information, visit TownHaven.io/app or follow TownHaven on Facebook at Facebook.com/MyTownHaven.

Leveling the Playing Field: Why Transparency in School Fees Matters for Every Clay County Kid

By Amber Ferrebee

Watching the conversations unfold following the Board of Education’s sudden decision to charge steep new participation fees for non-enrolled students joining school sports and clubs has been tough. It’s painful to see how fast discussions about our kids’ education have turned into friction and finger-pointing. Whether a family relies on public school, private options, the Hope Scholarship, or traditional homeschooling, the truth is simple: nobody is picking an educational path out of spite.

We are all neighbors raising our fami-

lies in the very same hollers and small towns, doing the best we can for our children. These are the same kids who share Sunday school benches, run around together at the Apple Festival, play Little League, and ride the same back roads. When they step out onto the field, take the court, or perform on stage, they are just Clay County kids growing up side by side.

The tension we are seeing isn’t caused by parents making choices for their children; it stems from a deeply flawed system that creates unnecessary hardship for local families. Blaming one another

doesn’t solve a single problem—it only creates a divide in a community that would thrive if we stood together.

To be clear, no one is claiming Superintendent Dobbins or our Board of Education has an easy job, and I certainly don’t want our hard-working public school teachers and coaches to feel targeted. In my one-on-one conversations with many of them, it’s clear we share the exact same heart for these kids. Unfortunately, most feel they cannot speak up publicly out of fear of professional backlash. We understand our district’s financial pressures, and no one wants Clay County

Schools to struggle.

When explaining the reasoning behind these participation fees in a recent article in the Clay Communicator, Mr. Dobbins detailed how a student’s state education allotment is split into academic blocks, resulting in charges of \$450 to \$680 for a single sport, \$679.45 for band or an individual high school class, and \$452.97 for clubs like TSA. He acknowledged that charging non-enrolled students these fees helps bridge budget shortfalls and keep the district solvent. While balancing the books is necessary, using sports and clubs as a public bandage for a district-

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



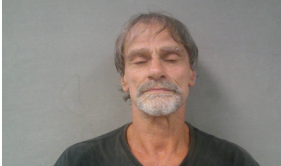
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Booked 8/7/2026, Kidnaping, Conspiracy
Kerry Sean Fatony –Booked 8/7/2026, CAPIAS



Jeremiah Lee Boggs
Booked 8/7/2026, Violation of a Domestic Violence Protective Order, Brandishing a Deadly Weapon, Assault, Violation of a Personal Safety Order



James Ervin Pileggi
Booked 8/6/2026, CAPIAS



Kara Lea Deal
Booked 8/5/2026, Breaking and Entering, Conspiracy to Commit Misdemeanor Offense Against State, Petit Larceny Misdemeanor



Nerissa Lynn Johnson
Booked 8/5/2026, CAPIAS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



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Kurt Wayne Wicker Jr. –
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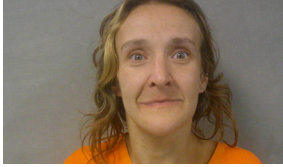
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Jeremiah Jason Wright –
Booked 8/3/2026, Sex Abuse 1st Degree (5-25 Yrs), Sex Abuse by Parent, Guardian, Child Neglect Creating Risk of Serious Injury or Death 2 CTS



Zachary Allen Wilson
Booked 8/9/2026, Trespassing Asked to Leave



Ashley Dawn Harper
Booked 8/7/2026, Possession of a Controlled Substance



Larry Michael Neff
Booked 8/5/2026, Manufacture/Deliver Sch I, II Controlled Narcotic Substance, Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms, Neglect By Parent, Guardian or Custodian Causing Substantial Risk of Bodily Injury, Conspiracy

BRAXTON COUNTY



Randy Allen Tinney
Booked 8/3/2026, Driving Revoked for DUI, No Insurance, Expired MVI



Braden Todd Wood
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CLAY COUNTY



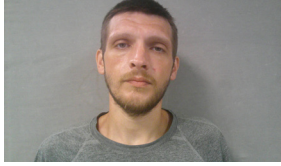
Daniel Leon McCourt
Booked 8/5/2026, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Obstructing an Officer



Joshua Wade Nichols
Booked 8/5/2026, Grand Larceny



Hilary Gail Joyner
Booked 8/3/2026, Possession W/Intent



Mathew Scott Stutler
Booked 8/3/2026, Manufacture a Controlled Substance

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.

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. Procious, WV 25164.

Puzzle Answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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LEVELING

wide budget problem places an unfair burden on kids.

Many argue that Hope Scholarship families are taking funds from public schools or should just “spend the scholarship.” But school funding realities tell a different story: two-thirds of per-pupil funding stays in the local school budget when a child homeschools, and these families continue paying local taxes that maintain public school fields and facilities. In a place where many families are stretching every dollar, asking several hundred dollars per activity might feel like a million dollars to a working household.

The Clay County Schools post regarding these fees explicitly states the funds cover instruction, coaching, transportation, equipment, and facilities, with Dobbins claiming in the Clay Communicator that these fees “do not cover the full cost that the school incurs” and are “comparatively fair with every other county.” But when looking at where participation money actually goes, the reality is eye-opening. Many assume these fees outfit teams with gear or uniforms, but instead they are overwhelmingly forced to fund themselves from the ground up—a reality that several coaches have echoed in recent conversations:

“We genuinely don’t really get help—we fundraise for everything. Our uniforms, gear... all of it. On top of that, they cut coaching pay, so now some are coaching for free while spending their own money to buy what’s needed and feed players who don’t have lunch.”

Our kids and coaches already pour their hearts into car washes, bake sales, and booster clubs to pay for uniforms and gear out of pocket. Adding heavy participation fees on top of that local hustle doesn’t cover team costs—it just asks working families to pay twice, especially when those dollars aren’t even directly returned to the specific sport or club their child is joining.

These aren’t children coming into our community asking for something they have no connection to. They’re already here—playing youth sports together, attending the same churches, and growing up along-

side public school kids. Superintendent Dobbins states that he wants these kids to participate, but inclusion doesn’t mean much if the price tag puts the opportunity out of reach.

Since discovering these fees, which the Board dropped just days before sign-ups, I have reached out to state leaders, and they are taking notice of how local boards have interpreted the law. WV State Senator T. Kevan Bartlett recently shared his concerns about these inflated fee structures, calling them “an outrageous overreach by the Board of Education” and noting that state lawmakers must intervene and forward local concerns to the Senate Education Committee.

WV State Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse echoed those concerns:

“The law allows school boards to charge ‘reasonable fees,’ and some counties have interpreted that language far beyond what I believe the Legislature intended. I will be filing legislation when the legislative session begins to address this problem... Legislators need to hear directly from the families being impacted so we can demonstrate the need for this change.”

While state representatives prepare legislative fixes for the future, our local Board of Education holds the authority to adjust this policy today. They don’t need to wait; they can lead the state by replacing this academic-fraction model with a clear, itemized structure based strictly on direct costs—like individual player insurance or league entry fees. The ball is in their hands.

These kids aren’t asking for special treatment—they just want to play ball, make music, compete, and represent something bigger than themselves alongside the teammates they’ve grown up with. When one of them puts on that uniform, we shouldn’t care where they did their math that morning—they’re representing home.

Amber Ferreebee

Amber Ferreebee is a Clay County native, a homeschool mom of two young boys, and a passionate advocate for community transparency and supporting local youth across all educational paths.

Treasurer Pack Announces Early Quarterly Funding Distribution to Hope Scholarship Students for 2026-2027 School Year

Families Can Begin Using Scholarship Funds on August 13

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Larry Pack, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced more than 25,000 Hope Scholarship students who have been approved for the 2026-2027 school year will have their first quarterly funds distributed to their accounts two days ahead of schedule on Thursday, August 13.

“Our Hope Scholarship team continues to set the gold standard for government by prioritizing speed, efficiency, responsiveness, and outstanding customer service. Their commitment to serving West Virginia families has put us ahead of schedule, allowing us to distribute the first quarterly payments early so parents can confidently prepare for the upcoming school year,” Treasurer Pack said. “What is truly amazing is that the Hope Scholarship has become what may be the largest school district in West Virginia due to expanded eligibility. As more students apply for the program, we will continue to help families access educational opportunities that best meet their child’s needs.”

Since January, nearly 29,000 students have started Hope Scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Of those applications, more than 25,000 student accounts will receive the first round of funding with 1,485 active providers for families to access high-quality educa-

tional resources.

More than 13,000 are returning Hope Scholarship recipients who submitted their Continuing Participation Confirmations and demonstrated annual progress. More than 12,000 are new students who applied for the program.

Treasurer Pack announced in March that all West Virginia children in grades K-12, including existing private school and traditional homeschool students who have not previously been eligible for the Hope Scholarship Program, are now eligible to apply to participate in the State’s Education Savings Account program that provides funding to students exercising school choice in lieu of attending public school full-time.

Applications are available online at www.HopeScholarshipWV.gov.

A student application submitted within the following dates will receive the associated level of Hope Scholarship funding:

June 16-Sept. 15: 75% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Sept. 16-Nov. 30: 50% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

Dec. 1-Feb. 28: 25% of Hope Scholarship annual award amount.

The Hope Scholarship award amount for the 2026-2027 school year is \$5,435.62. Scholarship funds are distributed on a quarterly basis.



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Home Country

Slim Randles

Leona was a good mule. She was in a fabled minority in the pack station realm of mules, as she was a riding mule as well as a pack mule. She was also... well ...

somewhat notional in nature. There was how Leona pictured her world, and there were the rest of us, who were wrong, of course.

Mules are worth a lot more than a horse in the eastern California High Sierra, and there are reasons for that. They usually live longer than a horse, they learn fast and never have to be shown twice, and they won't jump off a 300-foot cliff just because a 40-foot pine tree sneaked up on them.

When they learn something, it's learned. Period. This includes bad things as well as good things. It's up to the packer to discover just what these atomic boogers are in the life of each mule and avoid them.

With Leona, it was one spot on the Kearsarge Pass trail between Kearsarge Meadow and Slim Lake. Yes, as I told every kid I packed in, it was named for me because of how good a cowboy I was. Some of them asked why Slim Lake was 200 yards long and only 20 feet wide, but you know kids.

But just at the top of the little divide there was Leona's booger spot. There was a short piece of trail that was level and maybe five feet wide, which would have made it flatlands anywhere else.

Well, one night I was riding Leona and leading some horses and mules down that stretch of trail. Leona knew how to get back to the pack station, so I was just making sure UFOs didn't hover and suck us up. We were good.

When we got to that little stretch of trail, close to midnight, I discovered, through pack station Braille, that three hikers had rolled their sleeping bags across the trail and sacked out. I didn't become aware of this until Leona had walked straight over the first two. All three dozing backpackers then saw mules walking over them, jumped straight up, and mules began knocking hikers down like ten pins. It was beautiful.

Every time after that, if I was riding Leona, when she came to that spot, light or dark, she wouldn't go through until she'd thoroughly blown nuclear snot all over it.

Mules are the greatest manmade animal.
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Brought to you by all the aging packers of the eastern High Sierra. Having cameras along sure would've been a plus.

Wood chopping and carrying water

Joe Mazzella

You can sometimes find a lot of wisdom in just a few words. There is an old Zen proverb that goes: "Before enlightenment, chop wood, carry water. After enlightenment, chop wood, carry water." These words truly speak to me now because as a teenager I literally had to do a lot of chopping wood and carrying water.

I can still remember riding in the back of Dad's beat-up old pick-up truck up a hill to where he had cut down a tree for our winter firewood. My Dad had an injured back so my older brother and I were the muscle of the operation. We would throw the wood into the back of the truck and take it to the wood splitter to be cut up further into usable pieces. Then we would spend hours stacking them into cords for the winter months to come. We also had well water that was full of sulfur and iron so each day I would carry two five gallon jugs out to a little mountain spring near our home, fill them up, and carry them back so we could have clean water to drink and cook with.

The funny thing is I can't remember ever complaining about this work. It was just stuff that had to be done so I accepted it and did my wood chopping and water carrying with a smile. Maybe I was more enlightened as a youth than as a young man because even after I got city water and electric heat I can remember complaining more about the other work I had to do. It took me a lot of years to get my "enlightenment" back. It took me a long time to again take whatever life gave me with a smile. It took me quite a while to realize that life is best lived in acceptance, thankfulness, peace, and love.

God gives each of us "wood to chop and water to carry." But God also gives each of us Love to share and Light to shine. Enlightenment is doing it all with a smiling face and a joyful heart.

If I Were A Millionaire

Dr. James Snyder

I have never had an ambition to become a millionaire. I just never thought about it, and it never crossed my mind or my wallet.

I've got many calls from these "Fake Publishing Houses" telling me I won a hundred million dollars, and all I have to do is pay a \$2500 processing fee, and it's all mine. I used to tell them to take the fee out of my winnings, and we'd both be winners. Of course, how can you take something out of something that doesn't exist?

There was a friend who won a million dollars. I lost track of him for a while, and then two years later I found out he was bankrupt. I don't know what his story was, but evidently he didn't know how to handle \$1 million.

When my friend asked me what I would do if I had a million dollars, I really didn't know what to say. Later, I realized that dreaming about wealth is fun, but it's also hilarious how our minds invent these grand ideas that never quite match real life.

I certainly wouldn't buy a new truck, or get a new house, or buy any fancy clothing. None of that stuff matters to me, but I did have an idea that bounced around in my head.

If I were a millionaire, I would give The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage enough money every week to do her thrift store hopping. She hops from one thrift store to another and then to another. She can spend the whole day hopping from thrift store to thrift store, especially with her daughters. They make a wonderful team when it comes to thrift stores. There isn't a thrift store within a 100-mile radius that does not know The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage by name.

Now, while she is hopping from thrift store to thrift store, I would go and treat myself to a box of Apple Fritters. After all, if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage isn't home, then she can't see me eating an Apple Fritter and I don't get into trouble. Oh, what a fun time that would be. And if I were a millionaire, that's one thing I would do.

As I was thinking about this on my lazy chair with a nice hot cup of coffee The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage happened to walk by. She noticed I was smiling a lot more than I usually smile.

"So," she said, "what's making you smile so much this afternoon?"

I didn't notice her come in, so I was a little surprised at this question. I just looked at her and said, "Oh, my dear, I was just thinking about a joke."

"Yeah, and what joke were you thinking about?"

Proposed Electric Rules Could Force Families To Pay More For Electricity

Charleston, WV - West Virginians for Energy Freedom (WV4EF) is urging residents across the state to speak out against proposed Public Service Commission (PSC) rules that could increase electric bills by requiring utilities to run higher-cost power plants even when less expensive electricity is available on the regional market.

The proposed rules stem from legislation passed in 2025. House Bill 2014 directed the PSC to develop rules related to coal supplies and electric system planning. While the legislation primarily focuses on data centers and microgrids, the proposed rules address utility power plants and could result in West Virginia customers paying significantly more for electricity by prioritizing utility-owned generation over lower-cost power available from the market.

Under the proposed rules:

1. Utilities could be encouraged to operate coal-fired power plants even when doing so costs more than purchasing electricity from the regional wholesale market.
2. Customers could be required to absorb those additional costs through higher monthly electric bills.
3. Utilities would have less incentive to seek the lowest-cost electricity available, despite operating as regulated monopolies whose customers have no choice of provider.

WV4EF says the proposal comes at a time when many families are already facing rising utility bills and can least afford unnecessary increases.

"West Virginians are already struggling with some

Now I was backed into a corner. I thought for a moment and then replied, "I was thinking about the joke, why was six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine."

Looking at me and shaking her head, she said, "Why do you tell yourself that joke 100 times a day and still laugh? We both know you weren't thinking of that joke."

I looked at her and finally said, "I just was thinking of what I would do if I was a millionaire."

She sat down on the couch, looking at me, and said, "And what would you do if you were a millionaire?"

Now I was again backed into a corner.

With some hesitation, I said, "Well, the first thing I would do is to give you a large weekly allowance so you and the daughters could go hopping all of the thrift stores in the county." Then I giggled.

"That sounds like a good idea," she said with a broad smile on her face. "But, what would you be doing while I'm out hopping the thrift stores?"

Oh boy. I didn't think this through far enough, I guess. If I tell her what really was on my mind, I could be in a little bit of trouble. To try to think up an alternative is very risky business.

Not able to say anything right away The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "You would not be thinking of getting Apple Fritters while I'm away?"

"I never thought of that," I said very thoughtfully, "but that sounds like a very good idea." And then I laughed at her.

"Let me understand this," she said, "if you were a millionaire you would spend a large portion of your money on me hopping thrift stores and then on you buying Apple Fritters?"

My smile quickly evaporated from my face.

Even if I were a millionaire, I could never get away with anything with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I have everything I want right now except for a box of Apple Fritters. So, if I were a millionaire, I would enjoy spending money in that direction. I don't understand why she can have what she wants, but I, on the other side of the marriage vow, can't have what I want?

In further thinking, I was reminded of what the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 5:10, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity."

No matter how much money I might have I will never be satisfied. My satisfaction is rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

of the highest energy burdens in the nation," said Emmett Pepper, Energy Efficient West Virginia Policy Director. "Monopoly utilities should buy the least expensive power available to reliably serve their customers," Pepper said. "If electricity can be purchased more cheaply on the market, ratepayers should benefit from those savings, not be forced to subsidize uneconomic decisions."

The coalition is encouraging residents to submit comments to the PSC asking commissioners to reject any rules that would require or encourage utilities to generate more expensive electricity simply because they own the power plant.

"The PSC has consistently said its mission is to ensure safe, reliable, and reasonably priced utility service," added Jim Kotcon, from the Sierra Club, a WV4EF coalition partner. "These proposed rules move in the opposite direction by making West Virginia ratepayers lose, out of state customers win, and coal barons are laughing all the way to the bank."

Residents can submit comments through the PSC's website at <https://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> or WV4EF's online action center by visiting <https://www.energyfreedomwv.org/take-action>.

About West Virginians for Energy Freedom

West Virginians for Energy Freedom is a statewide coalition working to ensure that every West Virginian has access to affordable, reliable, and fair energy while protecting consumers from unnecessary utility costs.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature by the Library of Congress.



Aug. 12, 1946: WCFC radio of Beckley became the first in the state to transmit FM signals.

Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. The 10-month walkout was the longest steel manufacturing strike on record

when it concluded.

Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, Huntington went west when gold was discovered in California. There he became rich, not from mining but by selling supplies to miners.

Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all sitting justices of the state Supreme Court of Appeals.

Aug. 14, 1894: Entertainer Ada Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia “Bricktop” Smith was born at Alderson. She performed in Paris in the 1920s and opened her own clubs, the Music Box and Bricktop’s, a favorite hangout of songwriter Cole Porter.

Aug. 14, 1914: Five burglars robbed the Glen Alum Coal Company payroll in Mingo County. In

the chase that followed, eight men—including all the robbers—were killed. All but \$20 of the stolen blood-stained \$7,000 was recovered.



Aug. 14, 1941: Singer Connie Smith was born in Indiana but was raised in Summers County. She became the first female country artist to have a number one record for eight weeks. Dolly Parton once said, “There are only three great singers: Connie Smith, Barbra Streisand, and Linda Ronstadt. The rest of us are just pretending.”

Aug. 14, 1943: Astronaut Jon Andrew McBride was born in Charleston. McBride became an astronaut in 1979 and piloted the space shuttle *Challenger* on an eight-day mission in 1984.



Aug. 15, 1867: The cornerstone was laid for the Fairmont Branch Normal School (now Fairmont State University).

Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded the previous year by a group of Black intellectuals, including W. E. B. Du Bois. It soon evolved into the NAACP.

Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope “Coin” Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.

Aug. 16, 1913: Helen Holt was born in Illinois. In 1957, Governor Cecil Underwood appointed her to fill the secretary of state’s unexpired term, making her the first woman to hold statewide office in West Virginia.

Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender of Fayette County earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1946: Old-time

musician Dwight Diller was born in Rand but spent most of his life in Pocahontas County, documenting, teaching, and performing traditional music.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre campus, is the world’s largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1749: Explorer Celoron de Blainville buried a leaden plate at Point Pleasant, after burying another at Wheeling, to claim the Ohio Valley for France.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

“OH, GO ON!”

ACROSS

- 1 Classic candy with a white, gooey center
9 “Don’t — step further!”
12 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be
15 What food is in a food fight
19 First-aid plant
20 Cyber-address
21 More lethal
23 Musical ensemble that likes taunting its audiences?
25 Brainstorming question
26 IRS form info
27 War horses
28 Identify the star of “The Godfather”?
30 Taint
31 Peripheral
33 Pistol, in slang
34 Speed of corporate employees?
39 Alexis I, e.g.
41 Move a little
45 Think ahead
46 Whale locale
47 Two-ply cotton twill fabric?

- 50 Outfielder Judge
52 French for “weapon”
55 — la-la
56 Sacred vows
57 Horse with color patches on one-fourth of its body?
60 Great delight
63 German conjunction
64 — polloi
65 Ike’s inits.
66 Yasser of Palestine
67 Popular crafts website
69 Publicity video made by 12th graders?
72 “Chiquitita” pop group
76 Pupils’ places
78 Galloped
79 Daiquiri liquor
81 Lil Durk or Lil Jon’s music
82 Brief, tight shorts
85 Marx brother with extreme views?
88 Mammal with striped legs
89 — Paulo
91 Apple core bit
92 Olympic prize

- 93 Beatles drummer participating in a bout?
97 Tell tall tales
99 Big shopping center
100 “— From Muskogee”
101 “Puffball” director
102 Stringed instrument played by people in jail?
106 Water, in Vichy
107 — salts (bath supply)
109 Pewter metal
110 Moola earned by singer Jones?
115 Adds to a film, as music
118 Response to “Are you?”
121 Boa of South America
122 Small dance club?
125 Some chewy candies
126 RV hookup org.
127 Countertenor
128 Linear, briefly
129 Colorant
130 Many an heir
131 Most strict

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- 1 Antislip items
2 Bar brews
3 Bank offering
4 The, in Caen
5 Egg capsule
6 Middles, in London
7 Compulsion
8 Speed
9 Gets clogged with icky stuff
10 Celestial ball
11 Without help
12 Certain Dutch cheese
13 Dakar’s land
14 Uncover
15 “Paper Lion” star Alan
16 Outward appearance
17 Honey wine
18 Roughly
22 Inside dope
24 Former Laker
29 Pianist
30 Small-time
32 Beatrix Potter’s “The Tale of Mr. —”
34 Not reflecting light
35 Display boldly
36 Units of capacitance
37 Most weepy
38 Sheriff Wyatt

- 40 Fast-food pizza chain
41 California mountain
42 A Jackson 5 brother
43 With a sharp image, briefly
44 Pinkish-red
48 Prefix with laryngology
49 Club in a Barry Manilow hit, for short
51 — degree
53 Longish skirts
54 Prefix with skeleton or spore
58 Lab slide dye
59 On — firma
61 Hobby with call letters
62 Into a state of conflict
66 Golfer Palmer, informally
68 Rebel like Abbie Hoffman or Jerry Rubin
70 Moniker of a loch monster
71 Paw parts
73 Of a wedding woman
74 Lauren of “The Fan”
75 Delphi deity

- 77 Parade ruiner
80 Roman 1,900
82 Drifting sort
83 “Enough, I get it!”
84 Cabbie’s car
85 Hitter Maris, for short
86 Toon pics
87 Macho sorts
90 Make furious
94 Fine- — wood
95 In the form of a circle
96 Photo —
98 Authorize
103 Dennis of hoops fame
104 “It’s my turn”
105 Remnant of a burned coal
106 Kingdom given to Esau
108 Some skin scars
110 Mexican treat
111 — even keel
112 Filly’s mother
113 Jack fish
114 Simplify
116 Comic thuds
117 “Shoo!”
118 Oahu, e.g.
119 Deeds
120 Irrelevant
123 Tic-tac-toe victory
124 Swimmer Thorpe

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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.



March 1957

Art Club News

Because of the illness of Miss Bailes we have a new art sponsor, Miss Virginia Eakle.

We have discussed balance, perspective, and color, but we are specializing in water color. We have studied the works of famous artists such as Van Gogh, Turner, Gainsborough, and etc.

On February 17, 1959 we elected new officers. They are: President, Glen Salisbury; Vice President, Donnice Young; Secretary, Sharon DeMoss; Treasurer, Kay Workman; Reporter, Pearl Adkins; Sgt. of Arms, Brenda McKenny.

We also enjoyed making posters for the ballgames and dances which we posted around the school and in town.

Student-of-the-Month

Mrs. Daniel (Ruby Lee) Rapp, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holcomb of Nicholas Street, has been selected student-of-the-month for March.

Ruby Lee is president of National Honor Society, secretary-treasurer of the senior class, and vice president of Dramatics Club.

She has been a member of Student Council and she attended Camp Horseshoe in 1957.

Ruby is Betty Crocker's Home-maker of Tomorrow in Widen High School. She is a very active member of the Senior Class and Widen High and maintains an "A" average.

Among some of her favorites are: color, black; food, popcorn; and song, "Stardust."

Best Writers

- 1st Grade**
Frederick Rapp
Jacquelyn Wood
- 2nd Grade**
Jane Morris
Annie Haygood
Frances Samples
- 3rd Grade**
Yvonne Hamilton
Julia Acree
Anna Sizemore
- 3rd Grade**
Sandra Miller
Bari Bailey

4th Grade

Judith Gibson
Beverly Hathaway
Johnny Houghton

5th Grader

Linda Baughman
Lynn Kay Mullins
Ella Ruth Frame

6th Grade

Joyce Triplett
Shirley Connor
Sandra Tinney
Neal Morris

FOOTLIGHTERS CHOOSE BEST ACTOR AND ACTRESS

Rosa Gibson, senior, and Glen Salisbury, junior, were selected by the Footlighters as best actress and best actor for the month of February.

Rosa played the part of a frightened college freshman in a haunted house on a dare in the Footlighter's presentation of "The Ghost in the Green Gown."

Glen played two separate roles as an irate husband in the skits presented by the Junior Class for assembly.

The Footlighters selected these two for their high rating on characterization, memorization, poise, and co-operation.

GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS SEE LEGISLATURE AT WORK

Pupils from fourth and sixth grades visited the West Virginia Legislature on Saturday, March 14, under the sponsorship of Mr. Burke Hathaway, sixth grade teacher, and Mr. Calvin Gibson.

They were introduced to the Legislature by J. C. Cruikshank.

Those who attended were: Judith Butcher, Richard Gibson, Barbara Rinehart, Carolyn Salisbury, Elizabeth Gibson, Beverly Hathaway, and Johnny Hathaway.

Junior Class News

The Junior Class held a big Easter dance the night of March 27, 1959 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. There was no no school that day and there was a large turnout.

The old gym was decorated in an appropriate motif and delicious refreshments were served.

The Juniors racked their brains for one hour and 45 minutes on a test given them by Mr. Robert Higgins, from Glenville State College recently.

Ashley - Hathaway Win Attendance Banner

Miss Ashley's third grade won the Attendance Banner for the first time for the 6th month with a percentage of 98.57.

The eighth grade won for the High School with a percentage of 98.39.

Congratulations 5th and 8th graders!

Percentage of Attendance

Miss Ashley	Grade 3	98.57
Mrs. Hathaway	Grade 8	98.39
Miss Graham	Grade 3	98.06
Mr. Matheny	Grade 10	97.79
Mr. Krise	Grade 9	97.08
Mrs. Butcher	Grade 1	96.94
Mr. Jackson	Grade 5	96.61
Mr. Leeson	Grade 11	96.51
Mrs. Griffith	Grade 12	96.50
Mr. Hathaway	Grade 6	96.30
Mrs. Elliott	Grade 2	95.60
Mrs. Bragg	Grade 4	94.79
Mr. Stover	Grade 7	92.63

Were You There When?

Mrs. Griffith got her new maid? The Senior Class received their gifts from the Junior Class?

The Basketball team came down with the flu?

Spring fever caught up with four senior students?

Carolene Miller wore another color instead of red?

Terry Shaffer wore bobby-socks instead of leotards?

Pete Gibson didn't have his nose in the newspaper?

Pearl Adkins didn't look pretty?

T. G. Griffith's manners weren't showing?

Skip George walked to School? Journalism class did have lots of news to put in the Widen News?

Any other school could top our meals?

Jack Wilson wasn't in the Seniors' home room.

Rosa and Erie Belle Gibson got their new glasses?

When 7th grade sat still in English class?

Karen Mick got a new seat on the bus?

Kyle Barnette and Joe Woods stay home once in a while?

The Senior's found the tenth grader's love letters and read them out loud?

Drema Dodrill got her hair cut?

Widen Teachers Attend Meeting

Teachers of some twelve Elementary schools, Widen included, attended region three meeting at Ivydale on Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to continue to make an effort to improve instruction in Clay County schools. Subjects reported on and discussed were: "Waste of Time" and "Discipline". The following teachers participated in the former discussion: Burke Hathaway, Opal Triplett, and Sylvia Tucker. Taking part in the later discussion are: Susie Belle Graham, Ira Jackson and Cecil Friend.

Teachers of region three have already been working hard to improve instructors by having panel and group discussion on reading and arithmetic. These meetings have all been held out of school time and will permit the students and teachers of Clay county to have a vacation from school on Good Friday, March 27.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

The 2nd grade is preparing an assembly program to be given on March 26. The theme is "Spring and Easter." All the children in our room will participate.

For our Easter project we have made, colorful paper-mache Easter eggs. We expect a surprise visit from the Easter Rabbit this year.

INTERMEDIATE GIRL SCOUTS

The Intermediate Girl Scouts under the sponsorship of Mrs. Richard Manning, assisted by Mrs. Jerle Hamrick, held a dance-party at the Legion Hall on the evening of March 3, 1959.

These Girl Scouts are sponsoring one band member to the State Band Festival and are making a generous contribution to CARE.

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Corn Cheese: Halfway Around the World, Right at Home

One of the many things I find fascinating about food is the throughlines of different cultures. Korean Corn Cheese sounds exotic, but it’s just corn casserole’s Asian cousin, and it shares a lineage with Mexican elote and other similar dishes across the world. Turns out corn, some sort of fat, and cheese work the same magic whether you’re in Seoul, Oaxaca, or Summersville.

Corn Cheese is a staple of Korean bar food, the kind of dish you’d order alongside a cold beer at a pojangmacha, or food cart, in Seoul. I’ll never forget reading the recipe the first time I stumbled across it, and thinking this sounds like something memaw would have set out on the Sunday supper table, right next to the deviled eggs.

Just like half & half, the recipe is in the name. Sweet corn, mayonnaise, butter, and a whole lot of melted cheese, cooked in a skillet until the edges catch a little color and the top turns bubbly and golden. It’s usually served straight from the pan, just make sure to put a pot holder or towel on the table first.

I love how this is a dish served over 6,000 miles away and is still about as Appalachian as it gets. We’ve been making some version of that combination for potlucks and holidays for generations. Mexico’s version is elote, corn slicked with mayo, cotija cheese, and a squeeze of lime. Peru’s version, choclo con queso, pairs big Andean corn kernels with slices of fresh queso fresco. Turns out good food logic doesn’t care much about borders.

This one comes together fast, and it travels well from stove to table, so don’t dress it up too much. Let the corn do the talking.

Of course, fresh corn is going to be best, and ‘tis the

season. But frozen and canned works well, too. Here’s how we build it.

- Korean Corn Cheese
Yield: 4 to 6 servings, as a side or shared appetizer
Time: 20 minutes
- | | |
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| 4 C | Corn Kernels (fresh, frozen, or canned and drained) |
| 3 T | Unsalted Butter |
| ½ C | Mayonnaise |
| 1 T | Sugar |
| ½ t | Salt |
| 1½ C | Mozzarella Cheese, shredded |
| ½ C | Sharp Cheddar Cheese, shredded |
| 2 ea | Scallions, sliced thin |

MIX CORN: In a bowl, stir together the corn, mayonnaise, sugar, and salt until the corn is evenly coated.

COOK CORN: Melt the butter in a small cast iron or other oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add the corn mixture and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 to 7 minutes, until warmed through and starting to caramelize slightly at the edges.

TOP AND MELT: Heat your broiler. Sprinkle the mozzarella and cheddar evenly over the corn. Slide the skillet under the broiler for 2 to 3 minutes, watching it closely, until the cheese is melted, bubbly, and beginning to brown in spots.

FINISH: Remove from the broiler, top with the scallions, and serve immediately, straight from the skillet, with crackers, bread, or just a spoon.

Enjoy, friends. Proof that good food speaks the same language everywhere, whether it’s cooked in Seoul or in a cast iron skillet right here in West Virginia.



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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.

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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

(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

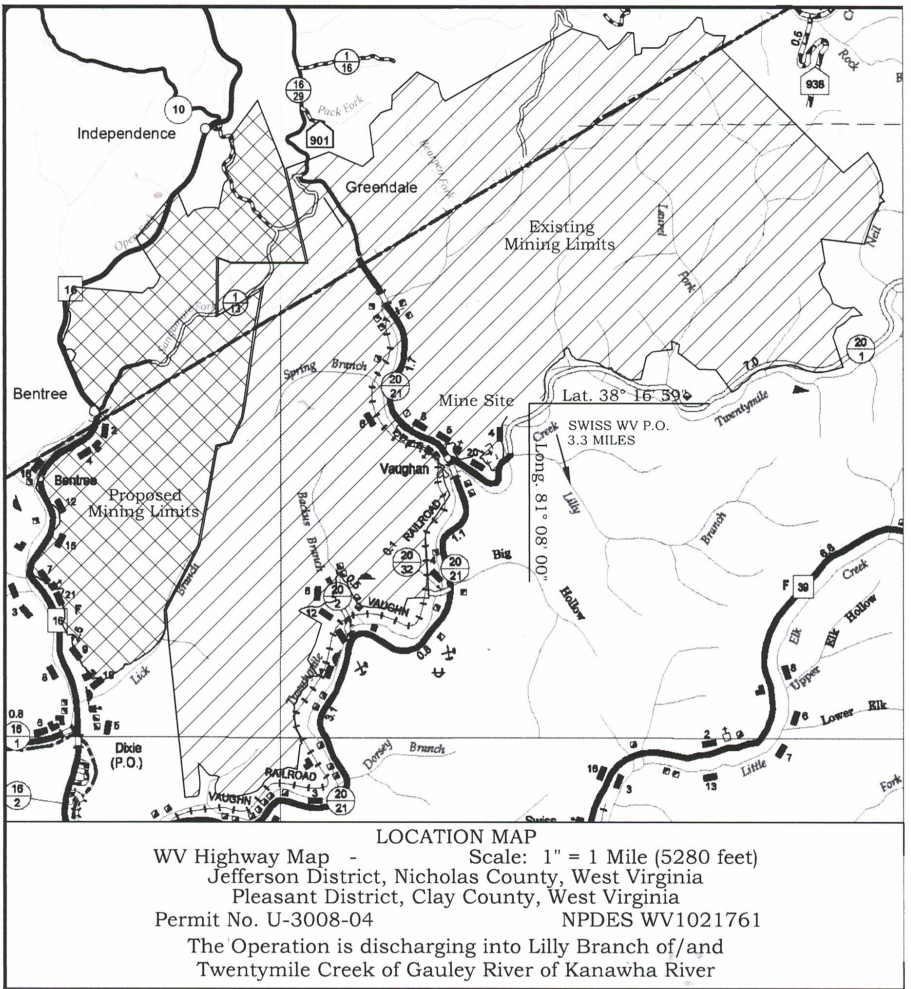
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Notice is hereby given that Nicholas Contura, LLC, PO Box 457, 370 Packsville/Marfork Road, Whitesville, WV 25209 has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, for a significant permit revision to Article 3 permit number U300804 in order to revise the subsidence control area to add approximately 2,311 acres of additional mining area in Nicholas and Clay Counties in the Peerless Seam.
The revised permit will discharge into Lilly Branch of/and Twentymile Creek of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 3.3 miles, north of Swiss in the Jefferson and Pleasant Districts of Nicholas and Clay Counties, Longitude 81° 08' 00" and Latitude 38° 16' 59" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:	
Name	Address
Danny W Wriston	345 Muddy Springs Rd, Lexington, SC 29073
Amherst Industries Inc. c/o ACIN, LLC	5260 Irwin Rd, Huntington, WV 25705
Heartwood Forestland Fund VIII, LP c/o ORBIZ Inc	8809 Lenox Pointe Dr, Unit B, Charlotte, NC 28273
Appleatcha Land, LLC	200 Park Ave STE 400, Beachwood, OH 44122
WV Department of Highways	1340 Smith St, Charleston, WV 25301
and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:	
Name	Address
Danny W Wriston	345 Muddy Springs Rd, Lexington, SC 29073
Amherst Industries Inc. c/o ACIN, LLC	5260 Irwin Rd, Huntington, WV 25705
Contura CAPP Land, LLC	300 Running Right Way, Julian, WV 25529
FKA Honey Island Coal Co. LLC	
WPP, LLC	5260 Irwin Rd, Huntington, WV 25705
Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:	
Name	Address
Nicholas Clay Land & Mineral Inc, c/o CNX Resources	1000 Horizon Vue Dr, STE 400, Canonsburg, PA 15317
Danny W Wriston	345 Muddy Springs Rd, Lexington, SC 29073
Amherst Industries Inc. c/o ACIN, LCC	5260 Irwin Rd, Huntington, WV 25705
Heartwood Forestland Fund VIII, LP c/o ORBIZ Inc	8809 Lenox Pointe Dr, Unit B, Charlotte, NC 28273
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and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:	
Name	Address
Danny W Wriston	345 Muddy Springs Rd., Lexington, SC 29073
Amherst Industries Inc. c/o ACIN, LCC	5260 Irwin Rd, Huntington, WV 25705
Contura CAPP Land, LLC	300 Running Right Way, Julian, WV 25529
FKA Honey Island Coal Co. LLC	

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the surface mining application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 08/23/2026, or ten (10) days from date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until 08/23/2026, or ten (10) days from 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: 304-574-4465 Permit Number U300804 Rev. #8



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):
Call Contract State Project Federal Project Description
012 2024080021 S308-004-13.25 00 STBG-0004(219)D RESURFACING CLAY-WHETSTONE MIDPOINT
COUNTY: CLAY
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The 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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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
Case No. 26-0703-G-30C
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS 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 approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.
The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$3,051 865 annually, an increase of approximately 1.9%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 0.86	0.91%
Commercial	\$ 4.29	1.12%
Industrial	\$ 35.60	0.64%
Resale	\$ 101.65	1.50%

Proposed PGA rates for each Mountaineer rate schedule, which include Business and Occupation Tax, are as follows:

Rate Schedule	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
RS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
RS Demand	\$ 2.59	\$ 20.91	\$ 0.320	1.55%
GS	\$ 7.381	\$ 7.534	\$ 0.143	1.93%
LGS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
WS	\$ 7.074	\$ 7.211	\$ 0.137	1.91%
IS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%
LIS	\$ 3.960	\$ 4.049	\$ 0.089	2.25%

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., and City of Philippi.
The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. 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 (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.
This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Present	Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
MDFQ	\$ 15.861	\$ 16.112	\$ 0.251	1.58%
Storage Balancing Fee	\$ 0.609	\$ 0.625	\$ 0.016	2.63%
Firm Standby Fee	\$ 2.648	\$ 2.684	\$ 0.036	1.36%
Fuel Retention	4.00%	4.00%	N/A	0.00%

Any change 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 following offices of the Company:
Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.
A copy of the propose 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 Rule 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 his publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and 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
Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 2532 .
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, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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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**

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 Bickmore 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 Proacious. 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**

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

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

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Pastor: Bret Wiley
FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Dutch Ridge Laurel Road
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Tuesday Service 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
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

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

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

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

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

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 CHURCH
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

MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Monday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: Jim Hamrick

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

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

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

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

NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

O'BRION 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

PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Take time out for Jesus, he took time our for you. **Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft**
PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM **Pastor: Dennis Vance**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST
Saturday Services 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall

WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Randy Tinney

WINGS OF DELIVERANCE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below Maysel on the left
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Come worship the Lord with us!
Phone: (304) 587-7410 **Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw**

