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H.E. White Elementary School in Bomont and Lizemore Elementary School in Lizemores, are both being considered for closure following a special circumstance review initiated by the WV Board of Education earlier this year.

The fate of two elementary schools up in the air

By: Betty Holcomb

“How do they expect our kids to ride on a bus for over an hour, when there is a perfect school two miles from our house?”

Area resident Mikayla Ramsey expressed her concern on the possible closing of one of two elementary schools in the county. The two smallest schools in Clay County, H.E. White Elementary School in Bomont and Lizemore Elementary School in Lizemores, are both being considered for closure following a special circumstance review initiated by the WV Board of Education earlier this year.

H.E. White Elementary is a school that has taken pride in being the center of the community in Bomont. From annual ramp dinners, fall carnivals, dances, and more, it acts as not just a school, but a community center.

Enrollment numbers have decreased for the little school over the past few years, leaving the fate of this school in the School Board’s hands. Numbers have decreased, but why? Could it be because one bus runs the entire school’s route? The transportation is just one of the issues that have aided in the registration drop. With neighboring Kanawha County opening a brand new school in the coming year, many have made the switch out of county all together.

Does that mean that these smaller schools are any less important than the larger elementary schools in the county?

There are many questions being voiced by area parents, with few answers currently available, making it a frustrating situation for many. Overcrowding is one of the biggest areas of concern, with parents voicing opposition to their children joining the students at Clay Elementary School should H.E. White shut its doors. That, coupled with a long bus ride to get to Clay Elementary, doesn’t instill confidence that this is the best decision for the students the closures will be affecting.

Interim Superintendent Joan Haynie said that no decisions have been made at this time, but “they are trying to cover all of our bases.”

CCMS students learn woodworking



Afterschool students at Clay County Middle School have the opportunity to learn how to use different types of equipment under the watchful eyes of brothers Allen and Ronnie Hamrick. Here, one student is using a drill to hold pieces of wood together in what will become the American flag, while another student tries his hand at making different stitches using a sewing machine.

Secretary of State Mac Warner Reports 1,535 New WV Business Registrations for January of 2023

The WV Secretary of State’s Office registered 1,535 new businesses statewide during the month of January according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Wetzel County led the state in the percentage of new business growth through January with a total of 19 new business registrations, a 3.58% increase. The Secretary of State’s Business & Licensing Division reported that Clay, Morgan, Taylor, and Tyler Counties also experienced notable growth during the month.

A total of eight new business entities were registered in Clay County in January of 2023. Morgan County successfully registered 34 businesses. Taylor County reported 19 registrations for the month and Tyler County registered eight new businesses with the Sec-

retary of State’s Office.

Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered for January were Kanawha, Berkeley, Monongalia, Jefferson and Cabell. Kanawha County successfully registered 155 businesses while Berkeley County reported 136 new registrations. Monongalia County had 133 businesses register. Jefferson County had 84 new businesses register while Cabell County totaled 74 new registrations for the month.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 13,096 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from February 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023. Summers County led all 55 counties with a 21.18% growth rate during the one-year timespan. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

Noah Casto achieves his 150th win; Captures LKC Championship



LKC Champion 150 wins

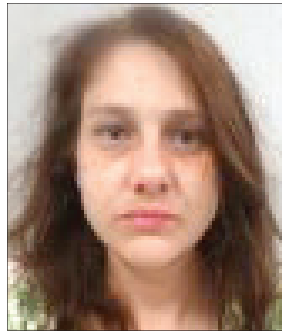
Noah Casto - LKC Champion at 215 lbs.

Allen Hamrick photo

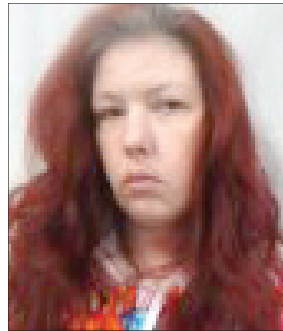
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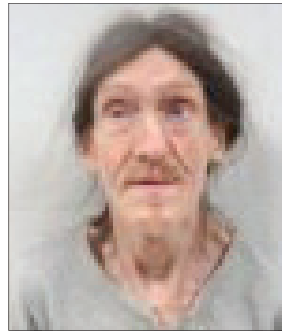
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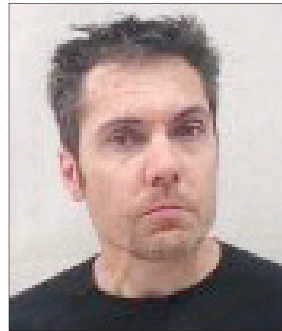
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Domestic battery



Alyssa Dawn Claywell
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Conspiracy, possession with intent



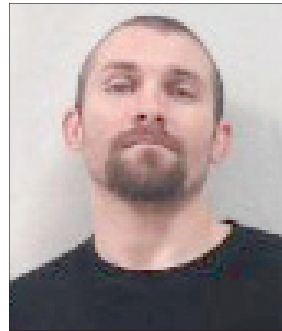
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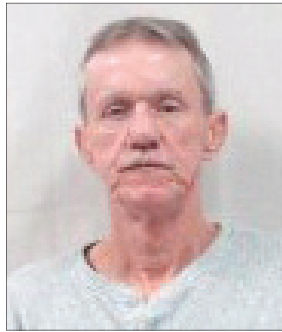


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Booked 2/10/23
Failure to register as a sex offender



Cody Montana Lough
Booked 2/10/23
Damage to a telecommunications device, destruction of property

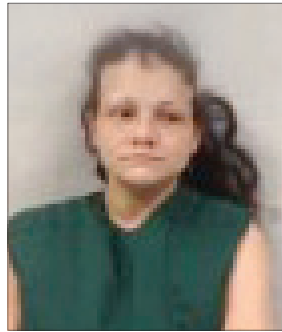
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Failure to register as a sex offender, prohibited person with firearm

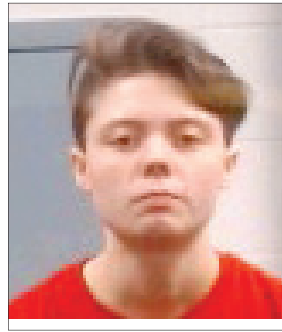


Daniel Owen Riffe
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Possession with intent



Casey Sabrina Wilson
Booked 2/11/23
Possession with intent, Capias

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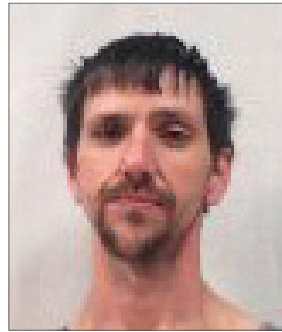


Maliah Dawn Bishop
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Braden Todd Wood
Booked 2/9/23
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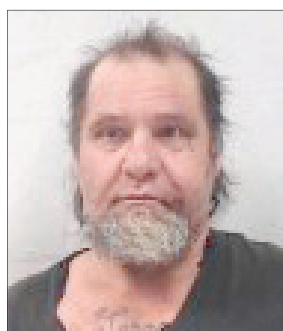


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Family court Capias

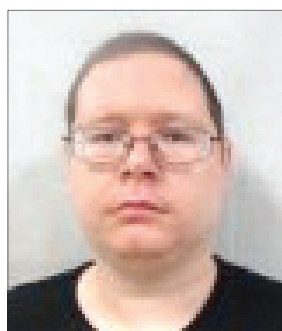
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Joseph Byron Collins
Booked 2/10/23
Capias



James Monroe Hughes Sr.
Booked 2/8/23
Possession of a controlled substance



Daniel Ian Juskowiak
Booked 2/10/23
Domestic battery



Kenneth Michael Martin
Booked 2/11/23
Capias



Donald Lee Massey I
Booked 2/11/23
Warrant



Jacob Daniel Young
Booked 2/7/23
Probation violation

WV Division of Forestry urges caution during dry winter conditions

Spring Fire Season begins March 1

The West Virginia Department of Forestry (WV DOF) urges West Virginians to be cautious of burning amid dry, windy conditions this winter.

“Our winter hasn’t seen as much precipitation as we would like, and the warmer temperatures and higher winds tend to dry out the fine fuels like leaves and grass,”

said Assistant State Forester-Fire Jeremy Jones, WV DOF. “We have seen an uptick of fires in the past few days, with 30 fires burning 150 acres, so we urge caution at this time. Hopefully, this next system coming through will bring some needed precipitation with it. Until then, we ask that you please listen to the weather report, and if high winds are called for, please refrain from burning.”

Safe Burning Tips:

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website here.

Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.

Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.

Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an

adequate spark arrester.

If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.

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The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia. More information on fire safety and programs such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit the website wvforestry.com.

Public Notices

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. 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!

There will be a Church Revival at Maysel Community Church (1632 Precious Maysel Road, Maysel), March 17-19 with Devonna Brown-Dillard. Service begins at 6 P.M. each evening. Everyone welcome.

The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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A Key Chain*By Joseph J. Mazzella*

My two adult sons still live with me. At a young age both of them were diagnosed with Autism, both of them are mentally challenged, as well. In the eyes of this world they are often seen as less than the rest of us, but in the eyes of Heaven they are far higher and wiser than I will ever be. Every day they teach me more about how to live and how to love.

One of the things my oldest son loves to do is make simple key chains out of colored and lettered beads. Our house is full of them. They hang on the walls to decorate his old, broken key collection and every one of my own keys has one too. He has given them to his mom, sister, grandma, and so many others.

Well, recently my sons' primary health care provider retired and my daughter had to schedule an appointment with a new doctor so they could have their allergy medications renewed. My oldest son was excited about meeting the new doctor. He talked about meeting her for days before the appointment. He also made her a gift without telling me. As soon as she walked in to meet him, he pulled a key chain with her name on it out of his coat pocket and said with a smile, "This is for you!" The look of surprise, delight, and joy on her face was something to see. It clearly made her day. I guess she hadn't expected so much love, trust, and kindness so quickly and freely given. But that is what my son does. He shares love freely, purely, and unconditionally. I only pray that one day I will be able to love and give as easily as he does.

Perhaps this world needs to stop seeing the mentally challenged as less and start seeing just how much they can teach us. They are far closer to Heaven than we are. I know that everyday God and His angels are smiling down on my sons as they share their love, laughter, and joy with the world. May we all one day learn to love as divinely and beautifully as they do.

THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM*Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Elementary My Dear**

After a tough case, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson decide to take some time off, get away from the city, and go camping in the remote wilderness. They set up their tent and camp. After a relaxing evening sitting by the fire, they hit the hay. In the middle of the night, Holmes wakes Watson up and asks, "Watson, look up at the stars and tell me what you deduce." Dr. Watson thinks for a moment and says, "I see millions of stars. And it's likely that many of those stars have planets. And it's likely that one of those planets are like Earth. I deduce then, there may be life out there, somewhere" Holmes said, "No Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent!"

Sometimes, we just miss the point. We are looking for deeper meaning and significance and looking past the obvious to get there. We contemplate the mysterious and bypass the plain, in-your-face truth that benefits us more.

Home Country**Slim Randles**

Wellsir ... ol' Dud did 'er again, he shore 'nuf did. This here's Alphonse Wilson, known around these parts as Windy Wilson, esquire, LTD and DDT at your service as always. Free to you and worth every blessed dime.

See ... t'other day I got into a little chat with Dud Campbell, and he says to me that I need to get me one a-them computers so I can be moderate like ever'body else. Had the nerve to just come out and say that!

Well, friend, that's when I made a big mistake. I asked him what I needed to get the ol' ball rolling and I should've shut 'er down right then. Yessir, your ol' pal Alphonse occasional makes mistakes.

Now you can dip my hat in sheep dip and paint Mary Lou's name on

the barn with it if he didn't obsolete hisself right into a foreign language! Didn't have nothin' to write with, so here's what he said, near as I recollect:

I need a cloud, he said. A cloud stores stuff. Well ... shore it does! It stores rain!

But he said no, a cloud isn't in the computer, but floats around somewhere and you get to it by buying an app.

Wellsir, I 'splained to Dud that apps are okay, but I've always pressurized my priorities 'long Quarter horse lines. Told him them spots don't make the horse go any faster. He started wavin' his arms then, and said I get these apps with a mouse.

And he 'spects me to believe that!!!!

First John is a book where so many people miss the point. I heard a famous, nationally known preacher give an introduction to First John. Rightly, he noted 1 John 1:4 as a purpose statement, "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." He also pointed out 5: 13, where John says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Very good. But oddly, he spent the next hour telling everyone in earshot that they probably weren't saved and that he was deceived for a long time. Why? Because John tells us how to know if we really know Jesus. I'm definitely more Watson than Sherlock, but even I could note a slight change in tone from the sermon's appetizers of joy to the meat and potatoes of "you are probably lost." What happened?

It's evident from the text that false teachers were spreading their terrible doctrine, and Christians were in danger of imbibing the rot. These antichrists, as John calls them, are telling people a different way to be saved and a different way to live. John sets the record straight and speaks to God's people about how to know that you know, not how to doubt what you are. The letter is addressed to Christians, not apostates. But we can get so focused on the "tests" that we forget John's stated point. He wrote First John, not to scare the pants off you, or make you be afraid that Jesus doesn't love you (1 John 4:17-18), but that you might be assured of what you have in Christ and that your joy might be full! There are many commands in the book, and many are troubled when they read it (maybe because they need to be). But John's point is to settle the saints in Christ. Don't let someone rob your tent.

Right!!

Had a app oncet. Nice big ol' Appaloosa he was, too. But ugly? I was tellin' Dud about him. Them apps today are pretty horses, but back when I was younger, they all looked like they needed to pull manure carts. It's a fact.

Why this old pony I had ... I hate to admit this ... but his ol' head was the size of a door, and you could stick his butt in a bottle!

So I think I'll mebbe just use the computer down at the library for a while. Nice girl down there helps me out with it.

And you can tell 'em I said so!

Say thank you to the nice girl down at your library who helps old guys with the computer, will you?

Another Celebration In The Bank**Dr. James L. Snyder**

This month The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I celebrate the 52nd anniversary of our engagement. In August, it'll be the 52nd anniversary of our wedding.

I can't believe we have been together for 52 years. But, alas, here it is.

I first met her in September of 1970 when I went to Bible college. Knowing that God was calling me to be a pastor, I understood that I would need a wife to help me in this ministry.

Not being woman-wise, and no dating experience: I thought a date was simply a dried-up prune.

Not knowing what to do, I simply put it in God's hands. Before I went to this Bible college, my prayer was, "Heavenly Father, make the first young lady I meet when I go to school be the wife you have chosen for me."

It sounds ridiculous, but not being woman-wise, it was my best choice.

My parents took me up to New York, where the college was, as we drove into the men's dorm driveway a young lady was coming out. This young lady had her hair rolled up in tomato cans which was rather usual at that time.

When I saw her walk out, I quickly prayed, "Not yet, Father. My feet have not touched the ground."

I think God was chuckling. For some reason, I was never able to get away from her because it was a very small college, and everybody knew everybody.

Not being woman-wise, I did not know how to conduct myself in such a situation.

In December, we were on some date, and she happened to say, or so I thought she happened to say it, "Wouldn't it be nice to get married?"

Again, my not being woman-wise did not allow me to understand what was going on. I simply replied to her, "I think it would be great to

get married."

Foolish me, I thought that was the end of the conversation.

The next day in school, as I walked down the hallway, everybody looked at me, smiled, and said, "Congratulations." So I smiled back and thanked them.

I had no idea what I was being congratulated on, I thought perhaps I finally passed a test in school.

After a while, I stopped somebody congratulating me and asked what he was congratulating me for.

Laughing, he said, "Oh, you silly boy. I'm congratulating you on your upcoming wedding." Then he walked away.

I stood in the hallway for a moment, trying to process what he had just told me. What wedding was he talking about? Who did they think I was marrying?

Later that afternoon, I met her in the cafeteria, she looked at me, smiled, and said, "I've told everybody, and everybody is happy for us. Isn't it wonderful?"

I then realized I was the last one in the college that knew I was getting married.

God was the first one to know whom I was going to marry, and I was the last one to know. That is chapter 1 in woman-wise psychology.

Although it's been 52 years, I still have not progressed to chapter 2.

Perhaps chapter 2 would begin with, "Do you want to be right or happy?"

I am here to tell you that during those 52 years, I have been happy.

According to tradition back then, the next step was to get permission from her father to marry his daughter. So you understand I was rather nervous along this line because I had never met her father or mother.

Before the engagement, we traveled back to visit her family. It was then that I met her father.

I took him aside and said, "Sir, I

would like to ask your permission for your daughter's hand in marriage."

He looked at me with a rather strange look and said, "No."

At this point, my flabber just got gasted, and I didn't know what to say.

He looked at me strangely and said, "Young man, you take my entire daughter or none of her. Not just her hand."

At this point, I realized I was also not father-in-law-wise. That was well beyond my pay scale. My heart sank, and I did not know the next step.

Looking at me, her father finally broke down laughing. I had no idea what he was laughing about.

"Of course, you can have my daughter's hand in marriage as long as you take the rest of her."

I tried to laugh as best I could but had no idea what was happening in the world. If this is what I was marrying into, it will be a long voyage.

As we were driving back to school, the future Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Well, what do you think of my family?"

I just smiled back at her and she said, "Welcome to my family."

I smiled and thought about my favorite life verse from the Bible.

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

This verse has guided me throughout my entire life, especially in the area of marriage. Either I can lean on my own understanding, or, I can trust in the Lord with all my heart. If I'm going to go down the right path only God can lead me.

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'50's and '60's

ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA

This Canadian is best known as a television star whose premier series ran on NBC for 14 years. (Hint: The series was #1 series for three straight seasons and was the first of its genre to be broadcast in color). In 1940, he replaced Charles Jennings (Peter Jennings father) as the chief news broadcaster for the CBC. His #1 single in 1964, made him only the second Canadian to have a #1 single in the US. You should know this guy but do you remember his #1 hit?

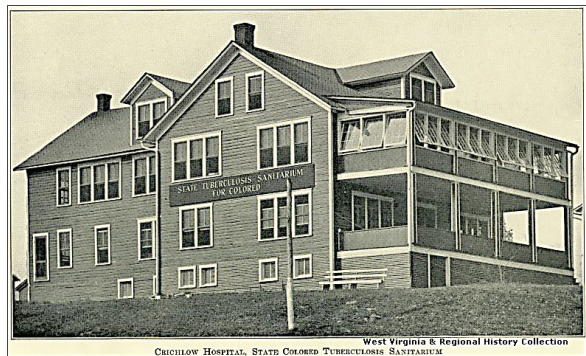
Answer to last week's Trivia: The rock & roll group formerly named The Quarrymen and Johnny & the Moondogs was: The Beatles.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History



Denmar

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

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Keewas elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was replaced by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second

Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morganof present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

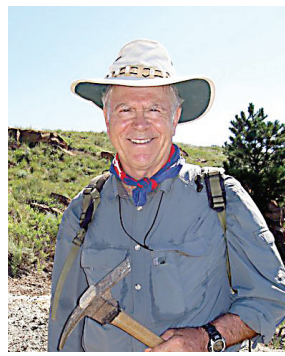
Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.



Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was

born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.



Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir*, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

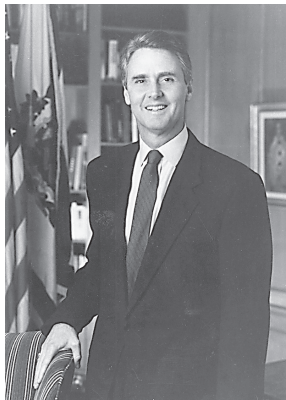
Feb. 20, 1875: The West Virginia Legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The West Virginia Legislature voted to make the Golden

Delicious apple the official state fruit.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

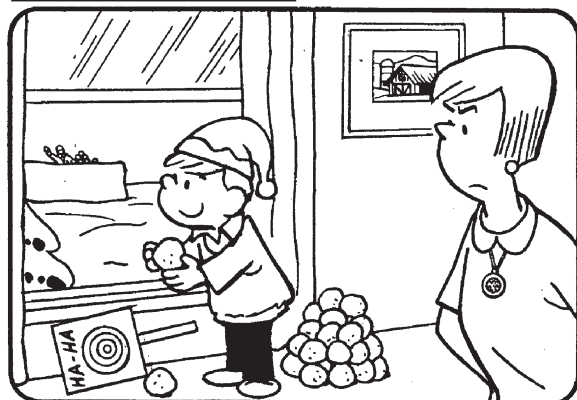
Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the West Virginia Legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.



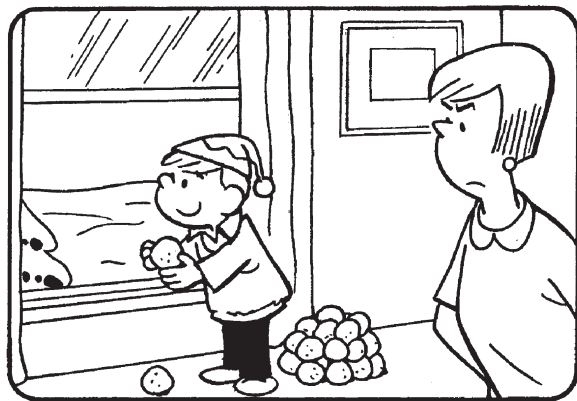
Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. Caperton defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Snow fort is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap differs. 4. Snowball stack is smaller. 5. Picture is missing. 6. Pendant is missing.

OBITUARIES

Agnes Fay Hanshaw Perkins, 78, of Valley Fork, WV, departed this life February 9, 2023, after a short illness.

She was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, and friend. Agnes was born November 22, 1944, to the late Waunie and Kate Hanshaw. She was a lifelong homemaker and caregiver. She was also an avid yardsaler and loved her flowers.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by siblings, Mary Lou Summers, Hazel Griffith, Shirley Jett, and Dana Hanshaw.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Rodney Perkins and wife Donna of Morgantown, WV. She also leaves behind brothers, Charles (Rose) Hanshaw of Fredericksburg, OH and David (Marie) Hanshaw of Valley Fork, and sisters Phyllis Hanshaw of Clay, Sharon (Rocky) Boggs of Valley Fork, and Ruth (Dan) Webster of Sullivan, OH. She also leaves brothers-in-law, Joe Summers and Blake Jett, and many nieces and nephews.

Agnes has touched many lives along the way with her sweet, gentle spirit and we have been very blessed to have had her in our lives.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023, with visitation from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay with Minister John R. Osborne officiating. Burial followed in the Hively Cemetery in Wallback, WV.

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

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Perkins family.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sailing vessel
- 6 Clear the deck?
- 9 Kitten's cry
- 12 A Marx brother
- 13 Low digit
- 14 "Xanadu" band
- 15 Baby hooter
- 16 Florida city
- 18 Handsome guy
- 20 Convent dwellers
- 21 Brooch
- 23 Tool set
- 24 March honoree, for short
- 25 Fed. food inspector
- 27 Grinding tooth
- 29 "At once!"
- 31 Attention-getting call
- 35 Senior member
- 37 Lingerie fabric
- 38 Houston player
- 41 Sports drink suffix
- 43 TV spots
- 44 Foolproof
- 45 Go places
- 47 Florida city
- 49 Revise
- 52 Tokyo, once

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- 56 Bikini top
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- 1 HBO competitor
- 2 Attorney's field
- 3 Florida city
- 4 Pundit's piece
- 5 "The Chosen" author Chaim
- 6 Cuban rum cocktail
- 7 Burden
- 8 Zing
- 9 Convened
- 10 Justice Kagan
- 11 In the — way (very much)
- 17 Preambles
- 19 Spock portrayer
- 21 Young seal
- 22 Leb. neighbor
- 24 — Paulo
- 26 President Jackson
- 28 Carter of "Wonder Woman"
- 30 Overly
- 32 Florida city
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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

March, 1957

The Red and White Review

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Have Any Alibis?

— Willy Laxton —

The students around Widen High School must be practicing up for the future Criminal Courts. You ought to hear some of the abilis the teachers get. Some students say "I don't have a book", when they have already hidden it. Next is the paper. Some students if they are given an assignment to do in class, complain about not having any paper or pencil. Then when some one lends them paper and pencil, they get mad at them. And, asked why they didn't hand in their work, "I didn't feel like it." Well, these are just a few of my best alibis; hope you can use some of them. I'd have written you some more but "I been sick."

Poor Little Toughie!

He's a "tough guy". He can prove it too. Listen to him! Did you ever hear any "tougher" talk? His words would blister anything. They flow from his lips freely, swiftly, and senselessly. Notice the blistered lips?

See how he stands—feet apart, hands in pockets, head tilted arrogantly. His stance points up his speech.

His words have little meaning, and they repeat themselves constantly and inanely, but they are hard and rough. They should wound deeply, but actually they have no power to hurt others. They only reflect the "filth—cluttered" mind of the speaker. He does not inspire fear—only disgust; and yes, pity.

Poor little "tough guy."

Who Cares?

How often do we think about our freedoms and carefree lives? Not very often. How often do we think about our freedom of worship? Do we think of those in the armed forces, protecting us, keeping us from harm? Probably we don't even care; thinking of no one but ourselves. Do we take time to give

a prayer for them, or do we even pray? Do students in our school go to church? I would say a great percent stay at home. Are they lazy or do they think it is "sissie" to go to church?

I go to church because I like to, I was taught to, and I am God-fearing. What about you?

"From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow"

By Willy Laxton

Most of us have heard that old saying "From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow". But do you know what it could mean? Around Widen High School, people are taking pencils, paper, books and the like out of other peoples desks. How do we know that these petty thieves will not turn out to be Masters of the Skill? The student (the acron) might keep taking small items that are not of much

value. Before he knows it, this has become a habit. Taking small items no longer bothers his conscience an it gradually leads to larger things. Maybe after graduation it won't be like the Principal getting on you, There are laws to protect other peoples' property. Stealing a car brings a Prison sentence. Then you will look back to those school days. Then you realize what the saying means. Instead of an acorn, you're now a mighty Oak.

Club News

By Charlotte & Jimmy

The Footlighters are planning a dinner-dance for April 13. The affair will honor guests of the club members. Dinner will be served at the Legion Hall, and dancing will follow. This is to be the first of what the club hopes to become an annual affair.

The Student Council has been discussing the reports of workshops that were held at the annual Student Council Convention at Jackson's Mill last October. Some of the subjects were:

1. Student Council Projects.
2. How to publicize our council projects.

The Council sponsored a movie, "Bachelor's Daughter", for the students of Widen High School.

Miss Bailes' Art Club is now doing water painting, and prospective art

Chorus Club, under the direction of Mrs. Gene Taylor, has reorganized and has started working on the program for the Commencement Exercises.

Feeds The Hungry

The P.T.A. sponsored a dinner, March. 15 at the Widen High School building, from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The Menu consisted of chicken and dumplings, green beans, mashed potatoes, slaw, coffee, kool ade, cake, and rolls. The Home Room Mother's served the food.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of Cake walks, guess cake, popularity contests, bingo, and grab bags.

Mrs. Robert Elliott was in charge of plans for the affair and she was assisted by Mrs. Howard Bragg, Mrs. Fred Austin, Mrs. Ronald Butcher, Mrs. Gene George, Mrs. Bill Sizemore, and Mrs. Theodore Griffith, Jr.

Proceeds from the dinner and entertainment amounted to about \$145.

Pre-School Survey

The Widen School's P.T.A. is presently conducting a pre-school survey to determine the number of children who will enter school for the first time during the 1957-58 term.

Mrs. Richard Manning is in charge of the survey in lower Widen and, Mrs. Lewis Dodrill in upper Widen. These two members are making a house-to-house canvass. If you have children, who should be in the first grade next year, they will give you a form to fill out and also plans for "Pre-School Mothers Day."

The plans for "Pre-School Mother's Day are:

1. Beginners visit April 5 in the afternoon with the other children. First grade children to have a party for them on April 5 in the afternoon.

3. Parents to visit Mrs. Butcher's and Miss Graham's rooms where they will be asked for information to fill out pre-school survey forms.

4. Mrs. Leeson, County Health Nurse, or Mrs. Groves to give talk on physical fitness and immunization at 1:10 P. M. at the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium on Friday, April 5. Immunization dates to be set by Mrs. Susie Groves.

5. Request Mothers who attend to suggest names of other Pre-school children who are not present.

6. Stress importance of getting birth certificates immediately.

It is hoped that all mothers who have children eligible for first grade will bring them to school during the afternoon on Friday, April 5, 1957, and that they will attend the health and immunization meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

It is very important that all children in the first grade have their diphtheria shots and be vaccinated against small pox before they enter school. In addition to being immunized they must also have a birth certificate which shows they will be six years old on or before February 1, 1958.

New Arrivals

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vankirk of Swandale are cuddling a brand new son born February 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Triplett of Widen have a new daughter, born March 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Frame also of Widen have a new son, born March 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson (Virginia Samples) have a new six pound, fifteen ounce son at their house in Widen. The little fellow appeared December 10th but has not been officially introduced until now.

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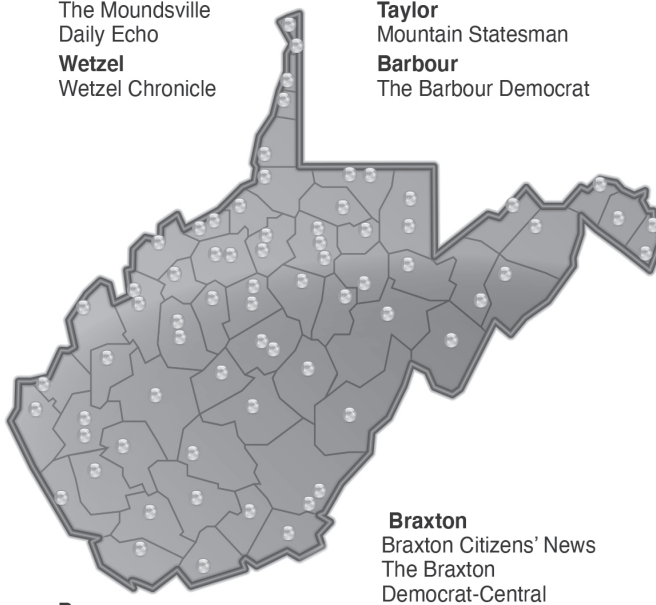


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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 10, 2002, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Document No. 9952, in Book No. 104, at Page 204, Lewis Sherman Mullins and Catherine J Mullins did convey unto James B Crawford III, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-1 to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse in Clay, West Virginia, on March 7, 2023 at 2:30 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Henry District, Clay County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract of land, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in Henry District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone at the northern edge of State Route 36, corner to Paul Hopkins tract, thence S. 26-42W., 214.09' to a point, thence S. 23-59 W., 97.41' to a point, thence S. 18-45 W., 50.20' to a point, thence leaving said right of way and crossing parent tract; N. 43-21 W., passing a 1/2" iron rod set at 28.32' to a total distance of 214.42' to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence N. 39-25 E., 54.33' to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence N 48-12 E., 86.42' to a 16" poplar; thence S. 55-54 E., 23/77' to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence N. 31-32 E., 123.49' to a fence post; thence N. 39-32 E., passing a 1/2" iron rod set at 38.74' a total distance of 47.86' to a point in Hopkins line, said point being S. 56-31-10 E. 11.49 from a 12" White Walnut; thence S. 56-31-10 E., passing an iron rod found at 83.76 acres, a total distance of 102.48' to the place of beginning, containing 1.11 acres, more or less, and more fully described on a plat prepared by Wallace J. Board Land Surveying, dated the 24th day of October, 1994, and titled "Map prepared for Roy G. Mullins, Job No. 94-486".

Map # 13
Parcel # 762

The Grantors further reserve a twenty foot right of way over, through and across the property hereby conveyed, said right of way set out and shown on that certain map referenced hereinabove and said right of way shall be for the benefit of the Grantors, their heirs, assigns, successors in title and legal representatives and be ingress and egress to the residue property owned by the Grantors of which this conveyance is a part, and said right of way shall run with the land and binding on the Grantees, their heirs, assigns, successors in title and legal representatives.

The Grantors further reserve a twenty foot right of way over, through and across the property hereby conveyed, said right of way being located from the right of way reserved hereinabove unto the residential home site now situate on the residue of said property, and said right of way shall be for the benefit of the Grantors, their heirs, assigns, successors in title and legal representatives and be ingress and egress to said residential home site on the residue property owned by the Grantors of which this conveyance is a part, and said right of way shall run with the land and binding on the Grantees, their heirs, assigns, successors in title and legal representatives. This conveyance is made subject to the same reservations and exceptions set out and referred to in deeds in the chain of title hereto.

This conveyance is made subject to any out conveyance, easements, rights of way, and any other reservation and exceptions of record in said clerk's Office in chain of title of the property hereby conveyed and is further subject to any state of facts which a reasonable inspection of the premise might reveal.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 2853 Wallback Rd, Wallback, WV 25285.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$5000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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DISTRICT HENRY MAP 15 PARCEL 0044 00003001

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$ 288.67
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$ 385.62
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 845.84
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 130.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County.	\$ 1,650.84
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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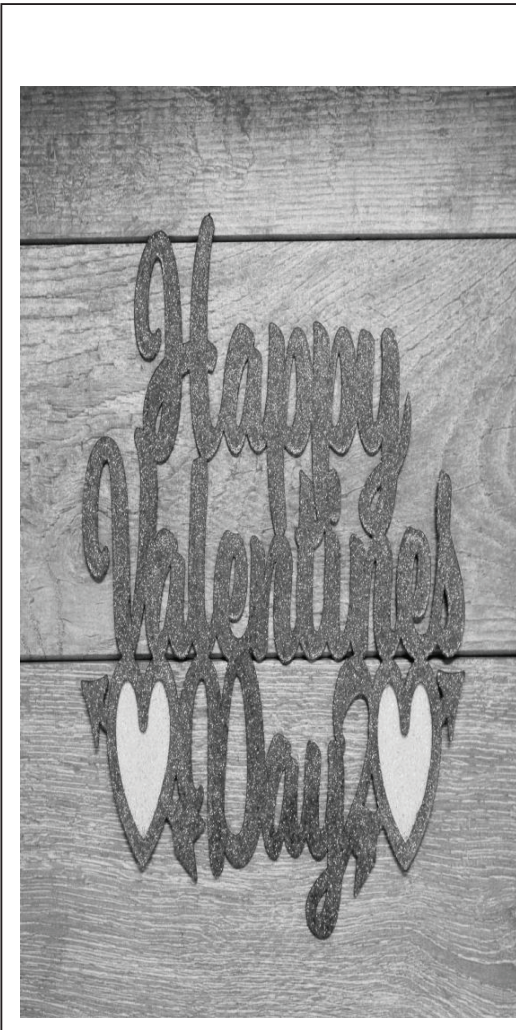
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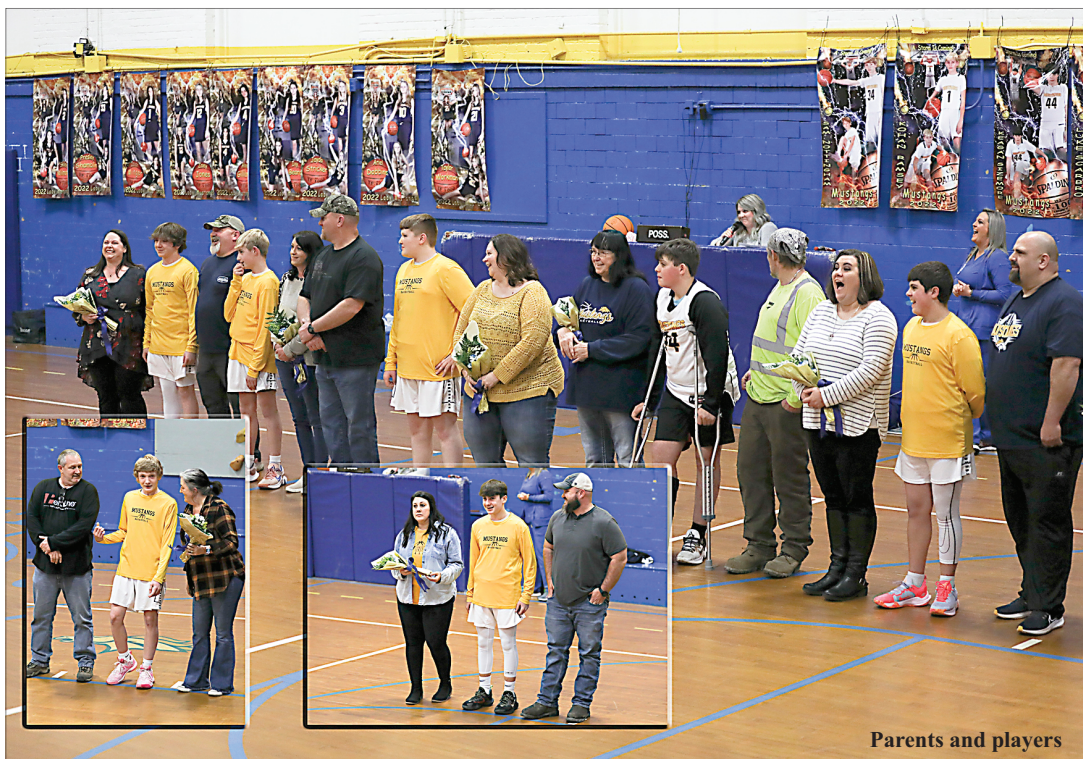
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SPORTS

Eighth grade night for the Mustangs



Parents and players

By Allen Hamrick

Mustang basketball held their 8th grade send off at home on Tuesday night against Summersville. The gym was packed as fans watched many of the players that would

play one of their last games at home. These boys have fought tooth and nail for the fans all season giving us full send games as well as sending a few of the teams home with get well soon cards. For their

8th grade night, they drew one of the toughest teams in the league -Summersville Middle School. In the opening of the game, it looked as if the Mustangs would give Summersville a great game, but early in-



Kohan Ramsey sinks two points.



Joel Elliot looks for two points.

dication was that the Mustangs were having trouble getting the ball to fall. They were still landing a few shots, however, and keeping the game in reach. They were playing some great defense early on and the normal high scoring Bears were having a tough time getting open looks at the net. As the breaks would have it, though, the Mustangs were also getting the shots but just couldn't land

them and go net to net with the Bears. In the end, it was the Bears over the Mustangs by the score of 48-19. It was a tough loss, but there are still some games left to play in the season. They will take on George Washington for their last regular season game on Monday night at home. Their CWVAC tournament will begin on February 24th and will be held at Braxton. Go Mustangs!

Lady Mustangs take down Ravenswood

By Allen Hamrick

To catch up on the Lady Mustangs season, they met their Waterloo this week as they came face to face with two juggernauts - the Lady Bears of Summersville and the Lady Demonettes of Ravenswood. In their first meeting this season, the Lady Mustangs had a rough time against the Lady Bears and this time would be no different. The Lady Mustangs just couldn't find a line to the net and broke down on their defense under the net allowing the Lady Bears scoring opportunities. It is not to say that the Lady Mustangs didn't have scoring opportunities; they just couldn't clean the net. When the smoke cleared, it was the Lady Bears over the Lady Mustangs 19-41.

It was the Lady D's to hit the hardwood next, and it would be a barn burner. The Lady Mustangs, still tasting the last loss, were up for a fight. The JV teams hit the maple first, and it was a scorcher for both teams as they went back and forth on the boards. With just a few seconds left, the Lady Mustang JV attempted their last couple of shots at a win but just couldn't get the ball to sink. However, it was a great game, and with that being said, the Varsity team came out swinging in their



Skiley Wilmoth squares up for three points.

matchup and delivered a big uppercut to the chin of the Lady D's. Both teams came out firing, but both defenses were pounding the offenses at will. There was no love lost as both teams wrestled standing up and on the floor as much as the ball did. It was an all out assault on both boards to win the game. The Lady D's had just one loss on the season against Wirt County before tying up the gloves and going toe to toe against the Lady Mustangs. It was a tough game offen-



Zaiah Minger looks for two points.

sively as both defenses played a big part in who would win the game. It wasn't a high scoring game but you couldn't go anywhere and find a more exciting one.

In the 4th period, the score stood at 20-20 as time was running out and both teams were losing teeth trying to score the winning shot. However, that shot never came in regular play. It was gloves off for a bare knuckle brawl in over time. The game went into fever status as the fans watched with pure raw emotion as the Lady Mustangs went to work. Skiley Wilmoth, the Lady Mustang clean-up hitter, hit the shot heard all the way to Ravenswood, scoring the go ahead



Zoey Jones on a fast break

two points. Before time ran out for the Lady D's, they hit for one foul shot but it wasn't enough as the death knell sounded. It was a long way to drive just to get stomped, but the Lady D's had to drive back knowing they had been in a fight for survival. The Lady Mustangs now move on to the CWVAC tournament in Braxton where they will meet up with the Lady Knights. A win here moves them on in the tournament, and a loss for either team sends them packing. The next time these girls hit the floor let's hope they got the bugs worked out with their shooting. They have the talent and now just need the luck. Go Lady Mustangs!

Noah Casto achieves his 150th win and also captures LKC Championship

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther wrestling team attended a duals meet at Hoover on Thursday evening and also traveled to Wirt County for the LKC Championships on Saturday. First up was the Hoover Duals, and it would be a tough, uphill fight for a win here for the Panthers. Hoover, Sissonville, Roane and Clay competed in the event, and the Panthers did pretty well despite not having a full team. However, the highlight for the Panthers of the evening was Noah Casto who achieved the 150th win of his career at CCHS. The personal record of 150 wins is just short of the school record held by his brother Colton Casto. That record could be broken before this season is over as he has continued winning, not only his next match but more before the week was over. Casto went on to Wirt County for the LKC championship and earned another championship. Noah Casto has been a feared wrestler every time he steps on the mats, a wrestler who will go down in history as one of the school's top ten of all time. There is no doubt he will make heads spin at the Regional championships in Lewis County this weekend. Also winning big was Zane Minger who earlier in the season surpassed 100 wins and is well on his way to make a charge for the school record.



Zane Minger - LKC champion at 125 lbs

urday. The Panthers are a good team but still have a ways to go before they are in championship form again. Some of the toughest teams in the state are in the LKC, and this year they had some talent to go head to head with. Most of the Panther team put up a good fight and two of them went into the final round. Noah Casto and Zane Minger both won the LKC Championship, and James Sears wrestled and took 4th place. The team placed 7th overall with 14 teams participating. Braxton ran away with the tournament taking first place. The Panthers will be at Lewis County High School for regional competition this Saturday. This will determine who goes to the state championships. The top four finishers in each weight bracket will move on. Congratulations to Noah Casto and Zane Minger for taking first, James Sears for taking fourth, and the rest of the team. Go Panthers!

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