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Dairy Judging Team wins big



Congratulations to our state winning dairy judging team!
Winners are as follows: Skylar Lane- 1st Individual, Lillian Tucker- 2nd (this member's first contest),

Natalie Caldwell- 3rd (this member's first contest), Natalie Remias- 5th. This team will compete at the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana in October 2024.

West Virginia lawmakers pour around \$100 million into improving the jails system. It's not nearly enough

State officials say the understaffed and overcrowded corrections system needs over \$300 million to increase pay and repair decaying facilities. Lawmakers just approved some funding but it falls short.

by Henry Culvyhouse for Mountain State Spotlight

Two weeks ago, lawmakers gathered in Charleston to finalize Gov. Jim Justice's plan to funnel \$21 million to increase salaries for corrections officers and address the growing crisis with West Virginia's dangerous jails and prisons.

Even Moundsville, the very first state prison, was taken to task in the early 1980s when a county judge found the conditions unconstitutional, per the suit.

The current staffing and facility issues have been going on for at least a decade, and state officials running the system said they have repeatedly told lawmakers and the governor about the dire needs.

Earlier this year, lawmakers also put \$75 million towards long overdue repairs within the system, an amount the governor said he's going to slightly increase.

"Prior to every legislative session, we have a meeting with the budget office," said then-Secretary of Homeland Security Jeff Sandy in a deposition earlier this year. "We provide them with our needs."

On the same day, just an hour's drive away in Beckley, a federal lawsuit was filed that made it clear the new money is a drop in the bucket of what is needed to fill large staff vacancies and complete important repairs at the state's jails and prisons.

"We told them," he added.

Officer vacancies are a long-standing issue

With a little more than 700 vacancies in correctional officer positions, prison commissioner Billy Marshall told lawmakers this month that one jail in the Eastern Panhandle was "operating on smoke and mirrors" with a dozen officers working the floor, assisted by National Guard and civilian employees.

In the lawsuit filed on behalf of current and former inmates, officials who run or previously ran West Virginia's jails and prisons system said that at least another \$39 million is needed to get enough people working the cell blocks and at least \$150 million is required to make those cell blocks habitable.

The raise, which would jump starting pay from \$35,000 for new officers to \$40,000 (about a \$4 an hour raise), should help fill the ranks, according to Marshall. By an officer's third year, they would top out at \$48,000.

The problem isn't new — back in 1946, the West Virginia Supreme Court recommended a regional jail system because county lockups had become "totally unfit for human habitation," according to the suit. It took until 1985 before the Legislature did anything about it and another 20 years for the state to completely switch over to regional jails, the suit states.

This isn't the first-time correctional officers have had their pay increased; in 2017, base salary was hovering around the poverty line, at \$24,000 a year. The follow-

Appalachian Region Focus of New Federal Food Business Grant Program



By Nadia Ramlagan

A new \$40 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will boost the resources and assistance for farmers and food businesses in Appalachia.

"These are going to be direct grants to agriculture businesses that can then use these funds to accelerate their businesses and improve their market ability of their products," Hudson explained.

According to the USDA, the goal of the program is to transform the food system in rural communities to better benefit producers and consumers by providing more options, increasing access, and creating new and improved markets. The \$400 million initiative is funding the creation of twelve new regional food business centers nationwide.

According to Rural Action, the new Appalachian Regional Food Business Center's goals include reaching at least 10,000 food and farm businesses through grants, technical assistance, and assistance with land access.

Hudson added the five-year grant will position the region for long-term scaling up of food and meat processing, distribution, and aggregation in Central Appalachia.

Adam Hudson, senior director of agriculture for the nonprofit Coalfield Development, said producers will be able to apply for funding for new equipment or other needs to help accelerate their businesses.

"We really want to take our time [to] make sure we're executing this well," Hudson emphasized. "So that we serve the farmers and those in the food and ag community well, and that they have a say in the voice and the processes and programs within this project."

According to a report by the Appalachian Regional Commission, the region lost nearly 30,000 farms and nearly 2 million acres of farmland between 2007 and 2017, significantly outpacing national rates of farm and farmland loss.

Jails

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Poll: More WV Parents Would Work Full-Time with Affordable Child Care

By Nadia Ramlagan

Half of West Virginia voters who are parents working part-time or less say they'd go back to full-time work if they had access to quality child care at a reasonable cost.

CCPIF Panthers clobber Webster Mountaineers



In the latest poll from the First Five Years Fund, 93% of Republicans, 97% of Democrats, and 90% of independents believe child care is an important issue. The findings come as federal funding for child care through the American Rescue Plan Act is expected to run out within the next year.

Christy Felling, director of communications for the fund, said of the 112,000 kids under age five in West Virginia, nearly 60% have parents in the workforce. She explained the poll results highlight how a lack of permanent child care funding infrastructure affects families.

Ryder James with the stiff arm. Allen Hamrick

"Even after acknowledging concerns about the federal deficit, 78% of West Virginia voters say that they believe increasing federal funding for child care and early childhood education programs is important," Felling reported.

Some 13% of young children in West Virginia live in families in which someone quit their job or refused a job because of child care responsibilities. The number is likely higher among Black and Latino parents, according to research from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Federal data shows, when adjusted for inflation, families nationwide pay between \$5,000 and \$17,000 per year, per child for child care. Felling noted there are policies and programs to help ease the burden on families, including investing more tax dollars into child care through federal block grants.

"There are also tax credits that are specifically designed to help parents offset the cost of child care, and tax credits that can go to businesses so they can help parents with child care. So, there are things that we can do that help to make child care accessible and affordable."

According to the poll, two-thirds of West Virginia voters feel resources directed to child care and early learning programs benefit both individual families and the overall community.

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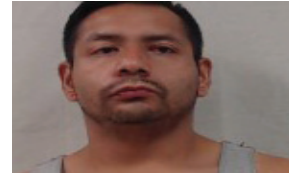
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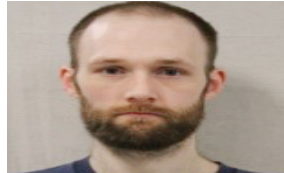


REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY



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Possession with intent



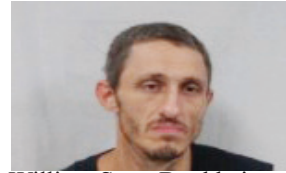
Al Jerome Lucas
Booked 8/19/23
Trespassing, obstructing an officer, petit larceny



Wyatt James Lucas
Booked 8/14/23
Solicit minor via computer, poss. of child pornography



Jessica Brooke Stewart
Booked 8/18/23
Possession of controlled substance



William Scott Bookheimer
Booked 8/15/23
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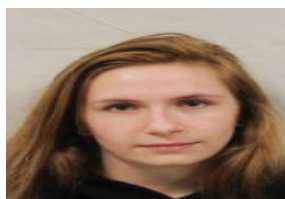
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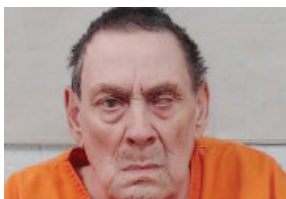
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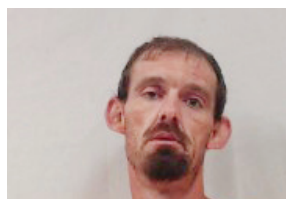
James Michael Nichols
Booked 8/21/23
No insurance, DOR/DUI, open container



Madison Elizabeth Obrad
Booked 8/21/23
DOR/DUI



William Howard Stephenson
Booked 8/15/23
Sexual abuse first degree



Bobby Allen Stillwell
Booked 8/18/23
Probation revocation



Joel William Snyder
Booked 8/18/23
Fugitive from justice

NICHOLAS COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

• The Clay County Alumni Luncheon Group will be meeting Wednesday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Carol's Crossroad, best restaurant in Maysel. Anyone who attended CCHS and their family or caregivers is welcomed to attend. We have a good time eating, reminiscing, sharing photos and stories, and meeting new people. Carol has a variety of tasty foods and desserts on her menu so come hungry. For more information, call/text Quincy at 304-549-8203. (Each person responsible for payment of own food.)

• Peoples Community Church Open House will be held August 19 at 2 p.m. with singing, food, and fellowship. From tragedy to blessings, we thank God and everyone that made our new church possible. Come join us in our celebration.

• The Clay County High School - Class of 1948 will meet in the high school on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at 2 p.m. for their 75th class reunion. The meeting room will be posted at the main entrance of the school. The Annual Alumni Dinner will be provided in the school cafeteria at 5 p.m. The Class of 1948 appreciates the Clay County Bank and Mr. Greg Gency - CEO, for providing this meal over the past 30 years. Any Questions Call; Bob Boggs 304-965-5118, or Clarice Shamblin Parsons 330-534-9957.

• CCHS CLASS OF 1993 will celebrate their 30th reunion on Saturday, September 16, from 4 pm to ? at Craft Kings in Mt. Nebo. A full food and drink menu will be available; each party is responsible for purchases. For more information, call or text Quincy at 304-549-8203.

• The 1966 Class of Clay County High School will have a get together on September 16, 2023 from 2:30 to

5 p.m. at the Clay High School. Come join us! Dinner will be served at the school by the Clay High School Alumni Association.

• Attention CCHS Class of 1953: Are you interested in attending our 70th year reunion during the Golden Delicious Apple Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 at CCHS? If so, please let Muriel Whaling Sizemore or Yvonne Hart King know soon. Muriel's address is 307 Price Street, Mineral Wells, WV 26150 and her number is 304-489-2958. Yvonne's address is 113 Center Street, Glenville, WV 26351, and her number is 304-462-7856. It's been at least 10 years since our last reunion, and we aren't getting any younger! See you in September?

• Holcomb Family Reunion: There will be a family reunion for the family of John and Mary Holcomb on Saturday, July 29 at 1 P.M. at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, Bickmore. All family and friends are invited to attend.

• The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

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

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

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Memories Can Be So MemorableBy: *Dr. James Snyder*

In growing older, I noticed a strange phenomenon. The older I get, the more I forget. I remember things that happened in my youth and the pressure of those memories is, are they true, or am I just making them up? I have nobody to verify those memories.

I don't think I will try to verify those memories because it may get me into trouble I don't need to.

Last week, for example, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage stumped me with one of her infamous questions.

"Do you know what next Monday is?"

I looked at her, smiled, scratched my head, and said, "No, who's birthday is it?"

Keeping up with family birthdays is not my strong suit. My wife has 11 siblings, and I have 2 siblings; with all their children and grandchildren, there must be hundreds of birthdays. I have trouble remembering my birthday at times, let alone family members.

"You don't know what next Monday is?"

"Oh," I said, "I just remembered, it's our daughter's birthday."

I didn't like the look she threw in my direction, but I caught it, and she said, "Her birthday was last week."

Okay, I'm in trouble. I have no idea whose birthday it is, and I have no way of finding out. I must succumb to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's agenda.

"What is next Monday's celebration?" I said with a worried look.

"You really don't know, do you?" She looked at me as though I had committed the unpardonable sin.

Thinking about it, I said, "I don't have another doctor's appointment on Monday, do I?"

Then she did something that I'd never seen her do before. She flashed her wedding ring in my direction.

"Oh no," I said in desperation, "it isn't our wedding anniversary is it?"

"Yes it is, and do you know which one?"

I can balance my checkbook but cannot balance wedding dates. Looking at her with a smile, I said, "Is it our 30th anniversary?"

"If you don't get your act together it might just be our last!"

Then she said, "Let me give you a clue. Our oldest daughter just turned 51. Does that ring a bell?"

I did remember that she was born one year after our wedding, so I turned to my wife with a smile and said, "Oh, my dear, it must be our 52nd wedding anniversary."

It is incredible how fast time flies, particularly when you are busy.

I met my future wife at a Bible Institute I attended in September 1970. That seems such a long time ago. Then in December of that year, we went to a function with schoolmates, and coming home, we sat in the back part of the bus. We were chattering and having a good time.

Then this young girl looked at me and said, "Wouldn't it be great to get married?"

Not being girl-smart, I didn't get the drift of that conversation, but I smilingly said, "That sure would be very great." Then we laughed all the way home. She got the joke, but I did not.

Walking down the school hall one week later, many people looked at me, smiled and said, "Congratulations." I had no idea what they were talking about.

Then one of them said, "I guess you're happy that your girlfriend is getting married." Then he laughed as he walked away.

I was happy she was getting married, but what about our relationship? I thought we had something. Now what do I do?

Someone else congratulated me, and I finally said, "Who is she marrying?"

"Oh you silly boy, she's going to be marrying you." Then they walked away laughing as though it was the joke of the week.

Why was I the last one to know I was getting married?

Later that week, I spent time with her and said, "Have you heard the rumor that is going around about you?"

"Yes, I have; I'm the one who started it."

"Well," I said hesitantly, "maybe you should've told me first."

"Oh, you silly boy," she said, "don't you remember we talked about it on our way back from that event in December?"

I had to stop and think because I wasn't quite sure what she was talking about.

"Don't you remember we both agreed that it would be great to get married?"

I then remembered that conversation; I didn't understand its meaning at the time. Silly me, I thought getting married meant you made a proposal and were conscious of it.

The story develops and on February 14, 1971, I officially proposed marriage and gave her the engagement ring. The wedding took place on August 14 of that year. We barely knew each other a year before we tied the knot and got married. Maybe that's why it lasted so long.

It is hard to believe that was 52 years ago.

Reflecting on this memory, I remembered what Solomon said. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." (Proverbs 31:10-11).

I don't think it was an accident when I found the woman that was to be my wife. It was a work of the Lord in both our lives. For 52 years, not only have we been married, but we have also been serving the Lord together.

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THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM*Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Like a Father**

Preparing to preach from 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 for our Wednesday evening service (come and join us!), we examined how Paul compared his ministry to being a good father. Paul acted like a father in the church, and as a father, led by example in his walk. Paul exhorted them or "incited them to good works with good words," as Webster's dictionary puts it. He encouraged them to do the right thing. He also comforted them. One man said it was to "exercise a gentle influence by words." He calmed them and consoled them. He comforted them in the gospel truth.

There is no lack of telling Christians they are sinners, but the consolation in Christ is often neglected. Yes, Christians sin. Yes, we break God's law. Yes, we rightly deserve the fires of Hell. We fail Jesus. Of course, we don't live as we should. But when we are convicted of our sins, we must go to Jesus. We must return to the gospel and know God has forgiven us through the Son. Because Jesus was made a curse for us, there is now no condemnation in Christ. We can come to him, weary and heavy laden, and he will give us rest for our souls. God is not against us. No, in Christ, God is for us. We don't have to prove ourselves to God to be loved by him. We are loved IN CHRIST and that is blessed consolation.

Paul wasn't there to scold and beat them over the head with the law until they doubted whether or not they truly believed. He wasn't there to root out false professors. He exhorted them. He encouraged them. Even in this letter, he's instructing, letting them know when and how they aren't doing perfectly.

Like a father, he charged them. He implored them to follow the Lord. Believing in the assurance of the believer doesn't make you an antinomian. Paul wanted what was best for them and charged them in the way they should go. Not the easiest way. Not the quickest. But the best. That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory (verse 12).

Paul appeals to them to walk in a way that's becoming a child of God. Walk in a way that a person who has been called into his kingdom and glory. It doesn't matter what people think of you. It doesn't matter what you may appear now. Know who you are and where you are going, and live as a child of the king. Whether rich or poor, old or young, man or woman, you have eternal life if you have received Christ. You are a royal priesthood. And heir of God and joint heir with Christ Jesus the Lord. Free from the law's condemnation (Romans 8:1), and having His righteousness, I'm now free to pursue godliness out of gratitude to my Lord and Saviour, remembering I've been called to his kingdom and glory.

A Fresh StartBy: *Jospeh J. Mazella*

I realized this last year that I have now lived here longer than my Mom did. That just didn't seem right to me. If anyone deserved a long life it was my Mom. She was so full of kindness, laughter, love, and good cheer and she shared her gentle spirit with everyone. During the last four years of her life she battled cancer. But she used even this to grow closer to us all. I remember calling her on the phone every day to tell her I loved her, something I sadly didn't do that much as a child. Still after a long, courageous fight she died on a cold, dark day. She was only 55.

After her funeral my own health broke. I developed double pneumonia and even after my body started to heal my spirit still grieved. I didn't want to go on without her. I wanted my own young children to know her love. One day as I sat in quiet pain on my couch my little girl climbed on my lap to cheer me up. Her brother soon joined her and I held them both close. At that moment I could feel my Mom's loving presence in the room and I knew that I had to go on. I vowed that my children would know of her love and beautiful soul through the stories I shared with them and I knew that her gentle spirit would live on in my heart. I could hear her sweet laughter in my mind and I knew that it was time to rise up and begin to live again.

The wonderful author Leo Buscaglia once wrote: "Each day is a fresh beginning, a little life unto itself." Mom would have loved that quote because that is exactly how she lived her life. She never wasted a moment. Each day she shared her laughter, her smile, her love, her kindness and her cheerful spirit. Each day she made the world a better place for me, her family, and everyone she met.

I will do my best Mom to follow your example: to love God, myself, and everyone else, to make each day a fresh, joyful beginning, and to keep you in my heart until I hug you in Heaven.

Home CountryBy: *Slim Randles*

Oh, we could always just go ask Delbert Chin why he did it, but that would take all the fun out of it. You know. So we sat and sipped at the world dilemma think tank meeting of Everything Important down at the Mule Barn truck stop and talked it over.

It was probably inspired by Jasper Blankenship bringing cookies down from the diggin's and passing them out, along with a compliment for each recipient. Others in town did likewise, including Delbert Chin, whose immaculate Gates of Heaven Chinese restaurant is a favorite for special times. Delbert got in the spirit of cookies and passed out fortune cookies on the street to all concerned, wishing each of us a good fortune. He lit up when he did it, you could see. Maybe that's what happened.

It was less than a week later. Delbert brought out a large glass jar full of water and punched small holes in the lid. He set it on a small table just inside the front door to the Gates and put a sign on it: "World Famous Invisible Golden Trout."

Problem was no one could see the fish. When he was asked about it, he said he caught it in Owens Lake, which is dry. He also added he caught it on a dry fly, naturally.

He had a kind of smirk about his mouth when he answered these questions, but it didn't stop every kid and half the adults in town from coming in and looking in that glass jar to see if they could spot the fish.

It was a tourist lady who finally did it, though. She confronted Delbert directly.

"Sir," she proclaimed, "there's no fish in that jar over there. That's a lie!"

"Oh no!" said Delbert and ran to the jar. "Whew!" he said with relief. "For a while I thought he was gone, you know."

"There's no fish in there!" she said.

"Ma'am," Delbert said. "He's more than eight inches long. You see those little-bitty holes? How you think he's gonna get out?"

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TRIVIA

Why was Roy Orbison always seen wearing dark sunglasses? 1- He had an eye condition that required dark glasses, especially when on stage under the lights. 2- With his regular clear glasses he looked too much like Buddy Holly. 3- Once before a performance, he forgot his regular glasses on the plane and could only see if he wore his prescription sunglasses, he just continued wearing them thereafter. 4- He wore them as a prop to look cool because he really didn't need glasses.

Answer to last week's Trivia: The Troggs number one single was "Wild Thing," (July, 1966)

BE SAFE ON THE WATER
THIS SUMMER

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.



Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.

August 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first

West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.



Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers, and others.



Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope.

Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell

retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.

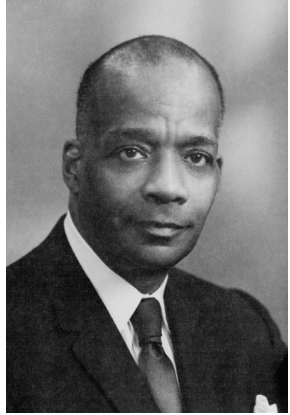


Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the

Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.



Aug. 28, 1900: Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as "the Dean" to generations of students, he was professor of German, 1928-66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.

Aug. 29, 1952: A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.

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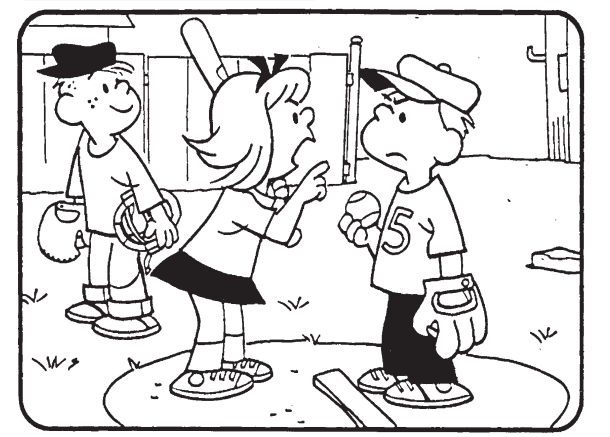
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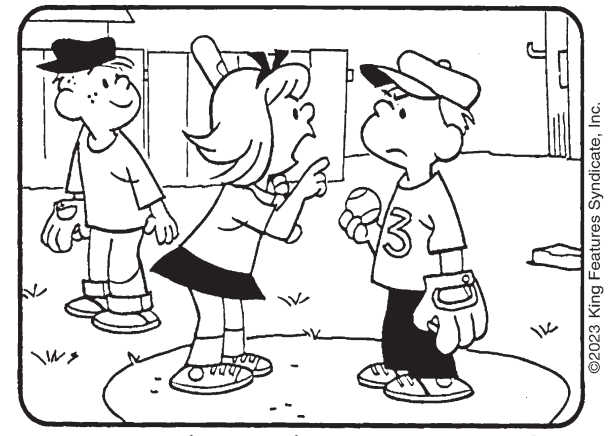
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glove is different. 2. Mask is missing. 3. Bat is shorter. 4. Post is missing. 5. Number is different. 6. Pitching slab is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword "YOU'RE A BEAST!"

ACROSS

- 1 Quick heartbeat sound
- 8 Jordanian's language
- 14 Do over again
- 20 Exercise caution
- 21 Baseballer Minnie
- 22 Come about over time
- 23 Oscar-nominated actress for "Georgia"
- 25 The X's of XOXO
- 26 Even, in golf
- 27 Was in a pew
- 28 "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
- 30 "Morning Has Broken" singer
- 36 Eggy holiday drink
- 37 Building floor
- 38 Noted Dodge City sheriff
- 46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.
- 49 "A Christmas Carol" miser
- 50 Too trusting
- 51 "Got ya!"
- 52 Jesting sort
- 55 Opening in a schedule
- 56 Cove, e.g.
- 57 2013-14 co-host of "The View"
- 61 Foldable beds
- 62 100-eyed mythical giant
- 63 Boat's load
- 64 NFL Hall of Famer Carter
- 66 Well-honed
- 67 "The Situation Room" host
- 70 Middle East's — Strip
- 74 Diving venue
- 75 Made a typo, e.g.
- 76 Got along
- 77 "GLOW" star Brie
- 81 Longtime panelist on "To Tell the Truth"
- 84 Funny stuff
- 85 Hooplas
- 87 "Hey, I was thinking ..."
- 88 Crude liquid
- 89 Partner of alas
- 90 Nine-sided figure
- 93 Sharp pang
- 95 Defensive tackle whose #86 was retired by the Chiefs
- 97 Best athletes
- 99 Gray color
- 100 1958-82 Crimson Tide football coach
- 104 Champion of 15 golf majors
- 111 Corp. kahuna
- 112 Parseghian of Notre Dame
- 114 Like a day in June, in a Lowell poem
- 115 People ... or an alternate title for this puzzle
- 121 Flavorings for absinthes
- 122 Tell, as a tale
- 123 Outstanding
- 124 Liquefy anew
- 125 Old truisms
- 126 No-goodnik
- 12 Golfer Aoki
- 13 Barber's tool
- 14 Tie again, as a necktie
- 15 Supersmart supervillain
- 16 Emulate a supermodel
- 17 Snow queen in "Frozen"
- 18 With, to Fifi
- 19 "Concetta" pianist John
- 24 SEAL's group
- 29 Map of Hawaii, often
- 31 Lao- —
- 32 Actor Keach and singer Lattisaw
- 33 Greeting on a May greeting card
- 34 "Chicago Med" ailer
- 35 Fraternal patriotic org.
- 39 Reggae singer Peter
- 40 "Holy —!"
- 41 In the past
- 42 Throw a fit
- 43 Fodder tower
- 44 Cooking appliance
- 45 Clears, as profit
- 46 Pat of "Wheel of Fortune"
- 47 At that place
- 48 Cooking appliance
- 49 Neck warmer
- 53 Singer Marilyn
- 54 Bluff-busting poker words
- 58 Prioress, e.g.
- 59 Abbr. for three primary colors
- 60 Words on a flat rental sign
- 61 Yule tree
- 64 Prague native
- 65 — a beet
- 67 Prevalled
- 68 NYC subway inits.
- 69 Test in a fitting room
- 70 Moo goo — pan
- 71 Fire felony
- 72 1983 Woody Allen movie
- 73 "Hello" singer
- 74 Political patronage, informally
- 76 Migrating birds' regular route
- 77 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
- 78 Real doozie
- 79 Apple option since 1998
- 80 Ankle coverer
- 81 Coffee from Hawaii
- 82 "This — emergency!"
- 83 Star-giving critic, e.g.
- 85 — chili (pepper type)
- 86 Cry of Homer Simpson
- 91 Chin-wag
- 92 Nearly zero
- 94 "— Little Teapot"
- 96 A "Baby Bell" phone co.
- 97 Environs
- 98 Choice loin steaks
- 101 Tiptops
- 102 Dubbed
- 103 The "T" of LGBT, in brief
- 104 Old overlord
- 105 "XOXO" actress Skye
- 106 Ghastly
- 107 Loosen up
- 108 Other, in Oaxaca
- 109 Batted without playing the field, for short
- 110 "CSI: NY" actress Ward
- 113 Choral voice
- 116 Ugly witch
- 117 Pickup's kin
- 118 "I love," to Luisa
- 119 "I Hate Valentine's Day" actress Vardalos
- 120 Quaint hotel

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

September, 1957

Ten New Members Join Woman's Club

Mrs. Darrell Wood, Mrs. Johnny Napier, Mrs. Marvin Shaffer, Mrs. Eugene Frame, Mrs. E. Burns Gray, Mrs. R. L. Dagle, Mrs. Charles Dodrill, Mrs. Bill Joe Sizemore and the Misses Leola Mick and Emma Jo Sigman were accepted as new members of the Widen Woman's Club at the annual dues tea held on September 5th at the Legion Hall.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Hazel Baughman, president. The program consisted of reports given by Miss Ruby Lee Holcomb, who attended the Y.M.C.A. Leadership Training Camp at Camp Horseshoe near Parsons; Miss April Manning, who attended Rhododendron Girls' State at Jackson's Mill; and Miss Judith LaCorte, the runner-up in the Clay County Fair Association Beauty contest. The girls were all sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Harold L. Beattie gave an interesting report on the Adult Education Institute held at the West Virginia University in Morgantown on Aug. 14-15. The Institute was sponsored by the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs with Mrs. Phares E. Reeder president in charge. Four members of the Widen Woman's Club attended.

Hostesses for the tea were Miss Hazel Baughman, Mesdames H. Scott Williams, Russell Parsons, Richard Shelton and Charles Wilson. Refreshments were served, from a beautifully decorated tea table, to the following members: Mrs. Adam Roberts, Mrs. J. B. Wood, Mrs. Newman Butcher, Mrs. H. L. Beattie, Mrs. Noble Conner, Mrs. W. W. Henderson, Mrs. Farrell Henderson, Mrs. Lloyd Butcher, Jr., Mrs. Joe LaCorte, Mrs. Richard Manning, Mrs. E. D. Moyers, Mrs. D. F. McMillion, Mrs. D. L. McMillion, Mrs. Joseph Potasnik, Mrs. B. E. Taylor, Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Robert Osborne, Mrs. Carmel Ramsey and Miss Tressie Bales.

SWANDALE TO COMPETE

Swandale School Principal Delmer Dye met with the P.T.A. there last week to discuss plans for the probable entry of a "Miss Swandale" in the Black Walnut Festival at Spencer, October 11-12. Mr. Dye is on the committee of arrangements, and hopes to enter

a decorated truck bearing a black walnut log and large section of polished coal, with the elementary school "Miss Swandale" riding in splendor on her "throne." The parade is scheduled at Spencer for 2 P. M. October 12th. Swandale PTA cooks are also expected to enter several black walnut cakes in the contest. Mr. Dye suggested that perhaps Widen cooks might want to send along some cakes with the lump of coal.



MRS. JOSEPH LaCORTE
New President

Band Boosters

The Widen Band Booster's Club held its first meeting of the year September 9, 1957. The following officers were elected at this meeting to serve for the current school year: President—Mrs. Joe LaCorte. Vice President—Mrs. Garland Craft. Secretary—Mrs. Ransome James. Treasurer—Mrs. Vera Shaffer. The following Chairmen were appointed by the president: finance committee—Mrs. Eugene George, membership committee—Mrs. Robert Manning, program committee—Mrs. Mary Jo Carte, publicity committee—Mrs. Scott Williams, project committee—Mrs. Stanley Eagle.

The new band director, Mr. Gerald Simmons was present at the meeting and he is very enthusiastic about getting the band off to a good start. The new officers and committees are busy planning what they hope will be a successful year for the band. All parents of band members and anyone interested in Widen having a good band are urged to come out to the meetings of the Band Booster's Club. If we are to have a good band then we must get behind these youngsters and give them all our support. Notices will be posted in prominent places around town announcing forthcoming meetings.

BE A BAND BOOSTER!

All Participants in Beauty Contest Receive Bracelets From Mr. Bradley

Elrico Vice President Harold L. Beattie and Mrs. Beattie were hosts at a September 7th afternoon tea at the Widen Clubhouse, entertaining on behalf of Company President J. G. Bradley who honored the 26 girls appearing as contestants in the 1957 Fourth of July bathing beauty contest, by presenting each with individual gifts of engraved bracelets, inscribed with initials and proper data of the colorful affair held at the Recreation Center here on last Fourth of July.

Mr. Beattie presented the gifts for Mr. Bradley who was unable to be present, and made a short talk, thanking them for helping to make the day the big success it was. Among other things Mr. Beattie said that "We people who live in a small community, such as Widen, have an advantage, I think, over people who live in larger communities and cities. We live, work and play in this small community. We know one another personally. Therefore, by our joint efforts we can make our community an even better place in which to live. Our only limitations are those we place upon ourselves. If we make up our minds to make things better, then we can. That is

the way we got the fish pond, swimming pool, and tennis court. That is the reason we are able to have a successful Fourth of July celebration. You young ladies comprise the flowers of the community and should be the leaders of the ladies as time moves on."

In the receiving line were Mrs. Beattie and assisting hostesses, Mrs. Scott Williams and the Misses Marion Taka and Hazel Baughman.

Those receiving the surprise gift from Mr. Bradley were:

Judy Lynn Sigman, who won first place; Judith E. Shaffer, the runner-up; Judith Lee LaCorte, Charlotte Jean Frame, Greta Jewell Brown, Lois Ann Sigman, Emma Jo Sigman, Marilyn D. Otto, Helen K. Gibson, Jewell June Lane,

April Zoe Manning, Dawne Carol Backus, Jeanine Jones Williams, Gladys Marie Neal, Nancy Jo Hareford, Carolyn M. Waggoner, June Tenny Frame, Mary Ann Lambert, Linda R. Johnson, Shirley Maxine Sutton.

Sarah Margaret Ashley, Judy Nottingham, Jean Nottingham, Alice Marie Hamrick, Shirley Morris Bales and Louise Gill.

Supervisor Henley Reports G.O.C. Alert Was "Best Yet"

Widen's Ground Observer Corps went into action again Sunday the 15th, when spotters converged on the hill-top post of the local organization to take part in a four state alert. Master Mechanic John Henley, supervisor of the local post, and Chief Observer Scott Williams reported a goodly attendance here.

Mr. Henley said that Captain Edwin S. Hoffman, commanding the Air Defense Filter Center in Charleston, advised that some 3,000 spotters at 150 GOC posts in West

The alert lasted from 12 noon to 6 P. M. Sunday the 15th.

CHOSEN AS PRINCESS

Miss Elizabeth Ann Parsons of Servia, last year's third room teacher in the Widen elementary schools, was chosen Junior "Princess" to sit in the Queen's court of the Glenville State College Homecoming football game at Glenville this week. Congratulations, Miss Parsons. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Parsons of Servia. Her father is still off duty from injuries suffered in the mine nine weeks ago from a coal shooting blast.

LEGALS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0434-G-PC
HOPE GAS, INC. and SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Southern Public Service Company

NOTICE OF FILING

On May 19, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) and Southern Public Service Company (Southern) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire all of the capital stock in Southern and merge Southern into Hope. Southern currently provides natural gas sales to approximately 6,400 customers in six counties in West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Southern and Hope assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on Southern's or Hope's customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the former utility assets of Southern will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission's continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the former customers of Southern will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, Southern's customers will continue to pay Southern's existing base rates and purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate as it changes from time to time, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope's pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) rate increment, as it changes from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for Southern's customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$ 5.88	9.74 %
Commercial	\$ 17.39	7.20 %
Transportation	\$ 224.77	2.73 %

Hope proposes that the Southern customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Southern customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for Southern's customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$ 25.92	42.97 %
Commercial	\$ 56.20	23.28 %
Transportation	(\$ 1,701.96)**	(20.68 %)

**Does not reflect the cost of retainage. Hope will retain between 5.5% and 8.0% of a transportation customer's self-supply gas delivered to Hope.

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should contain the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission's review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.
SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: *State v. Aquayla Fugate* Case No. 23-F-16
In the matter of the State of West Virginia vs. Aquayla Fugate,
ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF ANSWER
To: AQUAYLA FUGATE

(The object of this action is to notify the Defendant of an Indictment herein filed so that said Defendant may answer the same to protect her interest.)

You are hereby notified that an Indictment has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 11th day of July 2023, and assigned Case Number 23-F-16 wherein. You are hereby notified that you are required to appear and you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that Aquayla Fugate shall appear before this honorable court for an Arraignment Hearing. It is further ORDERED that Aquayla Fugate shall appear on the 5th day of September 2023, at 9:15 a.m., before the Honorable Richard Facemire at the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia.

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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
BY: Jim E. Samples, Prosecuting Attorney Clay County
ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this the 9th day of August, 2023.

Clarissa Hanshaw
Clarissa D. Hanshaw, Clerk of Court

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At This Time

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Dixie
Thursday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
with Services After
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Lee Holiday
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

CLENENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 7:00 PM
Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Falling Rock, Clay County
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:30 AM
Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM
Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM
Teachings from the King James Bible
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Service/Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM
Pastor: Roy Huffman

E

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

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
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CCPIF Panthers clobber Webster Mountaineers



B-Team's Garytte Moore displays the wicked tackle.

By Allen Hamrick

The CCPIF A, B, C and Flag teams were on the road this week against the Webster Mountaineers. Let's just say A, B and Flag teams buttered some big pancakes at Webster High School football field on Sunday as the little league Panthers belled up to the field. It was sunny and hot, and the players were ready to rip off a steer leg as the Webster Mountaineers were in the corral. The Flag team was up first and did a good job against the Mountaineers. Their offense dominated Webster defense and couldn't be stopped. They may be the smallest team on the field but not in heart. They were there to give the fans their money's worth and they did just that, beating the Webster Mountaineers 18-6.

will be tough to beat, but it was vengeance time now... Panther B-Team was up next and ready to crack a



Doomsday's comin' courtesy of A-Team's Zach Utt.

bull whip. They literally held class in football offense and defense. Their defense was like blood hounds to a fresh kill; there was no place to hide for the Webster B-Team. Every time their offense threw the Panther B-Team a chunk of meat, they chewed on it and buried their offense like a dog does a bone. It was time to call

to run through. Simply put, they're good all around the field - offensively and defensively, and they will be tough to beat. When it was over and the mercy siren played, it was the Panther B-Team over the Webster B-Team 31-6. They are some of the toughest pound for pound players in the league.



A-Team's Gunner Dobbins was at the helm.

The A team took to the field next, and it was no different. The team, under the direction of quarterback Gunner Dobbins, took the ball down field looking like the two minute offense the whole game; there was just no stopping them. The Panther A-Team has an arsenal on the ground that they could hit a defense, mash them in the ground and keep running. They have the art of ground and pound down to a science. The future will only tell just how many football legends will come out of this A-Team.



B-Team's Jeremiah Davis was headin' to the house.

C team was up next, and the game got out of hand early for the C team Panthers. Webster C team started racking up points and never looked back. The C team Panthers couldn't seem to catch a break on offense and were shut down. The C team Panthers got things going a little in the 4th quarter, but it was too late and time to head to Wendy's for a Frosty. The final score was Panther C-Team 6, Webster C-Team 38. Panther C-Team is a good team and by the end of the season



C-Team's Zyaire Nichols hits the open field.

in the buzzards as this game was on its last leg for the Webster B-Team. It was just a matter of time before the end. The offensive line of the Panthers schooled the Webster Mountaineers in blocking as they opened up the lanes for the running backs big enough for bears



C-Team's Chasten Ramsey puts an end to this play.

Names like Utt, McMillion and Caldwell, just to name a few on the A-Team defense, will definitely be a force when they reach middle school and high school. They're fast and they are tough. They broke through to the back field more times than not, and the field was littered with walking wounded. It was a rough and tough game for the Webster A-Team, and when the Panther A-Team stopped swinging, they took the win and earned a big double cheeseburger with all the fixin's. The final score was Panther A-Team 33, Webster Mountaineer A-Team 0.

The CCPIF league will take the field again next Sunday on the old Hoover High School field to take on Elk. You will not want to miss it; this should be a good one. They are the future of this county, and it would do you good as football fans to come out and support them. These players are just as dedicated as a college team and want to win just as much. So, if you want to see football played with raw emotion, come to a CCPIF game where it is all or nothing.



B-Team's Noah Housman gets the job done in no man's land.



A-Team's Ryder McMillion - forget about it, you can't stop a charging bull.



A-Team's Hinton Caldwell brings down the hay maker.

Jails

ing year, lawmakers raised the starting pay to \$32,000 - officers later received a few small raises alongside other state employees. Sen. Jason Barrett, a Republican from Berkeley County who sits on the jails and prison oversight and finance committees, said the latest bump doesn't put the system "right where we need to be or want to be." He said this session was more or less an attempt to fill vacancies among low-rung officers, often in their first couple of years, who are day-in and day-out working the floor. Prison officials told lawmakers this month these workers account for 95% of vacancies. "The way the system is currently set up, it's capped out for those groups, so the only option they have is either to move into an administrative role or go find another job," Barrett said. In order to help fill the hole, Justice called out roughly 350 National Guard personnel to work the floor in August 2022. Marshall said the stop gap is costing the state more than filling the vacancies and raises across the board. Guardsmen working jails aren't new either - a little

more than 100 worked at 18 facilities in 2018. Del. David Kelly, R-Tyler, who chairs the House Jails and Prisons Committee, said the funding package also allows facilities with high vacancies to pay an additional \$5,000 a year. Kelly said this will target border counties, such as in the Eastern Panhandle, where nearby Maryland prisons offer starting pay at \$10,000 more than West Virginia's new pay. One group left largely out of the mix are support staff, such as counselors, cooks and maintenance employees. While they will get two bonuses, Elaine Harris, representative for the Communication Workers of America District 213 which represents corrections workers, said that's not nearly enough. "The bonuses for support staff will help, but we all know that bonus will get spent immediately on things they need," she said. Due to the chronic staffing shortage, support staff are asked from time-to-time to work the floor as an officer for a shift. For Kenny Matthews, who served time for the better part of a decade in West Virginia, that

means inmates stay locked up longer. "I got paroled in February 2020, but my institution parole officer had to work the floor and couldn't get my home plan finished to be released until April," he said. "That happens all the time." The staffing shortages can also increase the potential for violence - while serving at Mt. Olive, the state's maximum security prison, Matthews said 60 to 70 men were kept in the same housing unit. "Rec time was a crapsheet," he said. "If there's not enough staff to let guys out to take a shower, go work out or go to their educational program, that frustration builds, that anger builds and that leads to violence." Prisons and jails still need work The physical state of prisons also creates unsafe conditions - Matthews recalled seeing an officer at a regional jail lock himself inside a room, requiring inmates and guards to pull open the door to cut him loose. Stuck doors are one thing, but Matthews said cell doors that don't lock at

all can lead to assaults. Annual funding requests from corrections officials to the governor and lawmakers over the last few years paint a dire picture of the system. The top priority for this year was replacing locks and doors and fences. At two prisons in the northern part of the state, officials asked for a couple million dollars to repair fences that are threatened by hill slips - when land starts gradually falling off a hill - and rust. In Randolph County, the Huttonsville Correctional Center needs a sprinkler system to comply with state code - in the most recent funding request, the division said the prison was facing fines from the fire marshal's office. Down the road in Pocahontas County, the Denmar Correctional Center has needed elevators dating back to at least 2019 - the prison is four stories tall and one request stated handicapped prisoners must walk up stairs. Like Huttonsville, it too needs a sprinkler system because the heads are painted over. Right off the Ohio River in Mason County, the state's women's prison needs a

heating and cooling unit as well as a "lightning suppression system" so the facility's electronics can still work after being struck in thunderstorms. According to its request, this issue dates back to 2006. "They're not asking for money. They're just asking for better conditions." - Stephen New, a lawyer suing to fix living conditions in jails and prisons. The federal lawsuit filed earlier this month seeks for a judge to compel the state to significantly increase funding to fix the facilities. While both Justice and Marshall have stated the lawsuit is "just lawyers taking advantage of a situation," attorney Stephen New, who filed the lawsuit, said no one is looking for a pay out. "They're not asking for money," he said. "They're just asking for better conditions." The lawsuit pegs the division's list of repairs at \$277 million as of April 2022, about in line with the \$259 million cited in the fiscal year 2024 budget proposal. Matthews said it's just half measures. "Look, they put up about

Continued from Front \$100 million - that's only a third of the bill," he said. "You want to know what happens if I pay a third of my bills? I end up homeless. But the DCR can just keep going on." Last week, Justice sat in a chair underneath a canopy tent, flanked by Babydog, the current Homeland Security Secretary Mark Sorsaia and Commissioner Marshall. After a long winded spiel about getting his daddy's shotgun fixed, Justice was ready to sign off the pay raise and other corrections bills - but the sun canopy was wreaking havoc on the photo op. So Marshall started moving the desk out into the sunlight when a uniformed officer said, "Why don't we just move the tent?" "That wasn't our greatest moment there," Justice said. Another official joked, "Give that man a raise." After inking the bill, Justice, known for pumping up every piece of legislation he signs, said this wouldn't be the silver bullet for corrections. "Will this fix everything?" he asked. "Maybe not. Maybe not."