



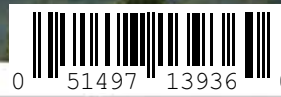
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Jarod Douglas, originally of Clay County, was presented with a letter of recommendation.

Jarod Douglas honored by FBI for exceptional work

In Clarksburg last week, Northern District of West Virginia U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld held an awards ceremony to recognize exceptionalism in investigations and community service.

Among the recipients were the investigators of the serial medical murder case of Reta Mays and the espionage case of Jonathan and Diana Toebe.

Following the ceremony, Michael D. Nordwall, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Pittsburgh Field Office presented Assistant U.S. At-

torney (AUSA) Jarod J. Douglas, lead prosecutor of the Mays and Toebe cases, with a letter of commendation from FBI Director Christopher A. Wray.

In the letter, Director Wray commended AUSA Douglas "for his outstanding performance as the lead prosecutor on numerous high-profile FBI investigations based in West Virginia." Director Wray called AUSA Douglas "a great credit to the Department of Justice" because of his "innovative prosecution strategies, grit, tenacity, aggressiveness, and deep

legal knowledge."

Douglas has served as an AUSA in the Northern District of West Virginia since 2012.

Jarod is a 2002 graduate of Clay County High School, where he was a two-time All-State Wide Receiver for the late Ron Sirk's Clay County Panthers. Jarod graduated in 2009 from the WVU College Of Law, and he went on to be a clerk for the Honorable John Preston Bailey, US District Court Judge in Wheeling. The recipient is the son of Kanawha County Family Court Judge Jim Douglas.

Afterschool Students and Staff Given Statewide Recognition

Near the end of October and the beginning of November, students participating in the Clay Afterschool Program were provided statewide recognition. On Oct. 31, students from Clay County Middle School who participated in trail preparation at Big Otter for the Cancer Awareness Walk were spotlighted on the Superintendent's Update which is sent electronically to every county superintendent and chief instructional leader in West Virginia by the West Virginia

Department of Education. A few days later in November, the Clay Afterschool Program was again highlighted on the West Virginia Department of Education via its Twitter feed. Shown were middle school students participating in this summer's CTE Camp held at Clay County High School and current afterschool students and staff from Clay Elementary, H.E. White Elementary, and Lizemore Elementary.

Over-the-Counter Naloxone Spray Could Hit Shelves in 2023

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

West Virginians could soon be able to purchase naloxone, brand name Narcan, without a prescription.

Earlier this month the Food and Drug Administration fast-tracked the application for an over-the-counter spray version of the overdose reversal medication submitted by Maryland-based Emergent BioSolutions.

Advocacy groups said they are balking at the price, which has skyrocketed over the past few years.

John Kennedy, director of Musicians

for Overdose Prevention, expects an over-the-counter price tag of at least \$100, which he said is cost-prohibitive for people who need it most, and for nonprofit groups working to distribute Narcan at the community level.

"At 80 to \$90, a Narcan kit, someone who's a user, they can't afford that," Kennedy pointed out. "If we're distributing 2,000-3,000 kits a year, which we are, that's into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and we can't afford that either."

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Special Guests Visit Clay Elementary Afterschool Program



Clay Elementary afterschool students complete an activity related to the read aloud as Clay County Public Library staff member Briana Adkins provides assistance.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, two staff members from the Clay County Public Library, Briana Adkins and Samantha Childers, visited afterschool students at Clay Elementary. Ms. Adkins and Ms. Childers read aloud to students and led craft activities related to the story. A good time was had by all! Thank you to the Clay County Public Library for providing an enjoyable evening for students!



Clay County Public Library staff member Samantha Childers reads aloud to afterschool students at Clay Elementary.

Presley Shamblin named 2022 Mustang basketball homecoming queen



Principal Leslie Goe crowns Pressley Shamblin. Allen Hamrick photo.

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BOOKED CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

BRAXTON COUNTY



Ryan Daniel Duckworth
Booked 12/21/22
Domestic assault, domestic battery



David Scott Jackson
Booked 12/22/22
Obstructing



Joel Benjamin Cruickshanks II
Booked 12/20/22
Probation violation



Andrew Clay Drake Sr.
Booked 12/21/22
No insurance



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Maxammillion Tyler Pozzie
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Contempt

NICHOLAS COUNTY



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Probation violation



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Possession with intent, expired MVI, driving revoked for DUI third



Jeremy Little
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Domestic battery



Joshua Wayne Myers
Booked 12/25/22
Assault on officer without weapon, battery of officer without weapon, obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct

Attorney General Morrissey Warns About 'Grandparent Scam'

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey urges residents to be wary of calls especially during the holiday season claiming grandchildren need help. Scammers have been known to call senior citizens pretending to be their grandchild. Others claim to be law enforcement with news about a loved one. They often indicate the grandchild in question is in another state or country and in dire need of money due to an emergency. Thieves have also been known to use the holiday travel season to scam senior citizens with calls that their loved one is stuck somewhere en route to visit and needs money. This scenario often surfaces during the holiday break.

parents. Consumers can follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim:

- Stay calm and don't react out of immediacy.
- Get a call back number.
- Call the grandchild's known number or other family members to see if there really is an emergency.
- Ask a question that only the grandchild would know the answer to such as a pet's name, the child's nickname or where they attended school.
- Never give bank routing numbers or credit card numbers to anyone via phone.
- Be skeptical of any request for a wire transfer or to use a prepaid debit card, regardless of who the requestor says they are.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

"Most grandparents would do anything to help a grandchild in trouble because they are incredibly generous to family members in need," Attorney General Morrissey said. "That's why it's so important to exercise caution when receiving such calls. Think carefully before handing over money in these situations." Scammers rely on the goodwill of grandparents to shield grandchildren from potential punishment. This may result in those receiving such calls deciding not to check with the child's

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Force, Mitchell ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.



State building in Charleston was destroyed by fire.

wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was badly beaten.

being beaten. **Jan. 3, 1921:** The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887. After the fire, a temporary wood-frame building, known as the "pasteboard capitol," was erected in just 42 days. It burned in 1927.



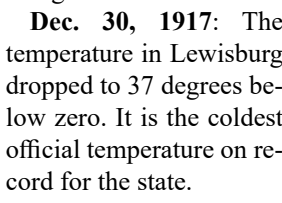
Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Denver performed "Country Roads" in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.



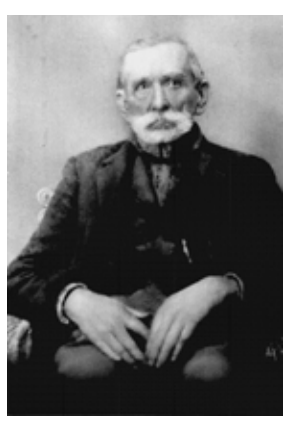
Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Point Pleasant. A skilled glassblower by age 15, Owens went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world's largest producer of window glass.

Jan. 1, 1953: Country music legend Hank Williams was found dead in his car in Oak Hill, Fayette County. He had been scheduled to perform in Charleston the previous night, but the concert was canceled due to bad weather.

For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit *e-WV* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.



Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. Moore grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-



Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent episodes



sician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain of Webster County was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever



Explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County

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An Old Friend

By Joseph J. Mazzella

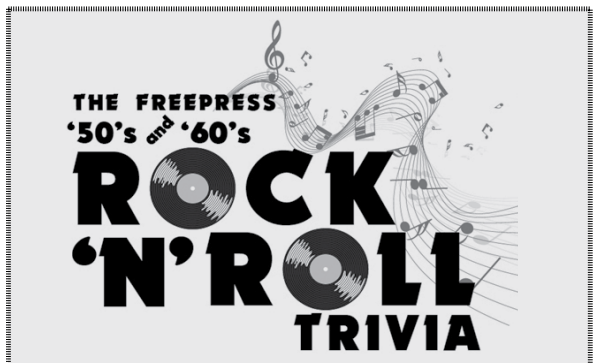
It was a month or so ago. I was at a tire dealership getting new tires put on my car before winter weather set in. It was a long wait so I settled into a chair with my book when suddenly I heard a voice that I hadn't heard in many years. An old friend from grade school had recognized me. I certainly didn't recognize him at first. He had white hair and a white beard now. The last time I'd seen him his hair had been a bright, fiery red.

We soon started talking trying to catch up on each other's lives. It is hard to fit forty years in a few hours, though. Still, we talked about our families, friends, lives, jobs, pains, and struggles. We relived old memories too and shared laughter and joy together. It felt so good catching up with my old friend. Then he said something that still sticks with me. "Joe, I want to thank you for being my friend back then." He talked about how he had struggled in school and had a stutter that caused others to tease him, and how that filled him with anger, darkness, and pain.

After we said goodbye and I left I tried to remember if I had ever been one of those who had teased him but couldn't. I hoped I hadn't. Even as a child I never wanted to see someone in pain or unhappy. I was glad too if even a little bit my friendship and kindness had helped him through that dark time. And I thanked God for getting to see him again.

It is amazing how the circle of life goes round and round. An act of kindness can travel the world for years from heart to heart and soul to soul until it circles back to us. I never knew how just being a friend could mean so much to another. That is why now I want to thank all the old friends and new ones who have touched and enriched my own life with their love and kindness. "Thank you all!" You helped me to become who I am today. You helped me to grow in love, kindness, and joy until I was able to share it with the world. You helped me along the path of love that led me to faith, goodness, grace, and God.

Never stop being a friend to others. Share all the love and kindness you can, every way you can, whenever you can, and for as long as you ever can. You can never imagine how much it might mean to another. You can never imagine how it might touch a heart or change a life.



THE FREEPRESS '50's and '60's ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA

With over 2,500 cover versions of this 1965, #1 single by the Beatles, it became the most covered rock era song in history, according to The Guinness Book of Records. What's the song?

Answer to last week's Trivia: The American duo who are the pioneers of the California sound and vocal surf music in the early 1960's and whose #1 hit "Surf City" (July, '63.) was the first surf song to reach that spot was William Jan Berry and Dean Ormsby Torrence: Jan & Dean



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THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

Pastor Doug Newell, IV



Last week I flew to the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Silsbee, TX to preach at their annual Bible Conference. The theme of the meeting was on the faith exemplified in the lives of the men and women from Hebrews chapter 11. The church was so gracious and kind to us and went over and beyond in making sure all the attendees were well taken care of. With the cost of gas, it ended up being cheaper for me to fly down, and that is always an adventure. It's remarkable how we can feel inconvenienced in an airport. I traveled halfway across the country in less time than it takes me to weed eat my small property. I think it's illustrative of how in the space of 100 years, air travel went from a theory, to possible, to a privilege, to being inconvenienced by not having Dr. Pepper on the flight as advertised. It's not just air travel, it's everything. We are tempted to take God's blessings and go from being thankful to having a privi-

leged mindset, that God owes us what he blessed us with and forget its all of grace to start with (Deuteronomy 6:10-12). I grew up without central heating or air conditioning. We didn't have a microwave. I learned what an internet search was in a class I took at community college after I graduated high school. I'm sure some of you have me beat in the "back in my day" department, but nonetheless they don't seem like luxury items, but necessities for us now. God is so good, that we get accustomed to his goodness and then take it for granted.

On one leg of my trip, a boisterous man seated behind me commenced to flirt with the young lady in the window seat. Smooth operator, he was not. But what he lacked in skills, he made up for in persistence. He tried to win her heart with some stories the guys at the gym probably thought were hilarious, profanity at all. After several minutes of F-bombs from 20,000

feet, the young lady informed her would be suitor that she was a member of the Nazarene Church in her small Texas town. You wouldn't believe it, but this young man just so happened to also belong to the church of the Nazarene! Will wonders never cease. Just like that, without the slightest bit of shame, he transitioned into philosophical conversation on the matters of religion. No doubt, if she informed him that she was in the Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes, she would have been shocked to learn his grandfather was once the Grand Imperial Poohbah. The Greek word translated hypocrite in the Bible, in the secular usage, refers to the play actor. They impersonate someone else. Robertson said its, "to pretend, to feign, to dissemble, to act the hypocrite, to wear a mask." The airline no longer required masks for COVID, but there were plenty who were wearing the mask of a Christian.

The Liar in the Red Suit

Dr. James L. Snyder

Around this time of the year, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I revel in our family memories.

Unlike me, she has some wonderful memories because of her large family. I came from a very small family and therefore don't have that many memories let alone wonderful memories.

This reminded me of my first encounter with what my parents called Santa Claus.

Growing up, we didn't have television, and the teachers at the school I attended were mostly Mennonites. They didn't celebrate Santa Claus, and there was no mention of him in our classes. Christmas was focused on the birth of Christ.

In a small town like ours, there weren't any shopping malls, so there was no place for Santa Claus to set up his little booth and greet all the little children during the Christmas season.

Then one Christmas, Santa Claus and his entourage set up in our downtown square. Everybody was invited to come and see Santa Claus.

I mentioned this to my father and asked him about Santa Claus.

"Well," my father said, "you go see Santa Claus, sit on his lap and tell him what you want for Christmas."

When I heard that my eyes just lit up in great delight. "You mean I can tell Santa Claus what I want for Christmas?"

With a smile on his face, my father shook his head most energetically. I believed him; after all, fathers don't lie.

All I ever wanted for Christmas when I was young was a pony. Now, with Santa Claus in town, I had the opportunity to request a pony for this Christmas. I can't tell you how excited I was.

My parents took me and my siblings downtown at the square to

meet Santa Claus. I was excited, and so were my siblings. We chattered and chattered all the way the Santa's place. We told each other what we wanted Santa to bring us for Christmas.

I remember that first experience with Santa Claus. As I walked up and sat in his lap, I was a wee bit nervous. Then the thoughts dancing in my head was that this was my opportunity to get my long-awaited pony for Christmas

"Ho, ho, ho, and what would you like for Christmas this year, little fella?"

I wanted to hear that all my life. I then explained to him that all I wanted for Christmas was a pony. Any color pony would do as long as it was a pony. So I explained to him what I would do with a pony and how it would change my life and everything.

As he listened to me, he was chuckling, "Ho, ho, ho."

When I finished my request, he said, "Young man is that really what you want for Christmas? If so, you'll have to be nice and not naughty because if you're naughty, I can't do it."

With a hearty nod and a smile on my face, I promised I would never be naughty.

As I left dear old Santa's lap, all I could think of was how this little pony he would bring me on Christmas day would change my life. That's all I could talk about on the way home that day.

I did notice that my father and mother were looking at each other but not smiling and I did not catch what was happening.

On Christmas Eve, as we got the Christmas tree all ready, I was excited, and I made a little space under the tree for the pony Santa would bring me that night.

It was hard to sleep because I was listening for the reindeer to land on the roof with my pony for Christmas. Eventually, I fell asleep and

dreamed of that wonderful little pony all night.

I couldn't wait to get up that morning, and I ran into the living room where the Christmas tree was. I shouted excitedly, "Where's my pony?"

My father tried to explain that perhaps I had been on Santa's "naughty list," and he couldn't bring me that pony for Christmas this year.

I shed tears all day, and the following days were terrible.

For the next three Christmases, I did the same thing. Every Christmas, Santa promised to bring me a pony for Christmas as long as I was not naughty.

Christmas after Christmas and no pony. I tried to have my father explain to me what Santa's definition of naughty was. He tried to explain, but I couldn't understand what he was talking about at the time.

I could not believe that that wonderful person called Santa Claus could ever lie to someone like me. So what did I ever do to get on his naughty list?

I never went back to sit on Santa's lap ever again. But, later in life, I realized that the guy in the red suit was lying to me, and he wasn't really Santa Claus.

Thinking about this I remembered what the Angels told the shepherds on that glorious day. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:11-12).

The real purpose of Christmas is celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. My life changed when I received him as my Lord and Savior. Yours can too.

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Home Country

Slim Randles

Somehow the snow is a little like Christmas. We can expect it. We can listen to the television weather and expect it. But still, when it comes it's like a gift - a wonderful unwrapped gift - because it is the wrapping.

Doc found it when he turned on the porch light before dawn and the sheer whiteness of it came to him, and he smiled and let the cup of coffee warm his hands and the coffee itself warm his insides.

Snow - whether it's an inch or three feet - tucks us in, he thought. It's an act of love, covering each of us equally, as a mother would do. There should be an ordinance, he

thought, smiling, that no one should be required to get out and drive in it, shovel it, curse it, until at least the initial magic has passed. Soon enough, we realize, it will be plowed into muddy strips on our streets and slushed into the gutters and our shoes will complain and we'll have to be careful not to track it in the house. That comes later. Road closures ... they come later, too. When these heavy gray heavens pull back to reveal the moon and the sun, the cold will come, along with the threat of ruptured pipes.

But not now. Right now, in the holiness of early morning, Doc had the best of the snow. The gentle, eternally silent blessing of winter.

It should stay that way at least through breakfast, he thought. At least through breakfast.

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OBITUARIES



Pauline Ann Jones, 80, of Ivydale, WV passed away on December 21, 2022. She was born on May 14, 1942 in Rome, New York to parents Alonza and Mary Piersall.

Pauline is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Robert "Bob" Jones whom she was married to for 47-years and brother: Kenneth Piersall.

Pauline and husband Bob went on many adventures together and enjoyed camping. She also loved playing bingo and spending time with family and friends. Pauline was a member of the Homemakers Club, Northern Star, and a Christian by faith.

She is survived by her son; Eric Jones; daughter Kandace Dennison and husband Tim; grandchildren: Shania Jones, Alison Jones, Eric Jones, John Smarr (Amanda), Stephanie Smarr, Heather Smarr-Moss (Travis), Elizabeth Dennison Wyant and Caitlin Dennison; great grandchildren: Killian Jones, Ryan Friend, Nicholas Friend, Jayden Smarr, and Kaydence Moss; brother: Bob Piersall and beloved dog and companion, Koda Bear.

The family would like to thank the staff at Clay Heath Care Center, where Pauline was a resident, for

their excellent care and compassion.

Service will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Pastor Daniel Tanner will be officiating the service. Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 4 to 6:00 PM. Burial will follow at West Virginia National Cemetery, Grafton, WV.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Pauline Jones.

Alvin (Ace) Elswick entered into rest on Sunday, December 18, 2022, after an extended illness.

Born on March 13, 1952, he was the son of the late Delbert and Mary (Swain) Elswick. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, and one brother.

Elvin is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy (Shelton) Elswick; five sons, Chris, Adam, Nathan, Levi and Luke; two daughters, Megan and Bethany; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A private graveside ceremony will be held. Interment will follow in the Walker Memorial Cemetery at Summersville, WV.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com

Pennington Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Elswick family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Alvin Clayton Elswick, please visit our floral store.

NALOXONE (cont. from page 1)

According to data from Health Affairs, Narcan nasal spray has a list price of around \$150. In a news release, Emergent BioSolutions -- which has not yet confirmed a cost if an over-the-counter spray were approved -- said so far, millions of doses of prescription Narcan have been distributed across the U.S.

Kennedy believes the high cost is aimed at getting local and state governments to pay for stocking large quantities of the medication in health departments, fire stations, and ambulances. He noted states and municipalities have received hundreds of millions of dollars from opioid settlements.

"Emergent BioSo-

lutions is positioning themselves to kind of move the funds from one big pharma company, which is Purdue through the governments, and now we're moving it directly into the pockets of another big pharma company," Kennedy contended.

He also pointed to the growing presence of fentanyl mixed into illicit drugs as a reason to ensure widespread and affordable access to naloxone.

"Now fentanyl is in pills, in meth, in cocaine and just about every powdered substance," Kennedy added.

According to the CDC, more than 1,300 West Virginians died of a drug overdose in 2020.

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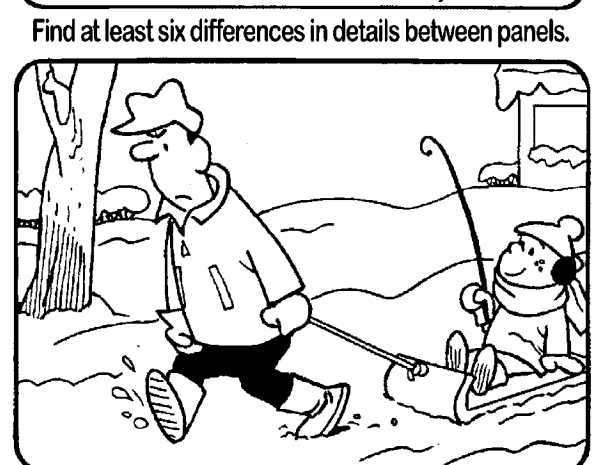
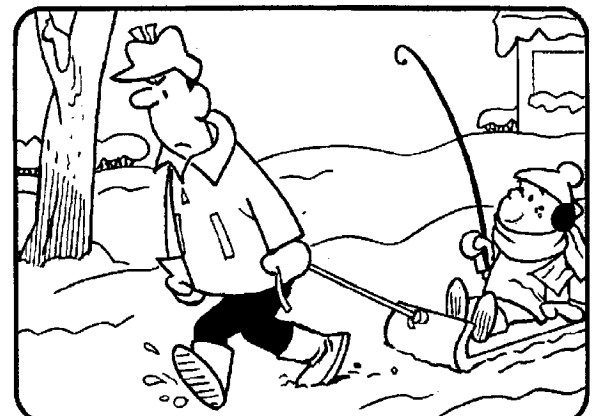
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| 20 Airplane flier | 4 "Funny!" |
| 21 Cannes area | 5 Ladle, for one |
| 22 Relaxes | 6 Colonnaded entrance |
| 23 Wife of Henry VIII who was always mimicking people? | 7 — Lanka |
| 25 One of five womb-mates | 8 Get set, for short |
| 26 Cookout pest | 9 Splits |
| 27 Photo — (PR events) | 10 Actress Mendes |
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| 65 Actress Esther | 48 — and aahs |
| 66 Young girl | 49 Dot on a map |
| 67 What Archie Bunker said when a discriminatory comment got him in trouble? | 52 Nut go-with |
| 73 Up until now | 53 Conk out |
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| 76 Auditing gp. | 56 Diarist Anaïs |
| 77 Year, in Rio de Janeiro | 58 Balcony window |
| 80 Walk around with a voting slip? | 59 Dress smartly, with "out" |
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January 1957

WE'RE MOVING UP THE DATE

In order to expedite handling of the WIDEN NEWS the publication date of all issues for 1957 will be the last Thursday of each month. The calendar date of each issue will appear under the masthead of each issue.

Distribution and mailing can then be made on Fridays, and the paper should reach all readers on the mailing list by Mondays.

Officers And Bargaining Committee Of Employees' League of Widen Miners



Pictured above are the newly re-elected officers of the Employees' League of Widen Miners, with the League attorney, Mr. Charles T. Ray of Charleston (seated far left) with League President Lanty S. Facemire affixing his signature to important documents.

Standing in the same order are: Lloyd Butcher, Joe Truman, Harold Dawson, Doyle Waggoner and Ernie L. Acree. The annual election was held early in January in the YMCA auditorium. Mr. Facemire was reelected President; Mr. Dawson secretary, Mr. Truman treasurer. Messrs Butcher, Waggoner and Acree compose the bargaining committee.

Clay Publisher Dies Following Heart Attack



Mr. F. Edward (Buck) Johnson, Editor and publisher of the Clay Free Press, died in the Charleston General Hospital Saturday morning following a heart attack. The Elk Printing Company of which he was also owner, for several years printed the Widen News.

He is survived by his wife, Dove; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson of Sutton; three sisters and four brothers.

The funeral services were held at the Clay Funeral Home at 10:30 A. M. January 23, and interment was in the Bell Cemetery near Gassaway. Rev. M. E. Burns officiated.

Death Enters Many Employee Families

Beginning at Dundon and Clay, through Swandale to Widen, death touched the lives of many of our Elrico families since the last issue of Widen News reached you. B. C. & G. Railroad dispatcher R. C. Johnson's wife's Mother was taken after a long illness. Stores' Executive Raymond Hamrick's wife's Mother also passed away. An aunt of Mrs. Dennis Triplett died suddenly in Iowa. Bank of Widen's cashier, Mrs. Dimple L. McMillion buried her Mother the last of December. Hollis (Pop Corn) Neal and brother Jim's Mother was killed in a tragic highway accident. Adam (Shorty) Roberts chief sawyer at Swandale suffered the loss of a brother the first part of this month. Everett E. Vaughan, section foreman of the BC&G Railroad died recently. Brief accounts will be found below.

Mrs. Arky Shea—Dec. 20—Mrs. Shea was 86 years of age and made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson of Dundon, was buried in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston with Dr. George H. Vick, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston in charge. She was a member of that Church. Her husband, J. G. Shea who preceded her in death, was a former C. & O. yardmaster at East Bank. She is survived by a large family including Mrs. John-

son, Mrs. C. W. Waggoner and Mrs. Paul Cochran both of Charleston; and two sons, J. C. Shea of Cleveland, O., and J. B. of Crown Point, Indiana, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Shaver of Charleston and Mrs. S. B. Perkins of Orange, Virginia.

Mrs. Catherine Cooper, mother-in-law of Mr. Hamrick, died January 2nd following a fall in the home of her daughter in Clendenin at which time she fractured her hip, from which complications developed causing her death. She was 89, the oldest member of the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Parkersburg. Her pastor, Rev. Jennings Fast conducted the funeral service there and she was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. She is also survived by five grandchildren.

Mrs. Myrtle Fast Pancoast, who died at West Bend, Iowa January 15th, will be remembered by many friends here as the wife of Dr. F. E. Fast, for many years our local dentist. She is a daughter of the late B. F. Murphy family of Clay, and an aunt of Mrs. Dennis Triplett here. Surviving her are her husband, the Rev. C. L. Pancoast, a daughter, a sister and three brothers her step-mother Mrs. B. F. Murphy and three grandchildren. Rev. Pancoast is a former pastor of the Community Church here, and recently visited in Widen.

Mrs. Matilda (J. A.) Luther, died at age 91 after returning from Charleston to Widen to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dimple McMillion, where another daughter, Mrs. Louise Hutsinpiller, came to assist in her care as she was bedfast with a broken hip and complications due to advanced years. She is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Robert Williamson, Jr., and four grandchildren, Wm. W. Luther, student at WVU in Morgantown; D. F. Jr., of Dillie; Ann. (Mrs. James Woods) of Princeton and Betty. (Mrs. Rippetoe) of Charleston.

Grandchildren Nancy Lee, Joe Frederick and Charlie McMillion; Judy, Jim and Richard Wood; Nancy Ellen Rippetoe.

Mr. James T. Roberts, 61, year old brother of Adam Roberts, died January 9th in Charleston General Hospital after a short illness. He was a popular retired bus operator for the Charleston Transit Company, and one time a deputy sheriff of Kanawha County. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Maysel Neal, Mother of Hollis and James Neal and several other surviving children was killed in an automobile accident near Richwood the first week in January an buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery near here. Both Hal and Jim were recently married to Widen girls, Hal to Miss Georgia Ellis, and Jim to Miss Patty LaCorte.

Everett E. Vaughan, a 53 year old Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad section foreman, died at his home in Summersville the middle of this month after a short illness. Besides his wife, Georgia, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charlotte, at home. Two sons, Junior and Carl of Summersville three sisters, five brothers and a half brother.

Widen News extends sincere sympathy to all these bereaved loved ones.

UNIVERSITY DAY HERE

Assistant County Superintendent of schools Mr. Brooks Smith of Clay, has appointed WVU graduates Harry E. Baer and Mrs. Theodore Griffith, Jr., to speak at Widen Rotary and Womans' Clubs February 7th on behalf of the University in cooperation with statewide groups, telling the story of WVU and interesting parents and students in the advantages of our university over others.

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Roads to Prosperity project milestone: Main span of the old Donald M. Legg Memorial Bridge is lowered

A memorable day on the jobsite of one of Governor Justice's Roads to Prosperity projects, the main span of the old Donald M. Legg Memorial Bridge was lowered onto a barge for removal today, December 21, 2022.

The section was lowered using strand jacks, the same method used to raise the Nitro WWI Memorial Bridge main span. It was lowered onto barges and transferred for recycling.

"Lowering this center section to get it to the side allows them to reach the other sections with the cranes they have to cut it into pieces and demo it," said Carl Davis, the project supervisor for consul-

tant Mead & Hunt. "By demoing the bridge, it allows us to also demo part of the existing piers to rebuild and build the new eastbound structure back in the place it is now."

The section lowered on Wednesday is 250' and weighs approximately 1,720,000 pounds. The bridge has served the public for 60 years since it opened to traffic in 1962.

The new Nitro WWI Memorial Bridge, which opened on Friday, October 28, 2022, currently carries both eastbound and westbound traffic. Following the dismantling of the old Donald M Legg Memorial bridge, a new one will be constructed in its place

to carry eastbound traffic. The bridge work is part of an overall project to widen I-64 and remove a bottleneck area where an increase in traffic volumes over the years has led to delays.

Davis expects big steps in 2023 in the overall

scope of widening I-64 in that area. The project is 3.9 miles long and includes seven bridges.

"We will continue demoing the existing I-64 river bridge and building a new one back," Davis said. "We will also get started on the Nitro in-

terchange bridge with the first phase of it."

"A lot of the bridge demo work can take place during the winter, part of the rebuilding could also take place depending on

the temperatures and what kind of weather we get. Construction is all weather related."

The project is expected to be completed in September 2024.

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Notice is hereby given:
Pursuant to West Virginia Code 22-6A-10(e) prior to filing an application for a permit for a horizontal well the applicant shall publish in the county in which the well is located or is proposed to be located a Class II legal advertisement.

Paper: Clay County Free Press
The following applicant intends to apply for a horizontal natural well permit which disturbs three acres or more of surface excluding pipelines, gathering lines and roads or utilizes more than two hundred ten thousand gallons of water in any thirty day period.

Applicant: Mountain V Oil & Gas **Well Number:** C3H WV0489
Address: PO BOX 904
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Business Conducted: Natural gas production.

Location -

State:	WV	County:	Clay
District:	Henry	Quadrangle:	Elkhurst 7.5'
UTM Coordinate NAD83 Northing:	4,260,072.81		
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Watershed:	Hornor Fork & Laurel Creek		

Coordinate Conversion:
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Electronic notification:
To receive an email when applications have been received or issued by the Office of Oil and Gas, visit <http://www.dep.wv.gov/insidedep/Pages/DEPMailingLists.aspx> to sign up.

Reviewing Applications:
Copies of the proposed permit application may be reviewed at the WV Department of Environmental Protection headquarters, located at 601 57th Street, SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304-926-0450). Full copies or scans of the proposed permit application will cost \$15, whether mailed or obtained at DEP headquarters. Copies may be requested by calling the office or by sending an email to DEP.comments@wv.gov

Submitting Comments:
Comments may be submitted online at <https://appa.dep.wv.gov/oog/comments/comments.cfm> or by letter to Permit Review, Office of Oil and Gas, 601 57th Street, SE Charleston, WV 25304. Please reference the county, well number, and operator when using this option. Regardless of format for comment submissions, they must be received no later than thirty days after the permit application is received by the Office of Oil and Gas.
For information related to horizontal drilling visit: www.dep.wv.gov/oil-an-gas/pages/default.aspx

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Tariff Form No. 8 (Tariff Rule 10.1 .a et seq.) PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. ("Hope Gas" or the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, revised tariff sheets containing new terms and conditions for furnishing gas service to approximately 112,000 customers within its service territories in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia.

Hope Gas is proposing to make changes to its tariff to accommodate unconventional gas producers who desire to interconnect with Hope Gas's distribution and gathering pipelines. Hope Gas will need to blend gas from the unconventional gas producers to meet tariff specifications prior to delivery of the gas to customers. Unconventional gas is becoming more prevalent as a source of supply, and the Company needs to modify its tariff to accommodate additional sources of supply. Hope Gas will recover all costs to interconnect from the unconventional producers and charge them for gas blending and operation of the interconnect.

The Company provides resale service to the following customers: Standard Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Company, Southern Public Service Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC.

The Company's proposed changes to its tariff will not impact its current rates and charges for natural gas service.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to January 12, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide information requested concerning it, is available to customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Company: Jo Carol Farmer, SVP, Rates and Regulatory Relations, 48 Columbia Boulevard, Clarksburg, WV 26330.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Dixie

Thursday Night 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

with Services After

Sunday Night 7:00 PM

Pastor: Lee Holiday

(304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST

CHURCH of Adonijah.

Preaching from K.J.V. Bible

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening 7:00 PM

Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY

CHURCH, Porter Creek

Road, Bomont, WV

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Service

7:30 PM

Thursday Night Service

7:30 PM

Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST

CHURCH located at Bick-

more on Fola Road

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday evening services

7:00 PM

Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST

CHURCH OF IVYDALE

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Wednesday prayer service

and Bible Study 6:30 PM

Pastor: Danny Richardson

BIG UNION BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School 10:15 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Service 1st,

3rd and 4th

Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Prayer &

Bible Study 7:00 PM

2nd Sunday Communion

Service 6:00 PM

Pastor: Pete Shaffer

BLUE KNOB CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Everyone is Welcome!

BUFFALO VALLEY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Service

6:00 PM

Radio Broadcast, Sunday

Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV

Summersville

Everyone Welcome **Pastor:**

John Pruitt

BURKE MEMORIAL

METHODIST CHURCH in

Procius. Across Camp Creek

Bridge on the left. Preaching

Every Sunday

9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Bible Study every Wednesday

7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry**

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF

LIZEMORE

Prayer Service and Bible

Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM

Regular Service Sunday

Nights at 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD

BENTREE

Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening Service

7:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Come and worship the Lord

with us.

Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

CLAY COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Service

7:00 PM

Wednesday Night Service 7:00

PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM.

Everyone is Welcome!

Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

10:00 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Preaching

6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:30 PM

Pastor: Fred Walker

CLIO COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Preaching 7:00

PM

Wednesday Worship

7:00 PM

Everyone welcome.

Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL

TABERNACLE, Upper Fall-

ing Rock, Clay County

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:30 AM

Sunday Evening Service

7:30 PM

Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM

Teachings from the King

James Bible

Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:00

PM

Wednesday Prayer Service/

Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM

Pastor: Roy Huffman

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ELK RIVER BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Saturday Night 7:00 PM

Pastor: Brace Cook

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST

TEMPLE

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Pastor: Bret Wiley

FAITH MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Dutch Ridge Laurel Road

Sunday Service 6:00 PM

Tuesday Service 6:00 PM

Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans

Associate Pastor: Lee Roy

Anderson

FAITH MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Bomont, WV

Sunday Service 10:00 AM

and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Pastor: Nick Bird

Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

CHURCH

Wednesday Prayer & Bible

Study 6:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:30 AM

Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Adults Bible Study

& Kids for Christ 7:00 PM

Pastor: Daniel Tanner

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GAULEY BRIDGE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Junior BYF/Senior BYF

6:00 PM

Sunday Evening Worship

7:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 PM

Wednesday Kids/Chilren/

Youth 7:00 PM

GOSPEL LIGHT

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Located on Rt. 119 at the

mouth of Gabe. All Sunday

night services begin at 7:00

PM. Everyone welcome.

Pastor: Rev. David Smith

GROVES CREEK

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service 10:00 AM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Friday Service 7:00 PM

Pastor: Dean Rogers

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HALLBURG BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday 10:30 AM

Sunday Night Preaching 6:00

PM

Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Service

7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service

6:00 PM

Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

HORNERS FORK

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Youth

7:00 PM

Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel,

WV (off Rt. 36)

Pentecostal/Full Gospel

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday evening 7:00 PM

Pastor: (304) 587-2996

(home), (304) 587-2703

(church)

Pastor: James R. Paxton

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IDA BAPTIST CHURCH

Bentree

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Wednesday Prayer Service &

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.

All ages welcome. Also

have crafts, etc., all children

welcome.

Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday Class 11:00-12:30

Preaching Lunch

12:30-1:30 PM

Wednesday Service

6:30-7:30 PM

Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Paul Stepp

IVYDALE UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

SPORTS

Presley Shamblin named 2022 Mustang basketball homecoming queen



6th grade Princess Bailey Frame escorted by Luke West



8th grade princess Zaiah Minger escorted by Bryton Champ



7th grade Princess Layla Parker escorted by Lathan Brown

By Allen Hamrick

It was homecoming night this past Tuesday at CCMS which pitted the Mustangs against the Calhoun Red Devils. It would be a game to remember as the Mustangs and the Red Devils went back and forth the whole game with enough intense action to satisfy any fan. This game had all the drama of a championship game complete

with nail biting runs for the lead. The Red Devils usually come to Clay and get their butts handed to them but not this night. The JV Mustangs got the ball rolling, went to work and didn't look back as they rolled to the win. In the end, it was the Mustang JV with the win 41-12. The Red Devils varsity team came in all guns blazing and would prove to be a difficult opponent, to say the least.

On the board first was the Red Devils hitting for three and taking an early lead in the game. They had a slight advantage in height over the Mustangs and initially had a slight over confidence vibe as they went toe to toe with the Mustangs.

After the first bucket, the Mustangs realized the Red Devils had indeed brought their A game, and they, too, turned up the heat on offense and

defense. With both defenses ruling the court in the first period, it became a low scoring game with many off balance shots at the hoop. At the end of the 1st period, the score stood at 9-10 with the Red Devils in the lead. After a pep talk, the 2nd period got started and the Mustangs started burning the earth. They took the lead and started pulling away with some great defense and offense coordinated attacks. When the half came, the score stood at a respectable 18-14 with the Mustangs on top. After the half was over, the Mustangs looked as though they brought out a whole new game of plays, started burning the net and took a big lead in the game. At the beginning of the 4th period, the Mustangs were setting comfortable with a 29 - 18 lead. This was a wake-up call for the Red Devils - it was either pick up the pace or go home once again holding the tissues.

The Red Devils came out swinging, their defense stepped up and started making plays and held the Mustangs to just four points in the fourth. With the game getting counted in seconds left, the Red Devils retook the lead 31-32 with 34 seconds left in the game. It was do or die for the Mustangs as fans were going crazy. In what seemed like a split second, the Mustangs stole the ball, scored with a little over a second and gained the favor 33-32.



8th grade princess Taylor Workman escorted by Adrian Davison

Bryson Peters was the last to shoot in the game and hit for one more point to close out the game with a final score 34-32. It was a great game to watch, and the Red Devils could hold their head up for bringing all they had to the plate. In the game it was Bryson Peters getting top shot hitting for 15 points in the game. This homecoming game was a big win for the Mustangs.

This night also was the CCMS basketball homecoming. Royalty came to CCMS as the princesses and their escorts added a touch of class to the rural hills we call home as Principal Leslie Goe crowned Presley Shamblin as the 2022 CCMS basketball homecoming queen. She had all the beauty, poise and grace of a queen that

will not soon be forgotten. The sounds of wild cheers and smiles as big as the moon on parents' and friends' faces abundantly filled the gym as the crown was set in place. Shamblin is deserving of the title of CCMS Homecoming Queen and will be among the finest queens to grace the halls of the school. She was escorted to the event by Justin Nida. Her court consisted of 6th grade Princess Bailey Frame escorted by Luke West, 7th grade Princess Layla Parker escorted by Lathan Brown, 8th grade princess Zaiah Minger escorted by Bryton Champ and 8th grade princess Taylor Workman escorted by Adrian Davison. Congratulation to Queen Shamblin, her court, class representatives and flag bearers.



Blake Coleman looks for 2 under stress.



Kohan Ramsey lays out some good defense.



Bryson Peters knocks down 2 points.