



Proud of its new Panhandle Trail winding through the lowest foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, the cozy community of Colliers is idyllic for families seeking a quiet, peaceful, and secluded way of life. Colliers Primary School is one of the four Brooke County Schools recognized as a West Virginia "School of Excellence!"

## history

Colliers grew up as a railroad town, but it is said to be the second oldest settlement in Brooke County after Wellsburg. When the railroad was built, Colliers became a thriving community with hotels, restaurants, doctors, pharmacists, grist mills and stores. In the 1912 flood, this community was hit very hard, but bounced back and grew stronger. Because of the railroad, Colliers was the scene of the longest bare-knuckle boxing match between Paddy Ryan and Joe Goss. The fight was illegal and was held in Colliers so both fighters and spectators could quickly cross the state line. It lasted 87 rounds and each round was a knock-down.

## area attractions

Visitors to Colliers will enjoy cycling or walking on the Panhandle Trail.

## churches

Colliers United Methodist  
Colliers Christian  
Colliers Church of the Nazarene  
Open Door Baptist  
Old St. John's Episcopal  
Old Tent Presbyterian  
Church of God

## civic groups

IOOF, Rebekah Lodge, Colliers Sportsmen's Club, Trappers Assistance and 4-H Club

## industrial

RIG Packaging  
Melex Golf Carts

## education

Colliers Primary School

## important numbers

Fire Department: 304-527-1430  
Post Office: 304-748-6602



Top: Panhandle Trail  
Bottom: Harmon Creek