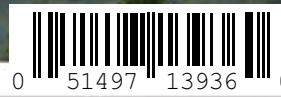




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## STEM Activities Make Learning Fun at Big Otter Elementary



With just some baking soda, a water bottle, vinegar, and a balloon, students learned a lot about reactions between acids and bases. The reaction between the vinegar and the baking soda creates carbon dioxide, which inflates the balloon.



Toothpicks and miniature marshmallows provide ample opportunity for creative engineering designs. Designs are also edible!

Afterschool enrichment teacher Carla Truman strives to make her time with students hands-on and fun! As the pictures show, students really enjoy the special projects she plans for them.

## Survey reveals sinking confidence in public school among voters

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

Five in 10 voters say their confidence in the public school system has decreased since the start of the Covid crisis and over the past year, according to a recent nationwide survey by education think tank the Hunt Institute.

According to data from the National Bureau of Economic Research, reading and math test scores in West Virginia dropped significantly during the course of the pandemic.

Bob Wise, education consultant and former West Virginia Governor, said nearly 60% of voters and parents strongly agree states and school districts should be using federal relief dollars to support schools.

“What our polling data shows us, is people don’t want to go back just to normal in education,” Wise pointed out. “They want a new normal, they weren’t that happy before.”

In West Virginia, programs like Sparking Early Literacy Growth are helping school dis-

tricts implement new approaches to help students regain losses in reading and comprehension.

More than one million students have left public schools since the start of the pandemic, while private school enrollment went up by nearly 20% between 2020 and 2021.

Wise added rather than book-banning or curriculum censorship, parents want state leaders to take action to ensure their kids are taught real-world skills, are safe, and have mental health resources.

“They’re interested in personalized learning for their children, because they know that they’ve had a rough time over the last three years,” Wise reported. “They’re supporting their teachers, they’re very concerned about mental health.”

The survey showed nationwide, only a quarter of parents believe school district officials, state education leaders, and school board members did a good job of handling the pandemic.

## Clay County CERT Participates in Clay County High School Wellness Day

Clay County High School hosted a Wellness Day on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, featuring a range of activities and resources focused on promoting health and preparedness in the community. One of the highlights of the event was the presence of Clay County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), who distributed preparedness materials and recruited volunteers.

In addition to recruiting new volunteers, CERT also registered blood donors at the event. Blood donations are critical for maintaining a healthy and reliable supply for those in need, and CERT was pleased to have the opportunity to encourage community members to give blood and make a difference in the lives of others.

The Wellness Day at Clay County High School was a great success, with many community members tak-

ing advantage of the resources and activities on offer. Clay County CERT is grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in the event and promote the organization’s mission of promoting preparedness and resilience in the community.

During the event, CERT members distributed preparedness materials, such as emergency supply lists to attendees. They also highlighted the importance of giving back to the community in times of need. The Wellness Day featured a variety of activities and demonstrations, including yoga and meditation sessions, cooking demonstrations, and informational booths on topics such as mental health and emergency preparedness.

“Wellness Day was a very successful event for us, and we are excited to work with the High School in the future,” said Service



(Left to Right) Amanda Shelton - Education & Outreach Coordinator, Kai Woods - Public Information Manager, Isaac Brown - Service & Management Coordinator.

& Management coordinator, Isaac Brown. “We hope that by providing information and resources, we can encourage our community to be better prepared for any emergency situation that may arise.”

The event was a success, with nearly 500 attendees and numerous volunteers and

blood donors being recruited. Clay County CERT would like to thank Clay County High School and all those who participated in making the Wellness Day a success. The organization looks forward to continuing to serve and support the community in the future.

## Sewing Machines Needed at CCMS

By Allen Hamrick

We are going to have a beginners sewing class at the Clay County Middle School in the afterschool program. There are many fields open to those who know how to sew including the garment industry, design, upholstery, crafts, quilt making, and more. Or it can be just for the sewing needs that come up around the home. It can be for

fun or profit and it all begins with learning your first stitch. In the class we will be covering is the main parts of a sewing machine, how to clean and maintain it, needle and bobbin threading, basic stitches used in sewing, and maybe a small project or two. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it

off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Clay County Student Graduates from Glenville State University

Katie Nutter of Clay has graduated from Glenville State University as a member of the Winter 2022 graduating class. Nutter graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business

Administration degree with majors in Accounting and Management.

Founded in 1872, Glenville State University is a public liberal arts university located in

Glenville, West Virginia. The institution offers a variety of traditional and online degree programs and several NCAA Division II athletic teams.

## Mustangs compete at Braxton Bash Duals



Caiden Bryant tightens the guillotine on his opponent. Allen Hamrick photo.

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# BOOKED

## CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

### BRAXTON COUNTY



**George Thomas Plymale II**  
Booked 1/8/23  
Domestic battery



**Lloyd Ethelberth Style Jr.**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Conspiracy, possession of counterfeit with intent to utter



**Lonniesha Desiree White**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Conspiracy, possession of counterfeit with intent to utter



**Jurnel Turrell Williams**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Conspiracy, possession of counterfeit with intent to utter

### CLAY COUNTY



**Adam Lee Deare**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Court order



**Russell Glen Moore Jr.**  
Booked 1/5/23  
Capias

### CLAY COUNTY



**Jeremiah Donovan Neff**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Possession of child pornography



**Angela Kathleen Stutler**  
Booked 1/8/23  
Battery



**Jillissa Nicole Stutler**  
Booked 1/6/23  
Driving suspended, no MVI, no insurance, no license, no proof of registration, no seatbelt, defective equipment, expired registration



**Jonathan Fitzgerald Stutler**  
Booked 1/6/23  
Expired registration, false inspection



**Lloyd Ethelberth Style Jr.**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Fugitive from justice, obstructing an officer



**Lonniesha Desiree White**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Fleeing from officer

### CLAY COUNTY



**Jurnel Turrell Williams**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Driving suspended, improper lane change, reckless driving, possession of counterfeit with intent to utter, fleeing with reckless indifference



**David E. Bennett**  
Booked 1/4/23  
Grand larceny, conspiracy to commit a felony, breaking and entering of auto, shoplifting



**Matthew Thomas Boone**  
Booked 1/3/23  
Capias



**Ivy Ellen Carr**  
Booked 1/5/23  
Capias



**Brandon Michael Eads**  
Booked 1/5/23  
Capias



**Jacob Hunter Grose**  
Booked 1/4/23  
Probation violation

### NICHOLAS COUNTY

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**Dylan Scott Wagoner**  
Booked 1/6/23  
Capias

### HELP WANTED

Looking to hire someone to plow parking lot and shovel sidewalks at the Clay County Department of Health and Human Resources Office in Clay, WV. If interested, please contact Patty Martin at 304-872-0810.

## Policymakers must advocate for Agriculture

By Kent A. Leonhardt, WV Commissioner of Agriculture

As my team heads into its seventh Legislative session, we once again set off to advocate on behalf of agriculture, our farmers and West Virginia's food supply. Each and every session, we work diligently to remind our lawmakers the value agriculture adds to the West Virginia economy and security of our citizens. Through our efforts, we have found ways to reduce burdens and barriers on our farmers, expand markets for producers, modernize our code and regulations and put in place protections for our farmland. While we still have so much to do, our priorities for this session will be advocating for investments in local food systems, as well as finding a pathway forward for our laboratory facilities.

As we continue to experience rising energy prices, supply chain issues and inflation, it is vital we invest in the resiliency of our energy and agricultural sectors. During the pandemic, we saw disruptions to our food chain that did and could have devastating effects at the local level. The most visible was grocery stores struggled to keep food on the shelves. Consumers turned to local producers which was only possible because we, at the Department of Agriculture, kept agriculture open. Imagine the state of our economy and effects on the food supply if we had bent to the calls for a broader shut down. Instead, we worked with other states to bring in excess commodities and keep our processing facilities open. We found ways to increase meat production by 200% and still

today, we still benefit from a 50% increase in meat processing. All because we kept agriculture moving forward.

To continue our effort to foster local food systems, we must fund promotional programs such as the West Virginia Grown and Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture programs. We need to continue to support the growth of our local farmers markets, which have tripled in number since the Department took over their regulation. Our policy makers must put forth resources to attract more processors of all sizes, such as Mountaintop Beverage and Appalachian Abattoir. Both projects will increase our food manufacturing power which will benefit our economy as well as our citizen's health. All these initiatives have been accomplished with little to no taxpayer

dollars.

Despite a lack of investment, I am proud of the Department's ability to expand our reach and programmatic response while not increasing the size of government. Comparing our current budget to FY 2008, we have seen only a \$428,000 increase. When you include taking over Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Grade A milk authority, farmers markets, hemp regulations, implementing three across-the-board pay raises and establishing the Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program, we are operating on a 23% smaller budget than the Department of 15 years ago. At the same time, we have seen state spending increase upwards of 30% since 2008. Frankly, we are doing more with less, and it is time to reward the employees of the Department by upgrading the facilities

they work in every day.

I am delighted by the work my staff and I have accomplished over these last six years, and you should be too. As fiscal guardians, we will never ask for more than we need, but there are necessary investments we must make to move agriculture forward in our State. That includes improving our top-of-the-line laboratory services by rebuilding and upgrading the Guthrie Complex. We are confident this is a worthy investment by the people of West Virginia and have done our due diligence to ensure we do it in the most efficient way possible. Regardless, it is time we make the necessary investments in agriculture, and I hope our lawmakers and you will heed our call.

Happy New Year and Semper Fi,  
Kent A. Leonhardt

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## A Faded Photo

By Joseph J. Mazzella

One thing for sure is that my home will never be in an issue of Better Homes and Gardens. It isn't just the broken tile on the floors or the worn out furniture covered in dog hair. It is also the walls. Instead of just a few tasteful paintings here and there my walls are literally covered with stuff. There are calendars, pictures of my children and animals, inspirational poems and sayings, nature pictures, birthday and father's day cards, dream catchers, art work my daughter did in grade school as well as her college diplomas, plastic and wooden butterflies, post cards, pictures of my Mom, Dad, Nana, Aunt Charlotte, and other relatives, and pictures of friends and children I've sponsored overseas. I keep them all on my walls because they all remind me of love.

Nestled among them too are 4 faded photos I got over 20 years ago. My former priest had a twin brother who was a missionary and ran an orphanage overseas. I remember I sent a small donation to them back then and received these pictures of children in the orphanage.

One speaks to my heart especially. It is a small boy no more than 8 or 9 years old. He is using a broken ladder as a chair and eating out of metal plate. Yet, even though he had so little, there is a look of such joy on his face. You can see in his smile that he is loved and that is all that matters. All these years later that love and joy still shine through the picture. I still wonder about him too. He would be grown now maybe with children of his own, perhaps passing on all the love he was given to them. I still send him my love and keep him in my prayers.

It is truly amazing how a single moment of love can stay with us for a lifetime. Maybe that is how God intended it to be. Love isn't meant to fade after a moment. It is meant to shine for an eternity. All I know is when I look at that faded photo and see that joyous smile, that moment of love lives on in me. May all of your moments of love live on in you as well.

## THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM

Pastor Doug Newell, IV

### Discerning Reader



Did you make any New Year's resolutions? One of the most common resolutions (according to people who analyze such random things) is the goal of reading more. A noble pursuit, indeed. I was encouraged to read more in school but never guided. Reading is FUNdamental, they said. Tolle lege, they cried. But rather than pointing me in the right direction, I grabbed books about football from the library and called it a day. Reading bad books could be much worse than not reading at all, but how do you know if the book you are reading is good or bad?

What you need is discernment – the ability to distinguish between good and bad. In Hebrews 5:14, we see that knowing the Scriptures and using the Scriptures as our standard for good and evil will increase our ability to discern between good and evil. You will grow in your skill in looking at a situation, and judge

(rightly) if it is good or wicked, according to God's standard. Step one in discerning: read your Bible.

A book is just when someone has the gumption to write down what they think about something. They wrote down their thoughts, and someone from a publishing house read it, then put their stamp of approval on it, bankrolled the process, and published the book. Now it is out in the big wide world, but that doesn't mean it's a good book, or even true! Book publishers are businesses trying to make a dollar. Even "Christian" publishers will sell you a whole lot of nothing for a buck. One such publisher continued selling a book about a boy going to Heaven, even after the boy said it was all a fabrication because it was a bestseller. Their job is to sell you a book. Your job is to decide whether to buy it and if you buy it and read it, you need to decide whether you buy what the author is saying. Step

two: remember books are written by men, and some are heirs of the Cretians (Titus 1:12).

The author might be right; he might be wrong. He might be spot on in chapters 1-3 but goes off the rails in the fourth. Discernment is eating the meat of the book and tossing the bones away. But if you have a skeleton on your plate, just go on to something better. As a Christian, you must judge them. Not based on how you feel when you read it, or how well he puts his sentences together, but on the truth of what he is saying. I've read books by men who made me envy their ability to write. The sentences were so well crafted, with nouns, verbs, and adjectives all living together in perfect harmony. But the substance was unbiblical, therefore, it was bad. Step three: Know that only the Bible is pure and perfect and that even the most well-intentioned men are sometimes wrong (Romans 3:4).

## Where Is The Gracious Mistress Of The Parsonage?

Dr. James L. Snyder

Our family's Christmas this year was the best one yet. But, of course, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage says that every year. I completely agree with her this year.

Our great-granddaughter served as the focal point of our Christmas this year. She assumed that position because she was born two weeks before Christmas. What a gift. This is our second great-grandchild. The first one is in Ohio, and we don't get to see him very often. But this new great-granddaughter is only seven minutes from our house. I was to realize what a difference that would be.

My granddaughter's mother and grandmother are now there to support this precious little great-granddaughter.

The time our granddaughter's mother can spend with her granddaughter is limited because of her work schedule.

The great-grandmother, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, is free to visit the great-granddaughter whenever she pleases. Her "free" does have a cost, and I would soon find out that cost.

Every time we visit, I have to pull the great-grandmother away. I'm not entirely sure how this great-granddaughter will affect her when she's a few months old and then a few years old because she's only a few weeks old now. So I need to get ready for that.

The previous week was an interesting one.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came to my office on Monday morning as I was working and said, "I'm going to visit my great-granddaughter, and I prepared lunch in the refrigerator for you in case I don't get back in time."

She sped off and drove to the great-granddaughter's house without waiting for any response from me.

It was a relatively quiet morning. I stopped to check the time and realized it was time to eat. When I en-

tered the kitchen, it was completely dark and quiet. I then recalled her mentioning going to the great-granddaughter's house.

My lunch was in the refrigerator, just as she had predicted. So I took the lunch plate out of the fridge and sat in my chair to eat my meal. I then returned to the kitchen with my empty plate and entered my office to continue working on my day's project.

Because I had not heard any sounds coming from the other rooms of the house. I decided to check on the infamous great-grandmother. She wasn't anywhere in sight.

I hoped she didn't have an accident because I didn't know where she could be. That started to worry me. She's never been known to leave the house for an extended period without sending me a text or making a phone call. Did she have a problem of some sort?

I was ready to text her on my cell phone when I heard her pull into the driveway. Then, as she entered the door, she said, "I forgot what time it was. I was having so much fun..." Then she began story after story of time with her great-granddaughter that day. When I woke up the following morning, her side of the bed was vacant. I assumed she awoke early to prepare breakfast. There was no one in the kitchen when I went there.

Looking around, I noticed a note on the refrigerator, "My great-granddaughter needed me this morning, so I dropped everything to go and help her. Make your own breakfast."

Making a meal was simple because I'm not much of a breakfast hound dog. So the coffee was the main component of my breakfast, and there was plenty of it.

When I stopped midway through the morning while working in my office, I heard no noise coming from the other parts of the house. Unless there was an emergency involving the great-granddaughter, I assumed my wife should have returned home by this point.

I started to worry about the welfare of that tiny infant. Why would The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage be so preoccupied with her if nothing was wrong?

When lunchtime arrived, I made my lunch. There's nothing better than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch and a hot cup of coffee. So I returned to my desk after lunch to pick up on my work.

I paused and listened for a while after lunch, but there was only silence. I was starting to worry a little bit. Was the great-granddaughter ill, or did the great-grandmother get into some accident returning home?

Where is The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage?

Then I heard her drive into the driveway, exit the car, and enter the house. Then, I asked, "Is the great-granddaughter having any problems?"

"Oh, the great-granddaughter is doing great," she said, beaming one of those smiles in my direction. "I spent the entire day with her and had a great time."

She then began a series of stories about herself and her great-granddaughter, giggling while she told me various details about that young baby.

After a few weeks, whenever I ask myself, "Where is The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage?" I only have to think about that great-granddaughter. That's where she is.

I believe Solomon in the Old Testament had it right when he said, "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." (Proverbs 17:6).

Children are truly a blessing from God. But grandchildren and great-grandchildren are beyond blessing. It is God's reward He gives to those faithful parents.

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

Which one of these songs was Dion's biggest hit? Ruby Baby, The Wanderer, Runaround Sue, or Abraham Martin and John.

Answer to last week's Trivia: Three songs from the 50's & 60's that relate to WV's nation-leading industry would be: "16 Tons" (Tennessee Ernie Ford, #1 Nov. '55) "Big Bad John" (Jimmy Dean, #1 Nov. '61) and "Working In A Coal Mine" (Lee Dorsey #12 Sept. '66).

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## Home Country

Slim Randles

I don't mind Boots. He just curls up quietly against my belly and stays put. But sleeping with Desdemona can be a bit unnerving. She snores. Sometimes she gets little bad dreams and scratches me, too. But hey, I get to come in out of the cold and sleep with Aunt Ada's cats on her sofa, and a guy can tolerate a certain amount of cat snoring for that.

I was glad when I heard Aunt Ada pattering in the kitchen because I knew it was time to get up. After she let me out, she fed me, and let me tell you ... that kibble was just as good this morning as it was yesterday. And then she petted me, called me her dear Billy, and let me out to do my rounds.

Don't let anyone tell you being the official town dog is easy. Nosirree. First, there are the kids. Me and Martin, the crossing guard, have to see them safely across the

street and to school each morning. Must be band day, because I see a lot of instrument cases. Martin gets smiles from the children. I get smiles AND ear rumples, so what do you think of that!

Once those kids are safely across, the time is pretty much my own until the final bell rings in the afternoon. That would be after I get snacks at the back door of the Mule Barn and after my nap curled up against the brick wall of the drugstore downtown. You ever notice how those bricks hold the sunshine in them? Better than that white wall on the newspaper office.

This is a good day to stop by the Rest of Your Life retirement home and check on Pop Walker and Mabel Adams. Oh, I make the rounds and check on everybody, of course, but I have to admit those two are my favorites.

when the men bring their dogs in from the ranches to look at cows. They yell and talk funny. Not the dogs, of course. Getting your sniffing up to date is always a good thing.

Love, Billy

Give a great nose a helpful lift. Send a gift to the East Tennessee Bloodhound Rescue. [ethloodhoundrescue.org](http://ethloodhoundrescue.org).

### Super Crossword

Answers

NOVA	ACCENT	ETNA	LARK
ODIN	GOALIE	PHIL	EDEN
ROCO	COSTYLE	HEED	FIVE
ARENA	MOS	ARM	COSTEEL
	NCO	ISA	DORE
TEXA	COSTATI	ONS	BOASTS
ADRIEN	ONED	EARN	
SNARLING	WAC	COSTANDOFF	
KAYE	FESS	AREA	ELLA
	DOER	EMERGE	GADGET
SOS	BRON	COSTADIUM	AXE
PRECIS	ARISEN	PATH	
AERO	DYER	SCAN	APES
TOBACC	COSTAIN	ADAMS	SALE
	TEAM	SOIL	GONNIE
LISPED	DEL	MONI	COSTEAK
ATHOL	SINGERS	ASA	
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# THE WIDEN NEWS



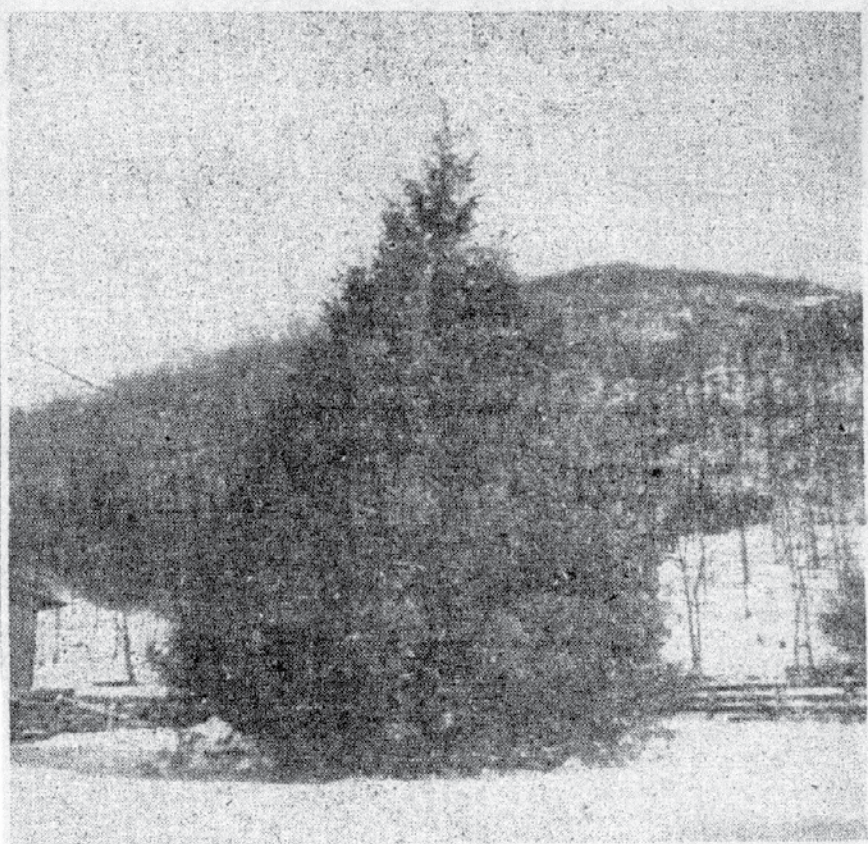
The people who think alike  
should vote alike.

## "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one  
thinks very much.

January 1957

### The Big 1956 Christmas Tree



This is a picture of the big Christmas Tree located on the Legion Park lot for the duration of the Christmas-New Year holiday season. Topped with a beautiful blue star, it was a fitting decoration for the season. Thanks again to all the members of the "installation crews" who cut, hauled, erected and lighted the tree.

### WIDEN RELIEF COMMITTEE MEETS

With L. S. Facemire, Doyle Waggoner and Joe Truman representing the employees and H. L. Beattie, G. D. Craft, R. G. Elliott and E. R. Ketchka representing Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, the Widen Relief Committee met at the company offices on Saturday, December 22, to take care of the business for that month.

The list of retired men who received \$100.00 each for the month of January 1957 contained one less name than the same list a year ago. Three pensioners, Jeff McTheny, Omer (Crook) Carte, and William Johnson, passed away during the year, and there were two new retirements, Harrison Rapp and J. E. Vaughan. There are at present twenty-nine Widen miners on the retired list.

Sixteen men received disability payments at this meeting, eleven for the entire month and five for a portion of December. Two of the men on the list at the beginning of the month returned to work before the end of the month. Those men were Charles Perkins and Earl Houghton.

There was no change in the list of survivors receiving assistance for December. This list now includes the widows of Ellis Strickland, Lee Acree, Omer Wilson, Jim Rhodes, Fred Hoover, Theodore Griffith, Early Gibson, Hale Dobbins, Sullivan Woods, J. B. Friend, Walter James, Jeff McTheny and George Strickland; the widows and dependent children of Clifton Atchinson, Bing Gibson, Dewey Asbury, Ova Casto, Ervin White, Clyde Graham, Everett Butcher, Tate Stagle, Ivory Carter, Ellery Nicholas and Cecil Rose; and the dependent children of Charles Frame and Stanley Pauza.

In addition to the regular list account at Charleston General Hospital, medical and hospital bills were paid at Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Clay, Clendenin, Cowen, Craigsville, Gassaway, Gauley Bridge, Glenville, Grantsville, Nitro, Philippi, Richwood, South Charleston, Summersville and Sutton, W. Va. and Lodi, Ohio, for Ernie Acree, Norval Acree, Dencil Adkins, Harry Allen, Dana Arbogast, William Argobrite, Harley Hartley, Gene and Wendell Barnett, James Baughman, Hunter and Jack Boggs, George Bowers, Robert Brady, Seibert Bragg, Paul

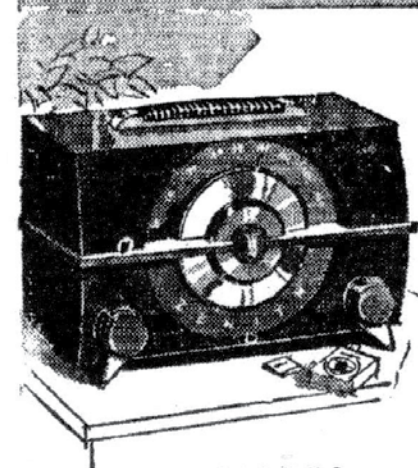
Brannon, Donald and Ronald Brown, Arlin, Brenford, Earnest, Ronald and Roy Butcher, Rufus Byrne, Carl Caldwell, John C. Calhoun, Curt Canfield, Leo Chapman, Jesse Childers, Guy and Jack Coffman, John and Wade Cowger, Ray Cummings, Claude Cunningham, Okey Davis, Luther DeMoss, Ralph Dillion, Martin, Russell and Wade Dodrill, Frank Dorsey, John Duffy, Elmer, Ernest, Gilbert, Junior and Paul Frame, Leonard Friend, W. E. Gibson, Otha Gill, Max Gillespie, Harold and Orval Given, Goff Grogg, Paul Grose, Delbert Gumm, B. Dale, Jerle and Jesse Hamrick, George and Ralph Hamric, Curtis Hardway, Burton and James T. Harris, William Harrison, Herbert and Jack Holcomb, Earl and Marvin Houghton, Aubrey Hutchinson, Holt, Jesse, Theodore and Virgil Johnson, Norval Keener, Otis Kelly, Roy and Troy King, Bill Litton, Carlin and Richard Long, Cecil Lough, Elvie Loving, Bill May, Doyle Mick, Clarence and James Miller, Bayward, Charles, Garnie and Pat Morris, Edward and Buddy Mullins, Cecil and Don McCoy, D. P.

McGlothlin, J. A. McKinney, M. A. McLaughlin, DeForrest McMillion, Earl Napier, Dod, Robert and Roscoe Neal, Rupert Nicholas, Freeman Nottingham, William Patton, Charles and Donald Perkins, John Potasnik, Emerson Price, Everett Propps, Arnold Ramsey, Harrison Rapp, Horace Rhodes, Harold Rinehart, Carl and Norman Rogers, Donal Rose, Everett Rush, Curtis Salisbury, Annis Samples, Gilbert Schoonover, Ted Shaver, Bill Joe and Ned Sizemore, Harold Slack, Manuel Smith, Robert Stout, Harry and Randall Strickland, Eugene Stump, Dexter Talbert, Doil and Roscoe Taylor, John Thompson, Herbert Thorne, Flavil Tinney, Dennis and James Triplett, Ernest and Okey Truman, Bailey Walker, Fletcher Wilson, Oley Wine, Eugene, Nim and Norval Woods, Orval Keener and Ray Young.

In accordance with established policy, the committee refused payment of two bills, one because it was not submitted for payment until more than a year had elapsed since date of incurring the bill, and the other because it was for an employee's grandchild which was not listed on the employee's card. It is up to the committee to determine whether all persons listed on an employee's dependency card are bona fide dependents eligible for benefits, but if a person who is an actual dependent of the employee is not named on his card there is nothing the committee can do except deny benefits in such a case. It is to each em-

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# 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).



**Jan. 11, 1893:** U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.



**Jan. 12, 1869:** Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

**Jan. 13, 1905:** Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

**Jan. 14, 1842:** Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.



**Jan. 14, 1873:** The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. The legislature changed the name to Glenville State College in 1943 and to a university in 2022.



## LEGAL

### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until February 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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		STP-2023(100)D	COUNTY: BOONE, CLAY, DISTRICT 1, MASON, PUTNAM

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.  
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.



**Jan. 15, 1864:** Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait, and artistic photographers.

**Jan. 16, 1850:** Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.



**Jan. 16, 1869:** Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.



**Jan. 17, 1918:** The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed.

**Jan. 17, 1956:** Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler, and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County. He also is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

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## LEGAL

### IN RE: NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2023

Notice is hereby given that the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization on the 1st day of February, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commission Courtroom located at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV and will continue in session thereafter from time to time until the work of the review and equalization is deemed by said Board of Review is completed.

All persons having business before said Board of Review pertaining to equalization of taxpayer's property taxes are respectfully invited to attend said session. You may call 304-587-4259 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for an appointment or the schedule of meetings.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 12, 2022

*Teresa Davis*  
PRESIDENT  
CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION

## LEGAL

### Legal Notice:

In accordance with Chapter 11, article 3, Section 2a of the code of West Virginia, As Your Assessor, I am notifying all Real Property owners of Clay County that for Tax Year 2023, all Real Property will be assessed at 60% of its current market value. This may or may not result in a general increase in the assessed value of your real property.

Should there be an increase in your property it was brought about by an analysis of the current market, new construction or renovation as discovered by a Deputy Assessor during their Re-Appraisal efforts.

If you have any questions concerning the assessment of your real or personal property, you may contact the Assessors Office at 587-4258, or you may come in the office and we will review your appraisal with you.

After a review with this office, if you disagree with the appraisal of your property you may appeal the valuation to the Clay County Commission sitting as the Board of Re-view and Equalization, during the month of February

Teresa Davis  
Assessor of Clay County

## LEGAL

### Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, January 5, 2023

Claim Deadline: Monday, March 6, 2023

APPOINTMENT DATE 11/21/2022

ESTATE NAME: **MELTON KENNETH ATER**  
ADMINISTRATOR **KENNY MILTON ATER**  
10436 BIG OTTER HIGHWAY  
NEBO WV 25161

APPOINTMENT DATE 11/23/2022

ESTATE NAME: **CARL EDWARD CAMPBELL**  
EXECUTOR **DAVID MATTHEW GROSS**  
1099 RUSH FORK RD  
IVYDALE WV 25113

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/31/2022

ESTATE NAME: **JUNIOR V DODRILL**  
ADMINISTRATOR **DAVY DODRILL**  
8528 CRITCHFIELD RD  
SHREVE OH 44676

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/31/2022

ESTATE NAME: **MILDRED DODRILL**  
ADMINISTRATOR **DAVY DODRILL**  
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APPOINTMENT DATE 10/05/2022

ESTATE NAME: **GEORGE A ROSE**  
EXECUTOR **IRA DEAN MCKITRICK II**  
1705 DUDLEY DR  
CHARLESTON WV 25311

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/15/2022

ESTATE NAME: **JOYCE KAY STUBER**  
ADMINISTRATOR **GARY LEE STUBER**  
370 SWINGING BRIDGE LN  
PROCIOS WV 25164

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/03/2022

ESTATE NAME: **KATHY DAWN WILLIAMS**  
ADMINISTRATOR **BOYD WILLIAMS**  
PO BOX 265  
CLAY WV 25043-0265

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/28/2022

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**Pastor: Paul E. Young**

## B

**BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
NO Scheduled Services  
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 Bickmore 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 Precious. 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 Chandler**

## C

**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 Falling 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**

## E

**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**

## F

**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**

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Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Nick Bird**  
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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**

## G

**GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Kids/Children/Youth 7:00 PM  
**GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. 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**

## H

**HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM  
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Michael Jackson**

**HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM  
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**

## I

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

## J

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

**JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Vineyard Ridge  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

**JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH**  
103 Main Street, Clay  
Sunday 11:00 AM & 6 PM  
Tuesday 7:00 PM  
For more info call 304-632-1378  
**Pastor: Ann Huddleston**

## L

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

**LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

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

## LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Tim Butcher**  
Phone 304-286-2499

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

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

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

## M

**MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Monday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!

**MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Everyone Welcome  
**Pastor: Jim Hamrick**

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

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

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

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

## N

**NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Preaching every Sunday  
Morning at 10:00 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Preaching, Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday at 7:30 PM

**NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
Please join us in Praise!  
**Pastor: Gary Walker**

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

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

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

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

## O

**O'BRIEN ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: James L. Balsler**

**OVAPA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching every Sunday at 9:45 PM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday is at 10:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Phone 304-587-2955  
**Pastors: Cindy & Roger Dunlap**

**OTTERLICK COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Bible Study Thursday 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Gene Copen**

**OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching every Sunday, except 5th, 11:00 AM  
Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening  
**Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams**

## P

**PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
Saturday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Take time out for Jesus, he took time out for you.  
**Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft**

**PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Dennis Vance**

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

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

**PROCIUS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Welcomes You!  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:15 AM  
Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: David Walker**

## Q

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

## R

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

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

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



## S

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

## T

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

**Pastor: Hiram Lewis**

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

## U

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

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

## V

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

## W

**WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 9:45 AM  
Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM  
Everyone welcome.  
**Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell**

**WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Pastor: (304) 332-5503  
**Pastor: Jimmy Adkins**

**WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 10:00 AM  
Thursday Evening Service 7:30 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Lester Tanner**

**WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH**  
Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Paul Coon**

**WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:30 PM  
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall**

**WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Randy Tinney**

**WINGS OF DELIVERANCE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below Maysel on the left  
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM  
Come worship the Lord with us!  
Phone: (304) 587-7410  
**Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw**





# SPORTS

## Mustangs compete at Braxton Bash Duals



Coach Tyler Dorsey and Charles Hamrick



Justin Nida sets up the pin.



Logan Hobbs puts on the squeeze.



Matthew Neely rearranges the neck bone.

By Allen Hamrick

CCMS wrestling is back in the headlines and setting fire to the mats after a few years of silence. No more, however; the mats are once again alive and the CCMS wrestling team is quickly becoming a powerhouse on the mat. The Mustangs have competed this year at several meets and have done pretty well considering the lay off. Thanks to new head coach Tyler Dorsey the beast has been resurrected within the walls of CCMS. The Mustangs are bringing their hunger to get back to the top of the food chain in the world of wrestling. It may take some time to get the glory back, but they are well on their way.

The Mustangs took to the mat at the Braxton County Middle Bash Duals on Saturday. There were 12 teams that competed and they were top of the line meat eater teams, the best of the best. Teams from Clay, Braxton, Logan, Western Greenbrier, Triadelphia, Webster, Gilmer, Beckley Stratton, Elkview, Paden City, Sissonville, and Blennerhassett all came to dish out some pain. It was a good ol' fashioned whip down with plenty of great wrestling to go around. The wrestlers of Clay Middle went to work hitting the mats with guts and grit; they gave no quarter and asked for none in return.

The Mustangs were pinning shoulders to the mat but had a difficult time winning matches due to the shortage of wrestlers in different weight classes. However, the

Mustangs did a whale of a job in the weight classes they could bring to the mat, and they definitely handed the other teams a tissue box in their matches. The Mustangs are making people turn their heads in this sport and are showing no signs of letting up. They will be back in action on January 14 at South Harrison Middle School.

In other wrestling news, the CCHS Panthers took to the mats at the National Guard Duals in Summersville this past week. Teams from all over the state and out of state came to compete. The Panthers did well in the tournament but didn't place. The Panthers will be in action at the Winners' Choice tournament on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support the teams.

## Lady Panthers sweep the week on the hardwood

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panthers were home this past week hosting Buffalo and Braxton. Buffalo was first on the chopping block as the Lady Panthers went to work. Once the Lady Panthers got rolling and found their groove, their game came alive. Both teams wanted a win, and it showed. By the time this game was over, it was time for some R and R. Defense became the rule as the Lady Panthers turned up the heat on their press and put an end to the hopes of a win for Buffalo. Offense for the Lady Panthers started out strong in the 1st period but the hoops were hard to hit in the 2nd and 3rd. Buffalo couldn't capitalize on the mistakes and had an even harder time hitting the net until the

4th period. Offense picked up on both sides of the ball as Buffalo made a run for the win in the 4th racking up 20 points in the period and nearly catching the Lady Panthers. Key steals and good offense by the Lady Panthers, however, sent the Lady Panthers to the winners' circle. In the end, it was a rough game without the usual intensity, but the Lady Panthers pulled out the win 42-35. Ilyauna Evans racked up 16 points in the game to lead the Lady Panthers in scoring followed by Lexi Gilliland with nine.

Next up was Braxton, and it was another nail biter. Underneath the hoop, the Lady Panthers out squeezed the ball and were monsters on the boards. There were no big money players in this game; the girls ticked like

a Rolex and took down their opponents 46-38. There still a few bugs to work out, but the Lady Panthers are on the move. This game was yet another example of great basketball from the Lady Panthers who basically out lasted Braxton on the boards for four periods. The Ladies will be on the road again to Hoover to take on the lady Huskies on Tuesday, January 10th. If you get a little chilled and feel a cold coming on, it is probably basketball fever and the only known cure is to get to a game.



Ilyauna Evans hits two of her 16.



Lexi Gilliland works in the paint.



Paris Williams steals and deals.