

## Clay County FFA

## Clay FFA Leadership Conference Held

## The Clay County FFA held their friends and hopefully became tout to members Hollie Conley and Haley Murphy for receiving Fall Leadership Conference ear- better leaders and citizens along and Haley Murphy for receiving

 lier this month. "We stepped out the way," states an announcement group awards for premier leaderof our comfort zones, made new on social media. "Special shouship!'
## Clay County Commission holds September meeting

By Carrie Truman
The meeting was started by Donna Salisbury who requested the names of any county, state, or nonprofit agencies who had permission agencies who had per sit at to access to the nutrition ously requested keys and was hop ing for an update. Mrs. Kinder told her a list will be provided once it is her a list will be provided once it is
available. Mrs. Salisbury also stated that she was making an FOIA request for any invoices, purchas orders, payment requests, or payments made from January 1st 2023 to September 18, 2023 for the nutrition site. The statements in question are for Adam Taylor of Quality Land and Property Services LLC. She also requested a typed copy of the recorded minutes for the meeting on August 28, 2023. Terry Martin provided an update regarding the Clay County Annex and the grant that was received for the broadband project from the EEG. The grant was in the amount of $\$ 1,450,000$. He stated that in his opinion an architect needed to be acquired to get an exact figure for the project. An advertisement was sent via email to Mr. Schoolcraft
regarding this and an update was requested. It was suggested to add this to the agenda for the next commission meeting.
Mr. Martin also updated the commission on his conversation with the Roane County EDA. They're in the process of getting everything started in that county and continuing through Clay County. A report will be provided at the next Commission meeting on these two agenda items.
A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was approved and seconded. The bills and purchase orders that were presented along with the budget revisions were also approved.
Joyce Johnson moved to approved erroneous assessments as presented by the Assessor for Gerald Leon, Vernal Taylor, Jessica Adkins and Billy Tanner. Other approved agenda items included a waiver of final settlement for the estate of Bonnie Duffield, waiver of final settlement for the estate of David L. Brannon, confirmation of probating the last will and testament of Betty Ann Underwood, and the last will and testament of
uigina Paola Herald Mrs. Johnson also moved to approve a resolution to enter into a contractual agreement with the Clay County Board of Education and the Division of Administrative Services, Justice, and Community Services to receive and distribute Grant funds. This would be in pursuant to the provisions of the Justice Assistance Grant Program. There would also be no second resource officer, just a renewal of he grant for the current resource officer.
A resolution was proposed to approve invoices for the Big Oter Nebo water line extension. An update was provided stating that he project is moving along well. A meeting was held at the end of August for participants to sign up for services. A second meeting will be held on September 26 at Big Otter Elementary. The resolution and inoices were approved as provided. The last item on the agenda was motion to designate October 28, 2023 as the Clay County trick or treat day. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. since the Trunk or Treats will be on the same day.

Fewer juveniles locked up in WV; recommendations to continue the trend

## By Shanteya Hudson for WVNS

The number of children behind bars in West Virginia has declined significantly in recent years, but their advocates said more work could be done to create effective alternatives to incarceration.
The one-day count of detained youths in 2021 was nearly 25,000 nationwide, which is a $60 \%$ decrease over the past decade, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Josh Rovner, director of youth justice for The Sentencing Project, said while the trend is positive, he does not expect it to continue. He pointed out at least part of the decrease was because of the pandemic.
"When you think about the things that kids get arrested for, it's often schoolbased referrals," Rovner observed. "And if virtual school is happening, then kids aren't going to be referred by their school resource officers. They're not going to be shoplifting if all the stores are closed, they're not going to be getting into fights if they're all staying at home.
A one-day count in 2019 found almost 500 kids under 18 were in detention facilities in West Virginia. By 2021, the number had dropped to 345. Data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation said young people released from correctional confinement have high rates of being rearrested.
Research has shown children who are incarcerated often experience significant long-term consequences, Rovner noted persist into adulthood.
"Whether there's one child who is locked up -- or 10,000 or $100,000-$ - it's important to realize just how toxic these facilities are for kids," Rovner contended. "They have much worse outcomes, not only on their education and career achievements, but also much more likely to reoffend
Recognizing the adverse effects, experts and activists are asking for a more compassionate approach to juvenile justice. Reforms focusing on rehabilitation and com-munity-based support systems have proven to be more effective in addressing the underlying issues than locking juveniles up.

## Panthers hand Liberty Raleigh their walking papers

Olivia Witt crowned 2023 CCHS Homecoming Queen


L-R, Noah Collins and BJ Williams CCHS newest record breakers. Allen Hamrick photo.



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James Stephen Myers III Booked 9/23/23 Strangulation, violation of protective order


John Wesley Jordan Booked 9/24/23 False report. of emergency NICHOLAS COUNTY


Christopher Don Hankins Booked 9/20/23 Robbery


Jennifer Ellen Kemp
Booked 9/22/23 Poss. of controlled substance, public intoxication


Travis Steven Jordan Booked 9/24/23 Fleeing with reckless dis regard


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## Courthouse

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09:00 AM, State v. Patrick Joe Blankenship, Pre-Trial Hearing, Trespassing
09:30 AM, State v. Mary J McGlothlin, Pre-Trial Hearing, Trespassing
10:00 AM, State v. Jason Robert Neal, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving under the influence w/ an alcohol concentration in blood $>=.15$ (Misdemeanor) 10:30 AM, State v. Dustin Todd Tanner, Pre-Trial Hearing, Display of registration plates. (Rear of vehicle), Driving while license suspended or revoked
10:30 AM, State v. Dustin Todd Tanner, PreTrial Hearing, No Proof of Insurance, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate
11:00 AM, State v. Larry Dale Stevenson Jr., Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving under the influence (2nd Offense - Misdemeanor), No vehicle insurance, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; Driving too fast for roadway conditions, Expiration of registration and certificates of title, Commercial drivers prohibited from blood alcohol concentration of $.04 \%$ or more


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## What's the Harm with a Little Treat?

By: Dr. James Snyder

The last month has been crazy for me and The Gracious
 ment, but this past month beats them all.
First, my main computer crashed, and I lost a lot of stuff. Second, we had a hurricane that came through;
it was only thunder, rain and loss of electricity
Third, I came down with what the doctor said was acute bronchitis. I told him I did not think any of this bronchitis was cute.

解, my next book manuscript is due this month. That was just the main highlight of the past month, and by ne time it was over, I was ove
I resumed working on my book. Then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and said she would be gone for the day with one of our daughters-thrift store shopping. I told her to have a great time, and she said she would be back sometime in the afternoon and that I had to get my lunch. That was okay with me. I sat back in my chair with
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was finally getting caught up and would soon be finished. Taking a break, I got up, got a fresh cup of coffee, returned to my chair, sat down and relaxed. There was this strange to my chair, sat down and relaxed. There was this stran thought in the back of my head that I could not clarify. around to see what was missing. Something was missing, and $I$ just could not put my finger on it.
After my kind of week, it is no wonder my brain is not working as well as it should. However, I thought I would relax and see if anything came to mind.
The whole day was before me, and I was thinking of what I would do for lunch when I could not get this gnawing thought out of my head. It was like a rat gnawing up in the attic and was so unsettling. It was right before me, but I could not get my focus clear.
Oh well, I sighed, took another sip of coffee, set my cup down, and was about to go back to work when the thought suddenly jumped out in front of me
I love it when a plan comes together
I saw for the very first time what was missing. After a month of all kinds of hectic activity, I needed something to relax me. At first, I could not figure out what it was, but then it came to me
What I needed was a little treat. What harm is a little treat when you need to relax?
I looked at my watch, saw the time, and realized that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would not return for another four hours. That gave me plenty of time to deal with my treat.
You guessed it, that treat was an Apple Fritter. What harm does a littl
I quickly got into my truck and headed to Publix. I was about to buy one Apple fritter when another thought came to mind. Why not buy two apple fritters? What harm do two little treats have?
Without hesitation, I got the two apple fritters and took them to the cash register, hoping nobody would recognize me. My bad luck was that the cashier was a friend of my wife and knew about the apple fritters controversy.
"Does your wife know you're getting these apple frit-
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ar stutering for a few seconds, I said, "Well, she's lunch for today." I smiled at her, paid for the apple fritters, left the store and went home
Getting a fresh cup of coffee, I took that and the apple After all, I earned every bite
After a few hours of work, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage finally came home and walked into the kitchen area with a bag of groceries. I noticed on the bag was the word Publix. I hoped she had a different cashier than I did. were at Publix this morning."
Yes, my dear, you told me I needed to get my own lunch for the day and that's why I went to Publix."
"Did you get an Apple fritter?"
did not get 'AN' Apple fritter:
The look she gave me made me realize she did not believe me. What I said was true but it was not the whole truth. That got me remembering what Solomon said, "He that covereth keth them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).
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According to Solomon, half a truth is still a lie if it makes the other person believe what is not the whole truth. I knew what I had to do. As much as it pained me, I had to confess to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I had two

## Apple Fritter

Smiling at me she simply said, "I know."
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## Well Done, Church <br> Well Done, Church

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The Baptist Classroom
Pastor Doug Newell, IV

At the beginning of chapter four of 1 Thessalonians, nor part of our final justification. This is the will of God Paul tells the church God's will for their lives. It's not who they should marry, but that they should abstain from fornication (4:3-5). Not which job they should take, but they should work (4:11). God's will is their sanctification, the gracious, continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which He conforms us, more and more, to the image of Christ. Another avenue of this pursuit of godliness is to love the brethren (9-10). Paul reminds the people that they are "taught of God to love one another." The fruit of the Spirit is love, and it's the warp and woo of the Old Testament law, to love God and your neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40). Next, he says, "And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia." Rather than pointing out their failure to love the brethren, he commends them for their love.
Paul isn't buttering up a church. He's writing as he is moved by the Holy Spirit. This is the God-breathed inerrant, infallible Word of God and the assessment of God concerning the church's sanctification. Were they perfect? Of course not. They are encouraged to increase more and more. But Jesus knows that, too.
He knows who you are and what you can and cannot do. The Lord could have called His saints and immediately glorified us. Glorification will happen. So will our being conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29-30). This is not part of our work to get to Heaven, that we are both definitively and progressively sancti fied. The Lord knows you are not perfect.
Doesn't Paul say that his righteousness is like a pile of manure? Yes, in Philippians $3: 8-9$. He warned the Philippians against the false teachers, adding works to the gospel for justification. Paul reminded them that if anyone could be justified by keeping the law, it would be him. No one held a candle to Paul's Hebrew street cred. But he'd give it all away and count all his good works as filth to have Christ and His righteousness. Justification is a legal act by which God declares the sinner righteous based on the person and work of Jesus Christ. That's not sanctification. Make sure to distinguish the two. You cannot keep the law and earn salvation, but that's not growing in godliness.
Christian, you can please God by faith even though it's not perfect. God is not angry with your works of faith The Thessalonians obeyed God's law to love. Then, they are encouraged to abound more and more. In essence the Lord Jesus told them, good job, well done. Keep it up, and continue to pursue loving others more and more Christian, Jesus loves you. He knows you are not perfect. He knows that you fail. He also knows when you obey Him by faith, and He's pleased with that (Hebrew 11:6).

## Love Is Enough <br> By: Jospeh J. Mazella

It isn't easy losing everything you own, but it can teach you a lot. It happened to me when I was only 11 years old. My brothers, Mom, Dad, and Nana all lived together in her 70 year old ramshackle, wooden house One summer night Nana's scream woke up my brother and me. My brother pulled me out of bed and yelled there was a fire in the house. There was so much smoke. There was so much confusion. We all ran towards the front door. At the last second Mom saw our little dog and picked him up, saving him from the flames. The we were outside dressed only in what we were sleeping in while the house burned to the ground in a matter of minutes along with everything in it. That scene was burned into my mind forever. I can still see my Mom crying while my Dad cursed in frustration as we lost everything we owned.
The memories after that night are cloudier. Perhaps it was the shock of it all. I remember being wrapped in blankets by the firemen and going to the house of a family friend. I remember not sleeping well at night in this strange new place. I remember people ariving with
donated clothes for all of us. I remember Dad search ing through the rubble but only being able to save my Mom's wedding rings. Most of all I remember seeing my usually feisty and cheerful Nana crying in secret. hung hung over Dad while he searched for a place for us to or if God just hated us.
One evening, though, as we gathered around our friend's dining room table I heard something I hadn't heard in a while: laughter. Mom, Dad, and Nana were smiling again, sharing funny, old stories. I joined in the laughter and felt Mom gently touch my hand. I knew then that everything would be alright, that God did love us, and life would go on. I realized too that when you have nothing left but Love, you finally see that Love is enough. I have carried that wisdom in my heart eve since. It has nurtured my life and shaped my soul. That is why I am sharing it with you now. May you alway have Love. May you always have Enough.

## Home Country

It was just one of those crazy mix-ups, you know. Like when one thing goes wrong it triggers another thing that goes wrong and that sets off a multiplicity of crash-and-burns that are remembered long after people are dead and nations fall to Visigoths and such.
That's what happened with our buddy, Dud. You see, he was there at a time when something was needed, and he stepped forward and assumed the role.

It was the high school band, of course. We love them. There aren't that many of them, but they're great kids and try hard, and Mr. Garcia has really whipped them into something that can carry a tune. Every honk and wheeze was special to us. Sowhen the planets lined up the wrong direction and Sagittarius was in the outhouse or something, Dud was there

It began when Mr. Garcia got called away on a fam ily emergency. His dad, I think. So he wouldn't be at the pep rally before the football game. Another teacher was planning to step in and lead the band through the cheers, but the entire hom section, all four of them, came dow but the entire horn section, all four of them, came down sick.


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Answer to last week's Trivia: They aid to be afraid of Clifton Clower if you went on knife.» (Wolverton Mlountain, Claude King, \#6, July, '62)

So it was decided that the band wouldn't play at the pep rally this time, and the cheerleaders would just chee a capella, as it were.
We were surprised when Dud walked into the auditorium carrying his accordion and waving to the crowd. He sat down out front and began to play waltzes and a couple of polkas. The cheerleaders didn't know what to do to "The Tennessee Waltz," so they just sat down and waited for Dud to run out of tunes. It didn't take long.
We sorta clapped at the end there, mostly from relief Later, over coffee, Dud was still on a high.
"Did you guys like the music? I knew I could help. "Well," said Doc, "maybe if you could find som. Sousa marches for the accordion."
"That would help, eh?"
"Well, that, and having Mr. Garcia back."
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## OBITUARY

## Harley Marvin Hively

Harley Marvin Hively, 87, of Ivydale, WV, passed away on September 19, 2023, at Charleston Area Medi cal Center-Memorial Division.
He was born on September 15, 1936, at Widen, WV, a son of the late John Allen and Iva Lue Cain Hively. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Sharon Hively, son Toby Lee, brother Larry and Robert, and sister Fay Mollins.
He is survived by his children Michael Hively, John Hively, Marvin Hively and Cynthia Lane sister Betty Teel, grandchildren Angel Siers, Cellesta Copen Jessi Tee,, grandcristina Aively Sharon Hively, Eliza Hively, Emily Hively Virginia, Jorond Isaia, Liza Hively, Ehildren Timothy Angela, Nichol, Josh, gnd LInder a funeral service will be held at S \& Cremation In A September 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm, with Pastor Chri Septent fficiating Visitation will be one how prior to the Stout officiating. Ni will be in Valley Fork Hivel to service. Mallback. Oil be in etery, Wallback. Onine cond at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

## West Virginia History

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West Virginia Encyclopedia at www west irginia Encycla Sept. 27, 1914: Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson

City, Tennessee. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s.Her best-loved novel, Christy (1967), was based on her mother's girlhood in the southern mountains. Sept. 28, 1955: Labor activist Sarah "Mother" Blizzard died at age 90. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America, from the organization's early beginnings in the late 19th century. Sept. 29, 1861: The Kanawha Valley experienced severe flooding. The Kanawha River reached 46.87 feet in Charleston, more than 16 feet above flood stage.
Sept. 29, 1927: Artist June Kilgo-
was born in Huntington. She was was born in Huntington. She was


Sept. 30, 2010: Facing an economic downturn and foreign competition, Wheeling-La Belle Nail Company closed. The company was founded in 1852 as LaBelle Ironworks .By 1875, Wheeling was known as the Nail City, and La Belle was the city's leading nail producer.


Oct. 1, 1896: Rural Free Delivery began in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. Before this, there was no rural mail delivery, although more than half the country's citizens lived in rural areas.
Oct. 2, 1923: "Hershel" Woody Williams was born in Quiet Dell During World War II, Williams neutralized seven concrete pillboxes at the Battle of Iwo Jima. Prior to his death in 2022, he was the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.
Oct. 2, 1949: The first class began training at the State Police Academy in Institute. The 20 cadets graduated on Dec. 20, 1949.
Oct. 3, 1935: A patient at Weston State Hospital started a fire in the main building that destroyed six men's wards and caused a cupola to fall through the roof. The building was repaired, and the hospital remained in service for nearly 60 more years.


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by Linda Thistle

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Order.
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notify the above-named individual of the action pending before the Court specified Celow: Clay County Family Court was held on Wednexday, September 1th in the " y " auditioriam. The new faculty members were introduced and the new student body officers installed.
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To the Above-Named Respondent:
It appearing by evidence filed in this action that you could not be It appearing by evidence filed in this action that you could not be
found in or you have left the etate of West Virginia, you are hereby no-
fied of the above-referenced action, a copy of which may be obtained
 9:30 a.m. before the Clay County Family Court.
Issued $9 / 23 / 23$ a $3: 22$ p.m.
Clarissa Hanshow


## Widen Neos Congratulates All <br> Widen High School Class Officers

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NEW BAND LEADERS CHOSE On Seplember \&, the band mel at the YMCA to eleet new offil cers. Judy Lacorte whs elected presdident, Reba, Eagle was elected viee president, Aliee Hanrick was ciected secretary Other officer - will be elected as they are needed Majoretiss are the same as last year: Judy Lacorte, Judy Shaffer
Betty Craft and Altce Hamrtek Bety Crafl, and Alce Hampith lected later on in the year:

## Student Council News

The Student Councll has met twice slice the begingting of the of Mr A B Matheny faity of Mr. A. R. Matheny faculty al
A polat systerat has been set up for the members to eam Student Coancll pins. "We think we sbould eam our pins"
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 by the Widen Women's Cub and was chosen because of her scho lastic standards, her claratecter and hee leaderssip ablity. day, when the $3: 09$ bell rang, in cell rag, in.

## Notice is hereby given that WV RECITEMENT MR-34-BR

 ORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Atticle 11/WYNPDEAD, BICK-6416-1150 in the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suit 301 , Philippi, WV Kittanning, Stockton, Coalburg and Litttle Coalburg seam/minneral bed. The operation will discharge treated nates from USGS Topographic Map).
The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for uman consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operaintake, and the phyysical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because e efluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicabbe, a full Tier 2 antidegradation review has been conducted. Comments on the Article 11 WVNPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the
Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and ifa a public hearing is requested shall statat the nature Articte 1 A1NNDES application nhall be in writing and if a p public hearing is requested shall state the nature
of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article
11 NPDES permi number shown above. Comments received by $10 / 30 / 23$, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article $11 /$ WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational
page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.
DEP Telephone Number 304-457-3219 Article 11 NPDES Permit No: WV0094692

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## Dear Readers,

Due to our increased production costs for the Clay County Free Press, we are now charging to publish obituaries. This new policy will take effect with the September 7th issue of the Clay County Free Press.
Once we have received the obituaries from you or the funeral homes, we will contact you with the exact rate.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



## LEGALS



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(2021-S-00000008 - Clay County - RANDALL E ASHWORTH) (2021-S-00000008 - Clay County - RANDALLE EASHWORTH)
To: OCCUPANT, ESTTATE OF KENNETH NOTTINGHAM, CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
CLAY COUNTY (RE: APPEARANCE BOND V. KENNETH WAYNE NOTTINGHAM 14-M-08 FOO140), OFFICE OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF CLAY COUNTY (RE: APPEARANCE BND
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GAL/GUARDIAN AND CUSTODIAN, JANICE YOUNG LEGAL/GUARDIAN AND CUSTODIAN, ESTATE OF KENNETH NOTTINGHAM, AKA KENNETH ERNIE NOTTINGHAM, or heirs at law, devisess, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiducia-
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property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
You will take notice that RANDALL E ASHWORTH, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021 -S--000000008, LOT 18,652 SQ FT NS ELL SUR, located in UNITN,
which was returned delinquent in the name of NOTTIGHAM KENNETH, and for which the tax lien(s) which was returned delinquent in the name of NOTTINGHAM KENNETH, 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 16 th 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 October 31,2023 , as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate.
The anount .
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with $\quad 365.68$ interest, to October $30,2023$.
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale,
Amount paid for the Titte Examination and preparation of the list to be served
and for preparation and service of notice with int
following the sheriff's sale to October 30,2023 .
rest from following the sheriff's
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified
and Treasurer of Clay County
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified \$ 35.00
heck must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.
You may redeem any time before October 30, 2023, by paying the above total
Return this letter and boath certified funds to the
WV State Auditor's Office
900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Question please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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west virginia department of transportation Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boule vard East Charleston, West Viriginia until Novembere 14,2023 at 10:000 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The
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Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' 'icence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work
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 <br> <br> Septemer 182023}The permit is located in Henry District of Clay County and Grant and Jefferson Districts of Nicholas Il River of Kanawha River
WV Reclaim Co, LLC, completed backfilling and regrading on 4-4-2012 and is requesting release of 50 Wercent of the reclamation performance bonds currently in the amount of $\$ 3,297,000$.
Writen comments will be received at the DEP address above until November 13,2023 or thirty (30) days

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The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has
received a Letter of Intent from Loved Ones in Home Care, LLC, ON File \#23-12-12778-PC, to develop and provide In-Home Personal Care Services in the following West Virginia counties: Berkeley,
Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calloun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Giimer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrisono, Jackson,
 Vicholas, Ohio, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putuan, Raleaigh,
Randolph, Ritchie Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne,
Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming counties. Capital Expenture $\$ 1,500$.


Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the
ertificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's

## 8 - The Clay County Free Press, Thursday, September 28, 2023

## Collins and Williams break school records



Jaxon Brown looking for the sack.

By Allen Hamrick
The Liberty Raleigh Raiders were pounded into dust particles this past Friday as the Panthers kicked butt and took names on the grid iron. The Panthers went down the middle, ran the perimeter, passed, caught, blocked, tackled and defended, scoring 48 of their 61 points by half time. The game was pretty much like a wagon wheel over a marshmallow- you applaud the effort, but in the end the wagon wheel easily crushes it.
The Noah Collins air show was thrown with pinpoint accuracy as he hit his targets at will. He went 17-22 totaling 311 yards and six TD passes. These yards set him at the top of the food chain in stats breaking the all time CCHS passing yards held by Grant Krajeski, As
a of now, Noah stands at 4344 yards...and he is only a
junior. BJ Williams also got his name in Vegas lights by breaking Joeey Myers's record for career receiving yards breaking Joey Myers s record for career receiving yards
with BJ now at 2048 yards... and also a junior. Simply put, the Panther football team is becoming a force to be reckoned with.


Offensive line was on their game

After a rough couple of outings early in the season, the Panthers seem to have all their itches scratched and The running backs are harder to hold onto than razor blades and the receivers are finding their glue and coming up with some plays. The Raiders simply couldn't get the ball anywhere with the Panthers defense digging deep and stopping any advance. After the half with the score becoming out of reach, the coaches got some new players on the field to give them some field time. The final score of the game was Panthers 61 Raiders 14. It was another good win for the Panthers as they move to 2-2 on the season. Their season now gets into a stretch of games that will test the measure of the Panthers and their skills. They will take their show on the road to Logan this Friday night and will have Lincoln County, Grafton, Mount View, Summers, and Braxton to end the season. Go Panthers! coming, after all, and all about football - it was home-

CCHS royalty. It was a queen's night in Clay County, a night for the crowning of a new football homecoming queen. The CCHS band and cheerleaders, dressed in he new quot busy lining up in formation to welcome Witt, 2023 Football Homecoming Queen, strode across the field with the confidence and poise of royalty to accept her crown as CCHS principal Allen Tanner placed it on her head. She will no doubt be a queen that represents the school well. Her escort was Nathan Wynn. Congratulations to Queen Olivia Witt and the rest of her court. Freshman Princess Audrey Marie Hubbard was escorted by Shane Vaughan, Sophomore Princess Emma Hartshorn was escorted by Devon Rhodes, Junior Princess Evelyn "Evie" Young was escorted by Cory McKinney and Senior Princess Haley Chapman was escorted by Micah Osborne. They all represented CCHS and their families well. Once again congratulations to the queen and her court.

## Mustangs stomp South Harrison



Kayden Hersman looking for real estate.


Matthew Neely and company setting the tomb stone.

By Allen Hamrick
Thursday night proved to be the day of redemption for the Mustangs of Clay Middle. The taste of losing the last game against the Bears of Summersville brought a bitter taste to their mouth pieces and it was time to clean them out. South Harrison lacking of the Mustangs. This game would prove to be a game that would give the bragging rights back be a game that would give the bragging rights back
to CCMS. It was an all out assault in the air and on the ground by the Mustangs, and they carried out the ground by the Mustangs, and they carried out
their orders with nothing but let's eat some steak on orders wit
on their minds.
On offense, it was a Cooper Collins and Joel Elliot field day on the grid iron early in the game as they seemed to score at will. Elliot couldn't a library book, and Collins put the ball in his
hands like it was a newborn calf. Mustang defense crushed South Harrison early in the game by stopping any run or pass they had. Passing the ball was clearly impossible. The massive defensive line, combined with the speed of the linebackers and the back field, created a wall between them and the goal line. The Mustangs had a fire lit under them from somewhere and had no desire to put it out and lose this game in front of the hometown fans. When the battering stopped, the Mustangs wer on top notching their third win of the season by the on top notching their third win of the season by the
score of $58-20$. The Mustangs will get ready this week and bring their best air show and ground and pound to the field of Braxton. This game will be a must win for the Mustangs after the shocking loss to Summersville. If you get the opportunity get out and watch a good football team go head to head with some tough competition. Go Mustangs!


Joel Elliot with one of his TD's.

## Lady Mustangs having tough time on the court




