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Big Otter Elementary holds Family Night



The Family Night at Big Otter had STEM activities for the kids.

On October 2, Big Otter Elementary had an after school family night. It was an evening of books, STEM activities, and snacks. STEM stands for Science, Technology,

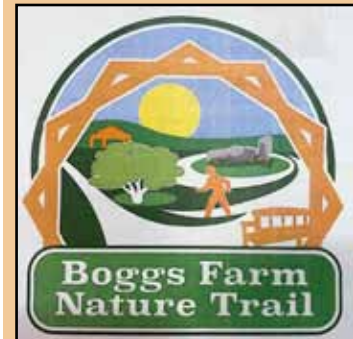
Engineering, and Math. Families, students, and after-school students enjoyed participating in fun STEM activities. Principal Anthony Boggs gave families tips on how to help

their children succeed in reading and math. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with family night and the book fair!

Boggs Farm Nature Trail gets an upgrade

By Allen Hamrick

The park at Big Otter Clinic, known as the Boggs Farm Nature Trail, has been the home for many folks who just like to get out and take a walk and relax. The park has all the attributes of a place of peace and tranquility and is being improved on constantly. Through



Boggs Farm Nature Trail logo. Photo by Dr. Jones

grants and volunteers and those who truly care about an individual's spirit and well being, this park is quickly becoming the place to come and unwind. People from all over have treaded on its beaten path but something was missing; this was supposed to be a place for all people to come and enjoy its ambiance no matter your situation in life. Through



Many people enjoyed the Breast Cancer walk. Photo by Dr. Jones

funding from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, the walking path is now paved and more accessible for the handicapped to enjoy the trip around the path. Terrence Thomas of All Pave Services did the work and had to rig up a special piece of equipment just for this particular job.

This past Saturday the now annual Breast Cancer walk was held. Many people came from all seasons of life and enjoyed the walk just before the wind blew and the rains came. The weather didn't dampen the spirits of anyone and all had a great time regardless



A view from one of the park benches. Photo by Dr. Jones

of how many canopies were destroyed. The path, now with wheelchair access, is a place for everyone to share, commune with nature or just shoot the bull with a neighbor. It is a nature walk for the heart and



All Pave services gets the job done. Photo by Dr. Jones

soul with no pause in progress and development and attaches its grasp to all who interact with it. So, if you feel the need to take a break from the everyday, come sit at the park or travel the trail and watch the world go by.

Class of 1948 holds reunion



Pictured from left to right are Frank Murphy, Clarice (Shamblin) Parsons, Donald Sanders, Wilma (Mullins) Fitzwaters, and Jo Anna (Vaughan) Samples.

The Clay County High School Class of 1948 held their 75th class reunion at the high school on Sept 16, 2023. The class had five members attend this year.

This will be their last class reunion. The class has held reunions since their 30 year reunion; meeting every five years until their 50 year reunion, after that they met every

year. The graduating class had 92 members, 46 girls and 46 boys. Currently, 73 have passed and they have not heard from nine members.

Dobbins breaks school record at LKC event

Dundon was buzzing last week as the CCHS cross country team ran their legs off at the LKC Champion-

has grown in the last few years and has become a formidable bunch of runners. CCHS has begun a tradi-

not just individually but also as a team. There is an old saying that nothing turns up in this world until



Sawyer Dobbins breaks school record. Allen Hamrick photo.

ships held for the first time in Clay County. The Cross Country team

in cross country and that is to make it to the state championships,

someone turns it up. Cross Country is one of those endurance sports that

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Allena Marie Canfield
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Michael Scott Hudnall
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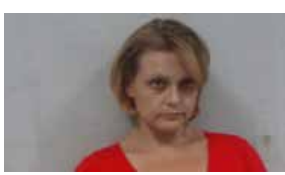


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Puzzle Answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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West Virginia Division of Highways Equipment Operators Win Regional Competition

It was a win more than 20 years in the making, as West Virginia hosted 11 states in the Southeast Regional Roadeo, on Tuesday, September 26 through Thursday, September 28, 2023.

The equipment operators "Roadeo" is a training and safety conference in which leading equipment operators from each state compete on a course designed to test their skills. Workers from around the region, competing with West Virginia's fleet of bright yellow equipment, moved golf balls as carefully as they would work around utility lines in the field.

States take turns hosting the conference, with judges from each state participating in scoring each year. This year West Virginia Department of Highways (WVDH) transportation workers took home the Team trophy as judged by their peers from other states. It was the first time in 20 years they won Best Overall.

"It's really valuable because it demonstrates the skill level of our operators," said Jimmy Wriston, P.E., Secretary of West Virginia Department of Transportation. "And they are the best in the country."

"This year, West Virginia won the trophy, and I couldn't be more proud," said Wriston. "I have never seen a group want something so badly, work so hard, and work together so well. This is the epitome of what the Governor talks about, 'Know the difference between effort and achievement' because they put the effort out, and they achieved. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Competition takes place in six events: single axle truck, tandem axle truck, lowboy trailer, motor grader, backhoe, and tractor mower. Truck events involve running an obstacle course, parallel parking, and seeing how close drivers can back up to a bay.

In the backhoe event, operators must use a tiny spoon attached to the backhoe to pick up a golf ball and drop it into a cup. The grader event involves knocking tennis balls off a tube with the grader blade without knocking over the tube. The mower event involves driving a tractor towing a mower through an obstacle course - both forward and backward.

One of the most talked about events in WVDH's recent history shared among many at the Roadeo, was the day in 2019 when Governor Jim Justice called WVDH County Administrators to a meeting at the State Capitol Complex and asked them what they needed to get the job done. County Administrators asked for equipment to get the job done, and Governor Justice made it his priority to make sure the equipment was provided. That very same equipment can be seen on the states roadways in all 55 counties. It's the reason West Virginia's guests from around the region could not find a pothole.

That bright yellow equipment was recognized and appreciated by transportation workers from all 11 participating states. Operators for each of those states spend their time in varied situations on the roadways, all year round, getting the work done throughout the region.

"You guys have a very nice little fleet of International single axle dump trucks," said Ernay Robinson, State Maintenance Engineer for Georgia Department of Transportation in her interview on the 163rd episode of WV on the DOT podcast. "I think the next most impressive thing we noticed was the tractor mowers with cabs inside, we just have the open air cabs."

"It was a fantastic couple of days," said Wriston. "The skill level was off the charts. It literally takes your breath away to watch how precise these guys can maneuver these things, and perform these operations with this equipment. And the talk of the conference, all that brand new, wonderful equipment the Governor was able to get for us."

"All of the activities in this competition are designed to mirror what they actually do on the roads and it demonstrates the highly skilled level of operators we have in all the Departments of Transportation," said Wriston, declaring all the Southeast states the best operators in the country alongside West Virginia.

On the morning following the win, West Virginia Department of Transportation learned of the passing of Tom Badgett, a WVDH employee with decades of service who returned after retirement to serve as a resource to Districts across the state as they implemented quality standards for consistent results.

Transportation workers join Secretary Wriston in proudly dedicating the win to the memory of Tom, long a proponent of equipment and training for workers to be able to do their jobs efficiently, whose work was very much a part of the day as he is one of the many who



WV Division of Highways personnel celebrate after winning the Southeast Regional Roadeo.

have worked to make Governor Justice's vision a reality.

West Virginia won first place overall among the 11 states in the region. Tennessee won second place. South Carolina came in third. The competition was fierce, but the comradery was also. Each state shared knowledge, skills and strategies for keeping their workers safe in on the ground situations. It was a family event, with trans-

portation workers from around the region bringing their families to enjoy the beauty of West Virginia. As Secretary Wriston says, the southeast region operators are the best in the country.

Winners Include:
Best Overall: West Virginia (1st), Tennessee (2nd), South Carolina (3rd)

Tractor Mower: Steven Ford, South Carolina (1st), Larry Carman, Tennessee (2nd), Jeff Allgood, Virginia (3rd)

Tandem Axle Dump Truck: Michael Pannell, Mississippi (1st), Chris Schaar, Tennessee (2nd), T.J. Pulley, Arkansas (3rd)

Single Axle Dump Truck: Joe Strickland, West Virginia (1st), Nick Southern, West Virginia (2nd), William Blackwell, South Carolina (3rd)

Tractor Truck With Lowboy: Mike Simpson, West Virginia (1st), Chad Loudin, West Virginia (2nd), Michael Carr, Tennessee (3rd)

Motor Grader: Scott Burgess, South Carolina (1st), Joshua Williams, South Carolina (2nd), Daniel Evans, North Carolina (3rd)

Backhoe: Hunter Butler, Tennessee (1st), Jeremiah Law, Virginia (2nd), John Garrett, West Virginia (3rd)

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The Beautiful Soul Within*By: Joseph J. Mazella*

I realized recently that if I ever have to move again I will need a separate truck just for all the stuff hanging on my walls. I have calendars, old post cards, inspirational sayings, nature scenes, my daughter's diplomas, and so many pictures hanging on them. There are ones of high school reunions, family reunions, friends, Mom, Dad, Nana, my brothers, and most of all so many of my children. From baby pictures to ones taken just this last year there are the smiling faces of my children looking down on me from my walls as I walk through my house.

I noticed one of these just recently, a tiny one cut out from an old Polaroid photo. It was of my youngest son Casey as a baby. He was standing in the bathtub smiling happily. He wasn't even two years old yet. I took off my glasses and put my face close to see it. There was a light in his eyes that shone through that photograph. I could see the beautiful soul within coming out of that picture. This was before the

first signs of Autism appeared in him. This Autism would largely silence his speech, limit his learning, and make him dependent on us for the rest of his life. It would keep him from becoming the boy I dreamed he would be.

I felt the pain of regret and loss looking at that picture. But then I remembered just yesterday when he laughed and snuggled up to me while we watched something he liked on television. I looked into his eyes at that moment and saw that same light, that same love, that same beautiful soul that was in his baby picture. Autism might have affected his mind and changed his life but it never touched his soul. And I know now his beautiful soul is here for a purpose.

Like my son Casey, each one of us has a bright, beautiful, shining soul within full of love and light. God loves that soul too, completely and unconditionally. It is up to us, though, to let that soul out, to let it shine, to let it share its love with everyone, everywhere. May we always do so.

THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM*Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Know Your Pastor**

You should get to know your pastor. There's no end of books on pastoral ministry on how a man should interact with the church. I once read a book that had a lengthy section on personal hygiene with deodorant and breath mint recommendations. Pastors should desire to get to know their congregants, obviously. But you don't hear much on the actual Scriptural admonition for the church members to get to know their pastor (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Paul knows the leadership at the church, and so there is the assumption that the elders are doing good work. Yes, there are bad pastors. Always has been. Always will be. But the premise here is that the pastor is doing the work of the ministry. He's laboring in the church. He's studying, reading, praying, and meditating on the Scripture, and prepared to preach. He's laboring in the local church. Not among all the other churches, but the church where he is the pastor. Not only should he be with the people, but he shouldn't be meddling among others. He's also doing the right work the right way because the church is admonished to esteem him and love him for the work's sake. If a pastor is preaching heresy, being lazy, not studying, and muttering and sputtering like he needs his carbs cleaned, he's not doing the labor that deserves esteem. He might be a swell guy, and you can like him for being nice, but not for the work's sake.

Where was I? Oh yes. Church members should get to know their pastors. It's to your benefit. How can your pastor help you if you are rarely, if ever, around him? If you never come to church, never respond to calls, or make any effort to be active with the church, you can't exactly fault the pastor for not knowing you are having a bad week. Paul instructs the church members to get to know their pastor, and if you don't, you are only hurting yourself.

Speaking of accountability, that's another reason why you should know your pastor because he's over you in the Lord. If he admonishes you, he's probably been thinking about it for a while or praying that you would receive it as it was intended, with love. If you know your pastor, then you'd know he loves you and isn't trying to be mean for meanness sake. You'll find out he's a sinner saved by grace, resting in Christ and exhorting you to do the same. Having a fellow sojourner over you is much different than a complete stranger. You should also love them and esteem them for the work's sake. They labor and work in the church for your benefit. They study, not merely to be a good preacher but so you can better know Jesus through the Scriptures. The Christian life is meant to be lived with other believers. Knowing the men whose life work is to help you walk with Christ will do you good.

Home Country*By: Slim Randles*

The sign in front of the gas station says "Unleaded, 3.39, special on Colt .357 Magnum, six-inch barrel."

Visitors here in the valley do a double take when they see Vince's sign there at what we all know as "the gas station gun shop." That's because Vince doesn't believe in being deprived of his passion while earning a living. His passion: guns. His living: pumping gas.

We had all known of his passion for many years. He is the perennial president of the local rod and gun club, plans nearly all their annual spaghetti feeds to raise money for targets. If you want to go hunting, all you need to do is pull up in front of Vince's house on the edge of town with some hounds in the back of the truck in the evening and honk the horn. You don't even need to call ahead.

The combination business began about three years ago when an out-of-town customer pulled up to the gas pumps, walked inside to pay Vince, and saw the owner sitting there polishing a 1911 Government Model .45 auto.

CPR wasn't necessary, but it did give Vince some

thinking to do.

"I looked around in here," he said, "and saw all this wall space. What did I have on it? Fan belts, stacks of motor oil containers, those little air fresheners shaped like pine trees. What a waste! So I put that stuff out in the repair side of the station and nailed up this knotty pine. Looks pretty good, doesn't it?"

"Then I got my federal firearms license, bought a bunch of ammunition and some guns, and set it up."

He says he's always sure to put a gun ad up on the big white sign, along with the gas prices, so people won't be surprised when they walk in and find him cleaning a Model 70 behind the counter.

"I actually do okay in the gun business here," he said. "It isn't enough to be a gun shop on its own, really. We aren't a big enough town."

And then he grinned and said, "And I've never been held up."

For great hunting season advice and products, check out <https://www.sportsmansguide.com>.

Where Did The Summer Go?*By: Dr. James Snyder*

This past week started out as the best week of the whole year. At least, I thought so at the time.

I finished my book manuscript and sent it to the publisher. I caught up with some other projects that were lagging. And I had time to balance my checkbook.

What could be better than that?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into my office and said, "Why are you smiling so much? Did you win the lottery?"

It was better than the lottery.

"No, my dear, I'm just so excited that I'm all caught up with my projects. Now I'm ready for summer to begin." Then I laughed with a joyful laugh.

"What you mean you're ready for summer?"

"Like I said, I'm all caught up and now I have the whole summer to really enjoy myself and have a little bit of fun."

Looking at me rather strangely, which is not unusual, she said, "You do know it's October, don't you?"

Although my smile was frozen, it began to deteriorate inside.

"What you mean it's October?"

She laughed at me and said, "Don't you have a calendar? Don't you know what day it is?"

I could not say anything for a moment because I did not know what to say. Then I got out my cell phone and checked the calendar.

Sure enough, like every other time, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was right. If I live a thousand years, there will never be a day when she is wrong.

It is October, and for some reason, I have not kept up with the time. I was so busy trying to get caught up with my projects, especially my book manuscript, that I wasn't paying attention to the ticking clock.

Looking at her in frustration, I said, "Where did the summer go?"

I guess that's the trouble with life. You are so focused on one thing that everything else falls by the wayside. I am glad I'm caught up, but I don't know how I lost track of time.

I wish there was a way to freeze time for as long as you want to. If I have a project on a schedule, I could freeze time so that I can be caught up and then come back and unfreeze time. Where are these genius scientists when you need them?

"So," I said to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "it is October and I just got caught up with my time."

Being caught up with time is not a possibility. When I get up on a Wednesday morning that means Tuesday is gone forever.

"If you need help getting caught up," my wife said, giggling, "just let me know." Then, she returned to her craft room.

I sat back in my chair and thought a little bit. How can I keep this from happening again? How can I keep time in hand?

Of course, I could ask help from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, but you know what that would do. I need to figure out how to keep up with time.

What I really need is a nice hot cup of coffee and a fresh Apple Fritter. Of course, if I had the Apple Fritter, I would be in "timeout." I just went and got a nice hot cup of coffee, returned to my office and sat down to think this through.

It was not that I missed that time; I was focused on some important things then. Sometimes, my priorities overtake what I should be doing.

What bothers me is, what did I miss by missing the summer?

Thinking back over that time, I realized I did not miss anything. In fact, The Gracious Mistress of the Parson-

age is in charge of all our activities, and not one was missed. She has a wonderful way of keeping up a good schedule and balancing our time like nobody I know.

I lived through the summer and enjoyed each day of that summertime; it's just that I was more focused on projects. I wanted to complete each project in good time.

One of the great aspects of getting old is not remembering. Oh, don't get me wrong, I don't forget hardly anything; it's just that many things I don't remember.

For example, on a Monday morning, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will come to my office and say, "Do you remember you have a doctor's appointment this afternoon?"

Then I remembered I had a doctor's appointment.

In all truth, my not remembering is entirely the fault of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. The simple fact is I don't have to remember anything because she remembers everything, and I can depend upon her memory. I can use my memory for better things.

In the morning, I get up, go to my office and prepare for the day, and if there are any appointments for that day, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will remind me. So, why do I need to waste my time remembering things like that?

In my thinking, a certain Bible verse came to mind. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I only have one shot at today, and I had better make the most of it. My best shot is to rejoice and be glad in it. This I plan to do.

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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!

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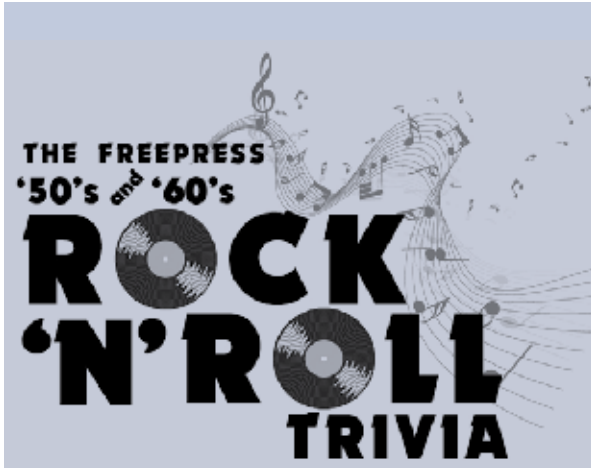
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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History



Jim Lowe had a hit single (Nov. 1956) in which he describes the mysterious goings-on in a private club like: a happy crowd, piano playing, smoking, and a lot of laughter. What's the barrier that keeps him from going inside?

Answer to last week's Trivia: In Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl" (Sept. '67), when they went down the old mine, they took with them: a transistor radio.

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

Oct. 18, 1941: William "Billy" Cox was born in Wheeling. He is



one of two bassists to have played regularly with legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix.

Oct. 19, 1894: Historian and illustrator Julius Allan DeGruyter was born in Charleston. A self-taught painter and illustrator, DeGruyter's art appeared in numerous exhibits and is represented in the collections of the State Museum. The artwork includes scenes of early Charleston.

Oct. 20, 1990: The current USS West Virginia (SSBN-736) was commissioned. The USS West Virginia is an Ohio Class Trident ballistic missile submarine that is 560 feet long, 42 feet wide, and displaces

18,750 tons when submerged.

Oct. 21, 1865: Bishop Matthew Wesley Clair Sr. was born in Union. He was one of the first African-Americans elected as a bishop in the predominantly white Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oct. 21, 1918: Hulett Smith was born in Beckley. In the 1964 gubernatorial primary Smith carried 53 of the state's 55 counties, receiving more votes than his three opponents combined.

Oct. 22, 1693: Lord Thomas Fairfax was born in Kent, England. He inherited five million acres in Virginia, land that included much of present West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

Oct. 22, 1734: Frontiersman Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania.

In 1788, Boone and his family settled near the mouth of the Kanawha River at Point Pleasant. He represented Kanawha County in the Virginia General Assembly in 1791.



Oct. 22, 1821: Collis P. Huntington was born in Harwinton, Connecticut. In 1869, Huntington purchased the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and set about extending its tracks from Richmond across southern West Virginia to the Ohio River. There, in 1871, he established a new city bearing his name.

Oct. 22, 1977: Construction of the New River Gorge Bridge was completed after three years of work. Fayette County's New River Gorge Bridge is one of West Virginia's best-known landmarks. It is the third-highest bridge in the United States and third-longest steel span in the Western Hemisphere.

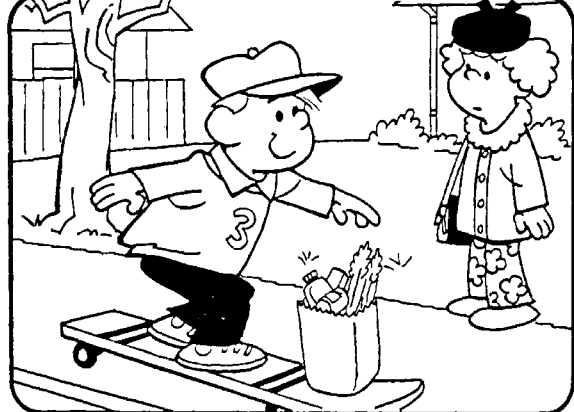
Oct. 23, 1943: German prisoners arrived at Camp Ashford in White Sulphur Springs. Built by the U.S. War Department, Camp Ashford was one of two camps in West Virginia that housed prisoners of war during World War II.

Oct. 24, 1929: Composer George Crumb was born in Charleston. In 1968, Crumb was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for "Echoes of Time and the River: Four Processions for Orchestra."

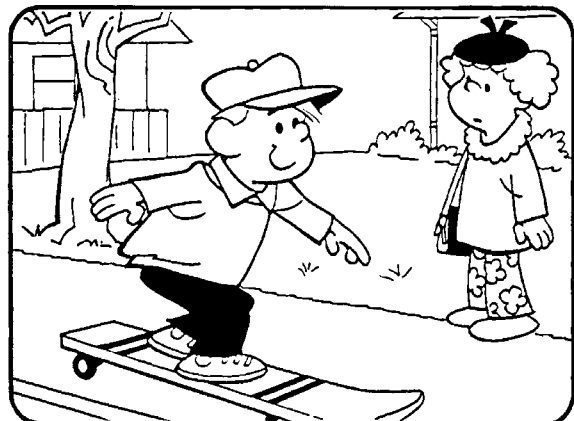


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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword SIX BELOW

- ACROSS**
- 1 Airplane walkway
 - 6 Gentle pat
 - 9 River delta deposit
 - 13 Pixie or elf
 - 19 Unhesitating and fast
 - 21 Low-quality
 - 22 Binds with string
 - 23 Grew older with contentment and dignity
 - 25 Very ardent
 - 26 Fluffy scarf
 - 27 Wiggly fishes
 - 28 Perennially popular hymn
 - 30 Makes a leg warmer, e.g.
 - 32 Plow beasts
 - 33 "— Pan" (James Clavell novel)
 - 34 Shouts of discovery
 - 35 Is wearing
 - 37 Kept posted
 - 39 Hair salon job
 - 41 Growth theory subj.
 - 42 Accumulate
 - 44 Hdqrs. where officers work
 - 46 Red-carpet-walking type
 - 50 Liquid filling la mer
 - 51 Fend off
 - 52 Title detective of 1970s TV
 - 55 Give the boot
 - 56 Prepared to do some grilling
 - 58 Tier
 - 59 "I'm not that impressed"
 - 60 Egg-shaped
 - 61 Musical ornaments
 - 64 Place to play pool or table tennis
 - 66 Do the task flawlessly
 - 69 Alternative to a 401(k)
 - 71 Hogs' home
 - 72 Eye-irritating cleanser
 - 74 1963 Johnny Cash smash
 - 76 Gush forth
 - 77 Be in arrears
 - 79 U.S. med. research agcy.
 - 80 Final toast of a meal
 - 84 In the style of
 - 85 Law-of-motion subject
 - 87 Glistened
 - 88 Historic span
 - 89 Slowly, to a maestro
 - 91 Island setting
 - 92 "I love you," in Spanish
 - 93 Course of action
 - 94 Hip about
 - 96 Enter quickly
 - 99 Film spools
 - 100 Pupil's place
 - 103 Very big bird
 - 105 Domino spots
 - 106 Unsullied places
 - 108 Complete disaster, in slang
 - 111 Spinner in a compass
 - 112 Spinner in a kid's room
 - 115 Surround with a nimbus
 - 116 1990s sitcom ... and what literally appears six times in this puzzle
 - 119 Add to the mix, maybe
 - 120 British noble
 - 121 Prayed before partaking
 - 122 Pole carvings
 - 123 Eye irritation
 - 124 Ovine female
 - 125 Sun-related
 - 5 Enter by sidling
 - 6 Watch faces
 - 7 Missile paths
 - 8 97-Down insect
 - 9 Foamed up
 - 10 Honolulu palace name
 - 11 Amusement, to texters
 - 12 "Give this a whirl"
 - 13 Low-end cigar
 - 14 Radar sound
 - 15 Put a new border around
 - 16 Basketball great — Thomas
 - 17 Mozart's "Rondo Alla —"
 - 18 Fencing blades
 - 20 Get in a stew
 - 24 Sends via phone line
 - 29 Streaming music service
 - 31 Prefix with disclosure
 - 32 Give the boot
 - 35 Boot part
 - 36 Brazilian palm berry
 - 37 Line of work
 - 38 "Morning Edition" airer
 - 40 HDTV maker
 - 42 Pilot's skill
 - 43 Old Cougar carmaker, in brief
 - 45 FDR and HST's party
 - 47 Volcanic outflows
 - 48 Praise heavily
 - 49 Stomach
 - 51 Decongestant brand
 - 52 Gulf of — (arm of the Baltic)
 - 53 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor
 - 54 Film for which Holly Hunter won an Oscar
 - 57 Luminous
 - 58 Spiral-shaped pasta
 - 60 "Well, golly!"
 - 62 Hide-hair link
 - 63 "No seats left" abbr.
 - 65 "Odyssey" temptress
 - 66 Like twangy voices
 - 67 Adequate
 - 68 "That is ..."
 - 70 Warm blanket
 - 73 Jaw-dropping
 - 75 As of
 - 78 Prior to, in verse
 - 81 Heavenly
 - 82 River of Russia
 - 83 Cooking vessels
 - 85 Tiny particle
 - 86 Road gunk
 - 87 Six, in Seville
 - 90 As surplus
 - 92 Plains tent
 - 93 Hogs' home
 - 95 Wyoming mountains
 - 97 Collection of hives
 - 98 Round shape
 - 99 Corp. shuffles
 - 100 "That is ...," to Caesar
 - 101 Head for hurriedly
 - 102 Cry to a battlefield medic
 - 104 Impulses
 - 106 Grammy winner
 - 107 Scott in an 1857 court case
 - 109 Slender
 - 110 Brothers' group, in brief
 - 111 Chew like a beaver
 - 113 Kind of whale
 - 114 British noble
 - 117 Operate
 - 118 Bushy hairdo, for short

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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

General Mine Foreman Takes to the Air



Pictured here, photo by Bryce Hoover, is General Mine Foreman Darrell Wood and his new Piper Cub airplane which he has recently purchased from the Henry Heizer Agency in Charleston.

The plane is a 1957 Piper Tri-Pacer, capable of a speed of 120 miles-per-hour. It is a four passenger business plane and currently being flown by many executives and business and professional men. Mr. Wood already has many hours

flying credit in the new craft. Equipped with a new VIF Omni directional receiver, the pilot is able to pinpoint objectives via electronic "tracks" to any point of destination and return.

A shooting match will be held on Saturday, November 23, and will be handled by a committee consisting of Delbert Ramsey, chairman, assisted by Jennings Wood and Richard Manning. President Beattie announced that two rules governing conduct at the match must be rigidly enforced: (1) there must be no drinking of intoxicants around the match area, and (2) shells must be handed to the contestants as they step to the firing line and not before. These are both common sense rules, and it is much better to have them enforced now than after someone is seriously injured or killed by carelessness with guns.

The club voted unanimously to sponsor a Cub Scout Pack in Widen, with Gene Taylor as packmaster, and Leonard Acree, Bob Elliott and Paul Dawson as committeemen. The pack is already in process of formation and will be composed of boys from 8 to 11 years of age.

A tennis tournament will be held in the very near future, with Scott Williams handling the details. The tournament will be a self-supporting feature, with individual entry fees taking care of whatever costs are involved. Present plans are to have five classes of competition: Men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

Other matters discussed were the care of the club's camp on Taylor's Fork, water for the fish pond, which has been very low during this summer's drought, and the stocking of turkey and beaver on Taylor Fork by the Conservation Commission.

The club will resume its regular schedule, with a meeting every two weeks. The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 4, at 7:30 in the Legion Hall at Widen. Members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served under the auspices of Leonard Acree and Bob Elliott.

Sportsmen's Club Resumes Meetings

The Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club, which had officially been inactive since July 4, held its first fall meeting at the Legion Hall in Widen on September 20. The meeting was fairly well attended and much was accomplished.

The annual banquet, always a high spot in Club affairs, has been set earlier than usual this year. While heretofore the banquet has been held in January, this season it will be held on December 14. H. L. Beattie, club president, appointed Scott Williams as general chairman for the event, to be assisted by Corley Frame, Richard Manning, Harold Dawson, and Gene Taylor.



At the left, Mrs. Alice Runion appears here with 17 new pupils enrolled in the Dille school including, from left to right: Retta Strickland, Rita Jo Dalton, Kenneth Knight, Sammy Gregorich, Sally Butcher, Anthony Benton, Betinna Gill, Rachael Brown, Sandra Lynn Knight, Terry Butcher, Larry Talbert, Garnett Plaintiff, Walter Sparks, Dianne White, Malinda Nicholas, Jennifer Rose, and Pamela Holcomb.

No. 6-Miss Susie Belle Graham is shown (right) with the only two new pupils reported enrolled in the Widen elementary school this year above first grade. They are second graders Sandra Miller who transferred from Dille, and Terry Salisbury who comes from Taylor. They are standing immediately on her right and left. The other second graders just came along for the ride. Know any of them? How many?



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LEGALS

CASE NO. 23-0383-W-42T
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,
Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges.
CASE NO. 23-0384-S-42T
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,
Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

On May 1, 2023, West Virginia-American Water Company (Company) tendered for filing revised tariff sheets reflecting increased water and wastewater rates and charges to become effective on February 25, 2024. The Company provides service to approximately 168,000 water service customers in Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mercer, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, and Webster Counties and 1,100 wastewater service customers in Fayette County. For its water operations, the Company requested increased additional net revenues of \$41,175,752 annually over current rate revenues, for an overall increase in revenues of approximately 22.5 percent. The additional \$41,175,752 requested by the Company consists of an increase in base rates of \$51,308,960 in annual revenue and a decrease in the Company's Distribution System Investment Charge of \$10,133,208 in annual revenue. For its wastewater operations, the Company requested additional net revenues of \$470,801 annually over current rate revenues, for an overall increase in revenues of approximately 24.9 percent. The Companies allocated a portion of the wastewater revenue requirement to the water revenue requirement to support the same percentage increase in rates for both water and wastewater customers.

The Company also proposed a new set of low-income tariffs and other rate mechanisms in its filings. The Commission will hold a public comment hearing on **November 2, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** The public comment hearing will be held virtually, allowing for interested persons to comment by telephone, through the Microsoft Teams application from the internet, or in-person at the Commission headquarters. Interested persons that wish to make a public comment by phone, or through Microsoft Teams internet access must register with the Commission by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2023. Registration may be made by any of the following methods:

- (1) through the Microsoft Teams meeting link located on the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> under the "PSC Hot Topics" section located at the top of the homepage;
- (2) by calling 304-340-0836 (Karen Hall) or 304-340-0820 (Andrew Gallagher); or
- (3) by emailing khall@psc.state.wv.us or agallagher@psc.state.wv.us.

Interested persons wishing to comment in-person at the public comment hearing should attend and sign up to speak prior to 5:30 p.m. at Public Service Commission, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

As an alternative to speaking at the public comment hearing either remotely or in-person, individuals or entities interested in providing written comments regarding these cases should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or on-line at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked with Case No. 23-0383-W-42T or Case No. 23-0384-S-42T. Interested persons may also attend the public comment hearing in-person or via webcast to observe the public comment hearing. The webcast may be viewed by clicking "Commission Webcast" located under the "Inside the PSC" section in the left column on the Commission's website: www.psc.state.wv.us.
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A PROPOSAL TO CLOSE AND CONSOLIDATE H. E. WHITE ELEMENTARY AND/OR LIZEMORE ELEMENTARY INTO EXISTING CLAY ELEMENTARY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF CLAY WV 18-4-13a

WV Board of Education Policy 6204

The Clay County Board of Education will hold three public hearings, as follow, on the Superintendent's recommendation to close H. E. White Elementary and/or Lizemore Elementary and consolidate them into existing Clay Elementary to take effect at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

- H. E. White Elementary School Public Hearing
LOCATION: H. E. White Elementary School
DATE AND TIME: November 2, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Sign in between 5:00 P.M. and 5:55 P.M. to speak.
- Lizemore Elementary School Public Hearing
LOCATION: Lizemore Elementary School
DATE AND TIME: November 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Sign in between 5:00 P.M. and 5:55 P.M. to speak.
- Clay Elementary School Public Hearing
LOCATION: Clay Elementary School
DATE AND TIME: November 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Sign in between 5:00 P.M. and 5:55 P.M. to speak.

ALTERNATIVE DATES AND TIME:

Should the hearing be unable to be held on the scheduled date due to inclement weather or other factors beyond the control of the county, the hearing(s) will be held on the following dates at the same location and time as the originally scheduled hearing:

- H. E. White Elementary November 3, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- Lizemore Elementary November 8, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- Clay Elementary November 9, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

If for any other reason the meeting cannot be conducted on the alternative date or time, the board of education shall determine a date or time.

Should the hearing require additional time beyond 11:00 P.M., it will be recessed and will reconvene at the same location as the recessed hearing at 6:00 P.M. on the next business day on which no other hearing is scheduled.

PLACE:

The hearing location is subject to change if, at the time the meeting is called to order, it is determined there is insufficient room to accommodate all those who wish to attend. The hearing shall be recessed and moved to a new location of sufficient size to accommodate those who wish to attend. If that happens, the new meeting location shall be posted at the original meeting location.

PROPOSED ACTION OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Closure and consolidation of H. E. White Elementary and/or Lizemore Elementary with existing Clay Elementary at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL:

Six copies of written material intended to be reviewed by the county board of education must be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent, 285 Church Street, Clay, West Virginia 25043 on or before the close of business on October 26, 2023, in order to provide the county board of education time to consider the material before the vote. Facilities will be made available to make copies up to ten pages.

HEARING PROCEDURES:

A representative of Clay County Schools will provide an oral summary of the reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action of the Board. For a period of fifty-five minutes prior to the commencement of the public hearing, persons may sign a register for the purpose of making statements, offering testimony, and questioning school officials. Persons wishing to speak about the effects of the proposed closure of H. E. White Elementary and/or Lizemore Elementary and consolidation into existing Clay Elementary, as well as those who wish to speak as members of the general public, will be recognized in the order in which they have signed the register. Each person shall be limited to three minutes. Written statements may be submitted in lieu of oral statements or testimony and must be submitted prior to the conclusion of the hearing. Any written statement will be given full consideration before the board takes any final action.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION:

Written reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action of the Board are available for public inspection on week days when school is in session by September 20, 2023, through November 9, 2023, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. in the Office of the Superintendent of Clay County Schools located at 285 Church Street, Clay, West Virginia.

Philip Dobbins,
Superintendent
Clay County Board of Education
September 13, 2023

LEGALS

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 3, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 119, at Page 802, Billy J. Duffield did convey unto Richard A. Pill, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, in Clay, West Virginia, on

November 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The surface only, with its appurtenances thereunto belonging, of those two certain tracts or parcels of real estate, together with any building or improvements thereon, situate on the waters of Elk River, In Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: Beginning at a water birch on the bank of said Elk River and corner to Herbert Samples Lot, and running with said Samples line across the bottom 305 feet to a stake at the edge of the right of way of County (State) Road; thence down the river and with right of way line of said road 420 feet to a stake at the lower edge of said right of way; thence across bottom 402 feet to a large water birch on the bank of said river; thence up and with said river about 402 feet to the place of beginning, estimated to contain about 5 acres, (in reality 4 acres), more or less, but this a conveyance in gross and not by the acre; TRACT NO. 2: Beginning at a stake at the corner of property heretofore sold to Mae Markle by Winfield S. Pierson, and running with the Grishaver line 80 feet to a stake at the said county road; thence down the river with the meanders of said road 412 feet to corner of J. M. Salack's line and lot; and thence down the hill 56 feet to a stake and corner of the said Mae Markle lot, and thence to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre, more or less.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 5082 Elk River Road, Crocius, WV 25164.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Billy J. Duffield, by Deed dated July 3, 2008, from Bonnie Duffield, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 202, at Page 698.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Richard A. Pill, Trustee

P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404

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Biden-Harris Administration Selects West Virginia University to Receive \$800,000 Pollution Prevention Grant to Advance Environmental Justice

This week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced West Virginia University has been selected to receive a \$800,000 pollution prevention grant through President Biden's Investing in America agenda, a key pillar of Bidenomics. The funding is made possible by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will go to develop and adopt practices that prevent pollution at the source in local communities.

West Virginia University's proposed project will provide technical assistance to industrial facilities in disadvantaged communities in the state to encourage businesses to promote reducing and preventing pollution at the source. Technical assistance will include onsite and remote assessments and assistance with pollution prevention (P2) recommendations, training, and development of P2 best practices, toolkits, training videos, self-guided modules, and interactive media. The proposed project will improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by improving energy efficiency, minimizing waste streams, and reducing air pollution and the facilities' carbon footprint.

"Achieving lasting environmental justice requires community-driven solutions boosted by federal resources," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "President Biden has secured historic levels of funding to address environmental harms in vulnerable communities under his Investing in America agenda. These dollars have supercharged our ability to empower a wide range of businesses from across the country to deploy solutions that prevent pollution while strengthening economic growth."

"This funding to West Virginia University is yet

another investment the Biden-Harris Administration is making to improve the health and future of communities across the Mountain State," said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz. "Getting businesses committed to reducing pollution and shrinking their carbon footprint will help create healthier, stronger and more sustainable communities."

"West Virginia University continues to make our state proud with innovative projects that strengthen environmental and public health," said Senator Joe Manchin, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "The funding announced today will assist West Virginia businesses in adopting cost-effective pollution reduction strategies, improving their energy efficiency and reducing waste. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to deliver meaningful investments for the Mountain State, and I will continue advocating for resources that enhance the health and well-being of our communities."

The Environmental Justice in Communities grant program will provide pollution prevention technical assistance to businesses to improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities.

EPA's Pollution Prevention Grant Program advances President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which aims to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

EPA anticipates awarding the grants once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Background:

The United States generates millions of tons of

pollution each year and spends billions of dollars per year controlling this pollution. Once in our environment, this pollution harms human and environmental health, which disproportionately impacts underserved communities. Preventing pollution at the source, also known as P2 or source reduction, rather than managing waste after it is produced, is an important part of the solution landscape, and advances a sustainable infrastructure that supports local economies while better protecting public health and the environment. P2 practices can reduce exposure to toxic chemicals, conserve natural resources, and reduce cleanup and financial costs for businesses, particularly for waste management and environmental liability. Practicing P2 is essential for protecting public health and improving environmental conditions in and around disadvantaged communities that have long been overburdened by pollution.

Between 2011-2021, EPA's Pollution Prevention program has issued nearly 500 grants totaling more than \$50 million, which have helped businesses identify, develop and adopt P2 approaches. These approaches have resulted in eliminating 19.8 million metric tons of greenhouse gases, saving 49 billion gallons of water, reducing 917 million pounds of hazardous materials and pollutants, and saving more than \$2.2 billion for business.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure is boosting these efforts by providing a historic \$100 million to support the program's continued efforts. Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, state and Tribal programs that are awarded grants will not be required to provide matching funds, which has helped expand access to these resources and broadened the applicant pool.



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Senior night for the Lady Panthers

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panther Volleyball team has been playing some pretty good ball lately and once again looks like a team that has their ducks all lined up for up and coming sectionals. This past week they were on the road and at home against Calhoun and Webster. It was also senior night as the Lady Panthers



Senior Lilly Goldizen doing what she does best.

bid farewell to two of the best that have played on the courts, Lilly Goldizen and Gracey Champ. These girls have been on the front lines killing, digging, and stuffing and have been the best at their game. The volleyball fans wish both of these gifted players the best in their future endeavors. Calhoun was on the chopping block early on in the week, and the Lady Panthers ground the Lady Devils into ashes winning the set 3-1. It was back at home for the senior event and there was no way that the Lady Highlanders were going to spoil their senior party. The evening's entertainment was up to the Lady Panthers, and they performed their show nearly flawless as the Lady Highlanders fell to the Lady Panther machine. The first game of the set was one of those games a player has nightmares about. The Lady Panthers racked up points on the board as they started to smell skunk. The Lady Highlanders managed to get a few points to put the skunk back in the cage, but the Lady Panthers won the first game 25-14. Then it got ugly for the Lady Highlanders as the Lady Panthers pulled out the dream team and took the next game by the score of 25-7. The Lady Highlanders had one last chance before their Halloween came



Ilyana Evans gets the dig.



Senior Gracey Champ serves like a pro.

early. However, the Lady Panthers put on the dog in the third game and the Lady Highlanders never stood a chance; final score of the 3rd game was Lady Panthers 25, Lady Highlanders 10. The Lady Panthers have just a couple of games left before sectionals, come out and support the team.

Dobbins

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demands every ounce of determination and discipline a runner can muster from start to finish, and CCHS has some good ones. This Lady Panther team, as well as the boys' team, gets stronger as each year passes. Sixteen teams flowed into Dundon's valley from all over the state to compete. A win here among the top runners in the state would be like winning a state championship. The boys were up first and it would prove to be a tough run to get into the top 10. Saw-

yer Dobbins was the top runner for Clay and also broke the school record finishing with a blistering pace and a time of 16:52.6. With this run he earned the first team all conference honors. Dobbins also took first in the Shady Spring invitational with a time of 17:47.24 and is ranked 18th in the state. The girls were up next, and Cheyanne Taylor was



Marissa Atha crosses in 3rd place. Photo by Stephanie Dobbins



Cheyanne Taylor crosses the finish line.



McKinley Mahan finishes in 9th place. Photo by Stephanie Dobbins

first across the line for the Lady Panther team with a time of 24:11.6.

The CWVAC championships for the middle schools took place in Ravenswood on October 7th. Marissa Atha placed 3rd in the event for the Lady Mustangs team, and McKinley Mahan placed 9th. Both girls were awarded First Team All Conference. Congratulations to all those who took home All Conference.