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## Adkins Wins State Championship; Price and Caldwell Place at WV Youth Wrestling State Championship



Ember Price (second from right) placed fifth in her division.

The Clay County Junior Wrestling team traveled to Charleston Civic Center, February 26-27, to wrestle in the West Virginia Youth Wrestling Association (WVYWA) State Championship. A total of ten Clay County youth earned a trip to compete in the State Championship by placing in the top 8 at their regional championship in early February:

- Mara Caldwell-Hall - 4U 40lbs
- Easton Leftwich - 8U 75lbs
- Liam Naylor - 8U 50lbs
- Hinton Caldwell- 10U HWT
- Palmer Adkins - 12U 135lbs
- Pierce Adkins - 12U 145lbs
- Levi Hamrick - 12U 145lbs
- Eric Hamrick - Middle School 110lbs
- Logan Hobbs - Middle School 135lbs
- Ember Price - Girls 12U 77-87lbs

Three wrestlers fought their way through the tournament brackets, earning a spot on the podium. Pierce Adkins placed 1st in the 12U 145lb weight class. Hinton Caldwell placed 5th in the 10U HWT weight class. Ember Price placed 5th in the Girls Division 12U 77-87lbs weight class.

Pierce Adkins finished a perfect winter in grand fashion. Adkins wrapped up his 12-year-old season winning his 4th Coalfield Conference Championship, 5th WVYWA Regional Championship, and his first State Title in the 145-pound class during the WVYWA State Championships. Adkins also brought home 1 of the 14 WVYWA Regional Title Belts. This belt is awarded to the wrestler who takes first place in all four design-



Pierce Adkins



Hinton Caldwell

ated tournaments in each region of the state of West Virginia. Hundreds of wrestlers compete for this belt, but it is a very difficult task to win all four tournaments. Adkins, a previous two-time State Runner-Up and four-time State placer, finished his season undefeated with a record of 40-0.

## Not All Work and No Play with the FFA



By: Betty Holcomb

Clay County FFA students have been hard at work and play over the past few weeks. The group recently celebrated FFA week with neighboring Roane County students where they enjoyed line dancing, basketball, and extreme duck, duck, goose.

Saturday they held a "muddiest vehicle" competition at the high school. Judges Trey Corwell, Wesley Armes, and Andy Bragg had their work cut out for them judging some pretty muddy vehicles. Winners were 1<sup>st</sup>-

Braden Black, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Corey McKinney, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Jason Starcher.

Not all play, the Ag Mechanics class is now fully trained and becoming efficient. With help from a mini modernization grant, the Mechanics class was able to purchase a firewood processor. This is a purchase that fits the program, community needs and allows students to earn money through the school based SAEs. This allows for firewood to be sold very soon as well as plenty of cured wood for purchase next fall.

## Art Inspired by Music at CCHS



By: Betty Holcomb

Late last month Mr. Trey Corwell's Digital Imaging II class and Mr. Jamie Tanner's Advanced Art III and IV students came together to review the art gallery from their joint project, "Art Inspired by Music."

Both classes were listened to The Beatles hit song, "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" And were asked to create artwork based on how they interpreted the lyrics. Mr. Corwell's class used Adobe Photoshop to create digital art and Mr. Tanner's class created physical art of their choice.

"Music is a way to reach everyone," Mr. Corwell said about the project.

"This is my favorite project that we do each year. With this cross-curriculum project, students get to express themselves and see how each person can interpret the same prompt differently."

"This was a fun and exciting lesson for students!" added Tanner.

Jonathan Gandee, Clay County High School freshman, said, "Mr. Corwell's class is my favorite class, and I have learned so much this year in Digital Imaging." Jonathan is part of the Panther Tech group and has a deep passion for all things computer related. He strives to use the skills he is gaining in these classes to pursue his passion in the digital creating world.



## Casto takes 2nd at States, Morris and Minger place 4th



Noah Casto gets set to start the match. Allen Hamrick photo.

See "Panthers" on Page 8



# BOOKED

## CENTRAL REGIONAL JAIL

### BRAXTON COUNTY



David Allen Carper  
Booked 3/4/23  
Capias



Jeremy Stephen Duckworth  
Booked 3/1/23  
Probation violation



Bobby Joe Duffield  
Booked 2/28/23  
Entering without breaking, conspiracy



Skylar Adam Markle  
Booked 3/5/23  
DUI under 21



Rachel Nicole Molohan  
Booked 3/3/23  
Possession of a controlled substance



Justin Shane Runion  
Booked 3/5/23  
Brandishing

### CLAY COUNTY



Joseph Daniel Drake  
Booked 3/5/23  
Domestic battery



Frankie Allen Phillips  
Booked 2/8/23  
Bond violation



George Timothy Ruff  
Booked 2/27/23  
No insurance



Bo Joseph Shamblin  
Booked 2/27/23  
Driving revoked for DUI



Charles Lee Triplett  
Booked 2/28/23  
No insurance

### NICHOLAS COUNTY



Eric Andrew Barnett  
Booked 3/4/23  
Trespassing, fraudulent application, grand larceny

### NICHOLAS COUNTY



Joshua Lee Campbell  
Booked 3/5/23  
Arson



David Wayne Given  
Booked 3/2/23  
Capias

# WV Poison Center celebrates National Poison Prevention Week



The West Virginia Poison Center (WVPC) joins with poison centers and poison prevention partners across the country in celebrating National Poison Prevention Week Mar. 19 through Mar. 25. Since 1962, the President of the United States has proclaimed the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week to raise awareness about the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them.

The West Virginia Poison Center has medical experts available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help those with poisoning emergencies or questions.

The WVPC can answer questions about:

- Accidental poisonings of children and adults
- Drug overdoses
- Bites and stings
- Reactions to drugs and chemicals
- Potential poisonings from plants and mushrooms
- Poisonings from drugs of abuse

In addition to the public, health care professionals rely on the West Virginia Poison Center experts to assist in poisoning exposures. In fact, about 25% of calls come from health care providers.

Remember: fast, free, individualized, expert help is only a phone call away. 1-800-222-1222.

About the West Virginia Poison Center:

The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the West Virginia University-Charleston Division. Toll-free: 1-800-222-1222. Website: www.wvpoisoncenter.org

## Courthouse News



**Friday, March 24, 2023 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff:"**

09:00 AM, State v. Cathy Louise West, Bench Trial, Compulsory Education Offenses; penalties; cost of prosecution, Truancy

09:30 AM, State v. Mariah Ann Hensley, Bench Trial, Driving a vehicle while in an impaired state

10:00 AM, State v. Russell S. Schoolcraft III, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

10:30 AM, State v. Jared Blankenship, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

10:30 AM, State v. Jared Seth Blankenship, Bench Trial, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription, Obstructing officer

11:00 AM, State v. Vincent Seth Ruggieri, Bench Trial, Persons prohibited possessing firearms (>1 yr. Conviction), Unlawful injury to or destruction of property, Domestic Battery

11:30 AM, State v. Kaylie Shay Hamilton, Bench Trial, Obstructing officer

01:00 PM, State v. Albert Dean Young, Bench Trial, Persons prohibited possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription

01:30 PM, State v. Danielle Nicole Cobb, Bench

Trial, Trespassing after notice; exposing another's property

02:00 PM, State v. Samantha Michelle Brown, Bench Trial, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, Operation of vehicles with safety belts, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate, Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor), No vehicle insurance, No Proof of Reg., Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (x2)

02:30 PM, State v. Roger Dale Rogers, Bench Trial, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, driving while license suspended or revoked

02:30 PM, State v. Roger Dale Rogers, Bench Trial, No vehicle insurance

03:00 PM, State v. Zachary Collin Boggs, Bench Trial, Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes (10 Year Sex Offender), Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes (10 Year Sex Offender), Improper use of evidences of registration (misdemeanor), Driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, less than .15, Display of fictitious certificate of inspection of vehicle, No vehicle insurance

03:30 PM, State v. Haylli Morgan Blackwell, Bench Trial, Child neglect by parent, guardian or custodian creating risk of bodily injury

## Public Notices

• The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 9 a.m. at the PSD office in Birch River.

• Maysel Community Church Revival, March 17-19 with Devonna Brown-Dillard. 1632 Precious Maysel Road, Maysel, WV. Service begins at 6 P.M. each evening. Everyone welcome.

• 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!

• 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.

## Puzzle Answers

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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| 9 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
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| 2 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
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| 8 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 6 |

### Super Crossword

Answers

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| APACHE  | ODORANT | PROPEL    |
| WICHITA | LINEMAN | RESIDE    |
| CELOS   | ZITTS   | RTIME     |
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| AR      | ADINE   | AERATED   |
| LE      | FTO     | FENTER    |
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| TAIS    | DALI    | SMITER    |
| HARBORS | FISHING | TACKLE    |
| ECARD   | EARS    | MAKO      |
| AUDITOR | CEIVER  | TWINSET   |
| DESOTTO | MUSE    | AHEIT     |
| ADDONTO | FLIGHT  | SAFETY    |
| CREPE   | SALIER  | RESTATE   |
| COMET   | TOANEND | TOIL      |
| EVEN    | HOTV    | RACK      |
| PETTOY  | HEREST  | THEKICKER |
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|         |         | AGENTS    |

## Elk Conservation District local work group meeting scheduled April 4

The Elk Conservation District in cooperation with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a local work group meeting to discuss conservation programs for 2023-2024 and provide guidance for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 9 a.m. at the Elk Conservation District Office, 740 Airport Road, Sutton, WV.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state, and local conservation organizations and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/managers. If you have thought about applying for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available to you, this meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn more. As part of NRCS's locally led process of administering programs, public comments will be sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for your local area.

The Elk Conservation District covers Braxton, Clay, Nicholas, and Webster Counties. Andy Sentz, NRCS District Conservationist and his staff work from the NRCS field offices in Gassaway and Summersville to cover all counties in the Elk Conservation District.

For more information contact Andy Sentz at 304-364-5103. If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by email at NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov.

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**Who's Been Fiddling with My Mind?***By: James Snyder*

When it comes to music, I am an amateur in many regards. I signed up for a violin class in first grade and took lessons. After about a month, the teacher met with my parents and begged them to pull me from that class.

He said, "Out of deep respect for music, this boy should not play the violin."

I can't think of anybody in my immediate family that plays any instrument or has any skill in music. I thought I would be the first one, but I wasn't.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is a different story. Many people on her side of the family are involved in music, and her father was a great piano player and could play the piano with no music set before him.

Also, his daughter plays the piano, organ, flute, and harp. As long as I've been a pastor, she has played the piano in all our church services. She is very gifted along that line, and I'm so happy.

I confess that I am not musically inclined, and I am unanimous in that opinion.

It's not that I don't like music; I cannot replicate it with these vocal cords that God gave me. So I guess His plan was for me not to sing.

Music is very relaxing for me, and even though I cannot sing, I can listen to music with great appreciation.

The one thing that bugs me is early in the morning, whether it's television or radio, I hear a song and can't get it out of my head. All day, that music buzzes in my head, and I can't get it to stop.

We took a trip not long ago, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove her Sissy Van, while I sat in the passenger side. For some reason a song got in my head, I can't remember which one, but I heard it over and over again.

I heard it so many times that I began to sing that song under my breath, which was not a very good thing to do.

I have a way of humming and singing a song simultaneously, coming out naturally.

As I got to singing, suddenly, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage pulled over, stopped her van, looked at me, and said, "Are you having some kind of spasm?" She looked very serious as she said it.

I looked at her seriously, having no idea what she was talking about.

"You're not sick, are you?"

I began to understand her alarm, and I cautiously said, "I'm okay; I was just singing."

"Oh my," she said, "it sounded like you were on your last road trip to death."

I don't know where that came from.

She then encouraged me not to hum or sing along the way.

I didn't realize I was singing out loud. I thought it was just in my head. But being the kind of husband I am, I kept my mouth shut for the rest of the trip.

The only place I sing is in the shower because there's nobody there, and nobody can hear me, and I can do my thing.

The other day as I was showering, I did not realize The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was within hearing distance. I try to take a shower when she's not home and cannot hear me. There's a reason for that.

As so I got into my shower a song began to rumble in my head, and within a few seconds, I started singing. Boy, was I singing and enjoying every note.

Suddenly, I heard a rapid knock on the bathroom door and my wife saying, "Are you okay? You didn't fall in the shower, did you? Do you need any help?"

At first, I couldn't figure out what was happening when it dawned on me that I was singing and she was hearing.

Oh "No, my dear," I said quite loudly, "I was just singing."

I heard a profound sigh on the other side of the bathroom door, and heard her say, "Don't scare me like that again."

I do try to control my singing and keep it from crossing my lips.

Music does have a way of controlling me. Some music makes me sad, and some makes me glad. The problem is music that's in my head controls me in some way.

I go into a store, and they're playing music, and come out of that store with the music playing in my head, and I'm humming along the way. Driving home in my truck alone, I sing as loudly as possible, knowing nobody can hear me. But, of course, sometimes I forget to stop and walk into the house singing, and you can only guess the kind of trouble it presents to me.

If only I could remember to keep my thoughts especially those musical thoughts in my head and far away from my tongue I would have a happier life.

Thinking about this all little I was reminded of what King Solomon said in Proverbs 29:11, "A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards."

That wise old man knew what he was talking about. I know there's a time to speak but there's also a time to keep quiet. For me it's a challenge to differentiate between the two. The quieter I am the less difficulties I encounter.

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**THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM***Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Biscuits and Gravy**

I recently watched a video called "British High-schoolers try Biscuits and Gravy for the First Time." It was proper funny, as the British kids might say. A biscuit in England is more like a cookie, and our biscuits look like their scones. They didn't even have categories for white sausage gravy, and they assumed it tasted as bad as it looked. My favorite part of the video is when the boy's eyes light up when the biscuit hits his taste buds for the first time. By the end of the video, after trying fried chicken and sweet tea, the boys were hooked. They didn't know what they had been missing.

My Grandma Betty could cook some Biscuits and Gravy (and yes, I capitalized it on purpose. They deserve that honor). My grandparents had a small convenience store with a kitchen where she served the world's best biscuits and gravy (sorry, Tudor's Biscuit World, but here I stand). That's the thing about an ungrateful heart, you don't realize what you have until it's gone, and you don't enjoy what you have while you have it. God is good, and you can taste it in Grandma's biscuits. God didn't have to give us taste buds. God didn't have to give people creativity to create unique cuisine that melts in your mouth and puts a smile on your face. God didn't have to provide us with families or the ties that bind.

A few years ago, I was at a function for my kids—one

of those "refreshments afterward" deals. Last weekend I was at a similar event in Morgantown, and it did not surprise me that the refreshments were pepperoni rolls and Doritos. The former event did surprise me. They had a spread of sushi. I love to fish, and I've cleaned my fair share of trout. Never once in my life did I think, "that might be tasty raw and wrapped in seaweed." But, as my Mom told me when I was a kid, when I was both starving to death and complaining about what was for supper, beggars can't be choosers. So I tried it. And my eyes lit up. I didn't know what I had been missing.

Its incredible how proud we are, thinking we can navigate this life independently, using our instinct and intuition to guide us. The proverb says, "he that trusteth in his own heart is a fool." We don't even know ourselves, and we think we can understand the mysteries of the universe on our own, or listen to other people give their opinions about what they also don't know. Without Christ, the Bible accurately describes us as blind to spiritual realities and living in darkness. Jesus tells us that He is the light of the world. When Jesus saved me, my eyes were opened to the truth about myself, my sin, and the pardon and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. I saw the light and started to understand what I had been missing.

**My Friend Frankie***By Joseph J. Mazella*

When I was a boy my first friend wasn't another little boy or girl but a bent, worn 80 year old man. It was the early 1970's. We lived four miles from town. My two brothers were much older than I was. And the television only got in one channel clearly. I spent most of my time then playing alone outside in the yard and woods near our home. It was only a matter of time then before my exploring led me to "Little Frankie's" house. Everyone called him Little Frankie because he was short and bent from a lifetime of hard work. Our only other neighbor at the time too was a much bigger man also named Frank.

Little Frankie's house was a slowly crumbling structure that was over 100 years old. He lived in the only three rooms of it that were still safe. Although he had money from a lifetime of working and saving, he preferred to live there. His house had no electricity or running water. He cooked his meals and heated his house with an old cast iron stove. He got his water from a mountain spring that ran next to his house. He still worked everyday weeding, gardening, cooking, and cleaning. For some reason, though,

we became fast friends. A first generation, Italian immigrant, Frankie didn't speak English very well but I understood him enough. He would fry potatoes in a cast iron skillet on his stove and share them with me. Then he would talk and show me old photos from years and years gone by. He became my Godfather and best friend in those earliest years of my life. There was a peacefulness and serenity about him that seemed out of place then and even more out of place now. He worked hard, worried little, gave freely, smiled easily, laughed gently, and loved kindly. I am still working today at living as beautifully as he did back then.

Our friendship was short-lived because he died when I was still a little boy. It was my first experience with death and I mourned Little Frankie after he was gone. Yet, a part of him still lives on here in my heart and mind. I am a better person because of the brief time we spent together. I am kinder, more loving, and closer to God because of our friendship.

My friend Frankie showed me how to live simply, happily, and well. And I thank God for letting him touch my life. I think we all too have those special teachers in how to live and love, who touch our lives briefly but stay in our hearts forever. May we always love them, cherish them, and embrace what they teach.

**Home Country***By Slim Randles*

Herb graciously spread his right arm around the table, indicating to Loretta that all his friends needed their coffee cups topped off. She would've done it anyway, of course, but this made him look ... generous.

"I've been reading up," said Herb Collins, who had retired from his pawn shop but not from reading up, "and I learned a thing or two."

We settled back, in what we considered a learned and curious pose. We probably weren't, though.

For the more forward-looking members of the World Dilemma Think Tank at the Mule Barn coffee shop, learning from Herb's habit of reading up sometimes was entertaining, if not always educational.

"How many of you fellas ever heard of Babe Ruth?" We all raised our hands.

"Now how many of you fellas ever heard of Carl Ditters von Dittersdorff?"

There was a paucity of paws in the air.

"He was born way-back sometime in a suburb of Vienna, and started out life as Johann Carl Ditters. But through the years, and because his compositions needed publicity, and his friends didn't think his name was

impressive enough, he coagulated his name into what it now says on the billboard at the opera house."

"And you read up on this by yourself?"

"Sure did, Doc. Now ol' Carl made a bunch of friends who were musical and had weird names, too. Used to hang around with Christof Willibald Gluck. Name like that, you'd have to partner up with someone who could handle himself in a dark alley. So there's my theory in a nutshell guys. If you were a German or a fake German living in a close by, but not yet German country, and your name was too common for people to remember, you either had to give them a name they couldn't forget ... or go start a war."

And some folks just watch teevee...

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*Free sheet music from the ol' Ditters himself! If you can play this, you're better than most mental patients. [https://imslp.org/wiki/Andante\\_cantabile\\_\(Dittersdorf%2C\\_Carl\\_Ditters\\_von\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/Andante_cantabile_(Dittersdorf%2C_Carl_Ditters_von)).*

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

This is the best-selling instrumental band of all time. They helped popularize the electric guitar across the world during the 1960's. Their top single, (#5 Aug. 1961) is often cited as one of the top songs ever recorded for electric guitar. The band had 14 singles in Billboard's Hot 100 and sold over 100 million records. During their early years, the group played Fender guitars but in 1963, they adopted Mosrite guitars exclusively. Name the band.

**Answer to last week's Trivia:** The first Canadian to have a #1 hit in the US and went on to have a number of top five singles, wrote music scores for TV and movies, and wrote lyrics for some headliner singers was: Paul Anka ("Diana", #1, Sept. '57)

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# THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

# OBITUARIES

## This Week in West Virginia History

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

**March 8, 1902:** U.S. Representative and Senator Jennings Randolph was born in Salem in Harrison County.

**March 8, 1926:** An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

**March 8, 1960:** A fire at Island Creek Coal's Holden No. 22 mine in Logan County killed 18 men.

**March 8, 1963:** The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.



**March 9, 1832:** George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

**March 9, 1953:** Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston.



In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.

**March 9, 1965:** President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

**March 10, 1915:** West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

**March 10, 1920:** West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed women the right to vote.

**March 11, 1847:** Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

**March 11, 1848:** Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

**March 11, 1856:** Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

**March 12, 1835:** Marshall County was created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**March 12, 1850:** Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.



**March 13, 2002:** Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

**March 14, 1931:** Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry battle veterans from the Civil War, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.

## Phyllis Yvonne Morton

86, of Lizemores, WV went home to be with her Lord and Saviour March 1, 2023.

She was born November 11, 1936, to the late Jesse and Dorothy "Dot" Walker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Morton.

Phyllis was retired from the Postal Service where she served as Postmaster at Lizemores for many years. She attended Ida Baptist Church and Bell Creek Baptist Church. Most of all she was a shining example of what a Christian should be and leaves behind a lasting testimony for all who knew her.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Morton (Donna) of Lizemores; daughters, Cindy Burns (Eddie) of Scott Depot, WV and Patricia Neal (Timmy) of Mt. Nebo, WV; Her much loved grandchildren, Donald Taylor, Aaron Morton (Jessica), Daniel Neal (Diana), Amy Armstrong (Wesley), Joel Neal and Ben Neal (Kaitlyn). And the lights of her life, great grandchildren, Logan and Makenna Morton, Ellie

and Josephine Armstrong; brother, Leonard Walker (Connie); sisters, Dorma Moore, Peggy Moore, Ann Skaggs, Wanda Taylor (Emery), and Debbie VanMeter (Kelvin); as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank her many doctors including Anita Yeager Smith and Julie Haddy, Fresenius Kidney Care, Hurricane, WV, Hospice and her dialysis nurse and cherished friend, Marsha.

Funeral Service for Phyllis was held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 2:00 pm at Pennington Smith Funeral Home, Gauley Bridge, WV, with Gary Walker officiating. Friends visited the family two hours prior to the service. Burial followed at the Stone Cemetery, Lizemores, WV.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hospice Care,

1606 Kanawha Blvd W, Charleston, WV 25387.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com).

Pennington Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Morton family.

## Zora "Monk" Hall

89, departed this life on March 3, 2023, at Clay Health Care Center in Ivydale, WV, where she has lived the last seven months. She was born April 7, 1933 and was a long-time resident of Anderson Heights Apartments in Maysel, WV.

Zora was preceded in death by her husbands Clifford Durham and Charlie Woods and Melvin Hall; two daughters, Brenda Durham-Loudermilk, Marilyn Woods Kock; her parents and her siblings.

Monk is survived by four grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Monk had two very special people in her life including longtime friend and caregiver Debbie Precious and niece Shirley Gray.

A service for Monk was held on March 6, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay with a visitation from 11:00 to 12:00. Burial followed in the Woods Family Cemetery in Lilly, WV with preacher John R. Osborne officiating.

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Hall family.

## Super Crossword OFF THE GRID

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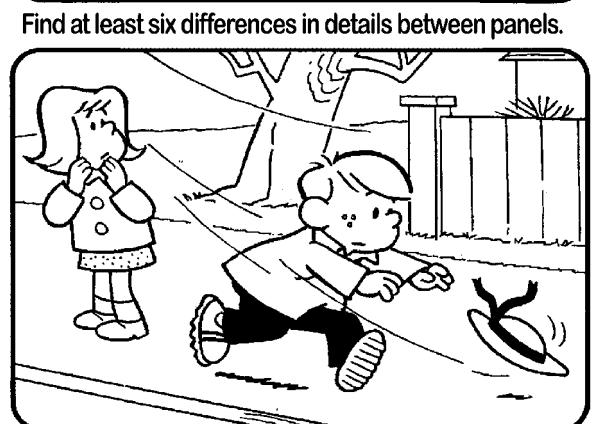
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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# THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

**"DUNDON"**  
**RED ASH COAL**

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

March, 1957

## Swandale Church Circle Entertains Employees At a "Two-Decade" Dinner In The School Rooms



In the Widen News photo above are pictured the ladies of the Swandale Community Church Circle who were responsible for the preparation and serving of the first "Two-Decade" dinner given for employees of the Swandale mill of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company.

Reading from left to right they are: Mesdames Irvin Rogers, Frank Gregorich, Adam Roberts, Circle Treasurer, Harold Hildebrand, Cody Burdette, Lloyd Butcher, Jr., Roy Foster and Circle President, Mrs. Noble E. Conner. The young ladies assist-

ing in serving who are not shown are: the Misses Penelope Shaver, Judy Bon and Mary Lou Gregorich and Miss Bea Gregorich.

Circle members sending covered dishes but not present when the picture was taken include: Circle Vice-President Ethel Ayers, Treasurer Emma Johnson, Patsy Litton, Ruth Hamrick, Mary Paxton, Goldie McClung and Middle Myers.

Other out of town guests at the dinner included: Mrs. Roma Pauley of Dunbar, Mrs. Herbert C. Johnson of Widen, and Marion Asbury of Clay.

and the dates they went to work for the Company included: Vernon and Nancy Acree, 1917; Pat and Katie Butler, 1911; Noble and Madge Conner, 1919; E. V. Conner, 1918; Emerson and Mary Bond Currence, 1936; Roy and Susie Foster, 1919; Rev. Guy and Radie Frame, 1928; Hayden Golden, 1936; Leff and Annie Gray, 1922; Doyle Gregorich, 1927; Frank and Lula Gregorich, 1927; Hobart and Ruth Hamrick, 1911; Oscar and Opal Hemrick, date unknown; Nolen and Erma Johnson, 1907 when a boy in knee pants; Francis and Maggie Murphy, date unknown; Owen and Mittie Myers, 1922; Dale and Ivy Nutter, 1923; Adam and Eloise Roberts, 1919, 1929; Irvin and Gertie Rogers, 1919; Creed and Daisy Truman, date unknown; Elmore and Alice Starcher, 1917; and Tom and Inez Young, date unknown.

Mrs. Noble Conner is president of the Circle, Mrs. Ayers V. President, Mrs. Johnson treasurer, and Mrs. Roberts, secretary.

### DEATH CLAIMS LOVED ONES:—

**William Johnson's Mother**  
Mrs. Viola Strickland, the 82 year old mother of William Johnson, passed away the last of February in the Charleston General Hospital after a long illness. She leaves a large family of four daughters, five sons, 41 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Services were in the Miller Baptist Church at Nallen with the Reverends Wesley Pennington and G. P. Robinson officiating, and burial was in the Jannett Cemetery at Lookout by the Waters Mortuary. She was a member of the Enon Baptist Church.

**Paul Lambert's Infant Son**  
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lambert was buried in the church lot of the Strange Creek Methodist Church early this month, following the baby's death in a Gassaway hospital. Maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hall, and the paternal grandmother is Mrs. Prudie Hamrick, all of Strange Creek. The Rev. Kiley Carpenter officiated. Bartlett Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

### Delicious Dinner, Good Fellowship

An octette of lovely ladies of the Swandale Community Church Circle planned and carried out a most successful party at the first "Two-Decade Dinner" to be given Swandale employees who have worked for the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company for twenty years or more.

Covers were laid for forty guests at three beautifully appointed tables Saturday March 16th, and at 6:30 the guests were ushered in to the large front school room where Mrs. Denny McClung teaches, and enjoyed a most delightful covered dish dinner prepared by the eight ladies shown in the accompanying picture, assisted by several older girls.

Following the invocation by YMCA secretary, H. C. Johnson, the guests demolished huge platters of baked ham, roast turkey, cranberries, applesauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, lime salad, relish platters, hot rolls and coffee, suitably topped off with homemade cake in abundance.

One of the guests remarked that "it is a known fact that 'wood hicks' are the best cooks in the country." Queried about just who 'wood hicks' were, the guest was informed that they were the wives and womenfolk of sawmill workers.

Mill superintendent Emerson D. (Slim) Currence was the toastmaster, performing that office with humor and efficiency. He introduced several of the guests, telling something interesting about each one, then presented Mr. P. H. (Pat) Butler, land agent for the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, who gave a vivid account of the early days of logging and mill operation in Swandale. Among some of his interesting comments were such things as: "He remembered back in 1898 when Baird Holverstott was a waterboy with his own mule working for \$1.15 a day . . . John Leonard was the first manager and John Laynard the first lumber boss . . . Only one house built in Widen when I came to work here . . . first with Mr. Hildabiddle then Mr. Jenny was superintendent of transportation . . . 98 of the people who used to work for me have

died . . . the railroad ended right out here beside this community building . . . in Swandale there was only John Nottingham's house . . . I built one for myself and Captain Swan was the stingiest man with nails I ever saw; made be build it with only two nails to a board top, middle and bottom . . . when the wind blew it swayed to one side an awful screech, then screeched back in position when the pressure let up . . . then Henry Murphy came along and built his own house, but he got more nails than I did . . . I always hate to see fine timber cut down, but you can't get money out of it until it is cut." Mr. Butler's remarks created a lot of merriment and were well received. Toastmaster Currence presented him with a special gift from the ladies.

Mrs. Joyce S. Butcher of Clay sang two selections, with her sister, Miss Penny Shaver at the piano.

The oldest worker present was Mr. Earn Conner, born 1877, retired in April 1948. He now lives at 1770 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston. Two other of the guests present have retired; M. A. Asbury in December 1950 and Leff Gray in March 1956.

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## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000007 - Clay County - GARY & DEBORAH CHANDLER)  
To: CONNIE M. LUPARDUS, SHARON L. ADAMS, FARM CREDIT OF THE VIRGINIAS, ACA, AS AGENT/NOMINEE, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, COMPLIANCE DIVISION, AMU, SHARON L. ADAMS, FARM CREDIT OF THE VIRGINIAS, ACA, CLAYTON MULLINS, HIS ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DESSIE EVANS, HER ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, THORDEN MULLINS, HIS ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, SIDNEY MULLINS, HIS ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEWIS MULLINS, HIS ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, SHIRLEY MOORE, HER ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, LUCILLE MULLINS, HER ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, LUCY MULLINS, HER ASSIGNS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT UNION MAP 16 PARCEL 0003 00003001**  
You will take notice that GARY & DEBORAH CHANDLER, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000007, 15 AC QUEEN SHOALS SUR 7/14 INT, located in UNION, which was returned delinquent in the name of MULLINS JACKSON HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 16th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             |
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| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023.                                                                                                         | \$ 136.19   |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023.                                                                                                     | \$ 68.72    |
| 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 April 22, 2023. | \$ 933.38   |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.                                                                                                     | \$ 699.98   |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County.</b>                            | \$ 1,838.27 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>                                            | \$ 35.00    |

You may redeem any time before April 22, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the  
WV State Auditor's Office,  
County Collection Division  
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.  
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000087 - Clay County - CKH LLC)  
To: OCCUPANT, EUGENE RANSON OR HEIRS AT LAW, OCCUPANT, JO ANN RANSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT HENRY MAP 15 PARCEL 0044 00003001**  
You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000087, 8 AC N S ELK FEE 3/4 MIN OUT 1/2 & 1/4 OF 1/2 INT, located in HENRY, which was returned delinquent in the name of RANSON JO ANN ETVIR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 16th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

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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 <b>The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County.</b>                            | \$ 1,650.84 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>                                            | \$ 35.00    |

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## LEGAL

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA  
**THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY**

IN RE: State v E.J. and M.J. Case Nos. 23-JA-6-7

In the matter of E.J. and M.J., and the unknown whereabouts of Lataura Jarrett, Adult Respondent Mother of said Infants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
And  
NOTICE OF ANSWER

To: **Lataura Jarrett**

(The object of this action is to notify the Adult Respondent Mother of an abuse and neglect petition herein filed so that said Adult Respondent Mother may answer the same to protect her interest).

You are hereby notified that an abuse and neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 2nd day of February 2023, and assigned Case Numbers 23-JA-6-7, wherein it is alleged that the Adult Respondent Mother of Infant Respondents E.J. (DOB: 12/13/12), and M.J. (DOB: 1/13/11), is Lataura Jarrett, and that said Infant Respondents be placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, with said Infant Respondents remaining in the care, custody and control of the said Department since that time in accordance with WV Code §49-6-3. You are hereby notified that you have the right to answer said petition and you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Adult Respondent Mother, Lataura Jarrett, shall appear before the Honorable Richard Facemire on the **18th day of April 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against them at any time thereafter, and termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia, at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay, West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION.

BY: Jim E. Samples, Prosecuting Attorney, Clay County, West Virginia.  
Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 3rd day of March 2023.

*Christina Henshaw*  
Circuit Clerk

## LEGAL

(2021-S-00000089 - Clay County - CKH LLC)  
To: JAMES BIRD JR OR HEIRS AT LAW, JAMES BIRD JR OR HEIRS AT LAW, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT PLEASANT MAP 26 PARCEL 0117 0000**  
You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000089, 1 AC WTS SYC FEE, located in PLEASANT, which was returned delinquent in the name of BIRD JAMES D JR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Clay County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 16th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

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| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 23, 2023.                                                                                                         | \$ 695.34   |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 23, 2023.                                                                                                     | \$ 1,071.40 |
| 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 April 23, 2023. | \$ 825.69   |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 23, 2023.                                                                                                     | \$ 130.71   |
| Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County.</b>                            | \$ 2,723.14 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>                                            | \$ 35.00    |

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## LEGAL

**Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees**

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Clay County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the

Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any. It considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, **March 2, 2023**

ESTATE NAME: Peggy Kemper, 267 Frederick St., Hanover, PA 17331  
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: Philip Whited, 6741 Hillside Way, Parker, CO 80134 - Son  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 23rd day of February, 2023.

*Connie Workman*  
Connie Workman  
Clerk of the Clay County Commission

## LEGAL

## ABANDONED VEHICLE NOTICE

Honda 4 wheeler camo colored taken into custody at Big Otter WV on 8-22-22  
Kawasaki motorcycle blue in color taken into custody at Lizemore WV on 10-28-22  
Suzuki 4 wheeler white in color taken into custody at Dundon WV on 7-13-22  
Cam-AM SxS black in color taken into custody at Lizemore WV on 1-19-23  
2006 Harley Davidson orange in color taken into custody at Lizemore WV on 1-19-23  
DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION WHERE THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

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## LEGAL

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

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

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Publication Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023

Claim Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023

APPOINTMENT DATE 10/26/2022  
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CO-ADMINISTRATOR **ETHAN AUSTIN ADKINS**  
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LIZEMORES WV 25125  
CO-ADMINISTRATOR **JACOB LEE ADKINS**  
319 RICHMOND ST  
HUNTINGTON WV 25702  
APPOINTMENT DATE 01/18/2023  
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92 TEXAS DR  
IVYDALE WV 25113  
APPOINTMENT DATE 10/26/2022  
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PARKERSBURG WV 26101  
CO-ADMINISTRATOR **TARA METHENEY**  
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42 DUKE LANE  
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ESTATE NAME: **CHARLES MORRIS**  
ADMINISTRATRIX **CHELSEY BARTO**  
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BUTLER PA 16001  
APPOINTMENT DATE 10/25/2022  
ESTATE NAME: **LARRY EUGENE MULLINS**  
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INDORE WV 25111  
CO-ADMINISTRATOR **COREY MULLINS**  
11618 CLAY HIGHWAY  
INDORE WV 25111  
APPOINTMENT DATE 10/05/2022  
ESTATE NAME: **ROGER LEE SCHOOLCRAFT SR**  
ADMINISTRATOR **ROGER SCHOOLCRAFT JR**  
10320 BIG OTTER HIGHWAY  
NEBO WV 25141  
APPOINTMENT DATE 10/18/2022  
ESTATE NAME: **RICHARD DEAN WHITE**  
ADMINISTRATRIX **VELVET O WHITE**  
5535 CARLTON WAY, #112  
LOS ANGELES CA 90028  
APPOINTMENT DATE 01/18/2023  
ESTATE NAME: **PHYLLIS HELEN WRIGHT**  
ADMINISTRATOR **KENNETH WRIGHT SR**  
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CHARLESTON WV 25306

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## LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Magistrate Court Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan D. Mullins Family Court Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
100 Sunset Haven Drive Lot 3 23-DV-5  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
DOB: 7/17/1994

ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
PROTECTIVE ORDER

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- The object of this Publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order from the Circuit clerk of the county listed above.

## 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 ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the Clay County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W.Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date the Order was entered. Issued this March 2, 2023

*Christina Henshaw*  
Circuit Clerk

## LEGAL

## Public Meeting Notice

The Clay County Board of Education will hold 2 public hearings to allow interested parties to discuss and provide input for the 2023-2024 school calendar. The first hearing will be held at the Clay County Board of Education Office on Monday, March 20th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The second hearing will be conducted at the Clay County Board of Education Office on Monday, April 3rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in addressing the Clay County Board of Education at one or both meetings, should contact Mrs. Joan Haynie, Superintendent, at 304-587-4266, to have your name placed on the agenda.

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## B

**BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
NO Scheduled Services  
At This Time

**BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Dixie  
Thursday Night 7:00 PM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
with Services After  
Sunday Night 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Lee Holiday**  
(304) 632-1135

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH** of Adonijah.  
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM  
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

**BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Porter Creek Road, Bomont, WV  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM  
Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM  
Everyone welcome!  
**Pastor: Junior Davis**

**BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH** located at Bickmore on Fola Road  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM  
Wednesday evening services 7:00 PM  
**Pastor: Ralph D. Lane**

**BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM  
**Pastor: Danny Richardson**

**BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:15 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th  
Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM  
**Pastor: Pete Shaffer**

**BLUE KNOB CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Preaching 11:00 AM  
Everyone is Welcome!

**BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM  
Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville  
Everyone Welcome **Pastor: John Pruitt**

**BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH** in Precious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry Chandler**

## C

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE**  
Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00 PM  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
**Pastor: Thurman Sizemore**

**CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE**  
Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
Come and worship the Lord with us.  
Everyone Welcome!  
**Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.**

**CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

## CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM.  
Everyone is Welcome!  
**Pastor: Wilma Dobbins**

**CLENENIN 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  
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: Mark Dudley**  
Phone 304-286-5909

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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**  
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Morning at 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM  
Preaching, Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday at 7:30 PM

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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!  
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**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. Balsor**

**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 our for you.  
**Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft**

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

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

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

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

## Q

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

## R

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

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

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

## S

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

## T

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

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

## U

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

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

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

## V

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



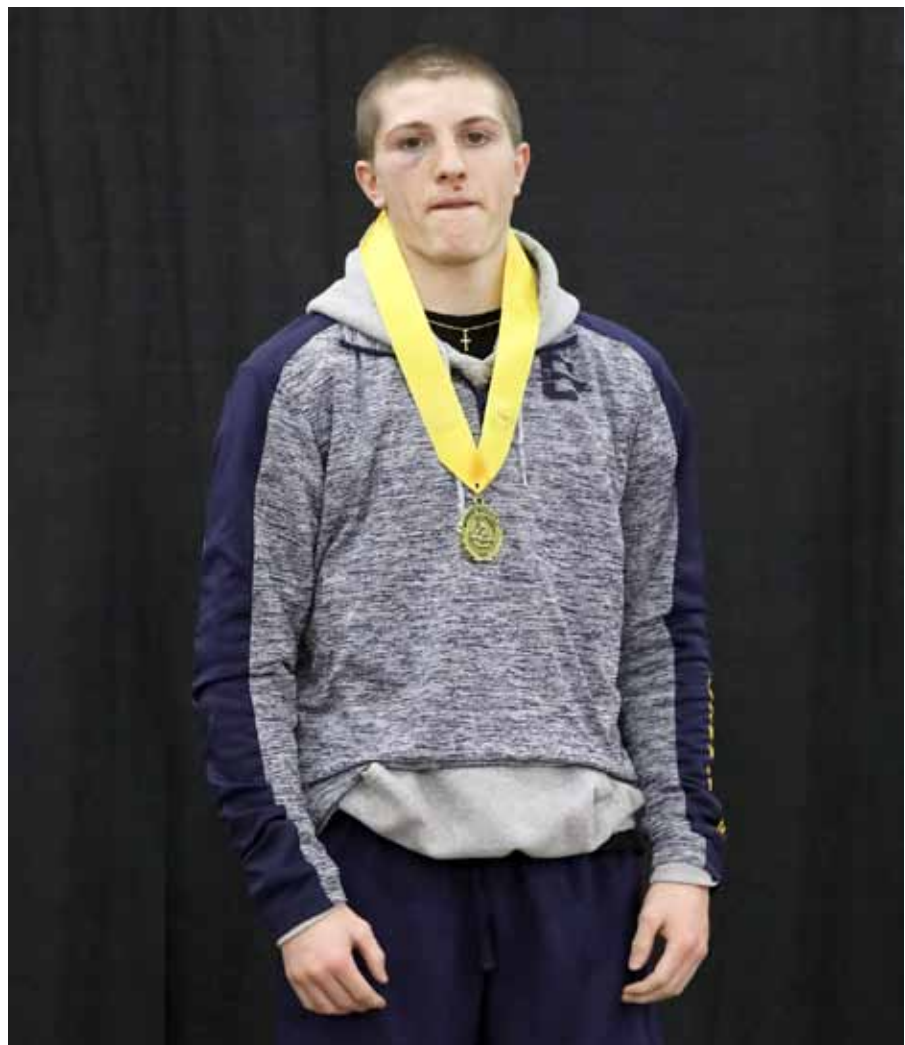
# SPORTS

## Panthers

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Ethan Morris - 4th place



Zane Minger - 4th place

# Panther wrestling team places 9<sup>th</sup> overall at States

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther wrestlers have ended their season on the mats at the State Wrestling Tournament held in Huntington over the past weekend. A family of a few came together as a unit to support the six Panther wrestlers who fought hard all year to be the best. Once again this season, the Panthers couldn't get the numbers in the ranks to have a full team, but they went head to head all season.

It was a tough event as

some of the finest wrestlers in this state butted heads in six minute intervals. The Panthers had some of those tough matches but wrestled in true Panther fashion... all out, all the time. Three of the Panthers put their name up in the history books placing in the top five wrestlers in the state.

Noah Casto was the only Panther wrestler to battle for the gold and came up just short of the title placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ethan Morris placed 4<sup>th</sup> and

Zane Minger also placed 4<sup>th</sup>. The team, which included Casto, Minger and Morris along with James Sears, Caden Delwarte and Christian Bryant, did a good job as a whole placing 9<sup>th</sup> with 50 teams in the event. These six wrestlers have been in the hunt all year, are a credit to the Panther uniform and have made a permanent influence at CCHS.

Noah Casto and Ethan Morris will both graduate this year and move on to uncertain futures,

as of right now, but will no doubt butt heads with it. They will be remembered on the mats as two of the best. The coaches and team wanted to give a special thanks to all of those who came in support this season, whether it was through social media or sitting in the stands watching it live. Congratulations to Noah, Ethan and Zane and all the wrestlers who competed. I am sure the next couple of years will likely see the Panther wrestling team back at the

top of the food chain. Go Panthers!

With wrestling being the last winter sport to hibernate until next year, now starts the beginning of what looks to be a promising year at the track and on the diamond. All the teams appear stacked with talent as they get ready for some fun in the sun. The season starts in earnest for the CCHS track team on March the 18 at Roane County. The Lady Panthers start their season at Hoover, also on March

18<sup>th</sup>. Baseball starts on March the 17<sup>th</sup> away at Sherman High School. CCMS baseball will begin their season at home against Braxton on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Lady Mustang softball will start away at Midland Trail on March 17<sup>th</sup>. CCMS track will begin on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Laidley Field in Charleston.

This season looks pretty good for spring sports so get out and support the teams.

## Click It Or Ticket: Not Buckling Up Is Not Worth The Risk

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is coordinating a statewide *Click It or Ticket* high-visibility enforcement mobilization that runs from March 3-19, 2023. This mobilization is part of the GHSP's year-long efforts to increase seat belt usage in West Virginia and is part of a statewide ramp-up effort ahead of the annual national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization in May.

"We want every person – front seat and back, drivers, passengers, or a child in a car seat – to be properly restrained, every time they travel in a vehicle," said Gov. Jim Justice.

In 2020, 47 percent of all passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in West Virginia were unrestrained. To help save lives, we need to step up seat belt enforcement, day and night.

"Our seat belt usage increased to 92.5 percent in 2022. While we are pleased with this increase, we will keep working until every person in every vehicle is correctly buckled up. A seat belt is your best protection against death or injury should you be in a vehicle crash," said Bob Tipton, GHSP Director.

People who live in rural areas might believe that their crash exposure is lower, but in 2020, 64 percent of total vehicle fatalities in West Virginia occurred in rural locations, compared to 36 percent in urban locations.

Law enforcement officers across West Virginia will be out in full force, ticketing violators who are caught traveling without a correctly buckled seat belt or transporting unrestrained children. This statewide seat belt campaign is aimed at enforcing seat belt use to help keep all vehicle occupants safe.

"At our current seat belt usage rate, unrestrained drivers or passengers have a 20.10 times higher likelihood of being killed if they are in a crash. The reality is: seat belts save lives. *Click It or Ticket* isn't about

citations; it's about saving lives. Not buckling up is not worth the risk," concluded Tipton.

Wearing your seat belt is required by law. Don't just buckle up to avoid a ticket. The values of our families' and friends' lives in West Virginia are priceless – infinitely higher in value than the \$25 violators pay if ticketed. If you are caught driving while unbuckled and you get a ticket, look at it as your wakeup call. A ticket is far less expensive than paying with your life or the lives of your family and friends.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit [highwaysafety.wv.gov](http://highwaysafety.wv.gov) or call 304-926-2509

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