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Lady Mustangs Earn All-Conference, All-Tournament Honors



Skiley Wilmoth - CWVAC All-Tournament Team; Liv Gilliland and Zoey Jones - CWVAC All-Conference Team.

The Clay County Lady Mustangs basketball season came to an end this week as they were defeated 31-23 on Tuesday night by the Braxton County Lady Eagles, eliminating them from the CWVAC tournament. The teams split during the regular season. This important game was close throughout, as the regular season games had been, with the Lady Mustangs having a five-point lead as late as the last two minutes of the third quarter. However, they were unable to hold on. Despite the disappointing loss, the team had a successful season, finishing with 9 wins and 8 losses. They won some tough matchups, lost a couple games by less than three points, and had beaten two of the Final Four teams during the regular season.

for the consolation and championship games that day, the CWVAC put on a Skills Competition. Two players are selected from each team in the conference to compete in a free throw contest and a three-point contest. The Lady Mustangs had an in-house challenge of their own to determine who would represent the team at the Skills Competition. The players who made the most shots at the in-house competition, combined with regular season shooting averages, were the winners. Ariel Dobbins and Zoey Jones won the in-house free throw contest, and Liv Gilliland and Skiley Wilmoth won the in-house three-point challenge. As Wilmoth was unable to attend, alternate Layla Parker shot for the Lady Mustangs. Each of the four made a very respectable showing and represented

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Left side top to bottom- 4th grade winners , 5th grade winners. Right side top to bottom- 8th grade winners, 7th grade winners and 6th grade winners.

2023 Clay County Math field day held

By Allen Hamrick

Over the past couple of weeks, students from elementary, middle and high school, grades 4 through 12, competed for the honor to represent their school and county at the Regional Math Field Day for Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Putnam counties on February 28, 2023, on the campus of the University of Charleston. With a written test, mental math exercises, an estimation computation event and physical estimation questions, students showcased their math skills and earned bragging rights as the best math students that Clay County has to offer.

These boys and girls put a lot of thought and expertise on the table to bring home the trophy and to take math to the next level. Congratulations to them all!

Fourth grade results are: 1st place Colton Hersman, Clay Elementary, 2nd place Carson Brown, Clay Elementary, 3rd place Silas Corwell, Clay Elementary, Alternate Sophia Boggs, Big Otter Elementary.

Fifth grade results are: 1st place William Fields, H.

E. White Elementary, 2nd place Jackson Cantrell, Big Otter Elementary, 3rd place Trenton Parker, Big Otter Elementary, Alternate Chloe Campbell, Big Otter Elementary.

Clay Middle School results are 6th grade 1st place Adam Canfield, 2nd place Alex Holcomb, 3rd place Autumn Rapp, Alternate Alex Jennings; 7th grade 1st place Gabe Shamblin, 2nd place Matthew Neely, 3rd place Cooper Collins, Alternate Daniel Roberts; 8th grade 1st place Sophia Berberich, 2nd place Brody Scarbro, 3rd place Adrian Davison, Alternate Shane Vaughan.

Ninth grade students representing Clay County High School are 1st place Luke Hill, 2nd place Jaxon Brown, 3rd place Emma Hartshorn, Alternate Matt Shelton. The 10th - 12th grade team is comprised of Isaac Brown, Trey Lindenthal, Earle Boggs, Dylan McCumbers, Madison Paxton, Kirsten Woods, Claudia Vera, Evie Young, Mikia Bartsch, and Olivia Berberich. Best wishes to these students as they compete for regional honors. Go Math!

Military training company CMI2 finds a home in Clay County

By Allen Hamrick

Ever since the beginning of this country, common folks like you and I grabbed pitch forks, old farm muskets and whatever else could be found to defend our keep and our country. Our freedoms have been relentlessly pursued and will always be until our freedom is abused to the point that there is no foundation of the human life forfeited for it. Soldiers throughout the years have stood in the field facing the enemy with nothing but a knife and a gun, charging into a hail of gun fire and going toe to toe with the best equipment they had at the time at the price of their life. In every war, every conflict the United States has been involved in, from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan, our military has evolved and continues to evolve into the greatest fighting force in the world. We have overcome many obstacles to get there. When the Germans built the Panzer,

the greatest tank in the world during WWII that was said to be unbeatable, the American fighting force overcame that obstacle by utilizing the smaller tanks they had to defeat them, though inferior to what they were up against. They are the ones that remained dedicated to the people, to their oath to defend at all costs the Constitution of the United States, and at all costs they did. Freedom and liberty for you and me at home was a cause to squash the oppressors who would try to deny their country and their people those rights.

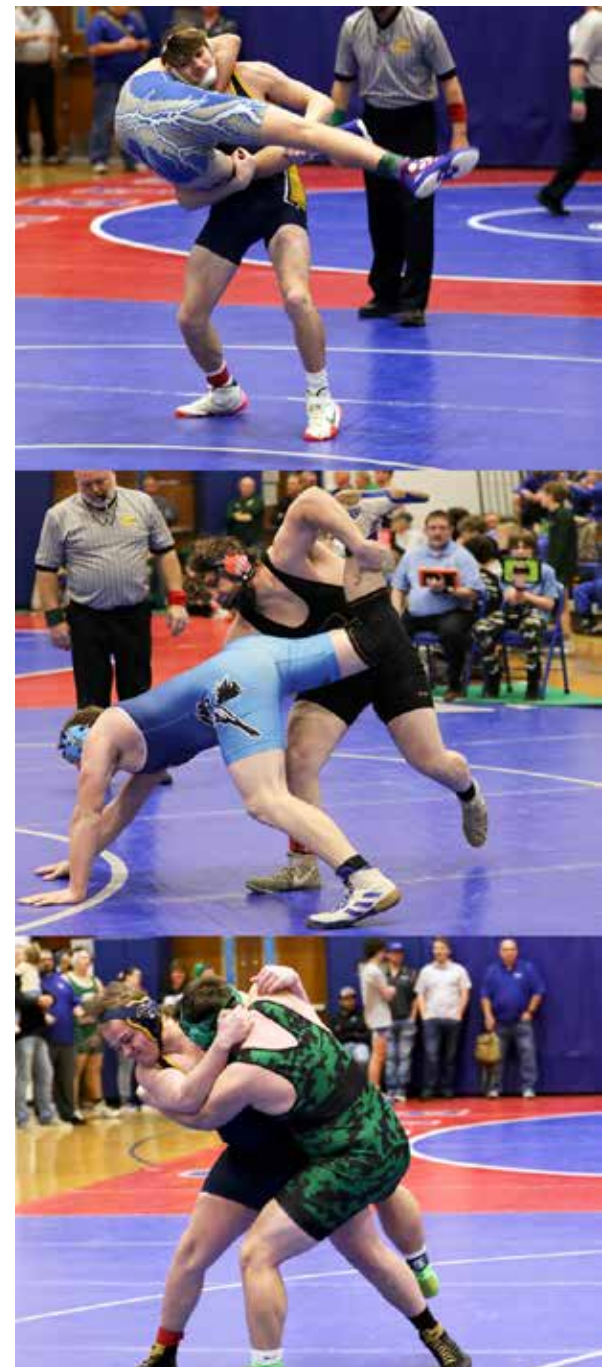
There is a reason we are the best. Our force is highly trained every day to be the best by some of the highest qualified individuals in their respective fields. They have top of the line equipment, from boots to battleships, made by the best companies in the world that allow our men and women to become the most feared military in the world.

Creating and testing to create better equipment for the soldier in the field and in the air is paramount to stay ahead of the game. There has to be training facilities that mimic battle zone areas like the forest, cliffs, fields, houses, bunkers, tunnels, or towns our soldiers may encounter. The United States military is some of the best trained to go into situations where hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunamis have decimated a region. During those types of disasters a collaboration between the military and the first responders - fire, EMT / paramedics and law enforcement are often the rule of the day. They train in the same techniques although in different areas with different means. That is until now.

Nestled in the hills between Clay and Nicholas County at the old Fola Coal site is an up and coming training facility like no other. The Civil-Military Institute (CMI2) has been breaking ground on what will become not only the top training facility in the United States for military and civil entities but, by their very presence, a great opportunity for Clay County to grow into a community that will be a point of interest for travelers and people looking for a place to spend a vacation. Construction began roughly eight months ago, and they are well on their way to finish construction this year. CMI2, along with SAAB, provide for the creation and testing of the newest in military technology ranging from field testing war time

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Panthers send six wrestlers to the state finals



Top to bottom- Zane Minger, Noah Casto and Ethan "Spike" Morris

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BOOKED

CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

BRAXTON COUNTY



Christopher Wayne Hoffman
Booked 2/13/23
Possession with intent



Matthew Todd Knight
Booked 2/13/23
Grand larceny, breaking and entering



David Michael Tinney Jr.
Booked 2/18/23
Child abuse with injury, malicious assault

CLAY COUNTY



Calvin Lee Bryant
Booked 2/17/23
Driving while license suspended/revoked



Roger Dale Rogers
Booked 2/16/23
Defective equipment, driving suspended, no insurance, driving revoked for DUI third, operating an ATV on a center line road



Russell Swatz Schoolcraft
Booked 2/18/23
Warrant, possession of a controlled substance

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Patrick James Huffman
Booked 2/18/23
Family court Capias



Megan Felicia Kolker
Booked 2/14/23
Fraudulent schemes, grand larceny, financial exploitation of an elderly person



Robert William Phillips
Booked 2/14/23
Capias, domestic battery second offense



Jacob Levi Talbert
Booked 2/19/23
Conspiracy



Emerson Lee Terry
Booked 2/15/23
Capias

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Girl Scouts donate nearly 2,000 packages of nuts, candy to local veteran orgs



The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond partners with the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers Association, a service organization of women who have lost sons and daughters in the military, and the West Virginia National Guard Foundation to distribute nuts and candies to the military. WVGSMAs distributes to VA hospitals, nursing homes, disabled and paralyzed veterans, and more.

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The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond partners with the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers Association, a service organization of women who have lost sons and daughters in the military, and the West Virginia National Guard Foundation to distribute candy and nuts to the military as part of the Fall Product Program. These organizations distribute the treats to VA hospitals, nursing homes, disabled and paralyzed veterans, and more.

“Girl Scouts are passionate about giving back to their communities. The Fall Product Program helps teach Girl Scouts key entrepreneurial skills, and the donation portion of that helps show how important it is to give back” said Beth Casey, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. “We are proud to partner with these organizations and work together to help make the world a better place.”

The West Virginia Gold Star Mothers Association traveled to The Girl Scout Black Diamond Council in Charleston to pick up and load the donations for delivery on Feb. 14. There were approximately 1,860 products donated via Care

to Share.

The Girl Scouts sell cookies in the spring, and nuts and candy in the fall. As part of these sales programs, customers have an opportunity to purchase products for themselves, as well as contribute a donation to the Care to Share program, which uses the donations to purchase products to send to military members.

“This program is a great way to connect Girl Scouts and veterans,” said Shirley White, past president and current first vice president of the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers. “The Girl Scouts work hard to sell candy and nuts, and they are able to see how that helps

benefit our service personnel. And, of course, our veterans are happy for that relationship - as well as the treats!”

Through the Care to Share program, Girl Scouts across the country have used Girl Scout products to show their appreciation for men and women in uniform or to support those in need in their local communities. Girls choose an organization they want to benefit and give customers the opportunity to purchase additional products as a donation. With this program, even customers who don’t purchase nuts and candy for themselves can give to others and support Girl Scouting at the same time.

Super Crossword

Answers

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AMARNA	EAU	CONTAINING	
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EMTS	WOODTRIM	RNA	
COFFEE	FLAVORED	LIQUEUR	
LAI	TWOLITER	SNUB	
ATLAS	SSNS	PATIENCE	
WHATWAS	THEFOR	STREAM	
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REPLY	FROMTHE	BARTENDER	
AREA	SLOMO	EMO	DEF
SATYRS	IDIOM	CENTURY	
SST	IHAVENT	GOTAKAHLUA	
LEA	MARILU	RHODE	ELLY
ERG	SWEATS	SOWED	RYES

Answer

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5	3	4	6	7	1	8	9	2
8	2	5	4	9	7	6	1	3
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Public Notices

The Clay County Middle School after-school 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!

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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Two Pills*By Joseph J. Mazzella*

I don't spend very much time on the internet these days. Oh, I check out what my family and friends are doing on Facebook, enjoy a funny video or two, and take in an inspirational post. I try to stay away, however, from the hateful, angry talk, the politics, the arguments, the bullying, the lies, the conspiracy theories that are everywhere online. They can eat away at your soul.

I did see one interesting post the other day, though. It was like a moment from a science fiction movie. Under the question: "What would you do?" you saw two hands. One was holding a red pill and one was holding a blue pill. If you took the red pill you could restart your life at 6 years of age with all the knowledge you have now. If you took the blue pill you got \$10 million dollars in cash. It took me about half a second to decide to take the red pill.

If I were 6 years old again, knowing what I know now, I would run across our old swinging bridge after school, burst through the front door, hug my Mom and tell her just how much I love her. Then I would do the same with my Nana. I would even risk embarrassing my Dad by giving him a huge hug when he got home from work. They are all in Heaven now and I still miss them every single day. I'd try not to change any of my life's choices. I would still want my life to turn out like it is today. The only change I would make would be how I felt inside. To relive my life with a heart full of thankfulness, a soul overflowing with love, to be free from fear and full of joy, to be full of wisdom and appreciation would have made every day of that life a blessing for me and a gift for Our Father in Heaven.

Of course there is no magic pill that will let me relive the last 50 years of my life, so I will do my best to instead live my remaining time here with all the love, laughter, goodness, gratitude, joy, kindness, and light I can. After all, that 6 year old still lives inside of me and I do have now all the knowledge I have gained over this lifetime.

May you always live your life with the heart of a child and the knowledge of the wise. May you share your love, your learning, your kindness, and your joy with everyone you meet. May you embrace each day as a gift from God and live it like your gift to God.

THE FREEPRESS

'50's and '60's

ROCK 'N' ROLL TRIVIA

His real name was Robert Velline and his original group was called The Shadows. He recorded a number of top ten songs including "Devil or Angel," "Rubber Ball," "Take Good Care of My Baby" and others. We know him as who?

Answer to last week's Trivia: The Canadian best known as a television star of a series that ran for 14 years on NBC, was the chief news broadcaster for the CBC, and had a #1 hit in 1964 was: Lorene Greene of Bonanza and his song was: "Ringo" (Dec. 1964).

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THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM*Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Immersion Is Halfway There**

Years ago, I baptized a young man who was a little scared of going under the water, but we are Baptists, and that's kind of our thing. I don't believe the ordinance confers grace but testifies and pictures something that has occurred already in the life of the believer. Hence, the way we baptize is essential. Those who sprinkle or pour have their reasons, but it has more to do with the continuity of the covenants than the Biblical example. In that view, baptism does something to the individual rather than baptism testifying of something already received. The mode isn't as important as the performing of the sacrament. Our differences go much deeper than sprinkling water upon the head or putting the body under the water.

History records a long bloody trail of persecution centering around baptism. Many have been imprisoned, whipped, fined, and even put to death for their view on the ordinance. But as far as I know, few, if any, have died in the process. Thus, it wasn't on my radar to be concerned about the man making it out of the waters alive. Leading up to the service, we talked a lot about the meaning and the picture. When I explained what would happen, I emphasized going under the water. He, on the other hand, didn't care so much about going all the way under. His main objective was getting back out. It wasn't that he was afraid of water. He was nervous

about going under and staying down there. The moment arrived, and I lowered him with solemnity, panic struck the man, and up came the leg. The leg went down, but the arm came up, then the other arm. All solemnity had passed, and an outside observer would have guessed that I was trying to drown the poor man rather than perform an ancient rite

Immersion is necessary for baptism. Baptist stress the need for going all the way under. But after that day, I realized coming back up out of the water is equally important, especially for the one going down. We are "buried with him in baptism into death," but Christ didn't remain buried, and neither do we. Christ was "raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father." Coming out of the water pictures walking in the newness of life now and the blessed hope of resurrection. Baptism testifies that we are dead to sin (going under the water) and now alive in Christ (coming back up). It testifies that we are free from sin because Christ died in our place and rose from the dead. Thus, our sins are paid for, and we are freed from sin. We died with Christ, and now we live with him (Romans 6:1-11).

There was no need to fear going underwater. I wasn't going to leave him there. Baptism pictures a death, and no one wants to die, but it also pictures a resurrection, and I know Christ will not leave me in the grave.

If I'm Not Crazy Nobody Is*Dr. James L. Snyder*

Last Sunday, we were driving to our Sunday morning church service and encountered a lot of crazy drivers. As The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was driving, I kept my cool and, more importantly, my mouth closed.

Every once in a while, she would say, "What's wrong with these crazy drivers?"

I could tell she was a little agitated by these drivers swaying in and out of the lanes.

"Why are people so crazy when they are driving? How did they get a driver's license?"

Certainly, I could have enhanced the conversation, but I knew I would not come out on the winning side. There are times when a person should just keep their mouth shut. After all these years as a husband, I am learning more about keeping my mouth shut.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has often looked at me and said, "Are you crazy or what?"

You don't know how often I wanted her to define what she meant by "or what." But, of course, I'm not sure I would have liked her definition at that time.

I'm unsure if I was born crazy or just learned it as I grew up. But the facts remain that I am crazy in a variety of ways.

It would be nice to sit down with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and get her to explain how she thinks I am crazy. I'm not sure she could ever stop talking about it if I did.

Some people's crazy is another person's lifestyle. So I'm leaning towards the latter.

Not long ago, she had to go thrift store shopping which would take up most of her day. I was rather excited because I've been thinking about getting an Apple Fritter for several weeks. These are not on my diet, and I'm not allowed to bring them into the house.

A few minutes after she left, I jumped in my truck, went, got an Apple Fritter and brought it home. I was in Apple Fritter heaven.

On my third bite of that Apple Fritter, I heard the front door open, and in walked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She stopped, looked at me with both hands on her hips, and said, "Are you crazy or what? You're not allowed to have Apple Fritters, especially in this house."

Well, when you're crazy, I guess you're crazy.

I've been thinking about this, and the thought that has dominated my thinking is, what's so wrong about being crazy? Some of the best people I know are crazy.

Driving home from church about three weeks ago, some old man on a motorcycle was weaving back and forth, passing cars. When he passed us, he was smiling like a really crazy man.

When my wife saw him, she looked at me and said,

Home Country*Slim Randles*

Mrs. Forrest has always been a compulsive feeder. Before she retired, she was cooking for the Mule Barn truck stop's customers, and is singularly responsible for about three flabby tons of avoirdupois on this nation's truck drivers, and may have been marginally responsible, third-hand, for a cardiac event or two.

But now she's retired, and a widow, and her kids all have kids and are scattered like a covey of quail. Local bachelors of a certain age know if they should just happen to be chatting with Mrs. Forrest on her front lawn along about supper time, there's a dang-near dead certainty they'll get a meal out of it.

And, through the magic of telepathic communication and the synchronistic wave lengths of humanity, the message about Mrs. Forrest's unstoppable feeding compulsion had somehow reached the psyches of the homeless.

At any rate, two of the aforementioned drifters had knocked on Mrs. Forrest's door and asked if there were any chores she needed done in exchange for some food.

Well, you should've seen her eyes light up at that question. She said she had a bunch of firewood that needed to be split into kindling and if they didn't mind doing that, she'd fix them a chicken dinner with cream gravy. Mrs. Forrest puts cream gravy on everything.

So she busied herself in the kitchen, and then went out to see how these fellows were doing. And there, leaning on an axe handle, was one of them, and the other was doing gymnastics in and around the woodpile. It was amazing. He'd come out of a round-off flip flop and then gracefully go into a full layout Sukuhara with a right-hand twist. She watched in awe for a few minutes before whispering to this gymnast's partner.

"I had no idea your friend was an acrobat," she whispered.

He looked at her and whispered back, "Neither did I 'til I cracked him on the shin with this axe."

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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.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was

born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the *West Virginia Hillbilly*, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The Legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

Feb. 27, 1871: The Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

Feb. 28, 1831: Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier, and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Feb. 28, 1858: McDowell County, the southern-

most county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.

March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The Legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. In 1937, he became West Virginia's 20th governor.

OBITUARIES

Sandra Kay Gill, 71, of Duck, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2023 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born July 7, 1951 in Charleston, WV to the late Romas Jefferson Laxton and Margaret Jean Duncan Laxton.

Sandy was preceded in death by her husband of 24 years, Stephen Blaine Gill, and her brother, Ernie Laxton.

A homemaker, she loved her family and enjoyed being around her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She liked to watch television and her favorite shows were *Murder She Wrote*, *Monk*, and *Little House On The Prairie*. She will be truly missed.

Sandy's memory will be cherished by her daughters, Stephanie Gray and husband Gary of Duck, and Tanya Hall and husband Dwayne of Sutton; six grandchildren; two brothers; and five sisters. She is also survived by her ten great-grandchildren and one expecting great-grandson; several nieces and nephews, and several great nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was 1 P.M. Wednesday, Feb-

ruary 15, 2023 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Gary Gray officiating. Interment followed in the Gill Cemetery, Harrison.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Special thanks to Kanawha Hospice of Charleston for their compassionate care of Sandy.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Walter Alan Boggs passed away at Rockland Ridge Nursing Home, Belpre, Ohio on February 15, 2023.

He was born July 2, 1938, at Big Otter, West Virginia, son of Walter and Minnie Delaney Boggs.

He was a member of Vanderhoof Baptist Church, Coolville, OH where he served as Deacon for many years, as well as the fifth and sixth grade teacher for Sunday School. He was a retired teacher from Wood County, WV, teaching elementary students at both Tygart and Franklin Schools. He served as President of WCEA

before retiring in June of 1998.

He survived by his wife, Leanna Moore Boggs; children, Norma Cooper (Jerry), Bryan Boggs, and Jacqueline Boggs (Tom Hale); grandchildren, Dina Boggs Comb (Beth), Britney Boggs Smith (Sean) and Devan Boggs (Andrea Horner), and Owen and Olivia Hale; great-grandchildren Lennon and Louie Combs; one great-great grandson Wyatt Smith; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, James and Darrell Boggs; his sisters, Leoma Short, Jean Baker, and Louetta Fields (Harald); and his daughter-in-law, Diamond Jaconetti Boggs.

Graveside services were held at the Boggs Cemetery, Clay County, with Rev. Daniel Tanner officiating, at 1:00 p.m. on February 22, 2023.

The family would like to thank all those at Rockland Nursing Home, Belpre, OH for their wonderful care of Walter Alan over the past year.

Alan was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Super Crossword

TOTALLY OUT OF IT

ACROSS

- 1 Four-string guitar
- 5 Bits of land in el agua
- 10 Luca Brasi in "The Godfather," e.g.
- 16 Soft infant food
- 19 Life — know it
- 20 New Mexico or Colorado county
- 21 Useless
- 22 Division of history
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Mantra syllables
- 27 Old-time cleaning cake
- 28 Tennis' Safin
- 29 Not skilled in at all
- 31 Heavy weight
- 32 All — sudden
- 35 Spoken
- 37 French movie theater
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 44 President Biden
- 45 Speaks
- 46 Singer Turner
- 47 Tell el — (Nile excavation site)

- 50 It fills la mer
- 51 Riddle, part 3
- 57 Becomes familiar with anew
- 59 Per-unit price
- 60 Mortise insertion
- 61 Ambulance VIPs
- 62 Decorative dashboard finish
- 66 Chain in biology
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 73 China's Chou En- —
- 74 Like many soda bottles, volume-wise
- 75 Purposely ignore
- 76 Book of charts
- 79 IRS form IDs
- 80 "— is a virtue"
- 84 Riddle, part 5
- 87 In honor of
- 89 Small river
- 90 — -mutuel betting
- 91 Oxygen-requiring bacterium
- 93 Start for center or Pen
- 94 End of the riddle

- 102 Square yardage, e.g.
- 103 Instant replay option
- 104 Expressive rock genre
- 105 — Leppard (rock band)
- 106 Mythical man-goats
- 109 "In the red," e.g.
- 111 Division of history
- 115 Concorde, e.g., in brief
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 120 Grassland (rock band)
- 121 Henner of "Taxi"
- 122 — Island (Providence's state)
- 123 Old TV's —
- 124 Work Clampett May unit
- 125 Workout wear
- 126 Planted
- 127 Some deli loaves

- 6 Leave for a short time
- 7 Spy novelist Deighton
- 8 Exhibit works
- 9 "... or — told"
- 10 Drag racer
- 11 New York home of Cornell
- 12 Relative of a stickpin
- 13 Raging crowd
- 14 PDQ's cousin
- 15 Emperor after Claudius I
- 16 City on the Illinois River
- 17 Ralph Lauren competitor
- 18 Pale hue
- 24 Actress Skye
- 25 Main parts of churches
- 30 Fuel rating
- 33 Galas
- 34 On the Red, e.g.
- 36 Former senator Trent
- 38 Open slightly
- 39 City in Alaska
- 40 Four-piece band
- 41 Writer Capote, to pals
- 42 Org. in many spy novels
- 43 Make a ski mask, maybe

- 48 Lagoon surround
- 49 Christen
- 51 Core group
- 52 Frisky swimmer
- 53 Uncool sort
- 54 About
- 55 Lower-class, to Brits
- 56 Growl threateningly
- 58 Warning initials above an internet link
- 59 Hair bases
- 62 Actress Kate of "Grey's Anatomy"
- 63 Of sheep
- 64 "Casablanca" woman
- 65 Prized buy for a coin collector
- 67 Nail on a paw
- 68 Pledge
- 69 Brand of sneakers
- 70 Didn't win
- 71 Hang it up
- 72 App that asks "Where to?"
- 77 Frolicking
- 78 Move back and forth
- 80 Open tourney, often

- 81 Necessarily
- 82 Sleeveless cloak
- 83 Arabian chief
- 85 Pooch noise
- 86 Misters
- 87 Agent's cut
- 88 "... there — square"
- 91 Something hilarious
- 92 Fabric with raised designs
- 94 Grapple with, slangily
- 95 Slate clearer
- 96 Attachment to a dog or cat collar
- 97 "House" actress Wilde
- 98 Old-time Ford
- 99 NASA countdown term
- 100 Ferber of fiction
- 101 — regions (Hades)
- 107 Crater edges
- 108 Novelist Irwin
- 110 Corp. VIPs
- 112 Squeezed (out)
- 113 Be in power
- 114 Jubilant cries
- 117 Exist
- 118 "So that's your trick!"
- 119 Wrecker's job

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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

March, 1957

Seniors Choose Comedy Entertainment

Something different, something new is the cry that goes up from all community groups when seeking a new play and the senior players believe they have found just that in, "His Name Was Aunt Nellie," the New York success which has now been released for am-

The entire cast is as follows:

Archie Baldwin	.....	Gordon Butcher
Bertha, his wife	.....	Dorothy Ashley
Sheila, his daughter, aged 19	.....	Barbara Butcher
Fred, his son, aged 17	.....	Emil Ashley
Joyce, another daughter, aged 15	.....	Lois Ann Rapp
Cleo, Their colored Maid,	.....	Relda Jean Nettles
Ed Saunders, a neighbor	.....	Larry Sigman
Mabel, his wife,	.....	Lois Ann Sigman
Jerry Parkham, a young actor	.....	Karl Butcher
Mr. Van Dilling, President of the bank	.....	Joe Hutchinson

The play which is being coached by Miss Tressie Bailes and Mr. Calvin Reynolds, is now in rehearsal and will be presented at the Y.M.C.A. on April 11, at 8:00 p.m.

teures by Samuel French, the well known publishers.

Written by Andrew Jameson, the new play is a side-splitting farce, and tells what happens when Aunt Nellie, a gay old "lady" comes to live with her prim New England relatives, the Baldwins.

for the benefit of the seniors fund. Also the usual matinee at 2 p.m. for children and all who cannot come at night.

Special Programs For March P.T.A. Meeting

Widen P.T.A. held its monthly meeting on March 18, in the high school music room.

The Footlighters presented a program before the regular business meeting. Mrs. Ronald Brown conducted the meeting and plans were discussed for the annual primary enrollment and "Visitors Day" for the 1st grade school.

Mrs. Howard Bragg's fourth grade won the parent count. Refreshments were served in the home ec. building.

The "Footlighters" Widen High School Dramatic Club presented a variety program which consisted of three short plays, two pantomimes and a monologue was under the direction of Mrs. Leona Griffith. The were:

I. "Required: One Man" directed by Judy Shaffer and starring Ruby Holcomb, Helen Ellis, Judy LaCorte, and Joan Truman.

II. "A Prairie Romance," A pantomime featuring Ruby Holcomb, April Manning, Joan Truman, Helen Ellis, and Dawne Backus.

III. "Look Before You Leap" A play written by Mary Helen Mullins, and directed by Lillian Dodrill starring Betty Chapman, Lillian Dodrill and Mary Helen Mullins.

I. "Hisses and Kisses" A pantomime featuring Virginia Nettles, Marylen Lewis, Drema Dodrill, Helen Ellis and Linda Rapp.

III. "Mountain Magic" directed by Mitzie Bailes starring Ruby Holcomb Reba Eagle, and Dawne Backus.

Second Grade

We are thrilled by our new reading books. We are proud of our Indian handicraft exhibit.

SPORTS SPURTS

By Emil & Ronald

The Widen Buffaloes entered the Section 8B high school tournament at Genville on March 1, 1957. They were defeated by the Normantown Vikings by a score of 78 to 45. Emmanuel Bego was high point for Widen with 18 points. Henley was next with 11 points. Carl Ellis was able to get only five points. High point man for Normantown and high point of the game was McClain with 21 points. Lambert was next with 10 points. Schools that were in the tournament were as follows: Widen, Troy, Tanner, Sandfork, Normantown and Genville. Normantown defeated Sandfork on February 28 by two points. On the same night, Genville defeated Tanner, then on March 1, Genville won again by defeating Troy. On March 2, Genville and Normantown tangled to determine who would be Section 8 Champions. Although Normantown had some mighty big boys the little Genville team beat them. Genville then went to the Regional and was defeated by Jane Lew High School.

The Widen Buffaloes wish to thank all the fans that went to the game and gave their support. The Buffaloes ended there regular season with 4 wins and 10 losses. The boy's averages for the season per game are as following:

Carl Ellis scored 230 points during the season for the average of 16 points per game.

Emmanuel Bego scored 204 points during the season for the average of 15 points per game.

John Henley scored 201 points for the average of 12 points per game.

Russell Butcher scored 2 points during the season.

Karl Butcher scored 34 points during the season for the average of 2 points per game.

Paul DeMoss scored 39 points for the average of 2 points per game.

Dave Hamrick scored 24 points for the average of 1 point per game.

Grades List Contributions For The Junior Red Cross

Grade 3	Miss Parsons	\$ 4.87
Grade 2	Mrs. Elliott	3.18
Grade 5	Mrs. Austin	2.35
Grade 4	Mrs. Bragg	2.14
Grade 8	Mr. Matheny	1.66
Grade 6	Mrs. Reynolds	1.35
Grade 1	Mrs. Butcher	1.25
Grade 1	Miss Graham	1.00
Grade 7	Mrs. Sizemore	1.00
Grade 9	Mrs. Osborné	.49
Grade 10	Mrs. Griffith	.33
Grade 12	Miss Bailes	.23
Grade 11	Miss Woods	.05
		\$19.90

The following first Graders Contributed to the American Junior Red Cross:

Butcher — Mike Morris, Mike Frame, Linda Adkins, Teddy Hoover, Donna Gill, Donald Connor, Douglas Rhinehart, Danny Keen, David Phares, Jimmy Baughman, Gary Brown, Patsy Adkins, Billy Joe Napier, Lucille McKinney, Landre McKinney, Keith Butcher, Carol Paintiff, Carol Woods, Mike Triplett, Linda May Harris, Anita Woods, Johnny Russell, Janet Tinney.

Graham—Kenneth James, Gerold Wyatt, Ray Compton, Nathan Hickman, Julia Acree, Bonita King, Jimmy Haygood, Gary Douglas, Margaret Easton, Yvonne Hamilton, Anna Sizemore, Marilyn Rapp, Gene Morris, Dianna Morris, Donna Morris, Kathy Ashley Bari Bailey.

Mitzie Bailes Wins Footlighters' Award

Mitzie Bailes won the coveted Footlighter's pin for the Best Student Director.

The contest ended on March 15th when the plays were presented before the student body at general assembly.

Each contestant had chosen her own play, picked her cast, and directed the entire production.

Mitzie's play was entitled "Mountain Magic". The characters were: Dawne Backus, Ruby Holcomb, and Reba Eagle.

Judges were Mr. Harry Baer, Mr. A. R. Matheny, and Mr. Calvin Reynolds.

Sixteen of Them!

The best writers for the month of March were as follows:

First Grade	.....	Linda Adkins
		Donald Conner
First Grade	.....	Gary Douglas
		Margaret Easton
		Gerald Wyatt
Second Grade	....	Benny Conner
Third Grade	....	Sharon Manning
Fourth Grade	....	Sandra Tinney
Fifth Grade	.....	Mac Ellis, Jr.
Sixth Grade	.....	Patty Manning
		Sandra Henderson
		Joyce Houghton
		Charlene McClain
		Joanne Adkins
		Phyllis Sigman
		Joseph Potasnik

Junior High Students Win School's Acclaim

Marilyn Lewis and Johnny Kitzmiller were elected the most popular students in Widen High School by the majority vote of the student body.


The contest was sponsored by the P.T.A. in order to help raise funds for the playground equipment.

Mrs. Leona Griffith representing the P.T.A. announced the winners in assembly on March 15th and presented each of them with a small gift.

Nominees were: Marilyn Lewis and Jerle Hamrick, 7th grade; Karen Mick and Johnny Kitzmiller, 8th grade; Lora Wilson and Abraham Holmes, 9th grade; Judy LaCorte and Albert King, 10th grade; Helen Ellis and Carl Ellis, 11th grade; and Charlotte Smith and James Given, 12th grade.



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Biden-Harris Administration Provides \$902,161 to Improve Access to Jobs, Health Care and Infrastructure Across the Rural Partners Network in West Virginia

The funding will help people living in five historically underserved counties in West Virginia

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development West Virginia State Director Ryan Thorn today announced that USDA is investing \$902,161 to assist small businesses and improve access to health care and infrastructure for people in five historically underserved communities across the Rural Partners Network (RPN) in West Virginia.

“At USDA we’re committed to ensuring that our rural communities have the opportunity and resources they need to grow and prosper,” said Thorn. “This funding will help small businesses cut utility costs and find new markets for their products and it will help rural communities continue to provide critical access to health care and public safety services.”

In West Virginia, the funding will support nine projects in the following RPN counties:

West Virginia Pioneer Community Network

Braxton County
• Solar Energy Solutions, a West Virginia Solar Developer, will use a \$122,374 Rural Energy for America Program grant and loan to purchase and install a 300-kW solar array on the roof of Mountaineer Food Bank. This project will realize \$30,664 per year in savings and will replace 365,052 kWh (77 percent) per year, which is enough electricity to power 30 homes.

Calhoun County

• Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center will use \$460,000 in Community Facilities Grants to replace failing water and septic systems with new water and sewer lines.
• The Calhoun County Commission will use a \$26,400 Community Facilities Grant to purchase an all-wheel drive law enforcement vehicle with all the necessary equipment for the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department.
• Donna Richards will use a \$11,040 Rural

Energy for America Program grant to purchase and install a 16-kW solar array at her crop and horse farm. This project will realize \$1,646 per year in savings and will replace 16,502 kWh (100 percent) per year, which is enough electricity to power one home.

Southern WV Community Network Boone County

• Appalachian Botanical Company will use a \$224,975 Value-Added Producer Grant to support digital marketing and outside sales and to purchase production supplies to create lavender value-added products.

Fayette County

• The City of Smithers will use a \$34,500 Community Facilities Grant to purchase a 4x4 law enforcement vehicle with all the necessary equipment for the Smithers Police Department.

Monroe County

• Mark Soukup will use a \$7,399 Rural Energy for America Program grant to purchase and install an 11-kW solar array. Mark Soukup owns and operates a small furniture-making business. This project will realize \$1,179 per year in savings and will replace 11,824 kWh (100 percent) per year for a small manufacturing facility, which is enough electricity to power the majority of one home

• Laishley Family Trust will use a \$15,473 Rural Energy for America Program grant to purchase and install a 16-kW solar array for its small business that focuses on herb and water

products. This project will realize \$2,058 per year in savings and will replace 17,582 kWh (100 percent) per year for a greenhouse and toolshed, which is enough electricity to power one home.

In addition to West Virginia, USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small today announced funding for projects in Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Wisconsin and Puerto Rico.

“The Biden-Harris Administration and USDA are committed to ensuring that the rich tapestry of people living in rural areas have every opportunity to succeed – and that they can find those opportunities right at home in rural America,” Torres Small said. “From renewable energy and new jobs to clean water and quality health care, the Rural Partners Network is connecting rural people to resources that will help them create new and lasting prosperity on their own terms.”

The funding will create jobs for rural people and help them expand their businesses. It will provide affordable, well-built homes for seniors and low-income families in rural areas. It will help farmers and ranchers bolster their bottom line and find new and better markets for their products. And it will give people in remote areas access to modern water and wastewater systems, and quality education and health care services.

The Biden-Harris Administration established RPN to transform the way federal agencies partner with and serve rural people and places, including Native American communities. In West Virginia, RPN includes 20 underserved counties in central and southern West Virginia. Led by USDA with support from more than 20 federal agencies and commissions, RPN is central to President Biden’s commitment to ensure all rural people can benefit from federal resources. This includes historic funding from the American Rescue Plan, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.

Background: Rural Partners Network

Launched in April 2022 and expanded in November 2022, the Rural Partners Network is now active in 36 community networks in 10 states and Puerto Rico.

The following community networks are established in West Virginia:

Southern West Virginia Community Network hosted by the West Virginia Community Development Hub including Mingo, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Wyoming, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, Fayette counties.

West Virginia Pioneer Community Network hosted by Glenville State University including Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Nicholas, Roane, Webster, and Wirt counties.

Community networks receive on-the-ground support from full-time federal staff who live and work locally. These staff members provide technical assistance based on each community’s needs, helping them navigate federal programs, build relationships and prepare successful applications for funding. A team of Rural Desk Officers representing each participating federal agency or regional commission supports the RPN program and community networks.

For more information

on RPN, visit Rural.gov.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/wv.

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DOB: 7/17/1994

Magistrate Court Case No.: _____
Family Court Civil Action No.: 23-DV-5

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

1. The object of this suit is to obtain Domestic Violence Protective Order.
2. The object of this Publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify the above-named individual of the action pending before the Court specified below:

Clay County Family Court

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the above-referenced action, a copy of which may be obtained at the Clay County Circuit Clerk’s office.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 2nd day of March, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., before the Clay County Family Court.

Issued this 11/4/21

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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
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 6:00 PM
 Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Everyone is welcome!
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 Prociuous. 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

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Bomont, WV
 Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Nick Bird
 Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Preaching 11:00 AM
 Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

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 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 AM
 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 CHURCH
 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 Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 PM
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

PROCIIOUS 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 Mathews 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



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Container facility used for extensive training.



The 124th Reserve getting set for training.



SAAB getting set up for testing.

and disaster communication to creating war time and disaster scenarios for the military and civilian response units.

All the analysis and data received in the training is used in the designing and development of even better equipment to stay on the top of the food chain in today's ever growing high tech warfare. Their involvement in the design, field training new equipment, and problem solving the encounters our elite military would come in contact with is a dominant issue. The success of our fighting force depends on it. If you need more information or just want to learn more, visit them on their web site <https://cmi2.org>. Job postings can also be found at indeed.com.

SAAB, which you may think of as a car manufacturer, is a company that provides top notch equipment for the troops to train with from communication to real life action gear to mimic what a soldier would use in real battle situations. Together, these are companies who take all the risks necessary to accomplish the end result and that is to make our military the ultimate war machine and to give the local response units a place to work out the bugs of their response before they ever encounter it in the field. How does it benefit Clay? Part of their goals is to ultimately benefit the county of Clay with job opportunities, promote business growth and see that the people of Clay grow into a community full of expectation and vision. Don't forget to check out their site; jobs will be posted as they grow.

There will be many military exercises in the coming months and years as the area grows into what they have envisioned it to be. Right now, they are using all local people to construct buildings and lay foundations for new buildings. They have developed a city of storage containers built so that any danger that military or response teams may come up against in the field, they will be able to work out the logistics, from an Afghanistan type battle field to what they may stumble upon in a disaster. On April 17, 2023, the 101st Airborne will begin a simulated air assault using Blackhawks, Apache

es and Chinook helicopters; it will be the longest simulation that they have undertaken in 10 years. They will be flying over Clay County on their way to the landing zone. So, put that date on the map and put the word out that there is no invasion - it is our military in action, and we get to be a small part of it. There is a lot that can be written in detail about these two businesses, but it would take a book. Thanks to companies like CMI2 and SAAB, our future, and our homeland will stay secure, and future generations of Americans will remain defended by the best.

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Zoey Jones, CWVAC Free Throw Champion, with Coaches Phil Dobbins and Cathy Turley.



Liv Gilliland, Zoey Jones, Ariel Dobbins and Layla Parker-Competitors in the CWVAC Skills Competition.

the team well. Gilliland made it to the finals of the three-point event. Impressively, Zoey Jones won the free throw shooting challenge sinking 12 of 15 foul shots in the first round, and 11 of 15 in the finals.

Finally, plaques were presented for All-Conference and All-Tournament honors. For the Lady Mustangs, Liv Gilliland and Zoey Jones brought home All-Conference awards, and Skiley Wilmoth won the All-Tournament award. The team will gather one final evening this week to celebrate the season. They will travel to Glenville State University to watch the 2022 National Champion Lady Pioneers take on the University of Charleston Golden Eagles. The team will also be treated to a campus tour and an informational discussion about the university. Congratulations to these ladies for a great season.

Panthers send six wrestlers to the state finals

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther wrestling team was in Lewis County this past weekend to participate in the Region II wrestling tournament. Here is where all the work the wrestlers have done throughout the year pays dividends, where it would be determined who would compete at the state level from Region II. In each region, only the top four wrestlers in each weight bracket will advance to the big dance in Huntington. Seventeen of the top high schools competed in the event, and the wrestling was brutal.

The Panther wrestlers were monsters on the mat, and for the first time in a while placed in the top three teams. It was Braxton in first place with Roane County in second and Clay taking 3rd place with 155 points. The wrestlers who represent Clay do an outstanding job each year, and no matter what tournament you go to, they are the ones to beat even when they are outnumbered. This year Clay will be sending six wrestlers to the state finals, three of which wrestled their way into the history books becoming Region II Champions.

Zane Minger took top honors in the 125lb class, Noah Casto in the 215lb class and Ethan "Spike" Morris in the 285lb class. Each one of these wrestlers has the chance to become state champions. James Sears placed 2nd in the event and Caden Delwarte and Christian Bryant both placed 4th.

For some of these wrestlers, it will be their final hoorah as they go on to greater things. If you get the opportunity, come out and support these boys. They work hard to be the best in their class and the state tournament may just prove that they are. Congratulations to the wrestlers who made it to the state competition. The state competition will be held in Huntington March 2-4; bring home the gold!

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