

Families and friends

A beautiful day in Ohio, but wind is howling

By ROSE BALLARD

Hello everyone!
Oh, what a beautiful day in the Ohio Valley area. The wind is still howling and it is very cold.
I haven't been outside all week. My heart is still longing for the mountains I call home in my heart.
I am so thankful I have such a wonderful friend as Bernice Grubb, as she soothes my aching heart.
Bernice was shopping at Walmart when I called her. While she walking in the aisle, Bernice asked if I had ever seen bacon fat sold in a grocery store.
Of course, I replied no. I said I always saved my bacon grease to season food. Our

conversation ended as she went back to shopping.
Southern Ohio
The phone rang. It was Bernice again, asking if I had ever seen chicken fat sold in stores. Now I remember that being sold here locally, then it disappeared. No, I didn't purchase any.
It is rather ironic, how one word can put your brain going back to a different time.
Family reunions were held at Kingscreek Fire Department, Roxana. People would attend this event from all over the States. I was fortunate to attend two different times, which I enjoyed immensely. Alma Whitaker, to whom I referred as My Little

Mountain Mama, brought a kettle of chicken and dumplings.
The dumplings were so yellow. Of course, I had never seen dumplings this yellow. In private, I asked Alma how she got the dumplings so yellow. I can still hear the laughter in her voice, as she replied, "Child, I use food coloring."
Johnny and Ann Calihan never missed a family reunion. Someone had brought a homemade stack cake. I must say it looked good. Before I go any further, let's just say looks can be deceiving.
Ann was sitting next to me, and yes, we both decided we would try a piece of the stack cake. As I took a bite, I honestly thought I was going to choke before I could get a sip of water down. I said something to Ann about how dry the cake was.
Later I found out the woman who baked it was sitting close to me. I wish I could say that was the only time I experienced dry stack cake.
A few years ago, I attended an event, and this woman brought a picture perfect stack cake. Oh, you should have heard people bragging on it. I couldn't resist the temptation, except I barely got a crumb. Again it was beautiful, but horrible.
My mother Ora Hall could

make the best stack cake that I've ever tasted, however, Mommy didn't use a recipe. How I regret never asking her how she made it.
I finally got around to calling to check up on Brenda Brown Cox, as Brenda and I took a trip down memory lane. With somewhat warm weather, Brenda and I started talking about our mothers looking for different kinds of sallet.
No, not salad as sallet is wild greens. We remembered something called creases, speckled dock, and of course platinum. There are two types of platinum, one has a wide leaf, the other is a long narrow leaf.
Now we can't forget dandelions. You can cut dandelions up, cut a green onion, pour hot bacon grease over, and eat with cornbread.
Mommy would get enough wild greens and cook them until they were done. Since Mommy would always keep bacon grease, she would fry the greens in bacon grease, put some on her plate, and pour a dab of vinegar over it.
At the same time, Brenda and I started laughing as we both remembered what our mothers would do. Our moms would take a piece of cornbread, put it between their fingers, and eat the greens with their fingers.
Then laughing we said, "Oh well, fingers were made before forks."
Now quit your laughing, I promise I am not making this up.



Happy birthday to one of the most beautiful ladies I know. Nina Craft celebrated her 98th birthday on March 15.

I am still having a hard time dealing with not having Ann to call and share things with.
Brenda brought so many memories, I am so thankful I can share simple things with her of bygone days.
Some time ago I mentioned chocolate gravy. Now this is something that Mommy made often. Mommy used her cast iron skillet to make it. Brenda is going to make Chocolate Gravy.
Hello Buddy, Bernice, Chuck, Mike and Blaze Grubb.
Hello Mike and Marcia Caudill, I will be glad when it is warmer weather.
Hello Jim Haynes, thanks so much for asking about me.
There's so much I want to write.
Until next time.
Rose Ballard, 9110 Lawrenceburg Rd., Harrison, OH 45030

Class of '70 plans reunion

The Letcher High School Class of 1970 will hold a reunion at Pine Mountain Grill from 7 to 11 p.m. on June 14. Money or a check for \$50 for

couples and \$30 for singles must be sent by May 1 to June Blair, 30 Cross Road, Jeremiah, KY 41826. For more information, call 606-634-0045.

ARH retirees to meet

The March meeting of ARH Retirees will be held at 1 p.m., March 26, at Paco's Mexican Restaurant in Whitesburg. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Jo Champion at 919-802-5376 or Besse Shepherd at 606-335-4677.

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NOTICE Commonwealth of Kentucky Letcher District Court Case #25-P-51 In re: the estate of: CHARLIE HOLBROOK deceased NOTICE Pursuant to KRS 424.340, notice is hereby given that Ronald Holbrook and Kathy Hall were on the 12th day of March, 2025 appointed Co-Executor/trix of the estate of the deceased, late of this county, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present same, verified, according to law, to said Co-Executor/trix at their present addresses, 655 Three Forks Br., Richmond, KY 40475/469 Schuler Br. Rd., Deane, KY 41812 not later than the 12 day of September, 2025. Mike Watts, Clerk By: Melissa Claar Deputy Clerk (3-19-1p)	CONNER JOHNSON, A Minor NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN Pursuant to KRS 424.340, notice is hereby given that Tina Johnson was on the 12 day of March, 2025 appointed Guardian of the estate of Conner Johnson, of this county, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present same, verified, according to law, to said Guardian at her present address, 459 Henry Huton Rd, Neon, KY 41840, not later than the 12 day of September, 2025. Mike Watts, Clerk By: Melissa Claar Deputy Clerk (3-19-1p) NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Chris Caudill has filed an application with the Energy & Environment Cabinet to place a 24 x 50 mobile home. The property is located at 98 CSX Dr., 1/2 mile off Highway 15 at Whitco. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed in writing to DOWfloodplain@ky.gov, or Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Man-	agement Section, 300 Sower Blvd., 3rd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. (3-19-2b) PUBLIC NOTICE Letcher County Mudrunners, Inc., DBA The Mudhole, P.O. Box 382, Whitesburg, KY 41858, Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for an Alcoholic Beverage NQ3 Private Club Drink License no later than March 24, 2025, The business to be licensed will be located at 2199 Highway 1148, Isom, Kentucky 41824, doing business as The Mudhole.	The owner(s); Principal Officers and Directors; Limited Partners; or Members) are as follows: President Stephen Burke, P.O. Box 382, Whitesburg, KY; Vice-President Jessica Brown, 323 Stamper Branch, Isom, KY 41824; Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Burke, P.O. Box 382, Whitesburg, KY 41858. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication. (3-19-1p)
NOTICE Commonwealth of Kentucky Letcher District Court Case #25-P-49 In re: the estate of:		In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that INMET Mining, LLC, 144 East Market Place Blvd, Knoxville, TN, 37922 has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining operation located 1.10 miles southeast of Partridge in Letcher County. The operation disturbs 17.15 surface area mining acres and underlying an additional 1841.98 acres of underground area for a total of 1859.13 acres. The operation is approximately 1.10 miles southeast from KY 3404's junction with US 119 and located approximately 0.80 miles southwest of Upper Colliers Creek.. The operation is located on the Benham, Roxana, Whitesburg, and Appalachia 7 ½ minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by ACIN, LLC. The operation underlies land owned by ACIN, LLC.	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 867-5368, Renewal The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, Hazard KY 41702. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Anderson Towing will be filing for titles on the following vehicles due to storage liens.
2014 Chevrolet Captiva
Vin # 3GNAL2EK3ES617143
2008 Toyota Prius
Vin # JTDKB20U287780197
1976 Chevrolet Corvette
Vin # 1237L6S432529

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Letcher County.

BLUE DIAMOND MINING, LLC	8600551RN	5	2/17/2025
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This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
BLASTING SCHEDULE**
Application Number: 867-0561

In accordance with Federal Regulations, 30 CFR 715.19, and State Regulation, KAR 16:120, Section 3, Public Notice of Blasting Schedule, 4TH GEN FUELS, LLC. PO Box 298, Grays Knob, KY 40829 Telephone Number 606-573-2232 will conduct blasting operations in Letcher County at mining operations located approximately 2.60 miles southeast from Ky. 806's junction with Smith Creek Road and located in Colliers Creek. The latitude is 37o-00'-35" N. The longitude is 82o-49'-12" W. Blasting activity will be conducted on approximately 857.72 acres. These blasting operations begin 30 days after issuance of the original permit and will be conducted Monday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset.

All access roads will be barricaded and the traffic on the public roads and streets within 1000' of the blast areas, or further if the situation warrants, will be stopped not less than ten (10) minutes prior to each blast. The following blasting signals will be used:
WARNING SIGNAL - A one (1) minute series of long blasts from a siren five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal.
BLAST SIGNAL - A series of short blasts from a siren one (1) minute prior to the shot.
ALL CLEAR SIGNAL - A prolonged blast from a siren following the inspection of the blast area.

These blast signals will be audible within ½ mile of the blasting area.

Blasting may be conducted at times different from those announced in the blasting schedule when emergency situations arise where rain, lightning or other atmospheric conditions or the safety of the operation or the public requires unscheduled detonation. In the event of an emergency situation should arise, the aforementioned precautions and procedures will be followed.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain
Date: March 19, 2025

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Letcher County Fiscal Court has determined that the following proposed action under the KY Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Single Family New Construction Program [Letcher County Single Family New Construction Project – UZ Site]] is partially located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard 100 and 500 year flood plains, and the Letcher County Fiscal Court will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain on the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is on Gallop Drive in Whitesburg, Letcher County, KY (Coordinates: 37.119969, -82.878768). The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach.

The proposed project will consist of acquisition of approximately 12 acres and the subsequent development of 12 residential housing units and associated utility infrastructure. Per the Federal Flood Risk Management Standards and National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map, the project site borders an Executive Order 11990 floodplain to the west and east of the site; however, no construction or ground disturbing activities will take place in the floodplain area. The northern and western portion of the project site in the FFRMS 100 and 500-year floodplain includes an access road, which will be widened. A playground, Picnic Pavilion, potential kayak launch area, and an off-street parking area have also been proposed to be developed on a portion of the project area in the 100-year floodplain. At this time, it is anticipated that no homes will be constructed in the 100-year floodplain. Portions of 6 or fewer proposed lots are partially located in the 500-year floodplain, but the footprints of residential structures are not anticipated to be built in the 100 or 500-year flood plains. If it is determined that any of the homes must be located in the FFRMS floodplain, they will be elevated to meet or exceed the 500-year floodplain elevation (Base Flood Elevation plus two feet). Portions of the access road leading to the planned entrance to the proposed neighborhood, which is proposed to be widened, are in the 100 and 500-year floodplains. As part of the infrastructure required for this development, a waterline extension will run through parts of the 100-and 500-year floodplain and will cross the North Fork of the Kentucky River. Mitigation for the project will include consultation with Emergency Management to determine evacuation routes, placement of housing units outside the 500-year floodplain, and directional boring for the waterline extension to minimize risk(s) associated with flooding or damage to existing wetlands.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Letcher County Fiscal Court at the following address on or before April 4, 2025 at: Letcher County Fiscal Court, 156 Main Street, Suite 107, Whitesburg, KY 41858, Attention: Terry Adams, Judge Executive. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9am to 4pm at 156 Main Street, Suite 107, Whitesburg, KY 41858.

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