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Clay TSA Students Win Awards at State Competition



Clay County Middle School Team



Clay County High School Team

Last week, the Clay County Middle School and Clay County High School TSA teams traveled to Cedar Lakes in Ripley, West Virginia for state competition. Led by their Advisor Jessica Ramsey, 35 students in total, 17 middle school students and 18 high school, made the trip.

TSA is the Technology Students Association. TSA is a student organization where students work and learn about STEM, or the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The competitions are all strategy, problem solving or researched based. This year's conference theme was A Legacy

of Innovation. Each of the students worked many hours perfecting their projects. Their hard work and dedication paid off. Clay Middle captured eight first place, six second place, and seven third place victories. Clay High won six first place, six second place, and two third place awards. Clay Middle

Students

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Garden Life Workshop upcoming

The Braxton/Clay Extension Master Gardeners present a Garden Life Workshop on Saturday, April 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Big Otter Fire Department. There will be tool sharpening, insects, edible flowers, hydrangeas, pollinators, water features, and a bake sale and raffle.

Bring your gardening tools and knives for sharpening by Reynolds Sharpening: Grass Trimmers-\$3-5, Hand Pruners-\$3, Hoes-\$3, Spades-\$3, Shovels-\$5, Trowels-\$3, Chef Knives-\$6, Paring Knives-\$1. Items need to have the owners name on them. Bring cash. Tool sharpening will be limited to the time of the event- first come first served.

Call the WVU Extension Office for more information at 304-765-2809 (Braxton) and 304-587-4267 (Clay).

As ACA Hits 13th Year, West Virginia Makes Coverage Gains

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

It's been 13 years since more than 156,000 West Virginians gained health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

As sweeping and sometimes controversial as the ACA has been, its longer-term effects are still being felt today at the state level.

Gary Zuckett, executive director of the West Virginia Citizen Action Group, pointed to a new West Virginia law capping insulin copays at \$35 per month. The law goes into effect January 1.

"I think we now have the best insulin copay cap legislation in the country that we just helped get passed in a very 'red' legislature," Zuckett noted. "Which does show you that health care is not partisan."

Federal data shows since the launch of the federal health insurance exchange, enrollment in health insurance plans has doubled from 8 million to more than 16 million na-

tionwide.

According to the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, the Medicaid expansion included in the ACA allowed more than 200,000 West Virginians to gain access to health coverage.

Zuckett cautioned when the "continuous coverage" rules enacted during the pandemic expire April 1, the state will begin re-evaluating people's eligibility, which could signal a setback in progress.

"A lot of people won't qualify or won't fill out the paperwork, and they'll lose their health insurance in West Virginia," Zuckett explained. "That could be as many as 50 or 100,000 people. So, that's going to be a step backwards."

According to America's Health Rankings, around 6% of West Virginians were uninsured in 2021, far fewer than the nearly 16% of the state's population who lacked coverage prior to the Affordable Care Act.

In Calhoun County, schools face tight budgets under state funding formula

by Ellie Heffernan for Mountain State Spotlight

Before getting into Hamlet or The Crucible, Calhoun County English teacher MG Gainer asks her students to list all the plays they've ever seen. Most say they've never seen a real play with lights and a crew.

Unlike when she attended high school there, there isn't money to go on field trips to see a play or explore a museum.

"To be confronted with classrooms of juniors and seniors who said, 'I've never seen a play. I've never been to a museum,'" she said. "That's pretty staggering."

Like many places in West Virginia, Calhoun County is struggling to provide students with extracurriculars – and pay for greatly needed building maintenance.

During this year's legislative session, lawmakers did increase support for public schools through a law that will, among other things, hire nearly 2,500 teachers' aides.

But Calhoun residents also want lawmakers to change the school funding formula in a way that would help some of West Virginia's least populated counties. A Senate bill that would've done so stalled in the Finance committee.

So for now, Calhoun schools will keep relying on the generosity of individual teachers and community members to patch up budget holes. Because when recently given a chance to approve additional funding for local schools, many Calhoun County residents voted no.

"I have nothing to replace that with."

Last November, voters rejected an excess levy that would've brought nearly \$700,000 in each of the next four years to Calhoun County schools through additional property taxes. The levy failed by just 38 votes – less than 1% of registered voters.

It would've funded summer, after school and technical training programs – like horticulture, welding or graphic design. It would've also paid for building and facility upgrades, like putting turf on the football field and renovating heating and cooling systems.

Inside Gainer's classroom, most of the desks need repairs. Parts have fallen off and left sharp, exposed metal. She bought duct tape with her own money to cover the edges after cutting her hand.

"Today, one of the students was being kind of silly and I said 'Hey, don't be tearing up my desk, I don't have anything to replace that with,'" she said.

Sitting at a wooden table in the Calhoun County Board of Education building, Superintendent Kelli Whytsell said administrators must constantly balance budget constraints and the needs of students.

The baseball and softball fields don't have lights which means games must start earlier and are sometimes cut short when it gets too dark.

And before each school year begins, staff have just a few days to get the schools ready for students. Whytsell wants to be able to pay some custodians to work a few more weeks during the summer like other counties do, but after voters rejected the levy, there just isn't the funding.

Calhoun County has a rapidly aging population, so many people don't have school-aged children. Some were already distrustful of the local Board of Education, which only pulled itself out of a budget deficit a few years ago.

"I think the economics of the county – high unemployment, everything was costing more. And they felt that this was another burden that they're not sure that they could afford," Whytsell said.

With the county's financial challenges, residents have argued for a larger amount of state funding.

How the state school aid formula works

The state funding formula for West Virginia schools is largely based on how many students are enrolled in a county. There are provisions to provide extra funding for the state's least populated counties by funding them for more students than they actually have. But Whytsell and other Calhoun County residents say changes are still needed.

They have repeatedly asked state lawmakers to update the funding formula so every county is funded for at least 1200 students. Right now, that would increase state funding for three counties: Gilmer, Wirt and Calhoun.

A Senate bill to make the change was introduced this year. It would've cost the state less than \$1.2 million annually, but it never passed the Senate Finance Committee.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, a Republican who represents Calhoun County and lives in neighboring Clay County, said he plans to sponsor a bill that will change the school funding formula during the next legislative session. He also said voters in his home

county were wrong when they too voted down a levy last year.

"I have two children in that school system. And I believe that voters made a colossal mistake there in not renewing that excess levy," Hanshaw said. "I'm really disappointed about it. I hope soon we can get it back on the ballot again."

Residents chip in to help school system

After Calhoun County's levy failed, Deirdre Purdy, a former member of the county Board of Education, was angry. But, she's channeled that energy towards improving the consolidated Calhoun County Middle/High school's deteriorated lighting and sound systems.

The levy funding would've helped fix the systems, which are more than two decades old and some believe were made worse by lightning from a big storm. Amplifiers to help performers hear themselves and the dimmer on the stage lighting system are both broken.

"Shelley Moore Capito was there last week, talking to the fifth and sixth grade girls. And she said, 'Could somebody turn off the spotlight?'" Purdy said. "And they said, 'No, the only way to light you is with a spotlight in your face. We don't have a dimmer, we can't control it. It's on or off.'"

But that may change soon. Purdy and other Calhoun residents formed a nonprofit called The Sound and Light Project – and raised nearly half of the money needed to complete the repairs. With some help from the Calhoun County Board of Education, they only need about \$20,000 to finish the repairs on the auditorium – also the county's only performing arts venue.

But without a change to the school funding formula or a levy, budget constraints will remain.

Michael McHenry teaches music, band and theater at the middle/high school. For the long hours he puts in working with the school band after school, on the weekend and over the summer, he gets just \$3,000 a year. His four assistant band directors, one of whom is his wife, are all volunteers.

But he said he's proud of what his students have done with few resources, and that two of his percussionists were recently selected for prestigious performances at the state level.

"The kids that have been going and winning these awards are doing these awesome things," he said. "How much more would I be able to do if I had a budget to replace some of our failing instruments?"

Lady Panthers haunt the Lady Eagles in a nail biter win

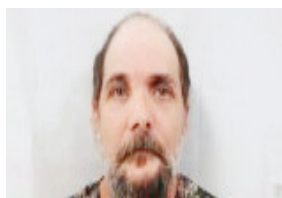


Gracie Johnson brings the heat. Allen Hamrick photo.

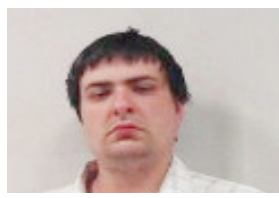
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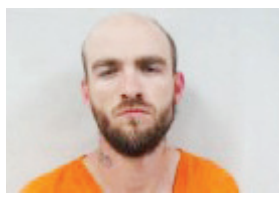
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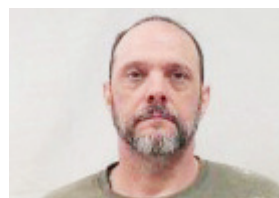
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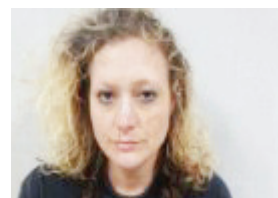
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Ernie Pat Dawson
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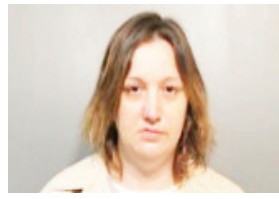


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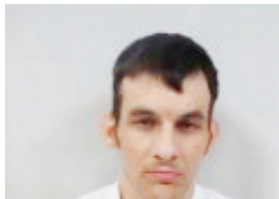
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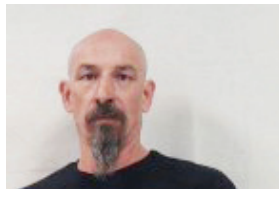
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Burglary, battery



Travis Wayne Pauley
Booked 3/28/23
Bond violation



Charles Franklin Chittum Jr.
Booked 3/30/23
Capias



Laraya Dawn Conrad
Booked 3/31/23
Obstructing, battery on officer



Warren Milton Hypes
Booked 4/1/23
Domestic battery, domestic assault

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Troy Franklin Stevens III
Booked 3/30/23
Petit larceny, entry of building other than dwelling

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Morrisey Files Suit Against Debt Settlement Services Operators for Allegedly Not Returning Tens of Thousands of Dollars to Consumers

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey this week filed a lawsuit against two attorneys for allegedly duping West Virginia consumers—the pair, who runs debt relief services, allegedly failed to settle accounts of West Virginia consumers and refused to return tens of thousands of dollars to their clients.

The four-count civil lawsuit names two California lawyers, Frank Kucera and Marilyn Thomassen. Neither are licensed to practice law in West Virginia and Kucera's California law license is currently suspended.

"As I have mentioned numerous times in the past on similar instances, those who breach the trust of consumers in West Virginia have no place in our state," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Above all, those who are thinking of doing business in the state should follow our consumer protection laws because if not, our office will vigorously investigate, and if necessary litigate, any violation."

So far, four consumers are listed in the lawsuit—all alleging they were charged with "a wide range of unlawful fees," and the defendants ceased communications with them when the consumers notified them that their services are no longer needed. The defendants also allegedly "refused to return thousands of dollars from trust accounts that belonged to consumers who discontinued the debt settlement services."

Debt settlement is an offer for a plan or strate-

gy for a fee to consumers to settle their outstanding credit card debts. Consumers are advised "to stop making payments to their unsecured creditors, generally credit card accounts." They are directed to make monthly payments to the debt settlement company. The money is then held in trust accounts—to be used to negotiate a lump sum payment often less than the actual balance owed.

The most common issue among the consumers was that the defendants allegedly were not able to settle all their debt payments, and the defendants failed to return the money that had been sent for payment. Kucera and Thomassen were involved in debt services in the state since 2014. Both have business addresses in California.

The Attorney General believes "there are other victims who may become known during the course of this litigation."

The lawsuit is asking the Circuit Court of Mineral County to award judgment of all payments collected from the four consumers (more than \$40,000) along with \$5,000 for each violation of the state's Consumer Credit Protection Act.

Read a copy of the lawsuit at: <https://bit.ly/3nwgPaq>.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of this practice or any other scam can call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

DHHR Recognizes April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) joins organizations and advocates around the nation in recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, which highlights the importance of working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

"Promoting the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of West Virginia children is our top priority," said Jeff Pack, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Social Services. "Together, we can increase awareness of this topic and strengthen year-round efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect."

Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in West Virginia.

"Children are the key to our future," said Gov. Justice. "We must work together to assure every child in West Virginia has a healthy, happy childhood free from abuse and neglect."

To show support for children and families and to help build momentum for Child Abuse Prevention Month, West Virginians are encouraged to participate in "Wear Blue Day," on Friday, March 31. The color blue and silver and blue pinwheels are the recognized symbols for child abuse prevention.

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call DHHR's Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect (24/7): 1-800-352-6513. To view and apply for careers in the child welfare field, visit dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Super Crossword

Answer

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Answers

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Public Notices

• The Birch River PSC will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, at 9 a.m. at the PSD office in Birch River.

• 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.

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What A Wacky World we Live In*By: Dr. James L. Snyder*

I like the old saying, “Just when you think it can’t get any worse, it does.”

This is the kind of world we live in today, and I’m still not adjusted to this sort of thing. I’m not sure I will ever adjust to the world around me.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I will be watching the news, and a story of some devastation somewhere in the world will come on.

When this happens, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will say, “What a wacky world we live in.” And if anybody knows about wacky, it is she. After all, she married me.

A story happened in our city when a truck driver was driving under an overpass, and the truck was too big and smashed the overpass. That shut down traffic for at least one day. “What’s wrong with that driver?” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked. “Doesn’t he know about overpasses?”

Then she sighed deeply and said, “What a wacky world we live in.”

When I was young, we had the Three Stooges. Today we have the news media, and I’m unsure which one is wackier.

Watching the news the other night, a similar story was being reported, and I looked at my wife and said, “What a wacky world we live in.” I paused for a moment and then said, “It’s not the world I grew up in.” Then I laughed.

I wasn’t expecting her response, but after all this time, I should’ve expected something. “Whatever made you think that you have grown up?”

I didn’t catch it at first, but I got what she said after a while. That gave me pause for thinking, have I really grown up?

When I was a teenager at home, my mother would get aggravated at me and say very dramatically, “Why don’t you just grow up?”

Now, after over 50 years, my wife is questioning that I have grown up.

After she said it to me, I pondered for quite a few days on what does it actually mean to grow up? And, most importantly of all, does anybody ever grow up?

We may live in a wacky world because few people have actually grown up yet. So if we had more adults around, maybe things wouldn’t get as wacky as it has become.

I wanted to ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, who I assume has grown up, what I need to do to grow up?”

As we watched the news one night, she said, “What a wacky world we live in.” At that point, I replied, “Maybe it’s so wacky because people haven’t grown up yet.”

She went on a tirade explaining why most people have not grown up yet. I tried to listen carefully and take a few notes, but none made sense. It’s like a first-grader listening to a 12th-grader explaining the law of gravity. That makes no sense to them at all.

I thought maybe I could get a few clues as to what I can do to grow up.

I couldn’t keep it any longer, so I asked her, “What do you think I need to do to grow up?”

I should never ask questions like this to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

“Well,” she started, “you should stop acting like a silly person.”

I chuckled and said, “But what if I’m not acting?”

Staring at me, she said, “That is exactly what I mean.”

“So, if you are not acting, you are the silliest person I have ever known.”

According to her, you can’t be silly and grown-up at the same time.

I asked her for more ideas about growing up.

“The next thing you need to do is stop thinking every situation is a joke.”

Pondering this, I’m not sure I will ever grow up if that is true. I see a joke where The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sees something serious. She’s much more grown-up than I ever will be.

“There is a positive side to this wacky world of ours.” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me smiling.

Then she continued, “If the world weren’t as wacky as it is, people would see that you’re wacky.”

I did not know what she meant by that and would not press that point. The fact that she mentioned that is a plus for me, and I won’t undermine that.

After all of this, I wonder if it’s worth growing up. What good does it do to grow up when those people around you aren’t? Maybe wacky is not that bad.

On the bright side, I’m going to try.

I couldn’t help but think of one of the strangest stories about David in 1 Samuel 21, “And he [David] changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me? Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?”

David used “wacky” to his advantage. That worked for him and after giving some thought, maybe that could work for my advantage. Of course, David was acting and I probably am not.

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THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM*Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Context, Context, Context**

I heard a podcaster say that the key to Biblical interpretation is like real estate, but rather than “location, location, location,” it’s “context, context, context.” Understanding the context is very important to get the passage right. Taking a text and ripping it from its context and then forcing it to go where it never intended to go is what Peter called “wresting the scriptures” (2 Peter 3:15-16). It’s like a mugger taking a woman’s purse on the sidewalk, violently twisting it out of her hand. Or imagine two men fighting; one pulls a knife, and the other guy takes it from him with a Jiu-Jitsu move by twisting his arm in a direction never meant to bend. Peter condemns the unlearned and unstable men, who take some of Paul’s writing out of context and twist it to mean something it doesn’t mean.

But getting the passage right is not the same as reading the Bible well. We need to do both. Understanding the Scripture requires immediate context, the context of what came before, and the context of the whole story. How does 2 Peter 3:16 relate to the whole of chapter three? Is the 16th verse a complete sentence, or did I only quote half? You also have the context of the entire book. To understand what Peter is saying at the end of the book, it’s helpful to understand what he has said thus far. Peter is wrapping up a letter with a stern rebuke of false prophets and a stated goal to remind God’s people

of the truth while he has the breath to do it.

But as you read the book, you’ll find that Peter has a lot of quotes and allusions from the Old Testament. He’s writing with the assumption you’ll have that background of the Old Testament stories, like Sodom and Gomorrah and the prophet Balaam. Peter also uses the Old Testament in a way that we should pay close attention to. Psalm 40 is a prayer of Moses. Spurgeon sums the Psalm up nicely by saying, “Moses sings of the frailty of man, and the shortness of life, contrasting therewith the eternity of God, and founding thereon earnest appeals for compassion.” Peter’s paraphrase of Psalm 90:4 in 2 Peter 3:8, saying, “that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” is not referring to the shortness of life, but he took the truth of what Moses said and made an application to the coming of the Lord. People say the Lord isn’t coming back because the Lord hasn’t come back already. Peter responds that God is longsuffering, and what’re 1,000 years to the eternal God? Peter did not wrest the Scripture and take Moses out of context but applied the truth of what Moses said in another truthful way. Peter didn’t change the meaning, but he understood it. Often, the meaning of a passage is much thicker than we might first consider if we only think of the immediate context.

My First Fight*By: Joseph J. Mazella*

I was in the middle of my first fist fight. I can’t remember exactly when it happened. It was on the playground in either my kindergarten or first grade year of school. I can’t remember what started it either. I guess I said or did something that angered the other boy. I do remember that I was losing badly. My feeble swings were missing wildly while his punches kept landing right on my face. The other boys were cheering us on until someone yelled that a teacher was coming. We all ran so as to not get in trouble but I was hurting, not only in my face but also in my heart.

I decided then and there that I didn’t much care for fighting. I would rather be friends with people. I would rather laugh and play and enjoy their company than fight with them. I would rather love than hate. I would rather be kind than be afraid. I spent the rest of my childhood avoiding fights for the most part and breaking up fights between others when I could. And the funny thing is the boy I was fighting that day soon became one of my best friends.

How I wish the whole world could learn what I did that day on the playground. We have had so many needless wars, so many horrible murders, so many senseless shootings, so many people hurting other people in this world. I am sure that Heaven must weep at times watching down on us. If only we could all learn to see everyone as a potential friend, everyone as a good neighbor, everyone as a member of the same family. That is how Our Father in Heaven sees us. He didn’t put us here to fight each other. He put us here to love each other and help each other always.

I have faith that one day we will create a world where war, killings and even fist fights are a thing of the past. I have faith that one day we will see everyone as friends, neighbors, and family. I have faith that one day we will all finally love each other as God loves us. But it all starts with what we do today. May your day then be full of love and free of fist fights.

Home Country*By Slim Randles*

It was just one of those things. It didn’t really mean Marvin Pincus had lost his mind. Consider this yourself for a minute. Marvin had opened the mail that morning and in it was the Fenwick glass fly rod he’d ordered. Oh, it was used, of course. But there’s a feel to a Fenwick that only a man dedicated to a life of using dry flies can appreciate.

The weather was gorgeous. The fish were biting on Lewis Creek. But there was a hitch. Marvin had broken his ankle the previous week and was temporarily in a wheelchair. It was his right ankle, so he couldn’t drive down to the creek. And there, in his hands, was the Fenwick. He put it together, attached a reel and some four-weight line and set it on the couch and looked at it.

Marjorie was off visiting her sister, so she couldn’t help him. But there’s a pull, an irresistible draw to a fly rod. He had to cast it.

Now.

It took Marvin about 20 minutes to negotiate the front steps with that wheelchair and the Fenwick. Oh, he could’ve called a friend to help him, but how could he possibly explain why?

Finally, he negotiated the sidewalk and then the edge of the street itself. There were no cars coming this early afternoon.

Up came the Fenwick. A few swishes in the air told Marvin he’d done the right thing in ordering the rod. So he ran out some line and began casting. About halfway across the street was a large mulberry leaf. He did a double haul on the line and sent the fly toward the leaf. It took several tries before he hit it, but when he made that cast, you could’ve sold tickets to it. His fly came to rest about three feet above the leaf and then fluttered gently down onto its target. Marvin’s smile said it all.

Then the school bus came around the corner full of kids heading home, and Marvin realized he was casting a fly rod from a wheelchair onto dry pavement.

“Hi Mr. Pincus!” yelled one of the kids. “Catch anything?”

“A little slow today, Billy,” he yelled back.

“Isn’t it hard to catch fish without water?” Billy yelled.

“It’s okay, son,” Marvin said with a grin. “I’m using a dry fly!”

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In The Capris’ hit “There’s A Moon Out Tonight” (Feb. ‘61), what does the singer want to do and where does he want to do it?

Answer to last week’s Trivia:
The Jamaican reggae hit “The Israelites” (Desmond Dekker & The Aces, June ‘69) made a reference to the 1930’s gangsters: Bonnie & Clyde.

Attorney General
Morrissey’s Mobile Office
Sets April Stops

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in April to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

“These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure.”

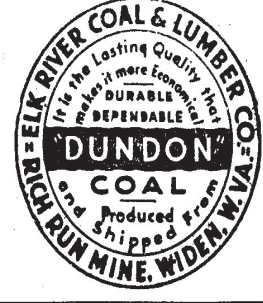
Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

-April 17: Noon to 1 p.m. – Clay Mayor’s Office, 956 Main St., Clay

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.



THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

April, 1956

Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club Plans Fourth Annual 4th of July Celebration

H. L. Beattie, president of the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club, has made the following committee appointments to handle details of Widen's biggest annual event, the 4th of July Celebration and Parade, which this year will

be held on Thursday, July 4: General Chairman: Scott Williams; Assistant: Ed Ketchka Jeep Parade: Darrell Wood Color Guard: Paul Dawson and James Miller Horses: Melvin Conner Talent Show and Dance: William Ashley and Eddie Davis Fire Works: Ronald Butcher, Calvin Gibson and Morgan McGraw Float Entries: Gene C. George First Aid Demonstration: R. G. Elliott, Ed Ketchka, Carmel Ramsey, Darrell Wood, John L. Henley and Scott Williams Beauty Contest: Harold Dawson Sporting Events: Gene Taylor and Lloyd Dodrill Photography: C. M. Waggoner Public Address System: Doyle Waggoner Publicity: Gene George Traffic Director: Arlie Houghton Independence Day at Widen has come to be one of the finest events of its kind in the state and annually draws a large crowd, including many former Widen residents who have come to look upon that day as "Homecoming Day" at Widen.

Church Of God Minister To Preach Class Sermon



DR. HILLERY C. RICE

The Reverend Hillery C. Rice, D. D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church of God in South Charleston, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon to the Widen High School graduates in the YMCA auditorium at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 12th, using as his theme, "On Trial," with the Scripture reference being Ecclesiastes 12th chapter, verses 1-2 and 13-14.

Dr. Rice graduated from Anderson College and Theological Seminary at Anderson, Indiana, and received his Doctorate from that institution in 1953. He is a contributing Editor to "The Gospel Trumpet," a prominent publication of the church.

In 1956 he met with such success with his new book, "Tell Me About The Church," that he is currently engaged in writing another book entitled "The Will of God." Dr. Rice is also a member of the recently organized Juvenile Council of Kanawha County and Immediate Past President of the Anderson College chapter of the National Alumni Association.

The public is cordially invited to hear the Sermon and worship with the graduates.

Widen Students Home For Easter Holidays

Harry Taka, scion of the Widen family of the same name, and Austin Hudson, of the Dawson family, both of whom are students at West Virginia University, Taka in the school of engineering and Hudson in premed, visited their local folks over the Easter holidays. Both boys are making splendid progress in their chosen fields. Harry re-enrolled this year after taking time out for his military service, and Austin is just starting out after completing his secondary schooling at Widen High School and Greenbrier Military Academy.

Judy George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene George, spent the Easter holidays with her parents. Judy is a junior at Western Hills High, a nurse's aide at Charleston General Hospital.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

"We wish to express our many thanks to our neighbors, friends, those who sent flowers, to the choir, to the Rev. Dencil Johnson and Preston Hickman, to the Waters Funeral Home of Summersville, and to the grave diggers. Also to those who so thoughtfully furnished food and to all who assisted in any way during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father - Randall E. Strickland. Their love for him and sympathy for us will long be remembered." Signed, Mrs. Ruth Strickland and Children.

ducts der Membe

The National Honor Society from Clay Hi School attended the Widen High School National Honor Society induction April 3, 1957. An impressive candle light ceremony was conducted by the council and the following students pledged their service to the society: Betty Chapman member of the senior class, Alice Hamrick, April Manning and Lillian Dodrill members of the junior class and Judy LaCorte and Ruby Lee Holcomb members of the sophomore class. Entertainment was provided by Shirley Harshaw and Verna Legg of the Clay High National Honor Society. The Clay Council was entertained at tea before assembly; and had dinner with the National Honor Society of Widen before returning to the Cay High School.

PENNSYLVANIAN VISITS

Mrs. John Beattie of Oakmont, Pa., arrived in Widen for a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beattie.

Sportsmen's Club Will Send Youth To Conservation Meet

Each year the West Virginia Conservation Commission conducts a youth camp at Camp Caesar and local sport and farm groups are requested to send representatives. This year the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club voted to sponsor a local boy at the camp and President H. L. Beattie appointed a committee consisting of Chairman E. C. George and members Corley Frame and Melvin Conner to make the selection in accordance with the rules of the camp, with the restriction that the selectee be the son of a member of the Sportsmen's Club.

After conferring with school authorities about local boys in the appropriate age group (15 to 18), the committee has selected Kyle Barnett, son of Harley Barnett, to represent the club at the camp. The club treasurer has already forwarded the necessary fee for enrollment to Camp Caesar and Kyle will attend the camp from June 15 to 20.

Young Barnett is a 9th grader at Widen High School and was the big man on the Junior High basketball squad this past season, standing head and shoulders above the next tallest boy on the team. He is highly regarded at school, both by teachers and classmates, and will be a worthy representative of Widen at the camp. He is fond of fishing and hunting, and outdoors generally and his life.

The Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club, along with the other Widen civic organizations, is always happy to be able to be helpful in youth activities.

Sportsmen's Club Meeting May 3rd

President H. L. Beattie of the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club urges all members of the club to be present at the next meeting, to be held in the Legion Hall at Widen on Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Tentative plans have been made and committees to handle the various activities have been appointed for the annual Fourth of July celebration and it is essential that the club membership keep informed as to progress. Each committee should be prepared to report at the May 3 meeting. It takes the combined talents and energy of all the members each year to assure the success of the Independence Day celebration, and a great deal of planning and preliminary work is necessary. So get on the ball and get in the swim; come on out to the May 3 meeting of your club and help make this Fourth the best we've ever had.

(Special note for those who are not fed too well at home. Refreshments will be served.)

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**PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES
Clay COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 20th day of April 2023.

Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I		
Personal Property	\$ -	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-
Total Class I	-	-
Class II		
Real Estate	123,600,050	479,568
Personal Property	3,373,719	13,090
Total Class II	126,973,769	492,658
Class III		
Real Estate	59,145,020	490,006
Personal Property	56,121,769	483,477
Public Utilities	42,849,083	322,596
Total Class III	158,020,594	1,296,979
Class IV		
Real Estate	6,225,490	48,310
Personal Property	3,250,218	25,222
Public Utilities	2,863,866	22,224
Total Class IV	12,339,574	95,756
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 297,429,215	\$ 1,815,393
Less uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies	8.00%	(145,231)
Less tax discounts	1.00%	(16,702)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		-
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund		1,653,460
Less - Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	2.00%	(33,069)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		\$ 1,620,391

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

SIGNED THIS 20th DAY OF March, 2023 by
Joan Haynie SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Joan Haynie
Signature

**PROPOSED LEVY ORDER AND RATES
Clay COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Class	Levy Rates/\$100	Permanent Improvement		Taxes Levied	Bond Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
		Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100			
Class I						
Personal Property	0.94	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class II						
Real Estate	1.88	23,237	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	634	-	-	-	-
Total Class II	-	23,871	-	-	-	-
Class III						
Real Estate	3.76	23,239	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	21,102	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	16,111	-	-	-	-
Total Class III	-	59,452	-	-	-	-
Class IV						
Real Estate	3.76	2,341	-	-	-	-
Personal Property	-	1,222	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	1,077	-	-	-	-
Total Class IV	-	4,640	-	-	-	-
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 87,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies	8.00%	(7,037)	-5.00%	-	-	-
Less tax discounts	1.00%	(809)	-1.00%	-	-	-
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		-	-	-	-	-
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation		0	-	-	-	-
Less-Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected	\$ 80,117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 1,700,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SIGNED THIS 20th day of March, 2023 by
Joan Haynie SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Joan Haynie
Signature

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**IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF HEARING
ON
ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE
AGAINST
DELINQUENT OR UNPROGRESSSED ESTATES**

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission does hereby NOTIFY all persons interested in the below estates that a hearing before the County Commission in this matter has been scheduled on Monday, the 8th day of May, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock, at the Courthouse located at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, on the Order to Show Cause previously entered by the County Commission on the 13th day of February, 2023, for presentation of the Reports thereof by the County Clerk against the following appointed personal representatives:

Name of Decedent	Name of Personal Representative	Decedent's Date of Death	Date of Appointment	Delinquent
Norma Faye Cummings	Betty Jo Cummings Salisbury and Norma Jean Cummings Ridgeway	08/28/2019	09/04/2019	x
Darby Glen Hamilton	Aaron Meadows Hamilton	02/08/2017	02/10/2017	x
Arthur Dean Holcomb	Larry R. Holcomb	09/30/2016	11/21/2016	x
Irene Virginia Legg	Ronald J. Legg	07/11/2019	07/24/2019	x
Wyatt McKinney	Jessica Mullins	01/03/2019	02/12/2019	x
Woodie Arnold Neff	Rebekah Sue Morris-Holcomb	10/20/2019	10/25/2019	x
Crystal Renee Nottingham	Holli Nichole Griffin	12/01/2019	12/03/2019	x
John Clinton Rogers	Connie Sue Miller	03/05/2019	09/13/2019	x
Doyle R. Rose	Aimee Clingenpeel	11/03/2019	12/03/2019	x
Patricia Sue Schafstall	Samantha Michelle Brown	07/21/2019	08/09/2019	x
Gilbert Dalton Schoonover	Correna Schoonover	11/23/2019	12/18/2019	x
James Michael Shamblin	Jane Shamblin White	11/21/2017	08/23/2019	x
Emogene Stone	Dorothy Humphrey	10/22/2006	12/04/2006	x
Mary Sue Utter	Leon Brent Utter, Jr.	08/26/2018	09/17/2018	x
William Ronald Walker, Jr.	Katie Michelle Brown	07/29/2019	07/31/2019	x

The above personal representatives and any interested persons are hereby NOTIFIED to appear at such hearing and take such actions as he or she deems proper, otherwise the County Commission may take such action as it deems appropriate including removing the appointed personal representative from office and appointing another appropriate person as personal representative or ordering that the estate be administratively closed, all in accordance with law.

CERTIFIED this 27th day of March, 2023.

Connie Workman
Clerk of the County Commission

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**Clay County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)
2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Clay, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Clay County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 200,000
Property Taxes Current year	1,192,629
Prior Year Taxes	80,000
Property Transfer Tax	25,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	20,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	300
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)	8,200
Licenses	200
Building Permits	800
Sheriff's Service of Process	6,000
Sheriff's Earnings	50
County Clerk's Earnings	28,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	8,000
Accident Reports	250
Motor Vehicle License Fee	1,600
Clerk Deed Fees	1,000
Rents & Concessions	13,000
Franchise Agreement	700
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	35,000
Interest Earned	1,200
Miscellaneous Revenue	17,000
Sheriff's Commission	3,500
Gaming Income	45,000
Video Lottery	6,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	44,200
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 1,737,629
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 100
Coal Severance Tax	40,000
Interest Earned on Investment	20
Total Coal Severance	\$ 40,120

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
County Commission	\$ 406,352
County Clerk	142,748
Circuit Clerk	124,641
Sheriff - Treasurer	177,737
Prosecuting Attorney	263,411
Assessor	101,272
Assessor's Valuation Fund	44,200
Statewide Computer Network	47,584
Elections - County Clerk	38,000
Circuit Court	11,310
Courthouse	142,000
Regional Development Authority	1,809
County Clerk Operations	7,125
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,508,189
PUBLIC SAFETY	-
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	149,088
Sheriff - Service of Process	23,952
Regional Jail	53,200
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	226,240
SOCIAL SERVICES	-
Human Resources	3,200
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	3,200
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,737,629

**CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30, 2024**

Current Year	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ -	14.30	\$ -
Public Utility	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 123,600,050	28.60	\$ 353,496
Personal Property	3,373,719	-	9,649
Total Class II	\$ 126,973,769	-	\$ 363,145
CLASS III			
Real Estate	\$ 59,145,020	57.20	\$ 338,310
Personal Property	56,121,769	-	321,017
Public Utility	42,849,083	-	245,097
Total Class III	\$ 158,115,872	-	\$ 904,424
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 6,225,490	57.20	\$ 35,610
Personal Property	3,250,218	-	18,591
Public Utility	2,863,866	-	16,381
Total Class IV	\$ 12,339,574	-	\$ 70,582
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 297,429,215		\$ 1,338,151
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		7.20%	96,347
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	24,836
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)		-	0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 1,216,968
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	24,339
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 1,192,629

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF CLAY
I, Connie Workman, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 27th DAY OF MAY 2023.

Connie Workman
Signature

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

- Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.
- Publication Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, June 5, 2023
- APPOINTMENT DATE 03/03/2023
ESTATE NAME: **CHARLES NEIL DRAKE**
ADMINISTRATRIX TRINA DRAKE
220 EAST ADAMS ST, APT. 7
MILLERSBURG OH 44654-1435
- APPOINTMENT DATE 02/27/2023
ESTATE NAME: **GLADA N LANHAM**
EXECUTOR BILLY WELDON LANHAM
284 OLD LOCHGELLY RD
OAK HILL WV 25901-5642
- APPOINTMENT DATE 02/24/2023
ESTATE NAME: **AGNES FAY PERKINS**
ADMINISTRATOR RODNEY PERKINS
221 SMITHFIELD HIGH HOUSE RD
SMITHFIELD PA 15478
- APPOINTMENT DATE 12/07/2022
ESTATE NAME: **MELISSA SANDERS**
ADMINISTRATOR JUSTIN S SANDERS
90 SPORTSMAN LANE
MT. NEBO WV 26679
- APPOINTMENT DATE 12/07/2022
ESTATE NAME: **PAUL A SANDERS**
ADMINISTRATOR JUSTIN S SANDERS
90 SPORTSMAN LANE
MT. NEBO WV 26679
- APPOINTMENT DATE 01/18/2023
ESTATE NAME: **CAROLYN S SHORT**
ADMINISTRATRIX KIMBERLY A SHORT
198 RIVER VIEW DR., APT. B
SUTTON WV 26601

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 03/28/2023

Connie Workman
County Clerk
Clay County
P.O. Box 190
246 Main Street
Clay WV 25043-0190

Classifieds

WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY: Small log skidder with ppo winch. 540-395-2083.

WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY: 1940 up to 1954 Chevrolet car to restore. Call 540-395-2083.

WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY: WANT TO BUY: 1949-1952 Chevrolet 4 door or 2 door parts cars. In running condition or not. 540-395-2083.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Nebo, WV. Two, (2) bedroom mobile homes. Non-smoking units. No pets. \$550.00-\$625.00. Security deposit. Now taking applications. Dalmation Trailer Park. 304-765-5071.



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**CLAY WATER DEPT
WV3300801**

**Consumer Confidence Report - 2023
Covering Calendar Year - 2022**

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. or call JOSHUA SHAMBLIN at 304-587-4233.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE - ELK RIVER	Surface Water

Buyer Name	Seller Name
There are no additional purchases to display.	

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800- 426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 1084 and is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1 - December 31, 2021. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: CLAY WATER DEPT							
Microbiological Source	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source			
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022							
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	4/12/2022	0.0265	0.0265	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	9/13/2022	0.23	0.23	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	7/13/2021	0.11	0.11	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	MAYSEL Laurel RDG BIRD RESIDENCE	2022	41	35.3-44	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	MORGAN CARR RD WRISTEN RESIDENCE	2022	57	15-64.3	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2019-2021	0.0133	0.0014-0.0479	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2019-2021	1	0-23	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

CLAY WATER DEPT is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at 956 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact JOSHUA SHAMBLIN at 304-587-4233.

Chlorine/Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Maximum Disinfection Level	1.4000	MG/L	0.8	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
Lowest Month for Removal	3/8/2022	1.1	0-1.1	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

	Monitoring Period	MCL	Range (low/high)	Unit	Lowest monthly % <0.3 NTU (TT if <95%)	Violation	Typical Source
TUBIDITY	2022	TT=1 NTU	0.01-0.09	NTU	100%	No	Soil runoff and erosion

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	9/13/22	0.221	0.221	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-228	9/13/22	0.476	0.476	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants - Non Health Based Contaminants - No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	11/10/2022	33.6	8.8-33.6	MG/L	10000
ALUMINUM	5/12/2022	13.7	0.62-13.7	MG/L	0.05
BORON, TOTAL	7/13/2021	9.4	8.6-9.4	UG/L	
CALCIUM	8/17/2021	14400	12800-14400	UG/L	
CARBON, TOTAL	3/8/2022	1.9	0-1.9	ppm	10000
CHLORIDE	7/13/2021	8.7	7.9-8.7	MG/L	250
CHLORINE	12/3/2019	1.4	1.4	MG/L	4
GIARDIA LAMBLIA	12/3/2019	1	0-1		1
IRON	5/12/2022	0.636	0.041-0.636	MG/L	0.3
MAGNESIUM	8/17/2021	6840	4.2-6840	UG/L	
MANGANESE	5/12/2022	0.224	0.098-0.224	MG/L	0.05
PH	5/18/2020	8.9	8.9	SU	8.5
POTASSIUM	8/17/2021	1540	1330-1540	UG/L	
SODIUM	8/17/2021	7.93	5.71-7.93	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	8/17/2021	37.8	29.9-37.8	MG/L	250
ZINC	7/13/2021	0.0056	0.0025-0.0056	MG/L	5

The following items were identified as deficiencies during a prior sanitary survey of the water system.

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
12/2/2020	LOWER MAYSEL TANK	This Significant Deficiency was identified in the previous Sanitary Survey - A project is currently underway to replace this tank with a new tank in a different location to close this deficiency. The tank is severely corroded and due to this corrosion, it is no longer in service.
12/2/2020	UPPER MAYSEL TANK	This Significant Deficiency was identified in the previous Sanitary Survey - A project is currently underway to replace this tank with a new tank adjacent to the existing tank to close this deficiency. The tank is severely corroded and could fail at any time

During the 2022 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
9/2/2022	LT2ESWTR	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (EPA SURVEY)
9/2/2022	LT2ESWTR	FAILURE ADDRESS DEFICIENCY (EPA SURVEY)
1/1/2022-12/31/2022	SODIUM	MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR

There are no additional required health effects notices.
There are no additional required health effects violation notices.
This Consumer Confidence Report is not being mailed to each customer. A copy can be provided upon request by calling our office at 304-587-4233. The CCR is also available to view at 956 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043.

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(2021-S-00000009 - Clay County - MAJID SHAFIEI)
To: JAMES RAMSEY, JAMES RAMSEY, ESTATE OF JAMES RAMSEY, SOUTHEASTERN LAND LLC, VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC, CRAIG RAMSEY, ESTATE OF RONALD RAMSEY, 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 14 PARCEL 0096 00003007
You will take notice that MAJID SHAFIEI, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000009, 7.68 AC MIDDLE CREEK SUR 1/4 INTEREST, located in PLEASANT, which was returned delinquent in the name of RAMSEY JAMES ROSCOE, 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 May 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, May 23, 2023, will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 23, 2023. \$ 105.78
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 23, 2023. \$ 10.50
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 May 23, 2023. \$ 978.08
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 23, 2023. \$ 398.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Allen C. King, Sheriff and Treasurer of Clay County.** \$ 1,492.92
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.** \$ 35.00
You may redeem any time before May 23, 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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON TARIFF FORM NO. 10 (Tariff Rule No. 19A)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES GAULEY RIVER PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT CASE NO. 22-1048-PWD-19A
The Gauley River Public Service District has filed a request with the West Virginia Public Service commission for an increase in its water rates, and on December 28, 2022, the Commission approved emergency interim rates for the District. The Staff of the Public Service Commission has reviewed the application and recommended the following increases.

	PRIOR RATES	STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES
Rates (per 1,000 gallons/month)		
First 3,000 gallons	\$17.59	\$20.50
Next 3,000 gallons	\$16.64	\$19.95
Next 4,000 gallons	\$15.55	\$18.74
Next 10,000 gallons	\$14.48	\$17.55
All Over 20,000 gallons	\$13.38	\$16.33
Minimum Charge		
5/8 inch meter	\$52.77	\$61.50
3/4 inch meter	\$79.76	\$92.25
1 inch meter	\$131.93	\$153.75
1 1/2 inch meter	\$263.85	\$307.50
2 inch meter	\$422.16	\$492.00
3 inch meter	\$844.32	\$984.00
4 inch meter	\$1,319.25	\$1,537.50
6 inch meter	\$2,638.50	\$3,075.00
8 inch meter	\$4,221.60	\$4,920.00
10 inch meter	\$6,068.55	\$7,072.50
Resale rate (per 1,000 gallons)	\$4.72	\$6.70

The Commission may adopt rates and charges for the District which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges.
Anyone desiring to protest the proposed changes must do so in writing within ten days of the date of publication of this notice. All protests should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests should be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified. In addition, anyone desiring a hearing in this matter must demand a hearing in the letter of protest. If no substantial protest is filed, the Staff-recommended rates may be approved without hearing. Customers may also submit comments online at the Commission website.
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Notice is hereby given that SCREAMING EAGLE COAL, LLC, P.O. BOX 1050, 22 MINE ROAD, HOLDEN, WV 25625 has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for a significant permit revision to Article 3 permit number U201495 in order to add approximately 1,309 acres and delete approximately 914 acres of underground mining limits.

The revised permit will discharge into Peachorchard Branch of Twentymile Creek of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 5.0 miles, Northwest of DRENNEN in the JEFFERSON District of Nicholas County, Longitude 81° 3' 18" and Latitude 38° 19' 16" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:
NAME ADDRESS
 Appleatcha Land LLC 200 Park Ave, Ste 400, Orange Village, OH 44122
 Screaming Eagle Coal, LLC 1245 22 Mine Road, Holden, WV 25625

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:
NAME ADDRESS
 Screaming Eagle Coal, LLC 1245 22 Mine Road, Holden, WV 25625

*Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:
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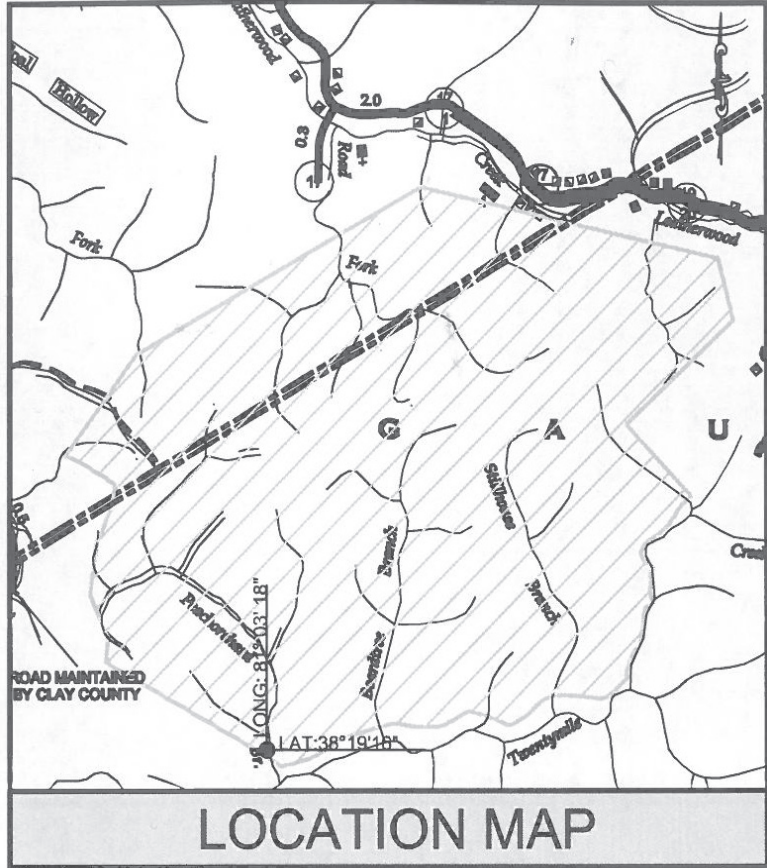
*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:
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Screaming Eagle Coal, LLC 1245 22 Mine Road, Holden, WV 25625

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until May 21, 2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until May 21, 2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm
 The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Permit No. U201495 REV # 2
 *These items are to be completed only for revisions which change the boundaries of the current permit. Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2).



LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

PERMIT NO. U201495 NPDES NO. WV1013866

LOCKWOOD 7.5' USGS QUADRANGLE
 NEAREST POST OFFICE: DRENNEN, WV
 TAKEN FROM WV DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS MAP
 JEFFERSON DISTRICT OF NICHOLAS COUNTY

RECEIVING STREAMS: PEACHORCHARD BRANCH OF TWENTYMILE CREEK OF THE GAULEY RIVER OF KANAWHA RIVER

Attorney General Morrissey Files Suit Against Alleged Unlicensed Mobile Home Sellers

West Virginia Attorney Gen. Patrick Morrissey has filed a lawsuit against four members of the same family for alleged violations of the state's Consumer Credit and Protection Act.

Specifically, the Attorney General is asking the Circuit Court of Putnam County to bar the defendants from violating the Act related to the selling, moving, delivering and set-up, and repair of mobile homes. The lawsuit also asks the court to award restitution for consumers harmed by the defendants' alleged unlawful activities, among other things.

"It's really simple: 'If you're going to do business in West Virginia, you better comply with our consumer protection laws, and be honest about your work,'" Attorney General Morrissey said.

"Most businesses that operate in the state do the right thing but if you cross the line, we're going to make sure there's enforcement. Plain and simple."

The defendants, Gary and Veronica May (husband and wife), Tyler May (Gary's and Veronica's grandson) and Joshua May (Gary's and Veronica's son), did business throughout southern and central West Virginia as May Brothers Mobile Home Movers.

According to the lawsuit, the business is allegedly not incorporated and does not have any of the licenses required to sell or

move mobile homes. The Attorney General's Office has received at least 15 consumer complaints alleging a wide range of unlawful activities by the defendants, including deceptive sales practices, sale of homes not fit for occupancy, faulty and unsafe installation of mobile homes, failure to make promised repairs and renovations and failure to return deposits, among other things.

The Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division opened an investigation of May Brothers after identifying numerous unresolved com-

plaints. Those complaints were sent to the Manufactured Housing Board who then issued a cease and desist orders (nine total), but the business "continued to engage in unlawful activities," prompting the Attorney General to file the lawsuit.

Read a copy of the lawsuit at: <https://bit.ly/3K1KH7e>.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of this practice or any other scam can call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

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Students

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April Dawson - Honorary Lifetime Member Award



Taylor Adkins - WV TSA Sergeant at Arms



Morgan Payton - WV TSA Secretary

achieved second place Overall Outstanding Chapter, and Clay High won third place Overall Outstanding Chapter.

State officers for the 2023-2024 school year were also elected. From CCHS, Morgan Payton will serve as Secretary and Taylor Adkins will be Sergeant at Arms. Additionally, seven Clay students were inducted into the Technology Honor Society: Ariel Dobbins and Julianna Gallaher from CCMS, and Taylor Adkins, Holt Dawson, Dylan McCumbers, Maddy Paxton, and Morgan Payton from CCHS. Finally, Mrs. April Dawson won the Honorary Lifetime Member Award.

Ms. Ramsey is very

proud of these students for not only being successful in competition, but for their success in their behavior, too. They are carrying on a strong tradition set by TSA students over the past decade. Ms. Ramsey would also like to thank Mr. Phil Dobbins, Mr. Alex Keiffer, Mrs. April Dawson, Ms. Lindsey Schoolcraft, and Ms. Clare Dawson for their time and hard work helping students with projects and serving as chaperones along with the parents, grandparents, and family members who help make sure the students' projects are complete.

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and the same can be

said about TSA. It takes a community to bring success and CCMS and CCHS students are fortunate to have that community support. This success would also not be possible without the support of the administrations at Clay Middle, Clay High, the Clay County Schools Administrative Staff and the Clay County Board of Education. We thank you!

In total, eight middle school students and eleven high school students earned the honor of attending the national TSA competition in Louisville, Kentucky from June 28 to July 2, 2023. State winners were as follows:

Clay County High School State Winners

1st Place Winners	2nd Place Winners	3rd Place Winners
Chapter Team Taylor Adkins, Gracey Champ, Holt Dawson, Dylan McCumbers, Maddy Paxton, Morgan Payton	Audio Podcasting Sawyer Dobbins	Digital Video Production Taylor Adkins, Gracey Champ, Holt Dawson, Maddy Paxton, Morgan Payton
Children's Story Taylor Adkins, Isaac Brown, Maddy Paxton	Data Science and Analytics Jaxon Brown	Photographic Technology Jaxon Brown
Debating Technological Issues Holt Dawson, Sawyer Dobbins	Extemporaneous Speaking Holt Dawson	
Future Technology Teacher Gracey Champ	Music Production Jaxon Brown	
Prepared Presentation Sawyer Dobbins	Technology Problem Solving Jaxon Brown, Morgan Payton	
System Control Technology Hunter Evans, Ilyauna Evans, Cadence Williams	Video Game Design Isaac Brown, Gracey Champ, Dylan McCumbers	

Clay County Middle School State Winners

1st Place Winners	2nd Place Winners	3rd Place Winners
Challenging Technology Issues Ariel Dobbins, Juliann Gallaher	Chapter Team Cheyenne Adkins, Adrianna Belt, Brooke Cliver, Ariel Dobbins, Juliann Gallaher, Gabe Shamblin	Career Prep Adrianna Belt
Children's Stories Ariel Dobbins	Children's Stories Cheyenne Adkins, Brooke Cliver	Coding Adrian Davison, Presley Shamblin
Community Service Video Juliann Gallaher, Abigail Grandon	Digital Photography Brooke Cliver	Digital Photography Abigail Grandon
Construction Challenge Bailey Frame, Roxy Schoolcraft	Forensics Technology Adrian Davison, Presley Shamblin	Leadership Strategies Adrian Davison, McKinley Mahan, Presley Shamblin
Leadership Strategies Adrianna Belt, Juliann Gallaher, Abigail Grandon	Inventions and Innovations Bailey Frame, Cade Hamrick, McKinley Mahan, Roxy Schoolcraft	Prepared Speech Abigail Grandon
Medical Technology Bailey Frame, Roxy Schoolcraft	Prepared Speech Ariel Dobbins	Technical Design Ahynv Davison, Diego Metheny
Problem Solving Cheyenne Adkins, Brooke		Technology Bowl Brooke Cliver, Diego Metheny, Gabe Shamblin

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At This Time

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

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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

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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**

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry Chandler**

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

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

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM.
Everyone welcome.

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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

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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

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ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Saturday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Brace Cook

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Pastor: Bret Wiley

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Dutch Ridge Laurel Road
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Tuesday Service 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans
Associate Pastor: **Lee Roy Anderson**

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

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

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

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GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM
Wednesday Kids/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

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IDA BAPTIST CHURCH
Bentree
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM
Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.
All ages welcome. Also have crafts, etc., all children welcome.
Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Class 11:00-12:30
Preaching Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM
Wednesday Service 6:30-7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Stepp

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

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

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

LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: 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

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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

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NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH
Preaching every Sunday 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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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday 11:00 AM
Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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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.

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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
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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

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PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday 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

PROCIOS 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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
PMEveryone 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

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

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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

Lady Panthers defeat Lady Eagles



Madison Morton gets the job done at shortstop.

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panthers were setting fire to the diamond taking down the Lady Eagles of Braxton in what resembled a state championship game. The game was a nail biter for the fans, and if you had a pace maker, it was going to work overtime. The game got underway as Gracie Johnson took to the mound for the Lady Panthers to bring the heat to the Lady Eagles. Pitching under the shadow of a head cold, she went to work, and after giving up some early gifts to the Lady Eagles, Gracie settled into a groove.

The Lady Panthers were first on the boards, but a couple of mistakes got them playing in catch up mode as they trailed 2-10 after two innings. The girls were in a pickle early. The Lady Panthers, undaunted by the setback, brought out the whipping bats and proceeded to start scattering hits over the field. Madison Morton got busy with the big girl bat and was top hitter with five hits in the game to lead the Lady Panthers. She also proved to be one of the best shortstops the Lady Panthers have ever fielded. With a glove like a suction cup, she faced nine shots at her and fielded each one.

As the Lady Panther bats heated up and their defense and pitching went to next level, the game began to look like the Lady Panthers would make the Lady Eagles pay for the 10 runs they got. They quickly tattooed six more runs on the board the next couple of innings and closed the gap to 8-10. The Lady Eagles also started tagging the ball late in the game and stayed just ahead of the Lady Panthers as the Lady Eagles added three more runs to their score. The score stood at 12-15 as fans were on the edge of their seats. At the bottom of the 7th

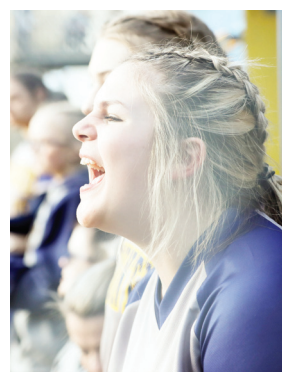


Chloe Blanton loads the gun at third.

the Lady Panthers had a last chance to come out of this game bandage free. The Lady Panthers proved they should never be given up on as they rolled the dice in the inning and the Lady Eagles couldn't hold them back.

The Lady Panthers scored four runs in the inning to squeeze past the Lady Eagles in the final inning of the game to win by the score of 16-15. It was a great win for the Lady Panthers. This is a new and young team you will not want to miss watching. They are full of adrenaline, and they make the game of softball exciting to watch. Overall, the Lady Panthers smacked 27 hits down the Lady Eagles' pipes and stole the bases 11 times. Rylee Burkhamer led the Lady Panthers in stolen bases with three. All the girls hit the ball well in the game, and they played like a team possessed with grit.

The Lady Panthers seem to get better and better as the season rolls on. With plenty of season left to play, the Lady Panthers are well on their way to one of their best seasons yet; they are now 3-1. They play a couple of double headers this week, and both are away games. South Harrison is on April 4th and Richwood on April 6th. They will be back at home on April 11th to take on Doddridge County. Get out and catch a game.



Lakin Winebrenner fires up the team.

Panthers break out the whipping sticks against Braxton

By Allen Hamrick

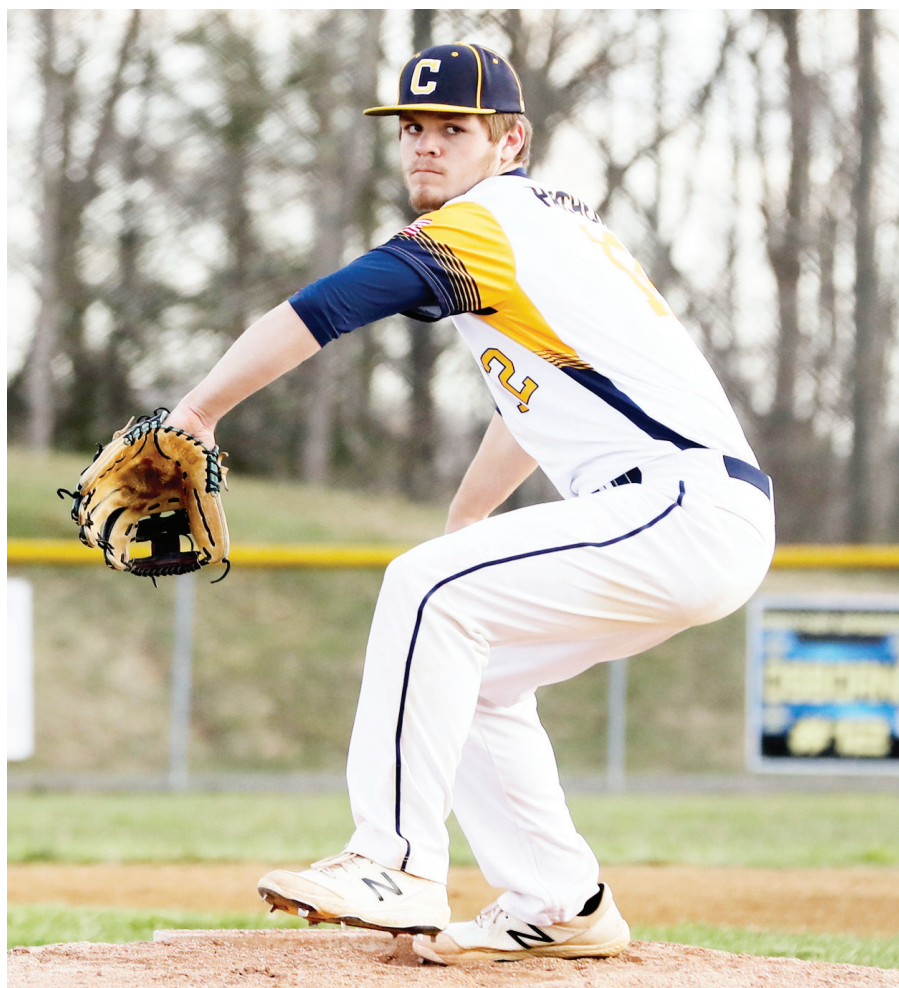


Noah Collins gets the out at first.

The Panther baseball team went 1 for 3 this past week as they struggle to get on track. They opened up the week against Capitol, and they had a tough time getting the hits they needed to put on the boards. Capitol got on the boards first and never looked back. When the smoke cleared, it was Capitol over the Panthers 6-1. Gilmer was up next and the Panthers were still having trouble getting hits when they needed them the most. The Panthers scattered nine hits over the field bringing in three runs, but Gilmer had eight

big hits and racked up 13 runs in the game making the final score Panthers 3 Gilmer 13. The Panthers needed a win to raise morale and that came as they locked horns with Braxton. Both teams managed a single run in the 1st inning to start things off, but the Panthers' bats started singing a different song. They burned five more runs across the plate in the 2nd inning to add to Braxton's misery and nine more over the next two innings. Braxton couldn't answer the call, and when it was over, the Panthers got a much needed win; the final score was Panthers 15, Braxton 5.

With this win under their belt and still plenty of games, there is time left for them to light the neon on their season. They will be back in action this week in a three game tour. One of the games will be away and two will be at home starting with South Harrison away and Roane and South Harrison at home. Check your schedules and get to a game.



Micah Osborne brings the heat against Capitol.

CCMS track team brings home the bacon

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS track team is in the news again and is making waves in the track world. They competed this past Tuesday in Richwood. It was tough competition for the team; it was cold enough to freeze the balls off a differential bearing, but they kept running despite the weather. Several teams took to the field, and both the boys' and the girls' teams were burning up the track. The rain or snow looked like it would hamper the event, but as long as there is no lightning or snow hitting the ground, the starting guns will fire and the races start. The ladies held their own in the event with Brooke Cliver and Ariel Dobbins placing as queens of the hill in shot put and disc. Ariel Dobbins also placed 4th in the shot, 5th in the 800 and was top female scorer for the Lady Mustangs.



L-R Ariel Dobbins and Brooke Cliver are the queens of the throwers.

For the boy's team, Seth Robinson swept up the running events placing 1st in the 100, 400, and 100 meter high hurdles. He also took 1st in the shot put and was the high point scorer for the meet with a maximum score of 40 points. As of this writing, unfortunately, the overall results were not posted, but the boys and girls team did very well if they did not take 1st place.

The CCMS track teams are clearing the high bar this season getting some wins under their belts and setting up for the CW-VAC championship. The longer the season goes, the better they get. So, if you have some time and you want to see some good track events, they will once again be at Laidly Field on Tuesday evening.



Seth Robinson shows his winning throw.

Ivy Beard runs the 200 meter relay.