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Mist rolls along the Elk River. Amy Lane Photo, taken at the Dundon Bridge.

Blood on the Creek, Phantom on the River: The Dark History and Haunting Legends of Clay County

By Amy Lane

OCTOBER — The mist off the Elk River doesn't just roll in on an October night—it crawls. It hangs low over the black water like a shroud, suffocating the moonlight until the riverbank beneath your boots disappears completely into the dark.

In Clay County, we grow up hearing about the blood-soaked history of Rush Fork near Ivydale. Between 1893 and 1917, at least a dozen people mysteriously vanished or were brutally murdered in that quiet hollow. It began in 1893 when Henry Hargis walked into the woods with $300 in his pocket and was never seen again. Over the next two decades, the body count grew with the unsolved killings of peddler Joseph Cottrell, young Lacy Boggs, and John Hargis.

By early 1917, after Preston Towner was found burned inside his own home with an empty lamp-oil can under his bed, the violence reached a boiling point. Frustrated by the lack of arrests, local residents took the law into their own hands, forming the vigilante group known as the "Clay County Mob."

Armed and relentless, the mob nailed handwritten notices to post office doors and oak trees across the hollow. The warning was plain: suspect families had ten to thirty days to pack their belongings and cross the Ohio River, or face deadly justice. The vigilantes purged the hollow, leaving behind an eerie silence and a new name for the land—"Booger Hole," the old Appalachian term for a place overrun by spooks and ghosts.

While county record books detail the murders and the mob, they leave out what happened to those who tried to flee under cover of night.

According to long-standing river lore, during the height of the 1917 terror, a terrified traveling merchant loaded his trade goods into a heavy wooden skiff where Rush Fork empties into the Elk River. Desperate to escape whatever was hunting travelers along the treeline, he pushed out into the freezing midnight fog, rowing for open water.

He never made it downstream.

Days later, his wooden skiff was found drifting near the shoreline—battered, empty, and gouged. The merchant had vanished without a trace, his name added to the long list of souls claimed by the hollow. But over a century later, night-fishermen and late-season paddlers near the mouth of Rush Fork swear he never truly left.

Ask anyone sitting along the Elk River after midnight in late October. They'll tell you about the sudden, unnatural drop in temperature that turns your breath to ice in seconds. First, the river crickets go silent. The current freezes like glass. Then comes the sound that makes your blood run cold: the slow, rhythmic drip... drip... drip... of water dropping from heavy wooden oars.

Out in the wall of dense fog, a dark silhouette emerges.

It glides without an engine, cutting straight against the crushing river current without leaving a single ripple. A solitary figure sits hunched in the stern, face buried in deep shadow. There is no splash of water, no creak of rowlocks—only a suffocating stillness as the phantom boat glides directly toward you.

Old-timers who know the river give the same strict warning: Do not shine your light on it, and do not call out.

Locals who panicked and flashed a spotlight across the mist swear the figure slowly lifted its head, revealing empty, shadowed sockets where its eyes should be. In the fraction of a second it takes to draw a breath to scream, the ghost boat vanishes—leaving only a deafening splash beside your hull and an icy wave that rocks your boat into the black depths below.

Skeptics will sit in warm living rooms and tell you it's just river gas, autumn fog, or a trick of the moonlight. But as midnight approaches and the mist swallows the banks along the Elk River this week, no one out on the water is thinking about science.

They're listening for the oars, looking back toward the dark mouth of Booger Hole, and praying the water stays still.

Update: Big Otter/Walker Road/Nebo Customers Could Have Water by Thanksgiving

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County Commission met for their first October meeting on Tuesday, October 13, because Monday was Columbus Day, a federal holiday. Only two commissioners were present. Commission President Joyce Johnson and Commissioner Duane Legg were present, Commissioner David Schoolcraft was absent, and not available by phone.

The commission usually begins by taking care of routine county business: minutes from the previous meeting, bills, purchase orders, budget revisions, erroneous assessments as presented by the Assessor, fiduciary appointments as presented by the County Clerk, including appointments of administrators, last wills and testaments, affidavits and waivers and final settlements of estates.

Stacy King, County Clerk requested a raise for her Chief Deputy County Clerk Pamela Woods salary to $ 1,213.38, effective October 15. Knowing the volume of work that is done by the County Clerk's office, the Commission approved the raise.

The county noted that early voting will start later this month on the 21st at the Clay County Courthouse and that high school students under the Secretary of State's pilot program for 17-year-olds have been trained and will be participating as poll workers this year on the general election day on November 3rd.

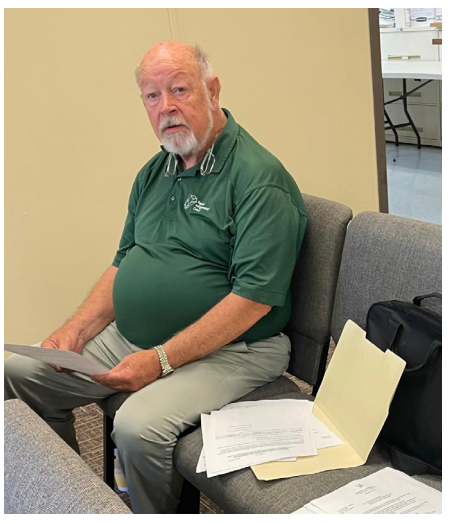
Terry Martin had much news on a number of projects. As previously announced the Big Otter/Walker Road/Nebo water project that was expected to be up and in operation in December, could now be open to customers by Thanksgiving. The Grassy Fork Water project could soon be going out for bid. And the oldest project, the necessary repairs on the Clay County Library from damage sustained under the 2016 flood, is finally getting some movement as the EPA approved the original estimate from Moran Construction going back to 2021. Interviews have been made with the three contractors for the new 911 Communications Center and the commission will shortly make an announcement.

Again, Trick-or-Treat night for the county will follow the Town of Clay's lead for Saturday October 31st.

The next regular monthly Clay County Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday October 27, 2026 at 9:00 am.



Pam Woods



Terry Martin prepares to present

Lady Mustangs regular season ends and tournament play begins

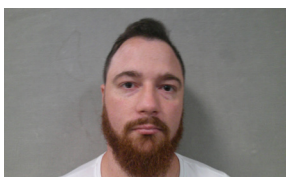


Emma Taylor serves up the heat. Allen Hamrick Photo.

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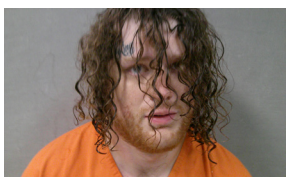
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Joseph Ray Collins—Booked 10/13/2026, Battery



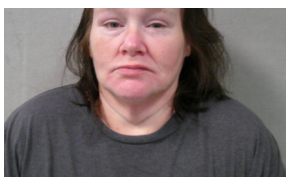
Keron Jaquan Wilson—Booked 10/13/2026, Possession W/Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance



Nathan Ray Elliot—Booked 10/14/2026, Domestic Assault 3rd



Rachel Joanna Kinser—Booked 10/14/2026, CAPIAS

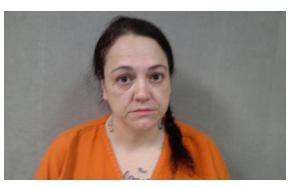


Brandy Lynn Legg—Booked 10/14/2026, CAPIAS



Aaron Carl Cale—Booked 10/15/2026, Possession W/Intent, Conspiracy to Possess W/Intent to Deliver

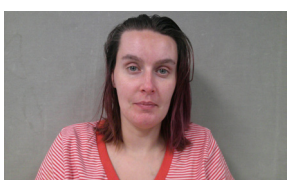
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Kelly Lynn Cale—Booked 10/15/2026, Possession W/Intent, Conspiracy to Possess W/Intent to Deliver

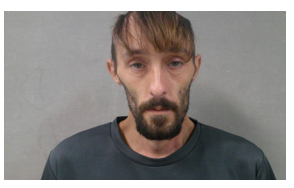


Colton Eugene Naylor—Booked 10/16/2026, Court Order

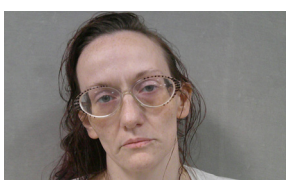


Michelle Ann Neff—Booked 10/17/2026, Probation Violation

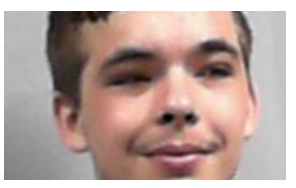
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Joshua Wayne Myers—Booked 10/18/2026, Fugitive From Justice

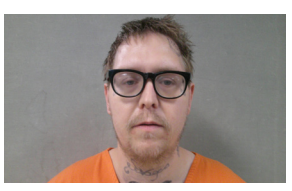


Angellica Lea Gill—Booked 10/12/2026, CAPIAS

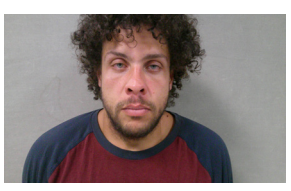


Isaac Wade Pauley—Booked 10/15/2026, Bond Violation

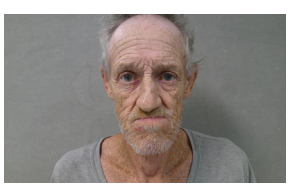
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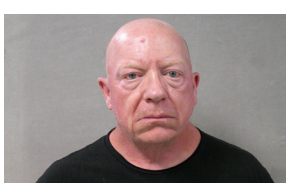
Anthony Michael Shuttlesworth—Booked 10/11/2026, Assault, Brandishing, Obstruction of Officer, False Information



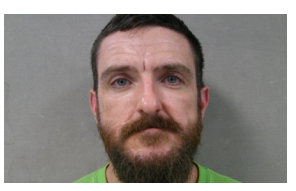
Theron Shelby-Cota Davis—Booked 10/13/2026, Assault



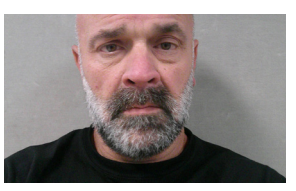
Arthur Allen Neff—Booked 10/13/2026, Wanton Endangerment W/Firearm, Negligently Shoot Human While Hunting, Possession of Firearm



Thomas Patrick Vinlove—Booked 10/14/2026, Driving Revoked for DUI, No Operators

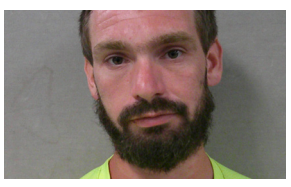


David Gary Hosey—Booked 10/15/2026, Burglary, Criminal Acts, Trespass on Property other than Structure or Conveyance, Prohibited Person W/ Firearm



Clarence Wesley Ramsey—Booked 10/17/2026, Wanton Endangerment, Destruction of Property, Discharging Firearm

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Jason Pratt Dawkins –Booked 10/18/2026, Obstructing an Officer, Shoplifting

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Super Crossword

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Several non-profit organizations are sending coins glued to their letters requesting donations. After removing the coins there are globs of glue left on the letter. Must this glue be removed before recycling the letter?

Avid Recycler

Dear Avid Recycler,

Yes, the glue dots that hold these coins on the letter must be removed as the glue can cause problems for the paper shredding machine during the bailing process. After the glue dots are removed put the letter in with office paper or magazines. Most glue dots can be removed simply by rubbing your thumb over them, or they can be cut out.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are orphan wells and why are they a concern?

Learning About the Environment

Dear Learning,

Orphan wells are oil or gas wells that have been abandoned by the industries that extracted the oil or gas. These wells have no known legal owner responsible for their care or closure, and they are polluting the air with climate-warming methane and contaminating groundwater. They also can leak benzene and other cancer-causing toxic chemicals into the air, surface water and ground water. They are a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. According to Wikipedia, the Interior Department has documented the existence of 130,000 orphaned wells nationwide and an EPA study estimated that there are as many as two to three million orphan wells nationwide. The nation's first commercial oil well was drilled in Pennsylvania in 1859. The Department of Environmental Protection has used old paper coal-mine and farm maps in their attempt to locate these orphan wells. They have been found in 27 states under schools, homes, retirement communities and convention centers. Currently, drones are being launched in northwest Pennsylvania to hunt for these wells. The drones are outfitted with magnetic sensors that can detect metal underground, and special detectors to identify leaking methane emissions. However, according to planetizen.com, finding them is "just the beginning of a costly and urgent cleanup effort."

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can extra-large colored plastic laundry detergent jugs be recycled?

Laundry Lady

Dear Laundry Lady,

Yes, these jugs are recyclable. Be sure they are clean and dry before placing them in the bin with #2 colored plastics. Each year, 900 million jugs are used in the U.S. alone and unfortunately, only about 30% of plastic laundry detergent jugs are recycled—most end up in landfills contributing to long-term plastic waste. Have you tried the new laundry detergent sheets or tablets? They are Eco-friendly, plastic free, non-toxic and made with clean ingredients. They are also fragrance-free and you'll have no heavy jugs to carry home from the store!

Good News: According to the Environmental Performance Index by Yale and Columbia Universities, Europe is leading the way in caring for the environment. Estonia ranks first out of 177 countries. The United States ranks 27th.

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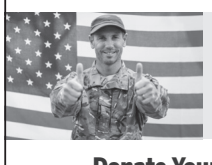
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Slim Randles

Squash. Just listen to that word one more time. Squash … one of the English language's most painful words, along with maim and trauma and rend and okra and Liberace. Why would anyone want to eat something that sounds as though someone sat on it?

The bottom-line truth is, cooks all over the place love a challenge, and they have tried valiantly to turn squash into an edible dish. To do this, they take one tenth of a portion of squash, boil as much of the squashiness as they can out of it, then immerse it in nine-tenths something that tastes good and hope no one will notice. You know, stuff like chile, mutton, edible vegetables, nuclear waste, cottonwood bark and even chocolate. Then, when you can't taste the squash in it, and most of the slime has settled to the bottom, they smile and say,

"How do you like my 'Squash Canneloni ala Hershey con Brio?"

Let's face it; squash is an unwanted growth on an otherwise perfectly good vine. It starts with a pretty little blossom that inspires Navajo jewelry and attracts bees. Then it begins its insidious malignancy into something that should probably be surgically removed.

"I'm sorry Mr. and Mrs. Smith," says the surgeon, "your squash is in an area that is impossible to reach without endangering the life of the vine. Your vine is pretty much doomed to produce something that – when cooked properly – will still gag a sick dog off a gut truck."

They even try to fool people who might consider buying squash into thinking it tastes like something else. Something like butter. Or acorns. Or crooked necks. Makes you wonder what crime against mankind Mr. Zucchini committed to be forever more squash-damned in the history books.

But it's fall now. Autumn, that time of year when children play in the lazy sunshine and squash vines go belly up. And when we enjoy our pumpkin pie and jack o'lanterns, we'll smile quietly, knowing we'll once again be squash free for a few blessed months.

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Do I Have A License To Drive My Wife Crazy?

Dr. James Snyder

In the news recently, there was a story about a man involved in an automobile accident, which wasn't his first time. I can't remember how many accidents he was involved in, but it turned out he never had a driver's license.

How can people get in a car, drive across town, and not have a driver's license?

I couldn't wait until I turned 16 to get my driver's license. It was one of the most memorable days of my life. What a privilege it was to drive a car.

But now I'm hearing about someone who never had a driver's license, was driving a car, and was involved in several accidents. How foolish can a person be?

While watching the news story, a thought hit me. I'd never thought this before, and it was rather interesting.

Since there's a license for everything in the world, do I need to get a license to drive my wife crazy?

I must come clean and say that for the last 55 years I have been driving The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage crazy. I own up to it and take responsibility.

The important issue that I had to work out was: where did I get my license to drive my wife crazy? I thought a lot about this question because much of my life rests on it.

After several days of pondering this query, I finally concluded I did get my license to drive The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage crazy.

You might say, "Where did you get your license?"

I got my license to drive The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage crazy 55 years ago, in a church, before a minister I said, "I do." That is all the license I need.

I only wish I'd thought of this years ago, but I'm not going to waste my time regretting what I haven't done. Instead, I'm going to focus on driving her crazy. After all, I've had a lot of practice through the years developing this driving skill. I will not brag, but I believe that I have become a professional driver in this area.

Although it took me a long time to figure all of this out, I'm not going to be wasting any more time in the future. I know I have my license, so I am going to do as much driving as I can. I'm going to make good use of my license.

I'm not sharing this information with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage because I want to get away with as much as possible.

My license has not expired, so it is legitimate. I love it when a plan comes together. I now need to get my game in order and figure out how to drive her crazy. At least crazier than she is already.

Now that I know I have this driver's license, I can make the most of it. The one thing I need to be careful about is not letting her know I have a license to drive her crazy.

Oh, this is going to be so much fun.

This demands quite a bit of planning on my part. I certainly don't want to get caught.

I spent several hours looking back over the years, figuring out how I have driven her crazy in the past. At the time, I didn't know I was doing it. Now, I can do it and know that I am doing it. Does life get any better than that?

One thing I need to consider is that when I am driving her crazy, I'm in the passenger seat. So, I need to be very careful in planning. I certainly don't want anything to go wrong. After all, I'm going to have a lot of fun with this.

Right after we were married, I taught her how to drive a car. She didn't have a license when we got married, so I helped her learn to drive and then took her to get her driver's license. So I have experience along this line that I want to use for my personal fun.

I need to organize my plans carefully around this. I don't want her to know that I am the person behind this "crazy." If I can make it seem like it's anybody else's fault but mine, I'm going to get away with it.

The one thing that really drives her crazy is a cockroach. They seem to be very plentiful around our house. So, I like to get one and put it where she will notice it. And when she notices a cockroach, she goes crazy trying to find a broom in the house to get rid of it. I'm going to make the brooms a little harder to find, which will stretch out her "crazy."

That's just one ingredient in my plan to drive her crazy. I'm just getting started; I have a lot more to do.

My plan was coming together, and I was anxious to get it rolling. Then I remembered a Bible verse.

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

Looking at my plan, I asked myself a serious question. Will this plan of mine really please God? Spontaneously driving my wife crazy is one thing, but deliberately planning to drive her crazy is completely different. God always comes first in my plans.

Each day a birthday

Joe Mazzella

I turned 60 years old this September. That means I have lived a full sixty years here on this world. It felt wonderful but a bit strange too. In between the cake, ice cream, presents and birthday hugs I pondered that I certainly didn't feel 60. While my body didn't have the energy it had in my 20's it certainly didn't feel old. Inside I felt like that young boy who used to ride his bike down the road with joyous abandon, laughing as the wind blew through his hair. And right along side the boy was a wise old man who had spent 3 quarters of his life learning about how to live and how to love. And the funniest thing of all was realizing that I still had a lot to learn. I was only just beginning. The learning never ends.

Still, I was grateful that God had blessed me with so many wonderful years here on Earth. I had loved much, laughed and smiled enough to put deep wrinkles in my face, and had so many moments of joy. I had also suffered a lot of pain, a lot of tragedy, and a lot of loss. I had watched so many people I loved pass away. Yet, with each loss I found my heart growing softer instead of harder. I found my soul growing stronger with God's love and comfort. I found my mind growing wiser as I learned more and more how each day in this world is precious, each day in this world is priceless, each day in this world is a gift from God. And how we live it is our gift to God.

I think one of the greatest things I've learned in 60 years of life here on Earth is that each day here is a birthday. Each day we wake up is another chance to live! Each day we wake up is another chance to Love! Each day we wake up is another opportunity to grow, to learn, to be kind, to share joy, to help others and to make this world a better place. May you truly live each day you are given here then. May you make each day a very Happy Birthday.

Big Otter Elementary Update









By Megan Boggs

The Big Otter Volunteer Fire Department visited Big Otter Elementary School during Fire Safety Week. The firefighters talked to the students about fire safety, smoke detectors, and what to do if your house is on fire. Students enjoyed seeing the fire trucks up close! The students also received goody bags from our local fire department. Thank-you to the Big Otter Volunteer Fire Department for all they do for our community!!!

This Week in West Virginia History

Oct. 21, 1865: Bishop Matthew Wesley Clair Sr. was born in Union. He was one of the first African Americans elected as a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oct. 21, 1918: Governor Hulett Smith was born in Beckley. In the 1964 gubernatorial primary, Smith carried 53 of the state's 55 counties, receiving more votes than his three opponents combined.

Oct. 21, 1935: Country musician Mel Street was born in Virginia and died by suicide on his 43rd birthday. He gained much of his early experience on radio and TV in Bluefield before making hit recordings such as "Borrowed Angel," "Lovin' on the Back Streets" and "Smokey Mountain Memories."

Oct. 22, 1693: Lord Thomas Fairfax was born in Kent, England. He inherited five million acres in Virginia, land that included much of present West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

Oct. 22, 1734: Frontiersman Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania. In 1788, Boone and his family settled near the mouth of the Kanawha River at Point Pleasant. He represented Kanawha County in the Virginia General Assembly in 1791.

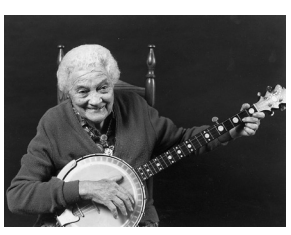
Oct. 22, 1821: Collis P. Huntington was born in Connecticut. In 1869, he purchased the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and set about extending its tracks from Richmond across southern West Virginia to the Ohio River. There, in 1871, he established a new city bearing his name.

Oct. 22, 1922: Fiddler Wilson Douglas was born in Clay County. Influenced by fellow old-time musician French Carpenter, Douglas developed a unique style of playing that continues to inspire younger generations. In 1992, he received the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor.

Oct. 22, 1977: Construction of the New River Gorge Bridge was completed after three years of work. The Fayette County bridge is one of West Virginia's best-known landmarks. It is the third-highest bridge in the United States and has the longest steel span in the Western Hemisphere.



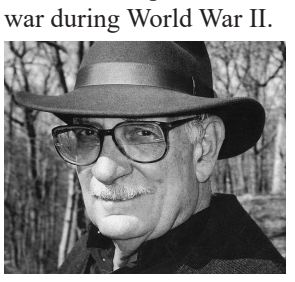
Oct. 23, 1890: The Fast Flying Virginian passenger train wrecked due to a rockslide near Hinton, killing engineer George Alley. It became the source of a folk song known variously as "The Wreck on the C&O," "Engine 143," and "The FFV," among other titles.



Oct. 23, 1908: Old-time musician Sylvia O'Brien was born in Clay County. She learned the clawhammer banjo style from her brother Jenes Cottrell and gained recognition during the late 20th-century folk revival. In 1989, she received the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor.

Oct. 23, 1913: In 1975, newspaper journalist Jack Maurice became the first West Virginian to earn a Pulitzer Prize for Journalism for his coverage of the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy.

Oct. 23, 1943: German prisoners arrived at Camp Ashford in White Sulphur Springs. Built by the U.S. War Department, Camp Ashford was one of two camps in West Virginia that housed prisoners of war during World War II.



Oct. 24, 1929: Composer George Crumb was born in Charleston. In 1968, Crumb was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Echoes of Time and the River: Four Processionals for Orchestra.

Oct. 25, 1918: Athlete Marshall "Biggie" Goldberg was born in Elkins. He led the Chicago Cardinals to the 1947 NFL championship (its last to date) and was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1958 and the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.

Oct. 25, 1926: Professor Roy B. Clarkson was born and raised in Cass. He was considered West Virginia's leading historian on the timber industry, particularly through his book Tumult on the Mountains. He also was one of the state's most prominent botanists.

Oct. 25, 1951: Writer Denise Giardina was born in Bluefield and raised in neighboring McDowell County. She is best known as a novelist and also has a long history of community activism, including a run for governor.

Oct. 26, 1801: Jefferson County was established from a portion of Berkeley County by the Virginia General Assembly and named for Thomas Jefferson.

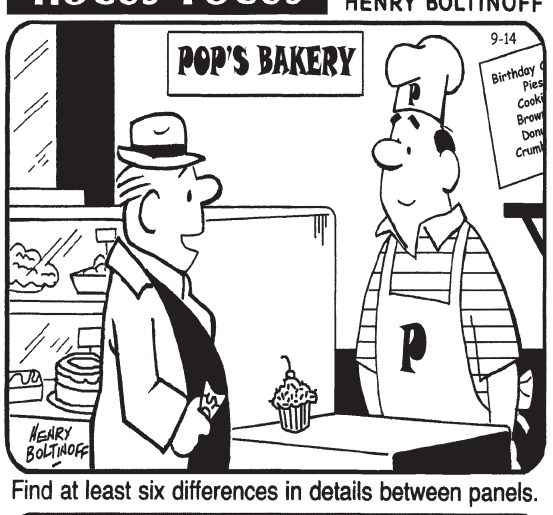
Oct. 26, 1888: Baseball player Dick Hoblitzell was born in Waverly, Wood County. Despite earning two World Series rings outright, Hoblitzell is best known today for being "Babe" Ruth's roommate with the Boston Red Sox and also for his rare T-205 baseball card.

Oct. 26, 1934: Athlete Rodney Clark "Hot Rod" Hundley was born in Charleston. Hundley earned first team All-American recognition his senior year at West Virginia University. He averaged 24.5 points per game and scored 2,180 points over his college career, ranking second in WVU history.

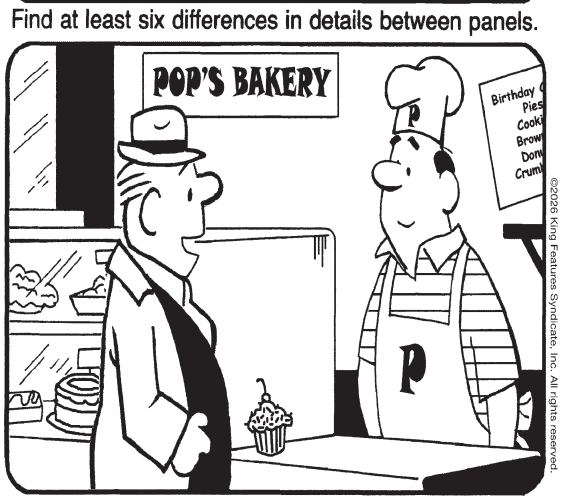
Oct. 27, 1879: Howard B. Lee was born in Wirt County. He was elected state attorney general in 1924 and served for eight challenging years. His term saw the impeachment of a state auditor, the lawlessness of Prohibition and labor troubles in the coalfields.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Cupcake is moved. 2. Money is missing. 3. Sign is moved. 4. Man is taller. 5. Counter is wider. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

Super Crossword — TITLEHOLDERS

ACROSS

1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!," in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- — (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.

DOWN

1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part

Weekly SUDOKU

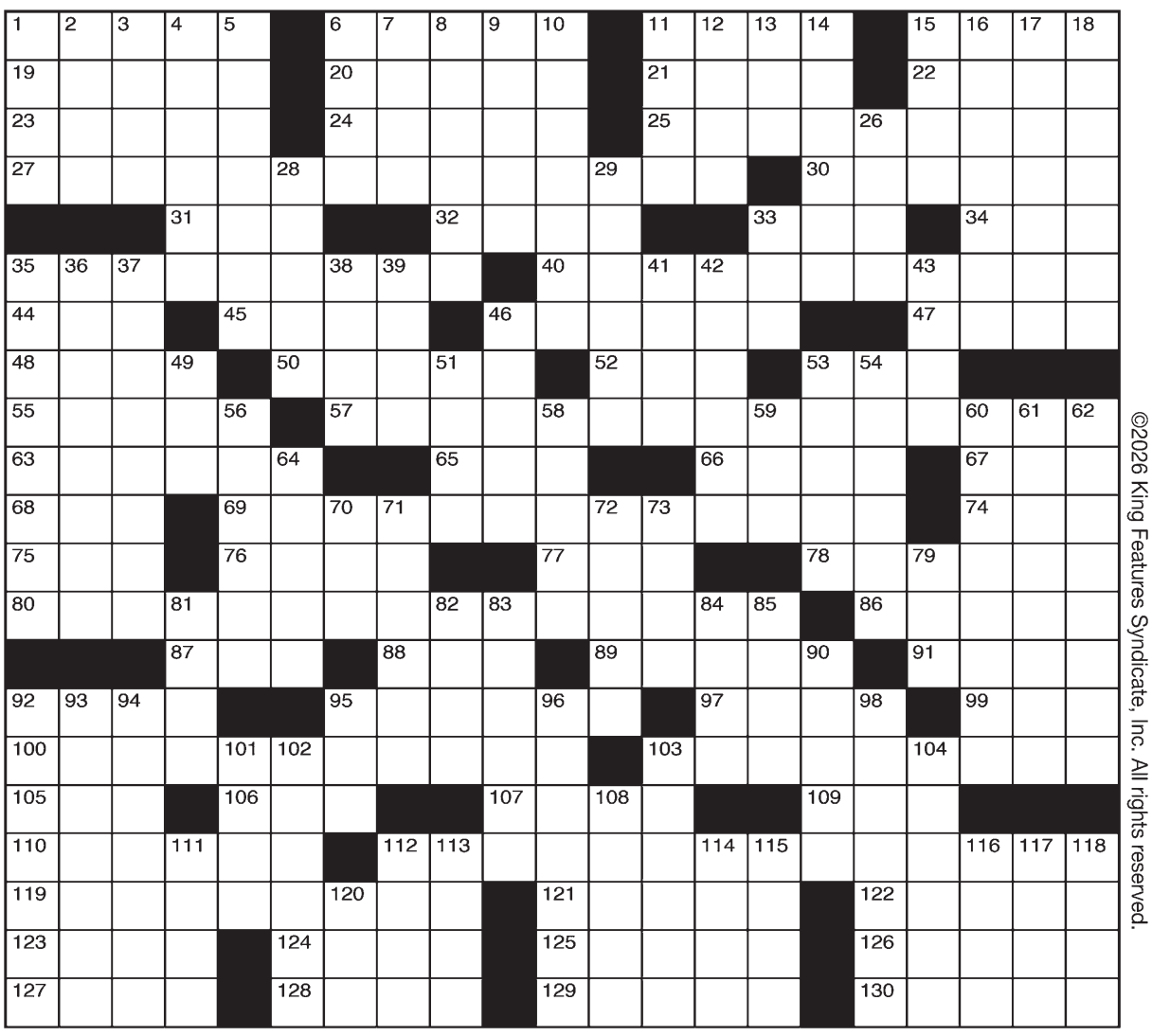
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Widen High School Senior Class . .



BETTY JANE SIGMAN — BARBARA LEE EAGLE — HARRY JAMES MANNING — DAVID STEPHENSON HAMRICK

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BETTY JANE SIGMAN

BETTY JANE SIGMAN is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sigman of Widen, West Virginia.

She was a member of the West Virginia Club for two years; a member of the Photography Club; she was in the band in the 9th grade.

She was in Dramatics Club, Dancing Club, and was a member of F. H. A. for one year.

She was a member of the Art Club for two years and was secretary for a semester during her senior year.

Betty plans to go to Washington D. C. to work after graduation.

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BARBARA EAGLE

BARBARA EAGLE is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Eagle, of Widen, West Virginia. She was a member of the West Virginia Club for two years; was an honorary member of the Dramatics Club and a member of the Photo Club for a year; worked in the cookroom intermittently for four years; was in band in the 9th grade; reporter of senior class; had the role of the Ghost in the Senior play "Ghost Tails."

Her ambition is to be a typist.

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HARRY JAMES MANNING

HARRY JAMES MANNING is the 19-year-old-son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Manning of Kanawha Street, Widen, West Virginia.

He has been a member of Widen High School Band for four years and he is now business manager, and first chair drummer.

Jim was a member of the basketball squad for one year.

He was a member of Dancing Club two years and a member of Dramatics Club four years.

He attended "Know your state Government Day" in Charleston in March 1958.

He had the role of Mr. Peters in the Senior Class Play "Ghost Tails"

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DAVID STEPHENSON HAMRICK

DAVID STEPHENSON HAMRICK is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Jerle Hamrick of Kanawha Street, Widen West Virginia. He maintained an A-average throughout school at Widen. Some of his activities were: Basketball in grades 7-12; in 8th grade made all tournament team in Clay County Grade School tournament; was selected on Central-West Virginia A..-Conference team during his junior and senior years; led team in scoring in junior and senior years with a 29 point average which led the Central W. Va. conference. He played baseball in 9th and 10th grades; was Co-Captain, senior year; was president of class in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades; was president of Student Council in 11th grade. He was a member of the following clubs: West Virginia Club in 7-8, Dramatics Club in 9-10, Student Counci in 7-8-9-11-12, Athletic Club in 9-10-11-12, Dancing Club 10, Art Club, 9, Handicraft Club 10, and National Honor Society 11-12. He won the Golden Horseshoe in West Virginia History in 8th grade; was voted most popular-and best all around boy in junior and senior years; was a member of band. 1st chair trumpet in his freshman & Soph. years; played leading male role in Senior Class play-"Ghost Tail." He plans to attend West Virginia University, majoring in Civil Engineering.



JOYCE WORKMAN

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JOYCE WORKMAN

JOYCE WORKMAN is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oba Workman of Widen, West Virginia.

She was member of West Virginia Club for two years, active member of Dramatics Club for two years, reporter for one year; Member of Handicraft Club one year; vice president of F.H.A. for two years; held office as reporter the sophomore class, and served senior year in Student Council. She was the Hallowe'en Carnival Queen in her sophomore year; and was also candidate for the Homecoming Basketball Queen in 1959.

She had a role in the "Ghost in the Green Gown" in Dramatics Club and also "Ghost Tails", the senior play.

Her ambition is to join the army.



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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: James Clifton Rogers, Sr.
Respondent

Magistrate Court Case No.: _____
Family Court Civil Action No. 26-DV-37

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:

It 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 which may be obtained at the Clay County, Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 11/12/2026.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 12th day of November, 2026, at 10:00 AM, before the Clay County Family Court.

Issued this 10/15/26 12:42 PM

Clarissa Hanshaw
Clerk of the Court

LEGAL

CLAY COUNTY, WV, BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
FOR PUBLICATION
FOR THE FISCAL ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

Salaries expenditures:		
Board officials:		
Phoebe Nichols, President	$	8,480
Nicole Jones, Vice President		8,480
Michael Mullins		7,960
Lolita Nutter		8,480
Aaron Williams		8,480
Superintendent		105,594
Total salaries paid to other professional personnel		8,443,838
Total salaries paid to service personnel		3,589,329
Total salaries paid to students for work performed		-
Total salary expenditures		12,180,641
Non-salary expenditures:		
Expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars ($250):		
(List the name of each firm, corporation and person to whom more than two hundred fifty dollars ($250) in the aggregate from all funds was paid during the fiscal year, together with the aggregate amount paid and the purpose for which paid.)		
Total non-salary expenditures paid in excess of two hundred fifty dollars ($250)		13,483,283
Total non-salary expenditures paid of less than two hundred fifty dollars ($250)		10,536
Total accrued expenditures, refunds, and other non-cash transactions		-
Total non-salary expenditures		13,493,819
Total expenditures per financial statements	$	25,674,460

CLAY COUNTY BOARD, WV, OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FYE JUNE 30, 2026

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,967,483
Investments	3,667,825
Inventory	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	654,787
Deposit with Retirement Board	-
Food service receivable	-
Lease receivable	-
Other receivables	114,072
Prepaid Worker's Compensation	2,258
Other prepaid expenses	66,472
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	108,779
PEIA allocation receivable	333,922
Reimbursements receivable	1,526,451
Capital assets:	
Land	1,415,963
Land improvements	2,611,101
Buildings and improvements	41,165,581
Furniture and equipment	3,264,800
Vehicles	4,651,385
Construction in process	38,922
Less accumulated depreciation	(22,448,747)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	**30,699,005**
Right-of-Use Assets:	
Land	-
Buildings	-
Equipment	-
Vehicles	-
Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)	773,884
Less accumulated amortization	(492,809)
Total ROU assets, net of amortization	281,075
Total assets	40,422,130
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	331,094
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	106,812
Other	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	437,906
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	**$ 40,860,036**

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	
Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	1,375,567
PEIA premiums payable	178,163
Compensated absences	2,148,372
Accounts payable	128,444
Other post employment benefit payable	-
Due to Other Fiscal Agents	-
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Accrued interest	8,184
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Finance lease liability	-
Financed purchases and other	329,330
SBITA liability	-
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Accured sick leave payable	-
Finance lease liability	-
Financed purchases and other	1,513,662
SBITA liability	-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability	-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	541,397
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	27,589
Total liabilities	6,250,708
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	147,452
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	49,200
Other	840,199
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,036,851
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	$ 7,287,559
Net Position:	
Net investment in Capital Assets	29,137,088
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	-
Special projects	992,403
Capital projects	403,107
Unrestricted	3,109,879
Total net position	**$ 33,572,477**

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12	PRO SOURCE	1,093.80	10411 8TH AVENUE		HUNTINGTON	WV	25701
47	NATIONAL SEATING & MOBILITY	359.50	204 ROXALANA BUSINESS PARK		DUNBAR	WV	25064
363	ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY, LLC	129,888.08	950 KANAWHA BLVD, EAST		CHARLESTON	WV	25301
431	AIR MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS	270.21	6500 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE		ROANOKE	VA	24018
528	ALL AMERICAN UNIFORM	1,222.28	231 CANEY BRANCH		CHAPMANVILLE	WV	25508
543	SUCCESS BY DESIGN, INC.	2,749.68	3741 LINDEN AVENUE SE		WYOMING	MI	49548
643	AM PRINTING	675.00	PO BOX 511		CLAY	WV	25043
903	AMERICAN TIMBER MKT GRP., LLC	1,250.00	PO BOX 7	8960 WILDERNESS HIGHWAY	NALLEN	WV	26680
942	AMTAB	167,584.67	600 EAGLE DRIVE		BENSENVILLE	IL	60106
1075	APPALACHIAN POWER	4,222.13	PO BOX 371496		PITTSBURGH	PA	15250
1112	APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PRODUCTS	137,791.51	PO BOX 508		WINFIELD	WV	25213
1123	APPALACHIAN TIMING GROUP	586.92	PO BOX 3158		HUNTINGTON	WV	25702
1125	APPALACHIAN TIRE PRODUCTS INC	2,337.30	2907 4TH AVENUE		CHARLESTON	WV	25312
1178	APPLE FINANCIAL SERVICES	169,330.43	PO BOX 028549		MIAMI	FL	33102
1563	B&R POOLS & SWIM SHOP	5,020.00	1105 WASHINGTON BLVD		PITTSBURGH	PA	15206
2022	BIG OTTER ELEMENTARY	5,600.00	59 OSSIA ROAD		DUCK	WV	25063
2127	BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY	501,200.64	PO BOX 240		CLAY	WV	25043
2269	KATHY BOGGS	15,994.80	1923 RIVER HAVEN ROAD		CLENDENIN	WV	25045
2400	BOWLES RICE LLP	32,736.12		600 QUARRIER STREET	CHARLESTON	WV	25301
2512	BREWER & COMPANY OF WV	13,842.00		3601 7TH AVENUE	CHARLESTON	WV	25312
3280	CAMEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	3,904.34	1326 OHIO AVENUE		DUNBAR	WV	25064
3440	THEODORE CAPWELL, JR	2,600.00	2095 COLDSPRINGS ROAD		CLENDENIN	WV	25045
3480	CAREERSAFE CAMPUS	2,065.00	1005 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, E		COLLEGE STATION	TX	77840
3525	CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO	1,665.59	PO BOX 6000		BURLINGTON	NC	27216
3597	ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMP WHITNEY	2,820.00	PO BOX 1069		ELKVIEW	WV	25071
3700	CASTO & HARRIS OF WV, LLC	329.69	109 MARKET STREET		SPENCER	WV	25276
3725	CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES	7,629.33	540 LEON SULLIVAN WAY		CHARLESTON	WV	25301
3759	TRULY ENGAGING	340.23	1200 RED FOX ROAD		ARDEN HILLS	MN	55112
3760	CC SAFETY SUPPLY	3,549.80	PO BOX 1353		ST ALBANS	WV	25177
3835	CDW G LLC	36,856.80	200 N. MILWAUKEE AVENUE		VERNON HILLS	IL	60061
3895	CENGAGE LEARNING	27,843.50		10650 TOEBBEN DRIVE	INDEPENDENCE	KY	41051
4050	NCS PEARSON INC	2,755.36	13036 COLLECTIONS CENTER DR		CHICAGO	IL	60693
4162	CHARLESTON FILTER SERVICE INC	26,626.50		PO BOX 710	ELKVIEW	WV	25071
4422	CINTAS CORPORATION #525	11,317.27	2122 WINFIELD ROAD		ST. ALBANS	WV	25177
4450	CITCO	7,955.37	4034 ALTIZER AVENUE	PO BOX 2163	HUNTINGTON	WV	25722
4525	CLAY AUTO	4,113.36	2154 MAIN STREET TWO RUN	PO BOX 142	CLAY	WV	25043
4539	CLAY COUNTY AG YOUTH FAIR	3,050.00	PO BOX 43		PROCIOUS	WV	25164
4565	CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION	31,298.36	P. O. BOX 190		CLAY	WV	25043
4575	CLAY COUNTY FREE PRESS	2,024.68	291 MAIN STREET	PO BOX 180	CLAY	WV	25043
4587	CLAY CO GOLDEN DELICIOUS FEST	300.00	PO BOX 416		CLAY	WV	25043
4600	CLAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	7,975.00	452 MAIN STREET	PO BOX 36	CLAY	WV	25043
4625	CLAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	14,164.70	ONE PANTHER DRIVE	PO BOX 729	CLAY	WV	25043
4650	CLAY COUNTY LIBRARY	102,056.11	PO BOX 60		CLAY	WV	25043
4687	CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SVC DIST	7,598.15	PO BOX 130		CLAY	WV	25043
4700	CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14,800.00	219 CHURCH STREET	PO BOX 600	CLAY	WV	25043
4725	CLAY FARM BUREAU COOPERATIVE	5,174.70	111 MAIN STREET	PO BOX 59	CLAY	WV	25043
4825	CLAY LUMBER	1,997.24	2369 MAIN STREET		CLAY	WV	25043
4850	CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL	8,400.00	419 CHURCH STREET	PO BOX 489	CLAY	WV	25043
4875	CLAY MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS	75,185.55	PO BOX 55		CLAY	WV	25043
4880	PRIMARY CARE SYSTEMS INC	1,095.00	125 CENTER STREET	PO BOX 147	CLAY	WV	25043
5150	COLLEGE ENTRANCE BOARD	4,040.00	PO BOX 30171		NEW YORK	NY	10087
5180	COMMUNITY CARE OFWV, INC	52,623.14	PO BOX 217		ROCK CAVE	WV	26234
5377	DOUGLAS COOK	29,325.00	220 MAIN STREET		SUMMERSVILLE	WV	26651
5464	GRAND CLASSROOM	14,506.84	PO BOX 7166		CHARLOTTESVILLE	VA	22906
5466	COMPLIANCE DIVISION	1,818.45	PO BOX 229		CHARLESTON	WV	25321
5667	CRITTERS ENTERPRISE	13,126.40	366 NICHOLAS RUN		GASSAWAY	WV	26624
5775	CUNNINGHAM MOTORS INC	1,801.61	10560 IVYDALE ROAD		IVYDALE	WV	25113
5862	CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES INC	100,503.18	PO BOX 936600		ATLANTA	GA	31193
6029	DAKTRONICS, INC.	50,766.00	201 DAKTRONICS DRIVE		BROOKINGS	SD	57006
6228	APPTEGY, INC	6,457.82	2201 BROOKWOOD DRIVE	SUITE 115	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202
6229	APRIL ALLEN	2,612.26	800 VOGEL DRIVE		CHARLESTON	WV	25302
6510	SUTTLE & STALNAKER	21,000.00	1411 VIRGINIA STREET EAST		CHARLESTON	WV	25301
6585	DIVERSIFIED ASSES.& THERAPY SR	5,150.00	1401 CHESTNUT STREET		KENOVA	WV	25530
6614	DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION	8,587.00	111 E MAIN STREET		SEVIERVILLE	TN	37862
6653	DPF ALTERNATIVES OF WV, LLC	3,269.26	1841 SUNSET VW		MILTON	WV	25541
6867	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WV INC	63,356.05	7 SPRING STREET		CHARLESTON	WV	25302
7350	J C EHRLICH	6,708.30	PO BOX 13848		READING	PA	19612
7400	ELECTRONIC SPECIALTY CO	3,904.37	1325 DUNBAR AVENUE	PO BOX 400	DUNBAR	WV	25064
7633	EQUIPARTS CORPORATION	713.26	120 PENNSYLVANIAAVENUE	PO BOX 464	OAKMONT	PA	15139
7685	EWE-LL EDUCATIONAL SRVCS, INC.	390.00	PO BOX 3298		GLEN ROSE	TX	76043
7881	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #142	2,222.68	PO BOX 644054		PITTSBURGH	PA	15264
7889	FERGUSON PLUMBING SUPPLY	465.18	160 SPRING STREET		CHARLESTON	WV	25301
7927	FIELDTURF USA, INC	1,453,958.89	175 N INDUSTRIAL BLVD NE		CALHOUN	GA	30701
7981	FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	14,953.89	103 DODD STREET		MIDDLEBOURNE	WV	26149
8363	THE FYFFE JONES GROUP, AC	18,060.00	1033 TWENTIETH STREET		HUNTINGTON	WV	25713
8432	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	768.00	140 N. MITCHELL CT. SUITE 200		ADDISON	IL	60101
8703	FRONTIER WV INC	29,504.41	PO BOX 20550		ROCHESTER	NY	14602
8706	FRONTIER COMM OF WEST VIRGINIA	6,803.89	PO BOX 639459		CINCINNATI	OH	45227
9425	GENERAL SALES COMPANY	14,388.10	PO BOX 2440		ASHLAND	KY	41105
9850	GOODHEART-WILLCOX PUBLISHER	4, 156.74	18604 WEST CREEK DRIVE		TINLEY PARK	IL	60477
10276	GREAT SOUTHERN RECREATION, LLC	85,741.76	2441Q OLD FORT PARKWAY		MURFREESBORO	TN	37128
11056	HARRIS SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	6,776.55	PO BOX 74007259		CHICAGO	IL	60674
11103	HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO.	28,236.00	PO BOX 209385		DALLAS	TX	75320
11108	THE HARTFORD	1,360.00	PO BOX 660916		DALLAS	TX	75266
11385	OSCAR HENRY	3,493.00	PO BOX 1267		CHARLESTON	WV	25325
11395	HERBERT DAWSON	335.00	1060 DARK HOLLOW ROAD		IVYDALE	WV	25113
11600	HOBART SALES AND SERVICE	317.50	101 ROXALANA BUSINESS PARK II		DUNBAR	WV	25064
11773	JULIAA. MORTON	500.00	2011 KANAWHA AVENUE S.E.		CHARLESTON	WV	25304
11774	JUNE HARLESS CENTER FOR RURAL	1,200.00	ED BLDG, ROOM 208	MARSHALL UNIVERSITY	HUNTINGTON	WV	25755
12137	HEALTH RESEARCH SYSTEMS	6,401.30	PO BOX 524		HUNTINGTON	WV	25710
12175	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	1,071.50	1601 BOVVNEAVENUE		SO CHARLESTON	WV	25303
12187	HUBERT COMPANY	5,224.00	9555 DRY FORK ROAD		HARRISON	OH	45030
12200	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	5,051.55	14046 COLLECTIONS CENTER DRIVE		CHICAGO	IL	60693
12321	HUMMERT SUPPLIES	6,332.52	4500 EARTH CITY EXPRESSWAY		EARTH CITY	MO	63045
12526	IMPACT LEARNING SERVICES	11,250.00	310 SUNFLOWER DRIVE		BUCKHANNON	WV	26201
12528	IKE WALKER ORGANIZATION	900.00	1323 DUNBAR AVENUE	PO BOX 400	DUNBAR	WV	25064
12534	INCHY'S BOOKWORM VENDING MACHINE	8,440.00	6000 NORTH BAILEY SUITE		AMHERST	NY	14226
12661	INSTRUCTURE, INC.	1,352.30	PO BOX 7410958		CHICAGO	IL	60674
12663	INSPIRING DREAMS NETWORK	5,937.95	4035 RIDGEVIEW LANE		HURRICANE	WV	25526
12775	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF	2,000.00	201 ENTERPRISE DRIVE		GASSAWAY	WV	26624
12962	JB ELECTRIC	41,040.00	1559 MAYSEL LAUREL RIDGE ROAD		MAYSEL	WV	25133
13357	JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOL	770.46	PO BOX 7411453		CHICAGO	IL	60674
13375	JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY CO	879.83	PO BOX 100197		COLUMBIA	SC	29202
13600	KANAWHA COUNTY SCHOOLS	5,771.74	200 ELIZABETH STREET		CHARLESTON	WV	25311
13610	KANAWHA PIANO GALLERY LLC	750.00	2927 PENNSYLVANIA AVE		CHARLESTON	WV	25302
13708	KEEN QUALITY MEAT, LLC	2,374.25	645 TRACE ROAD		NEWTON	WV	25266
13850	MUSIC & ARTS CA DEPT.	5,763.00	5295 WESTVIEW DRIVE	SUITE 300	FREDERICK	MD	21703
13861	KIMBALL MIDWEST	4,976.08	DEPARTMENT L-2780		COLUMBUS	OH	43260

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13952	KING'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	14,154.58	5800 MACCORKLE AVE		CHARLESTON	WV	255304
14000	KING'S TRUCKING & WRECKER	2,024.53 220	PROCIOUS MAYSEL ROAD	PO BOX 367	CLAY	WV	25043
14295	KOMAX BUSINESS SYSTEMS	600.00	500 D STREET		SO CHARLESTON	WV	25303
15250	LEGG'S WELDING INC	3,125.00	PO BOX 610		CLAY	WV	25043
15287	LESLIE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	1,155.32	PO BOX 629		COWEN	WV	26206
15347	LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS LLC	33,998.00	17855 DALLAS PARKWAY	SUITE 400	DALLAS	TX	75287
15762	LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT	23,064.35	140 WHITESTICK ST		MABSCOTT	WV	25871
16115	MASON AND BERRY	2,068.68	301 SMILEY DRIVE		ST ALBANS	WV	25177
16125	UNITED REFRIGERATION	747.54	P O BOX 644628		PITTSBURGH	PA	15264
16227	MASTERY PREP LLC-6719	14,703.00	PO BOX 737048		CHICAGO	IL	60673
16575	MCGRAW-HILL LLC	5,549.25	LOCKBOX 71545		CHICAGO	IL	60694
16612	MELISSA MCMILLION	819.61	382 PUMPKIN RIDGE ROAD		PROCIOUS	WV	25164
16635	MCKINLEY ARCHITECTURE & ENGINE	43,730.93	FORTH HENRY BUILDING SUITE 400	1324 CHAPLINE STREET	WHEELING	WV	26003
16725	MCNEIL FENCE CO	5,377.01	3002 7TH AVENUE		CHARLESTON	WV	25387
17027	MARY LESLIE MORTON	500.00	2011 KANAWHA AVENUE S.E.		CHARLESTON	WV	25304
17465	MON POWER	164,147.56	PO BOX 3615		AKRON	OH	44309
18025	MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY	78,502.17	PO BOX 580211		CHARLOTTE	NC	28258
18047	MOUNTAIN VENDING INC	1,530.00		549 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE	OAK HILL	WV	25901
18227	ROYAL OAK FARM, LLC	6,990.00	1223 ROYAL OAK FARM DRIVE		EVINGTON	VA	24550
18305	MULTITUDE FOODS LLC	3,850.00	PO BOX 1082		SCOTT DEPOT	WV	25560
18505	EVE-RWAY	4, 193.92	2401 SAWMILL PARKWAY SUITE	10-11	HURON	OH	44839
18982	NATIONAL UNION FIRE INS. CO	2,500.00	PO BOX 105795		ATLANTA	GA	30348
19315	NICHOLAS PRINTING	2,651.17	1109 BROAD STREET		SUMMERSVILLE	WV	26651
19337	NICHOLAS CO LANDFILL	812.34	PO BOX 59		CALVIN	WV	26660
19574	NITRO CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	980.00	PO BOX 879		CHARLESTON	WV	25361
19635	NOREGON SYSTEMS LLC	1,699.00	70009 ALBERT PICK ROAD		GREENSBORO	NC	27409
19831	OFFICE DEPOT	106,874..48	PO BOX 633211		CINCINNATI	OH	45263
20050	ORACLE ELEVATOR	2,874.70	4778 CHIMNEY DRIVE		CHARLESTON	WV	25302
20463	PAXIS INSTITUTE INC.	17,720.00	PO BOX 31205		TUCSON	AZ	85751
20547	NCS PEARSON INC	1,828.32	13036 COLLECTION CENTER DRIVE		CHICAGO	IL	60693
20696	HANSHAWTREE SERVICE LLC	33,500.00		5211 CLAY HIGHWAY	BICKMORE	WV	25019
20959	PIERSON TECHNICAL SVC	12,870.73	1234 OHIO AVENUE		DUNBAR	WV	25164
21002	PINNACLE ENVIRONMENTAL	580.00	10 INDEPENDENT AVENUE		NITRO	WV	25143
21105	HOLLY BALLARD	27,459.00	505 HALL STREET		CHARLESTON	WV	25302
21109	POCKET NURSE	4,851.64	610 FRANKFORT ROAD		MONACA	PA	15061
21182	POWELL INCORPORATED	23,784.00	170 STRINGTOWN ROAD		BELINGTON	WV	26250
21183	STEVEN NUTTER	413.80	2302 HEBRON ROAD		ST. MARYS	WV	26170
21250	PRECISION SERVICES	1,148.57	483 ELK RIVER ROAD		GASSAWAY	WV	26624
21286	PREMIER MECHANICAL	1,225.00	PO BOX 199		SCOTT DEPOT	WV	25560
21571	PROFESSIONAL HEARING SOLUTIONS	20,000.00	375 DEER RUN		SUMERCO	WV	25567
21630	PRO-LINE TRADING CORP.	15,300.99	980 W. HOLT AVE.		PROMONA	CA	91768
21712	PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOLS	9,039.56	77 COURTHOUSE DRIVE		WINFIELD	WV	25213
21757	QUAVER ED	1,800.00	65 MUSIC SQUARE WEST		NASHVILLE	TN	37203
22189	READ TO THEM	2,339.50	2201 W. BROAD STREET SUITE 206		RICHMOND	VA	23220
22221	READING HORIZONS	5,500.00	1194 FLINT MEADOW DRIVE		KAYSVILLE	UT	84037
22806	ROCHESTER 100 INC	480.00	PO BOX 92801		ROCHESTER	NY	14692
22975	ROTO-ROOTER	6,200.00	PO BOX 7582		CHARLESTON	WV	25356
23128	JOSEPH T RYERSON & SON, INC.	5,229.48	PO BOX 736002		DALLAS	TX	75373
23565	SAVE THE CHILDREN	22,734.14	501 KINGS HWY EAST SUITE 400		FAIRFIELD	CT	06825
23615	SCHAEFFER'S MFG COMPANY	800.82		PO BOX 87760	CAROL STREAM	IL	60188
23650	SCHOLASTIC CHOICES MAGAZIE	624.03	2931 E MCCARTY ST	BX 3710 D 5011	JEFFERSON CITY	MO	65102
23675	SCHOLASTIC INC	1,930.24		PO BOX 639850	CINCINNATI	OH	45263
23756	NAVIGATE 360, LLC	1,465.50	PO BOX 933402		CLEVELAND	OH	44193
23855	SCHOOL MATE	1,557.50	3212 EAST HWY 30	PO BOX 2110	KEARNEY	NE	68848
24181	CLAIRMONT PRESS	1,125.00	1494 BELLFLOWER COURT		LILBURN	GA	30047
24252	SECURLY	1,410.00	DEPT. LA24957		PASADENA	CA	91185
24285	SOUTHERN EDUCATION SERVICES	4,797.26	214 NORTH KANAWHA STREET		BECKLEY	WV	25801
24294	SERVPRO	29,700.32	7 POVERTY LANE		NITRO	WV	25143
24400	SHAMBLIN STONE INC	4,915.58		PO BOX 510	DUNBAR	WV	25064
24600	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	4,287.75	217 RANDOLPH ST		CHARLESTON	WV	25302
24858	SKILLSUSA WEST VIRGINIA	2,735.00	PO BOX 335		RIPLEY	WV	25271
24873	SMART HORIZONS	990.00	25 E 9 1/2 MILE ROAD		PENSACOLA	FL	32534
25046	SMOKEY JOE ENTERPRISES LLC	26,924.99	246 SANDERS LANE		BEVERLY	WV	26253
25126	SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGIN	2,340.00	1000 TOWN CENTER	SUITE 1910	SOUTHFIELD	MI	48075
25146	SOLIANT	14,836.25	PO BOX 934411		ATLANTA	GA	31193
25425	SPORTS CONNECTION	2,659.90	511 ELK ST		GASSAWAY	WV	26624
25675	US FOODS	1,731.59	PO BOX 644540	IL EGG INSPECTION FEE PD	PITTSBURGH	PA	15264
25792	STARFALL EDUCATION FOUNDATION	355.00	PO BOX 359		BOULDER	CO	80306
25794	STAR WELD	471.89	PO BOX 746		SPENCER	WV	25276
25875	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	9,781.75		PO BOX 890889	CHARLOTTE	NC	28289
26188	STERLING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	381.54	PO BOX 20400		CHARLESTON	WV	25362
26357	STUDIES WEEKLY	27,246.25	1140 N 1430 W		OREM	UT	84057
26370	SUMMERSVILLE GLASS, INC.	5,127.65	1038-AARBUCKLE ROAD		SUMMERSVILLE	WV	26651
26773	SYN-TECH SYSTEMS	1,175.00	PO BOX 5258		TALLAHASSEE	FL	32314
27576	TEAM LIFE	22,383.00	291 STATE ROUTE 34		COLTS NECK	NJ	07722
27705	THORNHILL TOYOTA	30,000.00 63	ADMIRA ROAD	PO BOX 4451	CHAPMANVILLE	WV	25508
27934	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	50,692.10	PO BOX 790448		ST LOUIS	MO	63179
27936	TOP SCORE WRITING	1,897.92	2114 N. FLAMINGO RD #162		PEMBROKE PINES	FL	33028
27938	TOM RICKMAN & ASSOCIATES	8,956.90	PO BOX 95000		PHILADELPHIA	PA	19195
27987	TRANE U. S. INC	3,276.88	2303 TRANE DRIVE		ROANOKE	VA	24017
28227	TRIPLE T SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	4,125.00	242 FOWLER KNOB ROAD		MOUNT NEBO	WV	25141
28377	UNION BANK	182,716.20	PO BOX 309		ST. MARYS	WV	26170
28420	UNITED DAIRY	83,901.72	28257 NETWORK PLACE		CHICAGO	IL	60673
28440	UNITED RENTALS	9,015.13	573 NEW GOFF MOUNTAIN ROAD		CROSS LANES	WV	25313
28454	UNITY SCHOOL BUS PARTS INC	7,562.25	21280 CARLO DRIVE		CLINTON TWP	MI	48038
28512	UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON	2,889.42	2300 MACCORKLE AVENUE SE		CHARLESTON	WV	25304
28626	US BANK	1,297,631.95	PO BOX 790428		ST. LOUIS	MO	63179
28894	VANCE WELDING	9,660.00	PO BOX 174		INDORE	WV	25111
28898	VARSITY SCOREBOARDS	9,085.00	106 MAX HURT DRIVE		MURRAY	KY	42071
28911	SCENARIO LEARNING, LLC	19,780.02	PO BOX 736512		DALLAS	TX	75373
28912	VERTICAL TRANSPORT CONSULTING	648.90	PO BOX 6544		WHEELING	WV	26003
28917	VERNIER SCIENCE EDUCATION	14,341.67	13979 SW MILLIKAN WAY		BEAVERTON	OR	97005
29662	WESTERN BRANCH DIESEL INC	1,633.44	3100 MACCORKLE AVENUE SW		SO CHARLESTON	WV	25303
29737	WHALEY DISTRIBUTING CO	584.88	331 BROADWAY		CLARKSBURG	WV	26301
30003	BOB'S GREENHOUSE	1,014.75	2400 EASTERN AVE.		GALLIPOLIS	OH	45631
30506	WORLDWIDE EQUIPMENT	503,518.10	1 JAIN DRIVE		CROSS LANES	WV	25313
30560	WORTHINGTON DIRECT, INC.	1,242.70	P.O. BOX 140038		DALLAS	TX	75214
30677	WV ADJUTANT GENERAL	3,333.34	1703 COONSKIN DRIVE		CHARLESTON	WV	25311
30690	WEST VIRGINIA'S PROMISE	20,824.00	147 POSSUM TROT LANE		KEARNEYSVILLE	WV	25430
30693	WEST VIRGINIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY	15,919.77	3508 STAUTON AVENUE		CHARLESTON	WV	25304
30697	WVAPT	925.00	PO BOX 388		MILTON	WV	25541
30700	WVASA	500.00	100 ANGUS PEYTON DRIVE		SO CHARLESTON	WV	25303
30747	WVASN	660.00	1038 NORTH EISENHOWER DRIVE		BECKLEY	WV	25801
30800	BOARD OF RISK & INSURANCE MGT	107,914.00	PO BOX 1373		CHARLESTON	WV	25325
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You will take notice that BRIAN HAINES, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000249, located in UNION District, 28 AC WTS LITTLE SYCAMORE SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROGERS JOHN CLINTON, 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. BRIAN HAINES 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 2023 - 18654.	$	231.12
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Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	452.55
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Given under my hand October 7, 2026

Christal G. Perry

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
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UHC welcomes Mohammad Almomani, MD to UHC Neurology



Mohammad Almomani, MD
UHC Neurology

Bridgeport, W.Va.—Mohammad H. Almomani, MD, joins UHC Neurology at WVU Medicine United Hospital Center, where he will practice alongside Drs. Gabriella P. Casinelli, Jonathan Hanson and Daniel M. Mandel. Dr. Almomani brings extensive training in neurological care, academic medicine, and clinical research to the growing neurology team.

He recently served as Academic Chief Resident in Neurology at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas, after completing his neurology residency training there. Prior to his neurology training, he completed an internal medicine internship at UTMB and practiced as a physician in Jordan, where he worked with the Ministry of Health and Doctors Without Borders.

A graduate of Yarmouk University Faculty of Medicine in Irbid, Jordan, Dr. Almomani has distinguished himself as both a clinician and educator throughout his medical career. At UTMB, he supervised and mentored residents, interns and medical students while providing bedside instruction, procedural training and didactic lectures across neurology, internal medicine, and psychiatry.

His commitment to medical education earned him recognition as UTMB's Resident Teacher of the Year in 2024, as well as the John Sealy School of Medicine's Teaching Excellence Recognition Award.

Dr. Almomani has also developed a strong reputation as a researcher, contributing to numerous peer-reviewed publications, scientific presentations and quality improvement initiatives. His scholarly interests span a broad range of neurological conditions, including epilepsy, autoimmune neurological disorders, stroke, multiple sclerosis, and neuroinfectious diseases.

He has presented research at national conferences and has participated in projects exploring the use of artificial intelligence to improve neurological diagnosis, documentation, and patient care. His work reflects a commitment to advancing neurological science while improving outcomes for patients.

An active member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Neurology, American Neurological Association, and American Medical Informatics Association, His combination of international medical experience, advanced neurological training, academic leadership, and passion for patient-centered care will further strengthen the comprehensive neurology services available at UHC.

Patients throughout North Central West Virginia will benefit from his expertise as the neurology team continues to expand access to specialized neurological care throughout the region. UHC Neurology is located at 527 Medical Park Drive, Suite 107, in Bridgeport. Please call 304-933-3843 for more information.

About WVU Medicine United Hospital Center

United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary's and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move provides North Central West Virginia with a regional community hospital that offers a vast array of services. The new UHC opened in 2010 and is located along I-79 in Bridgeport. The 736,403 square foot structure rises eight stories. It is designed around the environment with patients, family, employees, and community in mind, which includes enhanced patient privacy, a high level of technological integration, and improved access to care. The acute care facility has 292 private inpatient rooms and a medical staff that consists of more than 366 physicians, advanced practice providers, and allied health professionals. UHC has more than 2,613 employees and is a member of WVU Medicine (West Virginia United Health System). For more information about UHC, please visit uhcwv.org.

Obituaries



Avie Vance

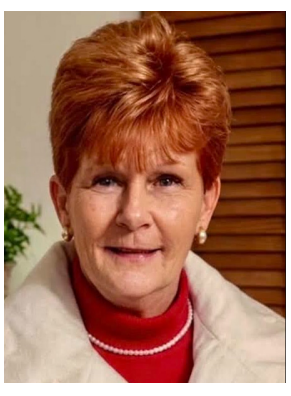
Avie Irene Vance, 95, of Indore, WV, departed this world and went to her Lord and Saviour on October 15, 2026. Irene was born on March 25, 1931, to the late William "Bill" Icenhower and Nancy Blackwell Samuels. Irene married her sweetheart, Jesse "Bube" Vance in 1954. Nearly 40 years after his passing, she now joins him again. Irene was always full of life with a beautiful smile and a vibrant personality. Her greatest joys in life were her boys and her family. Nothing meant more to Irene than being with her family and friends. Irene loved her family, her flowers, her bright colors which reflected the vibrant spirit she carried throughout her life. These simple joys and her unmistakable personality made her one of a kind. She leaves behind countless memories and a love that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Irene was preceded in death by: Her parents, William Icenhower and Nancy Blackwell Samuels, her stepfather, Roy Samuels. Her husband, Jesse "Bube" Vance. Siblings, Belva Holcomb, Doy Icenhower, Betty Moore, and Arnold Samuels. Her grandson, Jon Cody Phillips. Irene is survived by: Her children, Rodney (Connie) Vance and Thomas Vance Her siblings, David (Heather) Samuels and Sue (Dallas) Young Her grandchildren, Trinity (Kelli) Vance, April Mullins, Harry (Jeanie) Miller, James (Junie) Miller, Aaron (Myriah) Vance and Jese (Christa) Vance. And many great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews who she loved dearly. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff at Montogomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the kindness, compassion, love and care they showed Irene throughout her final months.

Services were held at 1:00 pm on Monday, October 19, 2026, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV with Gene Truman officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial followed in the Sunrise Cemetery, Beechy Ridge, Indore, WV.

"Love you baby"

Online condolences may be sent to the family at wwwcarlwilsonfuneralhome.com

Wilson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Vance family.



Linda Frame

Linda G. Frame ("Chessie"), 75, of Summersville. West Virginia passed away on October 16, 2026, at Glenville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Glenville, West Virginia. Born on May 29, 1951, in Dundon, West Virginia, Linda was the daughter of the late Jackie Lantz and the late Roscoe Lantz Sr. She spent much of her life in the communities surrounding Fredericksburg, Virginia, before making Summersville, West Virginia, her home for more than twenty years. Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Roger H. Frame Sr.; her brother, Mike Wilson; and her grandmother, Kathleen "Lucy" Wilson. She is survived by her sons: Roger Frame (Tina) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Johnny Alderman Jr. (Rena) of Fredericksburg, Virginia. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Roger Ray Frame Jr. (Danielle) of Bowling Green, Virginia, and Krystina Frame of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and by her great-grandchildren, Waylon Acors, Wyatt Frame, Madeline Frame, and Kinslee Keim. Linda is also survived by her siblings, Nora Lantz (Barney) of Clay, West Virginia; Granville Lantz of Clay, West Virginia; Lisa Butler (Rick) Of Summersville, West Virginia; Patricia Armstrong of Rock Creek, Ohio; and Roscoe Wilson Jr. ('Sparky") and his wife, JoAnn, of Clay, West Virginia. She is further survived by her aunt, Karen Gray-Butler ("Sue'), who shared a bond with Linda more like that of a sister throughout her life. Linda will be remembered for her resilience, independent spirit, and unwavering determination. Those who knew her will remember a woman who spoke her mind, faced life's challenges head-on, and gave what she could to help others. Funeral services will be held at 1200 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Wilson-Smith Funeral Home in Clay, West Virginia with Arvin Hanshaw officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Walnut Grove Church Cemetery on Wilson Ridge Road in Widen, West Virginia.

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Frame family.

Living legend Lavern "Bunny" Taylor retires from WVSSAC sports

By Allen Hamrick

Bunny Taylor, a name associated with grit, fairness, determination and resolve among many other positive descriptors, has officially retired from officiating school sports after decades of service on both the hardwood and the diamond. Before putting on the black and white stripes of an official, she dominated the hard wood both as a player and a coach. To her opponents she was known as judge, jury and most of all "Executioner." As a student at CCHS from 1976 to 1980, the basketball court was her dance floor, and she led the dance hitting as high as 44 points a game. She ruled the courts with intimidation and skill as her smile became the kryptonite for other teams. Those who got to see her play basketball watched years of practicing on backyard hoops and against brothers come together to make her career a great one. What Bunny Taylor did for CCHS Lady Panther basketball… water does for plants, earning her respect from players as well as coaches all over the state.

Taylor took her show on the road to Glenville and became one of the top Lady Pioneer basketball players ever, still holding her status as the 5th highest points scorer with 1446 points. She earned four All-WVIAC selections and took home the prestigious Clarissa Williams award in 1984. She was inducted into the Glenville State University Curtis Elam Hall of Fame in 2002 and was one of the first players to be inducted into the CCHS Hall of Fame in 2016. After completing her high school and college playing years, Bunny began her career as a teacher, coach and later on as Lady Panther head coach instilling the same leadership qualities, discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Once she retired from teaching and coaching, Taylor just couldn't let go of the desire to make a difference with the youth of this county and across the state. Bunny took her place on the other side of the whistle and became one of the finest and toughest WVSSAC officials until her recent retirement. She travelled the state to make sure the games were fair for thousands of student athletes on the basketball and volleyball court as well as the softball field. She had a deeper understanding of the games she officiated largely based on her elite career as a player and coach on different levels. If you have seen her officiate, you know she commanded respect from coaches, players and fans. She did it with a calm character and an understanding of the rules that with every blow of the whistle a player knew she was right. Her exodus from the courts is the final chapter of a journey that started long ago and one that impacted the lives of many athletes. She is a decorated elite player, coach, mentor and friend who lays to rest a multi-decade career of a pure love for sports and those who played beside her, against her and for her. Bunny Taylor has spent her life epitomizing the best of whatever sport she was involved in. As her whistle faded in her final game at CCHS, her legacy will live on in and is permanently engraved in the hardwood of Clay County and many other gyms across the state. She leaves the sports world giving everything she had from putting points on the boards, drawing up plays or that ever-waving hand that kept peace and order. Her whistle may be retired but the standards she set will echo the halls and courts for years to come.



L-R Amanda Shelton and the legend Bunny Taylor. Allen Hamrick Photo



Marissa Atha and Holden Reed. Allen Hamrick Photo.

Marissa Atha and Holden Reed place in the top five in their events

By Allen Hamrick

In cross country news, legendary runner Marissa Atha participated in the LKC Championships last Thursday at Mineral Wells. A top ten finish here would assure her of an All-Conference award and the opportunity to attend the LKC Banquet in the spring to be honored. Atha is a 9th grader at CCHS and is well on her way to becoming a state champion in cross-country. On Thursday she proved to any doubters that she is a force to be reckoned with placing 4th running a 20:44 time, just tenths of a second behind 3rd. The Lady Panther Cross Country team will be running in the regional championship this weekend. It's entirely possible they could bring home the top honors. For the CCMS team Holden Reed placed 3rd in the CWVAC tournament. The same thing could be said of Holden; he is a powerhouse runner and will only get better as time goes on. He was also awarded the 1st Team All-Conference award. Congratulations to these runners, and who knows, they may possibly be the next CCHS state champions.

Mustangs fall to Wahama in the last game of regular season



Torin Shirey gets in a stiff arm on his way to the house. Allen Hamrick Photo.

By Allen Hamrick

The Mustang football team has had some tough breaks this season, and Wahama was standing in their way of putting a win on the books to cap regular season play. Unfortunately, in their matchup on Thursday evening, the Mustangs just couldn't seem to get the job done and looked like they were done with football in the first half. Neither offense nor defense could stop the air or ground show of Wahama, and the White Falcons racked up the points to lead the first half 48-0. There were some highlights and individual efforts that made the Wahama team feel like they had been in a fight as the Mustang offense came out swinging in the 3rd quarter. In the end it was too little too late for the Mustangs, and they lost the game 16-50. It was a tough loss for 8th grade night as the efforts of nine 8th graders who put the Mustang uniform on for the last time were lauded. The Mustangs will play one last game on Thursday night at Spencer to determine 7th place in the conference.

Lady Mustangs begin tournament play on Saturday

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Mustang volleyball regular season is over, and they will now compete in the CWVAC Championship tournament in Spencer this Saturday. All season long, the Lady Mustangs have been the team that has loudly and methodically taken apart most teams that have opposed them while often making other teams look like they were standing still. They have also taken their hits but never gave up the fight. They did it with kills, some of which had enough zip to take out a bear. They also did it with finesse on the net and by never letting a ball touch the ground without hitting the floor digging for it. Serving the ball looked more like bullets finding dead center, some of which were so fast there was no reaction time for the other team. Case in point this past week was Emma Taylor on the JV team who single handedly took apart the Wahama defense serving the whole game while getting all 25 points with 20 of those shots as aces. It was like watching a clock work with each girl playing their part at a hundred percent.

Coach Abbie Boggs and assistant Anissa Collins both did an outstanding job and should be commended for getting these ladies prepared, physically and mentally, to excel in this 2026 season. The Lady Mustangs were in a rebuild year and faced some tough teams in the regular season, yet going into tournament play they have some momentum from beating both Summersville and Wahama this past week. If you like fully intense volleyball, head to Spencer this Saturday - you won't be sorry. Congratulations to the Lady Mustangs on a great season and I'm sure they will bring it this Saturday. Sophia Boggs, Kinley Collins, Sariah Dozer, Aubree Legg and Emma Taylor are the 8th Graders who will move on to CCHS and ultimately make the Lady Panthers a championship team again.



Parent night for the 8th graders. Photo Jess Ramsey

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