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Panthers erased the Dots in home opener

Allen Hamrick

It was a hot, hot Friday night as the CCHS Panthers took on the Poca Dots. A person almost felt sorry for them as they fell like timber against the Panther chain-saw defense ... again, almost. It was the Panthers' home opener and there was no way a team should even think they can come onto Panther real estate on a special night and do anything but lose - no matter who they are or how far they travelled to get here.

Buzzards circled the field and had their sights set on the Dots the whole game; they knew from the start the end was near. Straight out of the chute, the Panther offense and especially the defense went to work on the Dots, and every part of their offense and defense caved in like an accordion. The Dots had no running game and no passing game as the Panthers defense closed the

book on the Dots' winning percentage. The quarterback looked more like a fleeing rooster with chicken hawks on his tail; the Panther defense simply didn't let him breathe. It was a display of defense by the Panthers that should be an article in Sports Illustrated. The game was well coached and well executed by the players, and the Dots never stood a chance.

On offense, the Panthers executed as if this was a championship game. One can't say enough about the offensive line - they did a great job containing the Dots defense, allowing for some good runs and giving Cooper Collins the time he needed for his air show. At the half, both teams went to locker rooms with Poca considering a white flag. The buzzards continued circling lower towards the Dots' sideline. The Dots came out in the second half and were making a run for the end zone.



Cooper Collins threads the needle to Collin Elliott #5. Allen Hamrick Photo

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Panthers run for a million dollars in the T-Mobile sweepstakes

Allen Hamrick

It may just be the year of the cat for the Panther nation. The community has come together in a mass of community spirit as football fans, students and residents strive to win the ultimate prize. The Panthers are competing in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights sweepstakes. This is a massive multimillion-dollar program designed to help small-town high school programs across the country. In the end, one school will be awarded the one-million-dollar grand prize stadium facelift or makeover. There is also a splinter brand new weight room prize as well as \$250,000 division grants.

Thanks to a ton of early entries, the Panthers have so far led a good campaign securing one of the 5K checks as a weekly winner. While 5K is a good start, the ultimate goal is the one-million-dollar upgrade. To win the prize it will require a massive effort from the team as well as the community. September 18, 2026, is the deadline for entries, and after that a panel of judges will evaluate the schools and determine the top 40 contestants that will move on in the event. If in fact Clay County moves on in its division, the school will receive an additional \$250,000 grant as well as a new weight room. From there, it will be a fight to the finish.

To help, the Panther fans need to flood social media with original photos or videos depicting Panther pride. In addition to posting pics and videos, hashtag #FN5GL or #Entry on various platforms. Another other way is to tag official pages of the event, such as @TMobile, as well as the official Clay County High School or Clay County High School Panthers webpages. Every post



Panther Pit cranks out the volume for Brody Scarbro.

brings the Panthers another step towards the ultimate prize. So, fans it's up to you - so break out the cameras

and get to shooting videos and pics. One never knows if Clay County will get the call...it could happen.

The Annual Clay County Schools Alumni Luncheon

The Annual Clay County Schools Alumni Luncheon (not the same as the Alumni Dinner at the High School) will be held at Harding's Family Restaurant in Mink Shoals, Wednesday, September 16, from 11 am to 2 pm in the conference room to the left when you first enter the building. This is also the Golden Delicious Festival in Clay so it's a good opportunity for out-of-towners who are coming to the festivities to join us.

This gathering is for ANYONE who attended a school in Clay County, West Virginia, whether you graduated from CCHS or not. It is an opportunity to meet with fellow classmates from different school years, meet new friends, share stories, photos, yearbooks, articles, etc, from school days. We eat, talk, laugh, and have a really good time reminiscing.

Generally, we have about 20 folks who show up, and it's different people each year who attend. Lunch is paid by each individual attendee. Harding's offers a special lunch menu for our group, and they take cash and credit/debit. Casual dress.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Quincy Potasnik on Facebook messenger or call/text 304-549-8203.

Mustangs defeat the Blue Devils in season opener



Torin Shirey kicks in the after burners. Allen Hamrick Photo.

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BOOKED

Aaron Scott Canfield
Booked 9/3/2026, Trespassing Asked to Leave, Assault, Battery, Fingerprint Refusal, Domestic Battery 3rd Offense, Domestic Assault 3rd Offense

Christopher Lee Cloney
Booked 9/2/2026, Family Court Capias

Joshua Aaron Cochran
Booked 9/6/2026, Battery, Domestic Battery 2nd Offense

Leonard Ray Isenhart Jr.
Booked 9/4/2026, Trespassing Asked to Leave, Shoplifting, Bond Violation

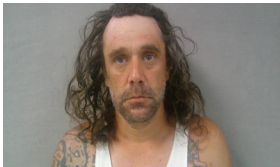
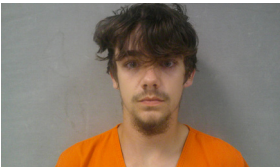
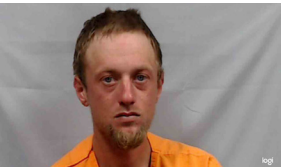
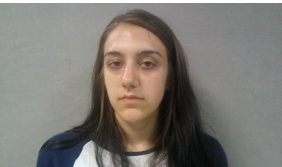
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Brandy Lynn Legg
Booked 9/5/2026, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance

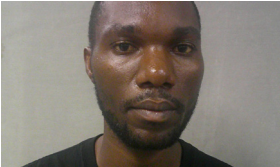
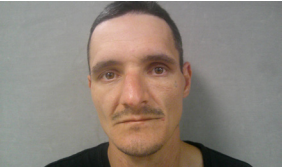
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Dennis Franklyn Chambers
Booked 8/30/2026, Possession W/ Intent, Possession of Marijuana, Driving Suspended, No Insurance, Improper Registration, No Motor Vehicle Inspection

Deborah Lynn Humphreys
Booked 9/6/2026, Domestic Assault, Destruction of Property, Obstructing an Officer

Lwanga Sharle
Booked 9/4/2026, DUI, Speeding, Defective Equipment



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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. Prociou, WV 25164.

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.

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Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Dear Recycle Lady,
What are tree-corridors? I think they are found in forests, but I am not sure.

Love Trees

Dear Love Trees,
Tree-corridors are ecological pathways that connect forests fragments, thus allowing wild animals to move freely between areas to migrate, breed, and find food. They are found particularly in the Rainforests that have been cleared and left in large, fragmented areas. Some 500 years ago Brazil’s Atlantic Forest was the size of South Africa, but today over 90 percent of this global biodiversity hotspot has been deforested to make way for booming industries such as soy, sugar cane and cattle ranching. The Rainforest Alliance is helping to connect these fragmented forests with green tree-corridors to “provide a lifeline” for animals, threatened species, and pollinators. Research has shown that when patches of forest are isolated from each other, pollinators are less abundant, and plants frequently fail to reproduce. Connecting forests that have been broken up by clearcutting with a pathway of trees, shrubs, and native plants creates a richer biodiversity of plant species. Pollination by bees, bats and hummingbirds is increased when they can travel from one part of the forest to another. Healthy forests are an important part of the solution for global climate change.

Dear Distressed Recycler,
The main reason the Recycling Center is not accepting aluminum foil and pans is that there are no buyers for small amounts of used aluminum. In order to have enough foil and pans for a buyer to consider purchasing them, the Recycling Center would need to collect an extremely large amount of clean, dry aluminum foil and pans. Donated foil and pans would need to be kept in storage until that amount was collected and unfortunately, that amount of storage space is not available. A secondary problem is that not all foil and pans placed in the bin are clean and dry. It only takes a few bits of food or grease to contaminate clean foil and pans and make them unrecyclable. Have you considered reusing your foil? Just wash it in hot soapy water, rinse, dry, and smooth it out. Your piece of foil will be almost as good as new. Foil is also a good scissor sharpener. Fold up a piece of aluminum foil four or five times, depending on the strength of the foil, then cut through the folds several times. Your dull scissors will be as sharp as you want them to be. Another use of foil is to hang a few strips of aluminum foil in the branches of your fruit trees to help keep birds away from the fruit on the trees. Balled up aluminum foil is a good way to remove the gunk left after grilling those delicious steaks!

Dear Recycle Lady,
Is there a recycling program for crayons? I have a whole bag of used or broken crayons that I hate to throw out.

Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,
Yes, there is an excellent recycling program that recycles used, broken, stubby, old or unwanted crayons: the nationalcrayonrecycleprogram.org. According to National Crayon Recycle Program (NCRP), more than 60 million crayons are discarded in the U.S. every year and most of them end up in a landfill. Since crayons are made of a petroleum by-product, paraffin wax, they are not biodegradable and take decades to decompose. The NCRP has partnered with the Crazy Crayons Company to create new fun-shaped crayons from recycled crayons. They also upcycle crayons to children in need of crayons and offer playful activities that can be therapeutic for traumatized children. The goal of both organizations is to “bring a smile to a child’s face.” Ship crayons in a sturdy box to: National Crayon Recycle Program, 8110 S. Houghton Rd. #158, Tucson, AZ 85747. Leave the color wrapper on the crayon even if it is torn as it makes the color of the crayon easily identifiable, and the wrapper is later recycled. Recycled crayons can also be purchased on this site.

Interesting Information; Hydrophones that detect and record underwater sounds are used for the analysis of various underwater phenomena, including marine life communication and environmental monitoring. Thus, the ocean can eavesdrop on whales’ songs and other deep ocean sounds!

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests recycleladywv@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



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West Virginia Bigfoot Festival Returns to Summersville October 9–11 Three-Day Festival Brings Bigfoot Researchers, Television Personalities, Live Music and Family Activities to West Virginia

SUMMERSVILLE, W.Va. — Bigfoot is coming back to the mountains of West Virginia.

The West Virginia Bigfoot Festival returns to Summersville October 9–11, 2026, for three days of Bigfoot research, Appalachian entertainment, live music, family activities and some of the most recognizable personalities in the world of cryptozoology and paranormal television.

Held at Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park, the festival brings together serious researchers, television personalities, musicians, families, vendors and Bigfoot enthusiasts from across West Virginia and beyond.

This year’s Speakers Barn will feature an extensive lineup of guests, including Dr. Mireya Mayor, primatologist, explorer and television personality known to audiences from Expedition Bigfoot; cryptozoologist and author Ken Gerhard; Turtleman; Willy and Jeff from Mountain Monsters; Diamond Jim Boardwine; Mike Familant; Les O’Dell; Charlie Raymond; Sherri Blake and numerous other researchers and presenters.

Dr. Mireya Mayor will make two appearances on Saturday, including an extended presentation from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and another session from 6:15–7:30 p.m.

Even after the scheduled presentations end, the stories will continue. Special evening Campfire Stories will feature Willy and Jeff from Mountain Monsters and Diamond Jim Boardwine on Friday, Turtleman on Saturday, and RPG from Expedition Bigfoot on Sunday.

MUSIC, BIGFOOT CALLING AND APPALACHIAN CULTURE

The festival’s Music Stage will feature three days of entertainment, including the Raelyn Nelson Band, The Travelers, Micah Kesselring, Tesa Marie, Shawn Benfield, Thomas Danley, Ben Jamn, Persuaded and Johnny Spolarich.

One of the festival’s most popular traditions—the Bigfoot Calling Contest—returns all three days, giving visitors the opportunity to see who can send the most convincing Sasquatch call echoing through the West Virginia hills.

Sunday begins at the Music Stage with an 11 a.m. church service, followed by an afternoon of live music. MORE THAN BIGFOOT

Activities will take place throughout Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park during the weekend.

Families can enjoy Bigfoot Gem Mining, bounce houses, the River Walk Animal Hunt, chainsaw carving, historic demonstrations by the Bulltown Historic Area, library story time and a carved pumpkin contest.

Saturday’s activities also include a Gauley River Cloggers performance, a beard contest and an APW Wrestling Exhibition.

The festival combines Bigfoot lore with Appalachian history, music, outdoor adventure and family entertainment, creating an event designed for both dedicated Bigfoot enthusiasts and families simply looking for an unusual West Virginia weekend.

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A Fruitcake Isn’t Always Sweet

Dr. James L. Snyder

When it comes to sweet items, I am a connoisseur with a delicate palate. All I need is something sweet set before me, and I can tell you how wonderful it is after the first bite. I may be a little addicted to sweet things.

After celebrating 55 years of marital bliss, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage makes some of the sweetest desserts I have ever tasted. Whether it’s a pie, a cookie, or a cake, they are all the sweetest I have ever tasted.

Over the past few years, she has limited my intake of sweets for my health’s sake, and I acknowledge her dedication.

After these years of marriage, I have noticed that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage comes up with names that confuse me. I try not to let it bother me, and I don’t ask her to explain herself because I know what that would lead to. I take note of the words she uses, especially when she describes other people.

I’m not very good with these kinds of words; once in a while I will say to her, “You’re as sweet as an Apple Fritter.” Of course, she is not very appreciative of that name, which is why I use it as often as I possibly can. I don’t know anything sweeter than an Apple Fritter.

Just recently, I heard her use a new name I’d never heard before. We were watching TV together, and I believe it was Judge Judy. If you ever watched that show, you know there are a lot of crazy people who come before that judge.

We were watching this program, and there was one guy who was really loopy in many regards. When Judge Judy announced her verdict, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “That guy was a real fruitcake.”

I had never heard that word in that context. Yes, I’ve heard it referring to food, but never about a person.

Staring at her for a few moments, I said, “What do you mean he’s a fruitcake?”

“Didn’t you hear that guy? He was the most eccentric idiot I’ve ever seen. To me he is the face of a fruitcake.”

That sorta hit me by surprise. I’ve never heard that definition before, or that word used to describe somebody. But if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage used it, it must be so.

That put me on guard because I was watching to see whether she would call me a fruitcake. If so, I knew it would not be in a very positive or nice way. Of course, I may be a fruitcake in that sense of the word, but I hope she doesn’t use it to define me.

The End of Summer

Joe Mazzella

I saw my first sign of the end of summer here today. As I walked underneath my Maple tree, I saw the first few leaves had already changed from green to red and fallen to the ground. It reminded me of how fast this summer has flown by and how beautiful it has been.

When I was a boy I hated this time of the year. It meant soon I would be trading in riding my bike and swimming at the local pool for once again sitting in a crowded classroom with no fresh air or freedom. In those days Summer seemed to last forever and yet also ended way too soon. And as I grew into adulthood and had to work all year round I missed those childhood summer days even more.

It was only in my later years that I finally began to embrace the unique joys that each season brings. I realized that I shouldn’t spend my days longing for Summer when a beautiful Fall was on its way. And the quiet, cold,

Thinking about that for several days, it came to my mind that the world is filled with fruitcakes. Everywhere I looked recently, I’ve been seeing fruitcakes all around me.

This is the election year in our country, so there are a lot of politicians on TV, and I hate to admit it, but many of them are fruitcakes in this sense of the word. It has nothing to do with their political affiliation and everything to do with being crazy.

I can think of a lot of relatives that would qualify for this definition. Thinking about it, I come from a family of fruitcakes. If that is so, it would explain a lot of things that happen in our family. I’m waiting for my children and grandchildren to realize that they have “Fruitcake” in their DNA.

I will not press the subject, but maybe The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me as a fruitcake. I look at her as an Apple Fritter, which is a whole lot different than a fruitcake.

There are a lot of people in this world that are eccentric in every sense of that word. Examining them, you can see that they are slightly strange in a lot of things that they do and say. I never thought of it this way before, but being a little strange is not that bad.

I may be a little strange to certain people, if that’s what eccentric means, but I’m OK with it. I hope I never find out who those people are who think I’m a fruitcake. Most importantly, I hope I never hear The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage call me a fruitcake. I’m sure it’s true, or she would not say it.

We were driving across town to do some shopping together, and as we were going, I happened to mention it. “Do you sometimes think that I’m a fruitcake?”

Without missing a beat, she said, “Look at the license plate on that car over there. They’re from California. I wonder what they’re doing here.”

I knew exactly what she was doing, and it really got me out of trouble I might have gotten into. Sometimes it is best not to ask questions, particularly if I’m around The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

A verse from the Bible came to mind as I thought about this.

Ephesians 4:32, “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

The troubling aspect of the verse is treating others as God has treated me. Reflecting on this I thought if God can do this to me, then I could do this to everyone around me.

Home Country

trail leaves the Onion Valley road. Looking for her head. That’s what they say. Looking for her head.”

The first foundations of Kearsarge glowed in the moonlight, little more than deliberate rock piles and scattered timbers now. The packer steered Brownie around the first and left the little stretch of dirt road again to follow the creek up the canyon. More foundations glowed, their old stones like age-worn teeth, and the wind came down from the snow patches cool and quiet. The packer thought he heard something, once. Just once, but he wondered about it, anyway. Maybe it was a night bird. Maybe. Looking back, the cluster of lights that was Independence had now shrunk to a small glowing nucleus in the moonscaped miles below.

He rested the stock on the first switchback above the old ghost town and pulled on his jacket. It helped.

“Your granddad told us there was a spook up at old Kearsarge,” the packer said as they walked along the irrigation ditch that one night, a time back.

“Grandpa knows a lot,” she said, squeezing his hand. “It’s probably true.”

He saw her eyes then, in the glow of a nearby streetlight there in town, as they walked. The desert night warmed them and made them both think of things long past and yet to come.

“You don’t think he was just trying to b.s. us into being scared?”

“Not Grandpa. He knows a lot.”

“Umm,” the packer said.

“You like him?”

“Sure. Great guy.”

“He likes you, too. He likes you a lot, I know. So does my mom and dad.”

“Very nice people, your mom and dad.”

She smiled up at him and he could see the pretty eyes again, the ageless eyes that spoke so much of generations of desert and mountain people, despite her youth. “You like kids?” she asked.

Brought to you by “The Long Dark” by Slim Randles. Online.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson “Devil Anse” Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.



Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by British and Indians during the Revolutionary War. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.

Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley River in Nicholas County.

Union Gen. William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates retreated before they could be defeated in the morning.

Sept. 10, 1887: Author and scholar John Frederick Matheus was born in Keyser. He became a prominent writer of plays, short stories and other works during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.

Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and TV actress Joanne Drue died in Los Angeles. Dru, the older sister of *Hollywood Squares* host Peter Marshall, was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 12, 1861: The Battle of Cheat Mountain was fought near the Ran-

dolph-Pocahontas County line. Gen. Robert E. Lee came into western Virginia to give support to Gen. William W. Loring, commander of the Army of Northwestern Virginia, but the battle ended in a defeat for the Confederacy.

Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed at Talcott. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world’s great folk heroes.

Sept. 12, 1952: A group of local youths were startled at a football game by a fireball streaking across the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County, or Flatwoods, Monster.

Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools closed for four days due to a controversy over the adoption of new textbooks. Throughout the fall, advocates for opposing sides of the issue held mass protests, which drew national media attention.

Sept. 13, 1844: Milton Humphreys was born in Greenbrier County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate service as a sergeant. At the Battle of Fayetteville, Humphreys fired his cannon at Union artillery from behind an intervening forest, setting a precedent for modern warfare using indirect fire.

Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney J. R. Clifford was born in present Grant County. In 1887, Clifford became the first African American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.



Sept. 13, 1948: Rock guitarist Fred “Sonic” Smith was born in the Harts Creek area of Lin-

coln County. He cofounded the band MC5, whose rebellious music became a soundtrack for Detroit’s counterculture in the 1960s. He is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the west bank of the Elk River.

Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon “Chu” Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.

Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the “Great Persuader,” tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia’s 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

Sept. 14, 1956: Filmmaker, educator and author Danny Boyd was born in Martinsburg. A longtime professor at West Virginia State University, he is best known

for three independent features: *Chillers*, *Strangest Dreams: Invasion of the Space Preachers*, and *Paradise Park*. He died in February 2026.

Sept. 15, 1862: Confederate Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson forced the surrender of a Union garrison at Harpers Ferry prior to the Battle of Antietam. The 12,500 prisoners taken by Jackson was the largest surrender of U.S. Army troops in the Civil War.

Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1913, as the state’s 14th governor, he played a pivotal but controversial role in ending the violent Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike.

Sept. 15, 1906: Songwriter Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to “Here Comes Peter Cottontail” and “Frosty the Snowman,” two of America’s most popular songs.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Paper on desk is missing. 3. Desk is not as wide. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Tie is different. 6. Blinds are higher.

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Super Crossword

TWO-BY-FOURS

ACROSS

- 1 Device causing a machine to operate
9 Hindu religious retreat
15 Mini-plateaus
20 Regatta event
21 Cry before “No hands!”
22 Best of the lot
23 Long-running showbiz news program
25 New Jersey’s — Hall University
26 Evening galas
27 Tiny bit
28 Some med. X-rays
30 Stay home for a meal
31 Single-session legislative group
34 The Old West’s Wyatt
37 Slimy gunk
38 Injury vestige
39 French gal pal
43 — cake (ring-shaped dessert)
46 Olive in comics

- 48 Break out of an egg
52 “A Streetcar Named Desire” dramatist
57 Hair hider
58 Milkshake alternatives
59 Was wearing fitness ctr.
61 Coconut tree, e.g.
62 Hurricanes, e.g.
64 “3022” co-star Omar
66 Diner fave
67 “— cost ya!”
68 Pleasant feeling after winning
73 Wizard, in fantasy fiction
74 “Presence” co-star Lucy
75 Where the Clintons met
76 Windbag’s output
78 Litigates
79 Plus-size supermodel
81 Tepee-shaped
84 Ship wastewater
85 Color TV pioneer

- 86 Creamy vinaigrette with little crunchy bits
89 Great risk
91 Big blue body
92 More urgent
93 Chaotic state
94 Supermarket vehicle
97 A, in Spain
99 Brain product
101 Starts of some flashy combo shots in hoops
107 Reins in
112 1990s subcompact car model
113 See 11-Down
114 Embark on a voyage
116 Stoked
117 Super-rare basketball feat ... or what each of six long answers in this puzzle contains
121 Food fish
122 Beyond belief
123 Open (to)
124 Tortellini topper
125 Ford bombs
126 Menu section with reds and whites

DOWN

- 1 Humiliate
2 Fireside drink
3 Implied but not stated
4 Prenatal chambers
5 Gentleman thief Lupin of fiction
6 Subdue with a stun gun
7 Phil of folk
8 1910s-’20s auto
9 God of Islam
10 Certain
11 With 113-Across, DIYers’ guides
12 “Gunga Din” studio
13 BP’s merger partner
14 Sirs’ counter-parts
15 Awaited saviors
16 “Mourning Becomes —”
17 Occupy, as a table
18 Make up (for)
19 Have a hunch
24 Kin of “Inc.”
29 Cable inits. for film buffs
31 Sleep clinic diagnosis
32 “Neat!”

- 33 In a demure way
35 Tummy muscles
36 Hurry along
39 After-hours \$\$\$ sources
40 Ragú product
41 Like many vehicles on steep hills
42 Main dishes
44 Pfeiffer of “Cybill”
45 Like some thickish paper towels
47 An arm and a leg
49 “Not true!”
50 Radio or TV station identifiers
51 Code for WWW pages
53 Squalor of Lemony Snicket books
54 Situated
55 Human rights org.
56 Tennis event
61 Old Lutheran movement
63 Fifth-cen. pope
65 Sang alone
69 Be overly doting, in slang
70 Childhood malady

- 71 Prada rival
72 Corn cores
73 Fig. on a new car sticker
77 Rules, in brief
80 Give a visual once-over to
82 “Beast” star Elba
83 Street rep
86 Performed for
87 Yemen’s capital
88 Prior to
90 Salt for wintry roads
95 Decay
96 Twisting force
98 Star-related
100 Opening opera section
101 Audibly stunned
102 “I wanna try!”
103 Runs easily
104 Scale unit
105 Psyches
106 Seer’s “gift”
108 Typical
109 Shul official
110 Products of 39-Down
111 Hard rain
114 Highway rig
115 Perfect spot
118 Skill, in Latin
119 Inferior grade
120 Statute

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THE WIDEN NEWS

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thinks very much.



April 1959

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Basketball Team Feted By Rotary

The annual dinner tendered the Widen High School basketball team by the Rotary Club of Widen was more than usually successful this year and for that those who attended the dinner must extend their sincere thanks to the speaker. Good speakers are not particularly rare and there are lots of good coaches of basketball teams, but it is rather uncommon to find a man who excels at both activities. The special guest at this year's dinner was such a man.

Most of the dinner guests were acquainted with Jule Rivlin, basketball coach at Marshall College, through his television appearances and by this reputation as a successful college coach, but none of the guests were really prepared for the treat that was in store for them. All too often such speakers deliver a multitude of platitudes couched in high and mighty terms that have the youngsters squirming in their seats and wishing it would be over. Not this time. Coach Rivlin talked for perhaps 45 minutes and there wasn't a person in the room even thinking about leaving. He made his points and drove home his admonishments in a speech so laden with rich, clean humor that the time literally flew. And when the dinner was over, it took him nearly another half hour to get out of the dining room because the kids kept him there talking to them personally. There was none of the "Great I Am" in his talk, although he did speak of his experiences in the professional basketball ranks including the instance when he took a tipoff from George Mikan, who was at least a foot taller than Rivlin. He spoke at some length about the importance of keeping in playing condition, particularly as regards smoking, which is apparently Coach Rivlin's pet

peeve. He stressed the need for religion in life and put particular emphasis on studying, not for the purpose of remaining eligible for sports but for the purpose of getting an education. And he even catered to the egos of the Rotarians by advising the boys to go to their fathers for advice, which would not only enable the boys to profit by their elders' experience but would flatter Dad by letting him know his son thought enough of him to ask his advice. Coach Rivlin did not neglect the lovely cheerleaders who attended the dinner, but welcomed them as an integral part of the team, and at the same time he was doing that he was telling them to let the boys alone during the season, promising the girls "they'll come back."

The Rotary Club of Widen is always happy to honor the boys who play ball for the local school, regardless of the won-and-lost record. We know the youngsters enjoy the occasion and the opportunity to hear from a man legendary in sport. The thanks of the Rotary Club are hereby extended to Coach Rivlin for taking time from his schedule to come to Widen and to Principal Harry Baer for securing such an outstanding guest. And this article would not be complete without a word to Club Manager Harry Taka and his staff for a very fine meal well served.

CARSON - BUTCHER

May 17th is the marriage date set by Miss Nancy Naomi Carson and A-1c Donald T. Butcher.

The engagement is announced by the parents of the bride-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Carson, 1067 NW 99th Street, Miami, Florida.

Mr Butcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Butcher, Nicholas Street, Widen, West Virginia. He is stationed at the Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

NOTICE

We wish to apologize for admitting the name of Teddy Rapp, of the 4th grade, from the "A" Honor Roll list for the month of March.

Baccalaureate Sermon To Be Delivered By Rev. Kyle Haseldend



Reverend Kyle Haseldend, Minister of the Baptist Temple, Charleston, West Virginia, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon, "A Test For Youth," Sunday night May 10, at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Reverend Haseldend was born February 12, 1913, in Latta, South Carolina. He was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, in 1934, with a B. A. degree.

He has held pastorates at: Warburton Avenue Baptist Church, at Yonkers, New York; Trinity Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota; The Baptist Temple, Rochester, New York; and is now at the Baptist Temple, Charleston, West Virginia.

He has held the offices of: Trustee, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota; Trustee, Colgate Rochester Divinity School; Trustee, Alderson-Broadbudds College; and Trustee, West Virginia Baptist Convention. Reverend Haseldend was: Delegate to conferences on race and peace; Guest Speaker on college campuses; Rauschenbusch Lecturer, Colgate Rochester Divinity; and Lecturer, Duke Divinity School Seminar for Ministers.

Reverend Haseldend has contributed to various religious journals and is author of THE RACIAL PROBLEM IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE, Harper and Brothers.

His wife is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina. She is an accomplished musician and is active in church, civic, and educational fields.

Reverend and Mrs. Haseldend have three children; a son, Kyle Haseldend, II, 19; a daughter, Alice Haseldend, 15; and a son, Thomas Haseldend, 8.

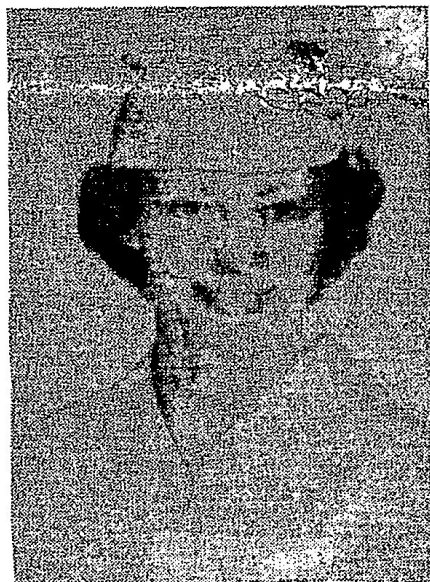
Rotary Winners Are Unknown At Present

The Rotary awards for the most outstanding boy and girl will not be revealed until graduation night. The high school teachers will have had these students from the freshmen to the senior year will determine these winners on the basis of citizenship, scholarship, and character.

These qualities are divided and given specific points of merits, and the students receiving the highest number of points will be the winners

Past winners of these medals were Joyce Marple 1948; Joan Zickafoose and Louis Bragg, 1949; June Johnson and Ronald Nottingham, 1950; Dorothy Eagle and Charles Houghton, 1951; Claudia Ashley and David Patton, 1952; Janet Ramsey and John Strickland, 1953; Betty Butler and Keith Young, 1954; Anita Butcher and Jerry Samples, 1955; Ruth Lykins and Kenneth Young, 1956; Dorothy Ashley and James Given, 1957; Joan Truman Dawson, 1958.

Ruby Lee Rapp Student-of-the Year



Ruby Lee Rapp, was chosen Student of the Year from the seven candidates eligible for the title.

Ruby Lee was selected for her outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and character, and was judged on these characteristics by the faculty members.

The candidates for Student-of-the-Year are selected from the winners of the Student-of-the-Month. They are as follows: October, Lillie Nash; November, Rosa Gibson; December, David Hamrick; January, Lora Wilson; February, Judy LaCorte; March, Ruby, Lee Rapp; April, Karen Donohue.

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Governor Morrisey Announces First Rural Health Transformation Program Awards

Nearly \$2.4 million will expand worksite clinics and bring healthcare services closer to West Virginia workers

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Governor Patrick Morrisey recently announced nearly \$2.4 million in the first implementation awards under West Virginia’s Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), funding worksite clinics and employer-based healthcare services designed to improve health outcomes and help more West Virginians stay healthy and in the workforce.

“We are putting these historic resources to work to improve the health of West Virginians and strengthen our workforce,” said Governor Morrisey.

“By bringing healthcare closer to where people work, we can identify health problems earlier, better manage chronic conditions, and help more West Virginians stay healthy and on the job. These first awards are another important step toward transforming healthcare delivery across our state.”

The awards are being made through the Health to Prosperity (HTP) initiative and will expand worksite clinics and employer-based healthcare services across West Virginia. The investments will make it easier for employees to access care,

manage chronic conditions, and receive preventive services without unnecessary barriers that can keep them from getting the care they need.

The following organizations were selected to receive the first Health to Prosperity awards following a review of their ability to implement the programs and deliver results for West Virginians:

Spotted Owl Healthcare Organization: \$1,174,000

CAMC/Vandalia Health: \$612,000

Cabell Huntington Foundation: \$612,000

portant investment in the health of West Virginia’s workforce,” said Secretary of Health Dr. Arvin Singh. “Expanding access to care through worksite clinics can help people address health concerns earlier, better manage chronic conditions and stay connected to work and their communities. That’s good for workers, families, employers, and the State as a whole.”

“The Trump Administration’s Rural Health Transformation Program is helping states like West Virginia turn bold plans into action with innovative, locally driven solutions to improve rural Americans’ access to high-quality care,” said CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz. “As states move forward with implementation, this historic investment is empowering rural communities to improve care coordination and strengthen their health systems.”

The announcement represents the first phase of implementation and the first funding awards announced under the program. Future awards will be announced across WV RHTP’s seven initiatives as West Virginia continues building a stronger, healthier future for communities across the state.

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Magistrate Court Case No.: 26-M08D-00029
Joseph Drake Respondent
Unknown address
DOB: 11/16/1989

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
(PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
2. 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:

If appearing by evidence 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 the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Clay County, Circuit Clerk’s office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until September 17, 2026.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 17th day of September 2026, at 10:30 AM, before the Clay County Family Court.

Issued this 09/03/2026 11:39 a.m.

Christina Hamshaw
Clerk of the Court

LEGAL

Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

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, September 3, 2026
Claim Deadline: Monday, November 2, 2026

APPOINTMENT DATE 07/30/2026
ESTATE NAME: JOHN CALVIN MCLAUGHLIN
ADMINISTRATOR MASON ALLEN MCLAUGHLIN
1558 FOLA ROAD
BICKMORE WV 25019

APPOINTMENT DATE 07/29/2026
ESTATE NAME: JAMES EDWARD PARSONS
EXECUTOR WILLIAM COX
241 WOLFPEN RUN RD
COX’S MILL WV 26342

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 8/31/2026
Stacy King
County Clerk
Clay County
P.O. Box 190
246 Main Street
Clay WV 25043-0190

LEGAL

(2025-C-000193 - Clay County - GARNET GAS CORPORATION)

To: BRENDA MCCUNE ESTATE C/O HEATHER ATKINS, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES D/B/A PRODIRECTIONAL, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, INC., C/O PATTERSON-UTI, CUNNINGHAM ENERGY, LLC C/O VICKIE CUNNINGHAM, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS & ASSIGNS OF CHESSIE C. CONNER, RALPH NOEL CONNER, LAWRENCE P. CONNER, HAROLD C. CONNER, CLAUDE M. CONNER, PEGGY CONNER, JANE ANN MARTINEZ, JACK ALLISON CONNER, JAMES RALPH CONNER, MARK STEPHEN ANDERSON, KATHY NORMAN, KATHLEEN ALLISON CONNER, ERIN CONNER, DONNA CONNER, CUNNINGHAM ENERGY, LLC, UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, INC., PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, BRENDA MCCUNE ESTATE, HEATHER ATKINS, PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES, 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.

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Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 17233.	\$ 30.66
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Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 105.01
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Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 536.07

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2027, 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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Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BURKE COMMUNITY
CHURCH** in 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**

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

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

**CLAY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins
**CLENDENIN UNITED
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

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

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

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

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**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

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**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

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**GAULEY BRIDGE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM
Junior BYF/Senior BYF
6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship
7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM
Wednesday Kids/Children/
Youth 7:00 PM
**GOSPEL LIGHT
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth
of Gabe. Everyone welcome.
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday night 6:00 PM
Wednesday night 6:00 PM
Pastor: Rev. David Smith
**GROVES CREEK
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

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**HALLBURG BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00
PM
Pastor: Michael Jackson
**HARTLAND COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Wednesday Night Service
7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM
Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JOHNSON CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Vineyard Ridge
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
**JUBILEE MOUNTAIN
CHURCH**
103 Main Street, Clay, WV
25043
Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 12 noon
For more info call 304-587-
4779
Pastor: David Davis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone welcome!

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

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

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

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

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

Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

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

**NEWTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**

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

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

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

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**O'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

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

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

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

**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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

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

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

V

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

W

**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**



Mustangs snap the fork of the Blue Devils

Allen Hamrick
The Mustangs' season opener took the field this past Thursday night, and they were pitted against the Blue Devils of George Washington. The Blue Devils brought in a team that looked like they were ready to thump the Mustangs, and from appearances, they would give the Mustangs a good run for their money. However, it was not to be for the Blue Devils as the CCMS Mustangs continued the dominating ground-and-pound style of football they are known for. New head coach Trey Corwell took the reins of this season's team and has the ball rolling respectably. The Mustangs' ground game, combined with superb blocking from the front line, took the game to the next level. The Blue Devils once again couldn't overcome the push of the Mustangs. The defense had a great game as well; they gave no quarter and asked for none in return.

The Mustangs came out and dominated on offense, defense, running, passing, blocking, coaching, cheering, and fans. Torin Shirey was a definite standout on offense and defense; he had eighteen carries for 241 yards,



The Mustang Crunch. Allen Hamrick Photo.

and four TD's. He also had 16 tackles on defense. Brice Nichols went two for five for 64 yards and a TD. Silas Corwell had 10 tackles on defense. Deric Cunningham caught a 56-yard TD pass to get the Mustangs on the board. Most of the defense had a great game with some great plays that held the Blue Devils to a minimum.

The defense was a well-oiled machine and dug in like tanks, stopping any offense the Blue Devils could muster. Except for a couple of gifts given late in the game, the defense held fast. The whole defense was in



Brice Nichols airs out the first TD of the game. Allen Hamrick Photo.

on most of the plays, looking like a wave that covered the Bear offense. Bottom line, the offensive line of the Mustangs pushed the defensive line of the Bears to their own end zone and opened holes like C4 for the runners to get through and score. The defense built an impenetrable wall that the Blue Devils simply couldn't knock down. It was a well-executed game from the coaching staff, and the boys carried the plan out to a tee with a final score of 44-20. This Thursday they play Sherman Middle School at home. Go Mustangs!



Derec Cunningham heads to the house for the TD. Allen Hamrick Photo.

DOTS

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But, the end zone may have as well been 500 yards away because they just couldn't get it close enough to wrinkle the grass. It was like having a double bubba cheeseburger with-in your grasp but starving to death before you could reach it.



Brody Scarbro breaks Dots defense. Allen Hamrick Photo.



Joel Elliott takes this punt to the house amid the screaming Dots. Allen Hamrick Photo.

The Panther offense didn't slow down a bit as they chewed apart the Dots defense by air and by land. When the buzzards finally got to land, they feasted on stewed Poca Dots with the final score settled in at Panthers 54, Dots the

big goose egg. This game proved that the Panther defense and offense is among the best in the state. The Panthers will host the Roane Raiders on Friday night, so come support the Panthers.



Relentless Panther defense. Allen Hamrick Photo.

Glenville State Announces Waco Oil & Gas Shootout with West Virginia Men's Basketball

GLENVILLE, W.Va. – Glenville State University Athletics is excited to announce the Waco Oil & Gas Shootout between West Virginia University Men's Basketball and the Pioneers on Friday, October 23rd, inside the Waco Center.

"There are some tremendous historical links between Glenville State University and WVU. Rich Rodriguez, Rick Trickett, Tony Gibson, Joe Mazzulla, Leland Byrd, Justin Oney...the list is long," Glenville State Athletic Director Jesse Skiles said. "With the outstanding squad Coach Hodge has put together going into Big 12 play this year, and the squad Coach Bolen has put together here in Glenville, there is a lot of excitement surrounding both programs. We are honored to serve as host for this event."

GSU is coming off of an (18-12) season in 2025-26, the highest win total for Glenville State since the 2014-15 campaign. Fourth-year Bob Bolen brings back an experienced group of veterans and exciting group of newcomers, including Point Park transfer Kaden Warner, who averaged 14.4 PPG a year ago.

"We're excited to be playing them and we know what kind of freshman and portal class they've brought in. It's a feather in the cap for Glenville with WVU choosing GSU to play in an exhibition," said head coach of the Pioneers, Bob Bolen.



The Mountaineers went (21-14) last year, capping Ross Hodge's first year winning the College Basketball Crown. Fans will get the first look at the 2026-27 Mountaineers in this Shootout, which consists of five-star guard Miles Sadler, four-star Georgia Tech transfer

Mouhamed Sylla, four-star Butler transfer Finley Bizjack and four-star transfer guard Joson Sanon. Tickets will go on sale at a later date. Stay tuned at gstatepioneers.com and on GSU social media platforms.