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Clay County High School students attend career showcase



CCHS students at the Healthcare Career Showcase

CAMC hosted its seventh annual Healthcare Career Showcase on Oct. 25 at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center to give students an idea of all of the jobs available in health care. More than 1,000 students, including some from Clay County, talked to CAMC employees from more than 55 hospital departments about their careers and picked up information from several colleges to learn what types of academic programs they will

need to complete to begin their health care career. Students were guided through the showcase by a “road map.” This book explains everything needed to work in a particular field including education, minimum requirements, licensure and certification and what schools offer the classes and programs needed for each job.

Big Otter students hold attendance races

Students at Big Otter Elementary School are off to the races! Every day a student is present at school, they are eligible to win a Hot Wheels race car. At the end

of each nine weeks, students race their cars on a huge racetrack. Congratulations to the winners!



Laviah Leshner, 1st Grade; Avery Dunn, Kindergarten; and Owen Paxton, 2nd Grade.



Benzley Champ, 3rd Grade; Jeremiah Cadle, 5th Grade; and Tripp Sears 3rd Grade.

Dobbins Excels at WV State XC Meet

Sawyer Dobbins finished 17th at the WV State Championship Cross Country Meet this past Saturday at Cabell Midland High School in Ona, West Virginia. His time of 17:40 was a personal record for this course. He also set anew record at Clay County High School becoming the highest placing finisher at the WV State XC Meet. And while the WVSSAC

only recognizes the top ten finishers as First Team All-State members, unofficially those who place eleven through twenty are Second Team All-State. Coaches Ron Starcher and Matt Stricker are proud of Sawyer and the CCHS boys and girls’ cross country teams. They worked hard all season, improved with each race, and had much success.



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Rural regions bear brunt of nation’s nurse workforce crisis

By Nadia Ramlagan

In rural communities, severe staffing shortages have increased hospital wait times and worsened quality of care.

According to the latest report by the West Virginia Hospital Association, nursing had the highest overall rates of vacancies and turnovers, at more than 19% and 26% respectively.

Rebecca Love, a nurse and chief clinical officer at IntelyCare, a nurse staffing company, said in rural regions, hospitals often become the stop-gap solution for both residents’ health and communities’ economic well-being.

“All of the community relies on that health care system to not only deliver primary care and preventive care, but also acute-level cares when there are those situations such as heart attacks or anaphylaxis responses,” Love pointed out.

According to the report, West Virginia hospitals are licensed for around 6,400 beds, but currently can only staff 4,800. And

the West Virginia Center for Nursing said faculty recruitment is a barrier to expanding nursing programs in the state, driven in part by low salaries in comparison to other states.

Love added when nurses are stretched thin and juggling too many cases, patient care suffers.

“When you have a nurse that can’t see those patients, it means people who are suddenly in respiratory distress are not getting seen,” Love pointed out. “People that are having a change of status. Those who need meds are not getting their medications.”

Nurses have been at the forefront of an increasing number of strikes at hospitals across the nation since the pandemic. Last week, around 7,500 Kaiser Permanente health care workers, including nurses, went on a three-day strike over staffing levels and pay. The union said it is asking Kaiser to hire 10,000 new employees to fill gaps, and increase wages to keep up with the cost of living, including a \$25 per hour minimum wage.

Fall sports coming to an end...but not yet



Brookie Morton, Autumn Rapp All Conference, Lillie Nichols All Tournament.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY



Jonathan Eddison Adkins
Booked 10/25/23
Failure to pay child support



Colton Lee Chipps
Booked 10/29/23
No MVI, driving on revoked for DUI



David Lee Dawkins
Booked 10/29/23
Burglary



Theresa Marie Hale
Booked 10/24/23
Aiding escape/delivery of contraband to person in custody.



Parris Diall King Jr.
Booked 10/27/23
Malicious assault

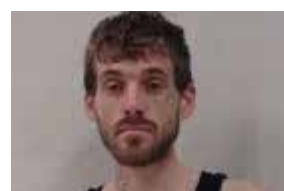


Kaylie Shay Hamilton
Booked 10/24/23
Capias



Mason Bouie Sigman
Booked 10/29/23
No insurance, seat belt violation, improper registration, no registration, no MVI, unsafe motor vehicle

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Brandon Thomas Carpenter
Booked 10/28/23
Obstructing, possession of controlled substance



Ryan Ray Isenhardt
Booked 10/25/23
Capias

OBITUARY

Sharon June Mullins

Sharon June Mullins of Big Pigeon, WV, went home to be with the Lord on October 23, 2023.

She was born on July 1, 1943, to the late Orval and Alma (Fitzwater) Smith, in addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brothers, Rev. Alonzo Smith and Noel Smith; and sisters Cricket White and Nola Deanovic.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 60 years, Preston Mullins; son, Ronnie Mullins (Jean) of Big Pigeon; sister, Millie Miller of Smithville, OH; brothers, Keith Smith of Big Pigeon, WV and Bob Smith of Cleveland, OH.

Sharon faithfully attended Grannies Creek Goodwill Community Church.

Sharon is loved by

all her family including brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many more friends and family. She will be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay, WV. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 12 to 1:00 p.m. with Minister Chuck Sweeny officiating. Burial followed in the Mullins Crooked Oak Cemetery, 1770 Big Pigeon Road, Pigeon, WV.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at carlwilsonfuneral-home.com

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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The Greatest Treasure Of All

By: Joseph J. Mazella

God loves us all so much that sometimes He even speaks to us in our dreams in order to wake us up. A few months ago I had watched some old action movie on television where the hero was seeking a great treasure while running from a bunch of evil villains the entire time. After I went to bed that night my mind started to replay parts of that movie in my dreams with me, of course, as the hero. The dreams seemed to go on forever. There was danger, narrow escapes, and lots of running. Finally I escaped the bad guys and reached the treasure, excited but exhausted.

I bent down to the treasure box and opened it. When I did, however, I saw that it wasn't full of gold or precious gems. It was full of light. I squinted my eyes and looked into the light. When I did I saw that this light was my life. Then I heard a voice echoing through my heart and soul. It said, "This is your true treasure and you don't have to seek it. You already have it. It is your

gift from God."

I woke up with a start. My heart was pounding. My head was spinning. And my eyes were full of tears. I blinked and wiped the water from my cheeks. I knew too that this wasn't just an ordinary dream but a special message from God. Our Heavenly Father had wanted to remind me of what a true treasure my life was. He had wanted me to embrace this gift that was my life and share all its light, love, learning, laughter, and wonder with others. He wanted me to live fully each day with a song in my heart and a joy in my smile. I sat up and quietly waited for my mind to clear and my heart to slow. Then I gave thanks to God for this dream and for this life.

God speaks to us in so many ways. He speaks to us through people, books, nature, life experiences, and sometimes even through our dreams. He reminds us in countless ways that He Loves us. And He urges us to share our life and love as well. May we always do so.

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Pray Without Ceasing

Prayer must be pretty important if Paul urges the church to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). One thing we can know for sure is that prayer is no trifling thing. Not that we must pray 24/7, but Christians are a people of prayer. We should be constant in prayer and never give it up. God's people pray. So why is it that we, so often struggle with prayer?

What is prayer? At its most basic, prayer is talking to God. But why would we want to do that? Interestingly, every religion has a form of prayer to God. Even people who don't believe in God try to get in touch with something through meditation. Perhaps people don't want to speak to the Almighty as much as they want to be heard by the Almighty. There is a subtle difference. We want God to listen to what we say and then do what we want Him to do. The Baptist Catechism says, "Prayer is an offering up our desires to God, by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, believing, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgments of his mercies."

There are reasons for prayerlessness. One is there is no life. A religious hypocrite can fake spirituality before everyone else, but private, secret prayer can tell the real story. So, a prayerless person may be a godless person, and the only answer to that is to come to Jesus, repent of self-righteousness and self, and come to the Saviour of men for forgiveness, pardon, and life.

But, that's not the only reason. One encouragement, we are told in several places to pray (cf. Luke 18:1; Luke 21:34-36; 1 Peter 4:7; Romans 12:12, etc.). Why do you think we are told so often to pray? Yes, because it's essential. But also because we are tempted to forsake prayer. That's why Paul said not to stop. So you are not alone in this particular temptation.

You might struggle because you don't know a lot about prayer. You know that you ought to, and you would like to, but you don't know where to begin, or what you do know isn't enough to keep you going. Learning more about the theology of prayer, considering the Trinity, and what grounds we have the confidence to boldly come before the throne of grace, the more we will be drawn to pray.

One temptation is to think more about praying than about Jesus. Considering the theology of prayer, why we pray, and who we pray to should get Christians excited to pray. But if we think about the obligation, mechanics, and schedule, it becomes more of a meeting than worship. Theology will help you to pray. Knowing ourselves and our great needs, knowing God and His greatness, and meditating on the love of Christ for us will motivate and enliven prayer more than any schedule or arbitrary routine.

Home Country

By: Slim Randles

Old Jasper Blankenship went out to hunt deer the other day, the same way he's done for decades now. He's slower than he used to be, of course. Deer season has changed a lot for Jasper over the many years he's been at it. As a kid, he couldn't wait until he was old enough to get a license, because he wanted to bring a buck home to show his family. Not just any buck, either, but a big one.

As a young man, he wanted to see how many hunting seasons he could have in one year: duck, goose, quail, pheasant, deer, about anything that moved.

As a middle-aged man, he turned to the technology of hunting and wanted to learn about the newest gizmo that would make you quiet, make you invisible, make you irresistible to deer.

But things are different these days. Oh, Jasper still enjoys going through all the outdoor magazines and orders catalogs, and each year he orders some new gizmo that

guarantees to bring home the meat. But he just chuckles at them, even as he orders them. Hunting, to him, means a reattachment to nature, a return to his roots. It is a time to see if his personal skills are still adequate. It is also a time to sit on a ridge and look around and appreciate what is there. And if what isn't there happens to be a deer, well, that's all right, too.

Venison isn't getting any easier to pack back to camp after all these many seasons, either. But there is something in the hunt, something in being allowed to silently stalk the nameless essence of fall, something in moving in near invisibility. There is something.

Sometimes it's just nice to go out there and see what happens.

Brought to you by John McAdams, who teaches good, safe ways of being a successful and responsible hunter. john@thebiggamehuntingblog.com.

Do I Need a New Mask for Halloween?

By: Dr. James Snyder

The older I get, the less patience I have for holidays. I certainly am not a holiday guru in any sense of the word.

When I was younger, my favorite holiday was Christmas because of all the presents I got. I could never get enough gifts for Christmas.

When I got older, got married and had children, I realized that somebody had to pay for those Christmas presents, and I was elected for the job. Holidays really cost a lot, and usually, it's the father that pays the bill.

I suppose my least favorite holiday is Halloween. I'm unsure who came up with this idea, and I don't have the time to research it and find out. If I knew its roots, I might like it less than I do today.

People dress up in scary costumes and go door-to-door collecting candy on Halloween. But what does candy have to do with it?

Today, a holiday is celebrated every month and sometimes every week. Who has the time to invent all of these holidays, and who has the time to celebrate them all?

Don't get me wrong, no holiday in the year upsets me, and I don't care how many holidays somebody else celebrates. I'm only concerned about celebrating my holiday.

Some people think their birthday is the best holiday of the year.

That was true for me for several years until I realized I was getting one year older every time I celebrated a birthday.

I wonder if I missed celebrating my birthday a year would I get any older? It's worth a try.

A year ago, I tried that and it worked out pretty well until, on my birthday, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me a birthday card she made in her craft room and then wished me a happy birthday. If she wishes me a happy birthday, it must be my birthday.

One of the things about birthdays is that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's birthday is two days after mine. Now I know why she makes me a birthday card: to remind me that her birthday is coming up.

I've been tempted to make her a birthday card, that just might end the matter because my craftsmanship crashed the day I was born.

Not only is her birthday two days after mine, but it is also two years before mine. I used to remind her of that, but I have grown accustomed to living healthy.

We celebrate Valentine's Day because that was the day I proposed marriage to her, even though I had no idea what I was doing.

I like some holidays, for instance, Easter Sunday, which I prefer to call Resurrection Sunday. That's a holiday I like to celebrate.

I used to like Christmas until I started to pay the bill

for all the gifts under the tree. When the children were young, I could buy them something they would like, not caring about the price.

As they got older, they got more sophisticated in the gifts they wanted. I use the word "sophisticated" because that has everything to do with money. The more a gift cost, the better it was received.

Because I grew up in Pennsylvania, I like to remember Groundhog Day with Punxsutawney Phil. I'm not sure who came up with this holiday, but it's probably the stupidest of the year. And yet, it is celebrated across the country.

The Halloween holiday is quite exciting now that the kids have grown up and moved into their own homes and families. We do have kids in the neighborhood who come by dressed in Halloween costumes, looking for candy. They don't have to beg when they come to my house; they just stand there, and I can't give it out fast enough. How much do the parents understand that candy is not healthy for their children?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is not too excited about Halloween, but I always buy bags of candy I hide so she can't see them. And my goal is to give them all away to kids that come to the door. What she doesn't know does not hurt me.

Usually, I dress up in some scary costume to give the candy to the kids to come to the door.

I like to stay current, so the other day, I asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage a very serious question that I don't think she took seriously. I looked at her and said, "Do you think I need a new mask for Halloween this year?" Now, that was a very serious, straightforward question.

Looking at me as usual, she said, "Oh, no, you silly boy. The mask you're wearing now is good enough for this Halloween."

She walked away before I could tell her I was not wearing a mask.

I was thinking about this matter of celebration when I remember a verse of scripture I read recently. Psalm 95:2, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

The thing I need to celebrate each day is my relationship with God. Nothing is more important to me daily than to recognize all that God has done for me throughout my life. I have so much to be thankful for in my life and not a day should pass in my life that I should not be thankful to God for something.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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'50's and '60's
ROCK 'N' ROLL
TRIVIA

How much money did Roger Miller have left after spending the groceries and half the rent? (Dang Me, Aug. '64)

Answer to last week's Trivia: The unique method John Sebastian used to fill the instrumental breaks on the Lovin' Spoonful's "Daydream", (#2 Aug. '66) was: whistling.

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.

Nov. 1, 1688: Morgan Morgan was born in Wales. For many years, Morgan was traditionally considered the first white settler of West Virginia. He settled in the Bunker Hill area in 1731, building a log house that still remains.

Nov. 1, 1848: Israel Charles White was born in Monongalia County. White was West Virginia's first state geologist, appointed in 1897 and serving until his death in 1927, working without pay for all but two of those years.

Nov. 1, 1961: The first non-commercial radio station in West Virginia, WMUL-FM at Marshall University, began broadcasting.

Nov. 2, 1859: John Brown was convicted of murder, treason, and insurrection, in the Jefferson County Courthouse at Charles Town. Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise.

Nov. 2, 1952: Tri-State Airport in Wayne County was dedicated, with the first official landing made at 11 a.m. by Piedmont Airlines.

Nov. 2, 1996: Baseball player Toni Stone died. Born in Bluefield, she joined the Negro American League in 1953, becoming the first woman to play pro baseball in a previously all-male major league.



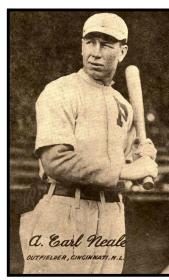
Nov. 3, 1947: Kanawha Airport (now Yeager International Airport) was dedicated. World War I ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker was among the dignitaries present.

Nov. 4-5, 1985: Heavy rains led to devastating floods in parts of West



Virginia. Forty-seven people were killed, and several towns were severely damaged.

Nov. 5, 1891: Alfred Earle "Greasy" Neale was born in Parkersburg. He was one of West Virginia's greatest all-around athletes.



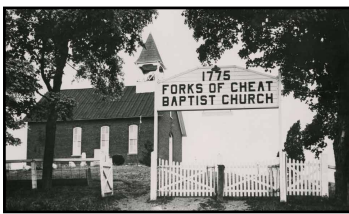
Nov. 5, 1922: Cecil Underwood was born at Josephs Mills in Tyler County. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, served as the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.



Nov. 6, 1863: Confederate troops led by Brig. Gen. John Echols were defeated at Droop Mountain by a larger federal force led by Brig. Gen. William W. Averell. This was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

Nov. 6, 1923: A methane gas explosion killed 27 men inside the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County. The mine, which opened in 1921, became one of the state's largest. A total of 160 fatalities over a 31-year period occurred at the mine before it was closed.

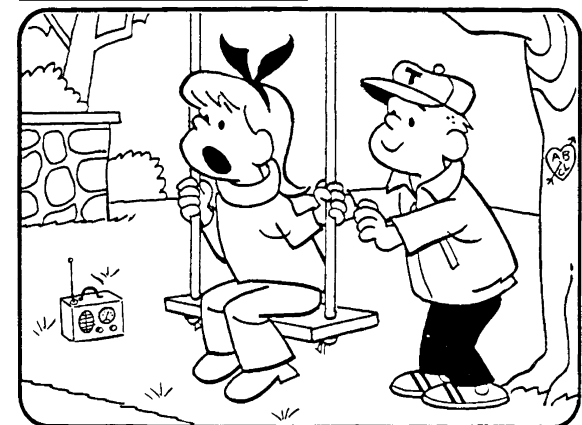
Nov. 7, 1775: The historic Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church was organized



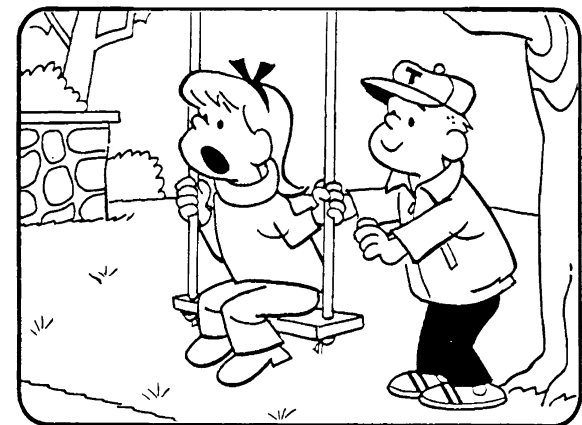
about six miles north of Morgantown. It is the oldest church with continuous records west of the Alleghenies in West Virginia.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Super Crossword

“MM, GOOD!”

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kiddie-lit elephant
 - 6 Seder bread
 - 11 Warren in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
 - 15 Numbered work of a composer
 - 19 "I'd love to help"
 - 20 Fictional town in an Edgar Lee Masters title
 - 22 Intensify, with "up"
 - 23 Aged female horse that has won lots of singing awards?
 - 25 Dog food brand
 - 26 Flimsy
 - 27 Hive swarm
 - 28 "Lie Down With Lions" novelist Ken
 - 30 Romanov royal
 - 31 — -fi film
 - 33 Michael of "Superbad"
 - 34 Stephen of the screen
 - 35 Time when everybody turned down their radios all at once?
 - 41 — v. Wade
 - 42 Aussie critter
 - 43 Soporific drug
 - 44 Electrolysis particles
 - 45 Reading quickly in the Scandinavian manner?
 - 50 Novelist Stout
 - 52 Hammer or Spade
 - 53 History topic
 - 54 Hot tub sigh
 - 56 Tranquility
 - 60 Brainchild
 - 62 Big meeting to discuss protective metal gear?
 - 66 Foot the bill
 - 69 A-bomb, e.g.
 - 71 "— dare?"
 - 72 — Lilly
 - 73 "Tamerlane" poet
 - 74 Cold, damp park birds?
 - 79 Declare
 - 82 Apia locale
 - 83 Elton John's '70s label
 - 84 Figure skater Midori —
 - 86 Bet to win and place
 - 90 Cloning stuff
 - 92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
 - 96 Cato's "to be"
 - 99 — alla Scala
 - 101 Intensify, with "up"
 - 102 Antique auto
 - 103 Trousing in a number-adding contest?
 - 109 Bullring call
 - 110 Balcony box
 - 111 "Send help!"
 - 112 Netflix rival
 - 113 Medium for burning data
 - 115 Pork serving
 - 118 Of sentence units
 - 121 Cork's land
 - 122 Decried to be the most prudish?
 - 126 Observes
 - 127 Computer programming output
 - 128 More skillful
 - 129 Chances
 - 130 Covered with bathroom rolls, slangily
 - 131 Outback food
 - 132 Fliers' homes
 - 5 Add ammo to
 - 6 Emails or texts: Abbr.
 - 7 Wet mo.
 - 8 Come — halt
 - 9 Body not staying at rest?
 - 10 "My treat!"
 - 11 Family in computer games
 - 12 DuVernay of "Queen Sugar"
 - 13 Flawless
 - 14 Request in advance, in a way
 - 15 Spoken exam
 - 16 Sicily's capital
 - 17 A gazillion
 - 18 Brief plugs for political candidates
 - 21 Bread variety
 - 24 — Lube (STP alternative)
 - 29 Chou En- —
 - 31 Add fuel to
 - 32 Groups on church risers
 - 33 The Plame affair, informally
 - 35 Hammer or spade
 - 36 52-wk. units
 - 37 Dad's partner
 - 38 Longtime wire svc.
 - 39 Moses' peak
 - 40 Seltzer, e.g.
 - 41 ICU VIPs
 - 46 Imbiber's hwy. offense
 - 47 "— be nice if ..."
 - 48 Like taffy
 - 49 Bea Arthur sitcom
 - 51 Air-testing gp.
 - 55 Hispanic "hello"
 - 57 Intensify, with "up"
 - 58 Loving sound
 - 59 Previous to, poetically
 - 61 12-hour clock toggle
 - 63 Lowing sound
 - 64 Fluid dram fraction
 - 65 "Hawaii —" (Jack Lord series)
 - 66 Acer offerings
 - 67 Styled after
 - 68 Orange tuber
 - 70 Say aloud for transcription
 - 75 Net access provider
 - 76 Groom, e.g.
 - 77 "The Dance" singer Brooks
 - 78 Canned heat
 - 80 Good Grips brand
 - 81 Nursery cry
 - 85 Dramatist Clifford
 - 87 Merry-go-rounds
 - 88 Not kosher
 - 89 Hurry-scurry
 - 91 For free
 - 93 Furious state
 - 94 Spill cleaner
 - 95 Sony products
 - 96 1962 Paul Anka hit
 - 97 Tarnished
 - 98 Tarnished
 - 100 Chinese soup
 - 104 Sort
 - 105 Facet
 - 106 "Surprised to run into you!"
 - 107 University in Greenville, South Carolina
 - 108 In a blazing brandy sauce
 - 114 Fed Eliot
 - 115 Ace or queen
 - 116 Fruit drink brand
 - 117 Tip jar bills
 - 118 Nursery school, briefly
 - 119 Play — (perform some songs)
 - 120 Env. items
 - 123 Receivable
 - 124 John in court cases
 - 125 High-tech organizer

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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

NEW ARRIVALS

"HOLD HIM CLOSE WHEN YOU FEED HIM FOR YOUR ARMS AND YOUR WARMTH AND THE BEST OF YOUR OWN HEART ARE HIS NOURISHMENT, TOO! MORE HELPLESS THAN ANY OF EARTH'S OWN CREATURES IS THIS NEW-BORN CHILD. NEVER AGAIN WILL HE NEED YOU SO MUCH. HOLD HIM CLOSE, IN A QUIET ROOM, AND AS HIS TINY MOUTH DRAWS FOOD FOR HIS BODY — BE IT FROM BREAST OR BOTTLE — SO, TOO, FROM YOUR CLOSE EMBRACE WILL HIS FORMING SPIRIT DRAW A SENSE OF SECURITY AND A GROWING LOVE."



His forming spirit draw a sense of security and a growing love.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardway of Widen announce the arrival of a new daughter, born September 12 at Gassaway Hospital, weighing five pounds and six ounces. Mrs. Hardway is the former Miss Mary White.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman DeMoss announce the birth of a daughter, Cheryl Louise, born August 31st in the Gassaway Hospital, weighing six lbs. 13 oz. Cheryl has six brothers and sisters.

Tennis Bout To Be Sponsored By Club

The Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring its first annual tennis tournament, with entries now being received by Tournament Director Scott Williams. Participation in this year's tournament is limited to Sportsmen's Club members and their families.

There will be five classes of competition: Men's singles; men's doubles; women's singles; women's doubles; and mixed doubles, with a trophy for each class. Expenses of the tournament will be met, by entry fees to be paid by each participant. Entry fee will be \$1.00 per person for each event entered. Deadline for entries is midnight, September 30. Each singles player and each doubles team must provide three good, clean balls, not necessarily new, for each match in which they participate.

The construction of the new court at the recreation area on Buffalo Creek has evoked a great deal of interest. Many newcomers to the game are rapidly becoming first-rate players and a good many former players have been loosening up and getting into stride. It is hoped that everyone who has been playing this summer will enter the tournament to help make it a success. Even though you may

entertain no hopes of coming out on top this year, there's nothing like tournament competition to better your game, and next year will be a different story. Your entry into the tournament can be your way of saying thanks to the Sportsmen's Club for providing the court.

Miss Hazel Baughman Speaks At Convention

Miss Hazel Baughman, president of the Widen Woman's Club, will speak to the delegates of the Capitol District Clubs at their district convention October 19th, on her impressions of the Adult Education Institute held at West Virginia University in Morgantown August 14-15. Club officers expect to make the Institute an annual affair.

Mrs. T. B. Tompkins of St. Albans, president of the Capitol District Women's Clubs announces the 44th annual district convention will be held on Saturday, October 19 in the St. Albans Junior High School auditorium members of the St. Albans Woman's Club as hostesses.

Registration begins at 9 A. M. with a "Coffee," continues until the Convention opens at 10 A.M. New District officers will be elected and a reception honoring the new officers will be held at 3 P.M. immediately following the closing of the convention. The reception will be held at the St. Albans Woman's Club House.

Mrs. Phares E. Reeder of Dunbar, president of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs will speak at the convention on the theme "Together We Build."

All members of Woman's Clubs are invited to attend.

Widen Relief

The Widen Relief Committee, with H. L. Beattie and E. R. Ketchka representing Elk River Coal and Lumber Company and Ernie L. Acree, Doyle Waggoner, Harold Dawson and Joseph Truman representing the employees, met at the company offices at 4 P. M. on Wednesday, August 28, to consider pertinent matters that had accumulated since the committee's last monthly meeting.

There was no change in the list of 27 retired men, each of whom was approved for \$100 pension for the month of September.

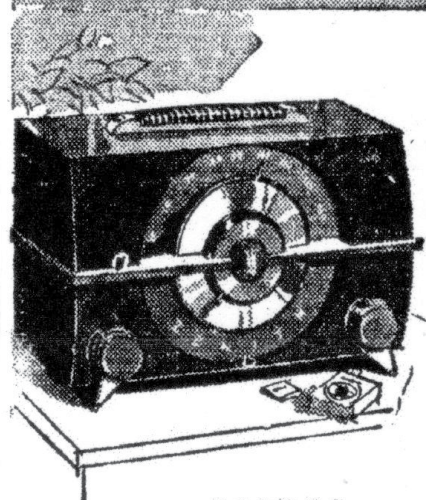
Nine employees received disability benefits for the entire month of August, with nine others receiving benefits for a portion of the month. Four men who had been on the list for July returned to work during August. They were Clyde McClain, Freeman Nottingham, Walter Jones and Delbert Gumm. Five men, William Harrison, Brenford Butcher, Ophie Hall, Ernest Truman and Levy Friend, applied during the month, and were approved from date of application. Harrison had returned to work before the end of August.

With regard to survivors of deceased employees, the committee passed the following motion concerning employees covered by the labor contract between Elk River Coal and Lumber Company and the Employees' League of Widen Miners. "When the widow of a deceased employee marries a present employee, the dependents of the first marriage become the dependents of the present employee and will derive all the benefits of any employee of Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, and the benefits which they would have received as dependents of the deceased employee shall cease." This action on the part of the committee affects only two families, each of which has been notified directly. One new applicant for survivor's benefits was approved, that being Blanche Ray, widow of William A. Ray, who died in July. The dependent daughter of another deceased employee married recently and was removed from the eligible list.

Medical and hospital bills were paid at Beckley, Charleston, Clay, Clendenin, Cleveland (Ohio), Cowen, Craigsville, Gassaway, Glenville, Lewisburg, Marmet, Phillippi, Richwood, Salem (Indiana), South Charleston, Spencer, Summersville, Sutton, and Weston, for 145 active and retired employees and members of their families, in addition to those who used the regular list contract at Charleston General Hospital.

The committee refused payment of one bill that had been incurred more than a year ago and postponed action on three other bills incurred by legitimate dependents of eligible employees. The reason for the postponements was that while it is generally known that

these three employees are married men, their dependency cards in Widen office list no dependents. The committee must rely on the contents of the dependency cards and it is the responsibility of each individual employee to see that his card is kept up to date at all times. If you have any doubt about your own card, any of the Widen office payroll employees will be glad to check it with you.



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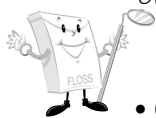
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(2022-C-000044 - Clay County - GATEWOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS)

To: MARY X. HALL PARCELLA ADAMS, KENT S. HALL JR, MOLLY E HALL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLAY CORP MAP 7 PARCEL 0008 0000 3003

You will take notice that GATEWOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000044**, located in CLAY CORP District, 3 AC EAGLE BEND FEE 2/3 OF 1/4 & 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HALL O L HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 4, 2023. GATEWOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 22, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 15559.	\$ 105.02
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022- 15556.	\$ 40.71
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 107.54
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 796.96
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,050.23

You may redeem at any time before March 22, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand October 24, 2023

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

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LEGALS

(2022-C-00000330 - Clay County - ROGER C MULLINS)

To: KATLYN HOLSTEIN, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT PLEASANT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0497 0000

You will take notice that ROGER C MULLINS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-00000330**, located in PLEASANT District, 13 AC WTS BELL CRK MIN 2/6 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SIZEMORE ALICE J HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 4, 2023. ROGER C MULLINS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 23, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 22, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 15559.	\$ 88.16
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022- 15556.	\$ 22.27
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 104.94
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 215.24
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 430.61

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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.

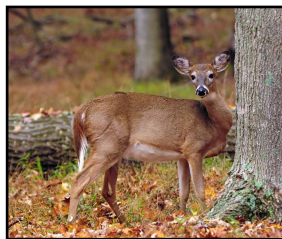
REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION:
Written reasons and supporting data in connection with the proposed action of the Board are available for public inspection on week days when school is in session by September 20, 2023, through November 9, 2023, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. 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

WVDNR seeks meat processors for Hunters Helping the Hungry program

Hunters have donated more than 1 million pounds of nutritious venison over program's 32 years.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources today announced a need for additional meat processors to participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program, a collaborative effort with food banks to help provide nutritious protein to hungry people around the state.



"Over the past 32 years and with the help of hunters and meat processors around the state, we've been able to provide more than 1 million pounds of highly nutritious meat for people in need throughout West Virginia," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "Meat is in high demand at food banks around the state, so we're asking for more processors to step up and help out. We also want to encourage hunters to get in the woods this fall, fill the limit on their license and stamps and then donate any extra meat to processors."

Wild game is often healthier than many commercially available proteins. According to the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Service, a three-ounce serving of venison has 102 calories, 19.5 grams of protein and just 2.06 grams of fat, while a 3-ounce serving of lean ground beef has 114 calories, 15.41 grams of protein and 5.36 grams of fat.

Meat is first donated by hunters, who take their deer to a participating meat processor where it is ground, packaged

and frozen. The Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway and Facing Hunger Foodbank in Huntington then pick up donated meat from processors and distributes it to individuals and families in need through a statewide network of 600 charitable food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, shelters, community centers, orphanages, missions and churches.

To participate in the program, processors need to be certified with either the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Once certified, processors should express their interest in participating by sending a copy of certification to the WVDNR's Hunters Helping the Hungry program coordinator, *Trevor Moore*, by calling 304-924-6211 or sending an email to trevor.m.moore@wv.gov. Once approved, processors can begin receiving and storing meat for pick up. Processors are reimbursed at a rate of \$3 per pound.

Since the program was started in 1992, more than 1 million pounds of venison from 28,826 deer have been donated and processed. During the 2022 seasons, hunters donated 681 deer, which provided 24,580 pounds of venison for individuals and families in need. To learn more, visit WVDnr.gov/hunters-helping-the-hungry.

For season dates, bag limits and other regulations, hunters should consult the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available online at WVDnr.gov and at WVDNR district offices and license agents around the state. To purchase a hunting license, visit WVhunt.com.

WVDNR stocks 43 waters during first week of fall trout stocking

Anglers are reminded to purchase a 2023 fishing license and trout stamp.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced on Monday that 43



waters were stocked during the first week of fall trout stocking and that two anglers have already entered valid tag numbers into the Monster Trout Contest.

During the weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23, the WVDNR is stocking more than 40,000 pounds of trophy-size and monster trout at 43 lakes and streams around the state. Of that total, 35,000 pounds of trout weighing 1-2 pounds and 6,500 pounds of monster trout weighing 3-6 pounds will be stocked. Out of the monster trout, five fish will have a tag that can be redeemed for a grand prize.

Anglers who catch one of the five tagged fish and submit a photo with the tag number will be eligible to win a weekend cabin stay at a West Virginia State Park or a Cabela's prize package. Entries must be submitted by Friday, November 17. To learn more about the Monster Trout Contest, visit WVDnr.gov/fall-monster-trout-stockings.

The following waters were stocked during the week of Oct. 16:

- Anthony Creek
- Big Clear Creek
- Blackwater River
- Brandywine Lake
- Buckhannon River
- Buffalo Fork Lake
- Cacapon Park Lake
- Coopers Rock Lake
- Cranberry River
- Elk River (Randolph, Webster)
- Evitts Run
- Glade Creek of Mann
- Glade Creek of New River
- Knapps Creek
- Lost River
- New Creek Dam No. 14
- North Branch of Potomac River (Jennings Randolph Tailwaters)
- North Fork South Branch
- Opequon Creek
- Pendleton Lake
- Pinnacle Creek

- Pipestem Lake
- Pond Fork
- R.D. Bailey Tailwaters
- Rockcliff Lake
- Seneca Lake
- Shavers Fork (Bemis)
- Shavers Fork (lower section)
- Shavers Fork (upper section)
- South Branch (Franklin)
- South Branch (Smoke Hole)
- Spruce Knob Lake
- Summersville Tailwaters
- Summit Lake
- Sutton Tailwaters
- Teter Creek Lake
- Tygart Lake Tailwaters
- Tygart Valley River Headwaters
- Upper Guyandotte River
- Watoga Lake
- West Fork Greenbrier River
- Wheeling Creek
- Williams River

Wheeling Creek in Marshall and Ohio County and Glade Creek of Mann (Babcock State Park) have been added to the fall stocking list. Upper Shavers Fork will not be stocked on FS Service Road 209 due to road construction by the U.S. Forest Service. The remainder of the Upper Shavers Fork stocking locations will receive fish.

In November and December, the WVDNR will also stock trout on the Elk River in Webster County as part of a pilot program to evaluate the economic impact of trout stocking in the area. Stockings, which will occur at the usual stocking locations, will include 750 rainbow trout each month for a total of 1,500 additional trout stocked in the Elk River.

For a complete list of waters receiving a fall trout stocking, anglers should check pages 14-15 in the 2023 Fishing Regulations Summary. The WVDNR also posts trout stocking updates online at WVDnr.gov/fish-stocking.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at 175 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com. To learn more about fishing opportunities and trout stockings in West Virginia, visit WVDnr.gov/fishing.



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Fall- a time for rest, a time for the BITE

By Allen Hamrick

It's officially fall time again, if you haven't already noticed, and the cool air is biting harder than rabid dog. Then as if summer never left its back to short sleeves and heat. It is a merry go round of weather. If you're a river angler looking for lunker bass, the fall offers opportunities like no other. Bites are sometimes hard to come by as winter gets closer. Until it does don't let a good leaf covered Elk River pass you up when it comes to dropping a line and bending rods. It is difficult to understand at times whether the conditions warrant a day on the river. Phases of the moon, conditions of the sky, the wind, rain, clouds all seem to factor into whether a day will be successful or not. River Bass fishing the Elk this time of year, and all that is factored in for success is oftentimes left to luck rather than science. Bass like other species have their own ways of living and their very life revolves around whether they eat or they get eaten. It is a daily routine that every fish on every day must go through. We don't see it because we do not live under water, so based on that, the ability to catch fish in the harder months becomes an examination into the fish's world.

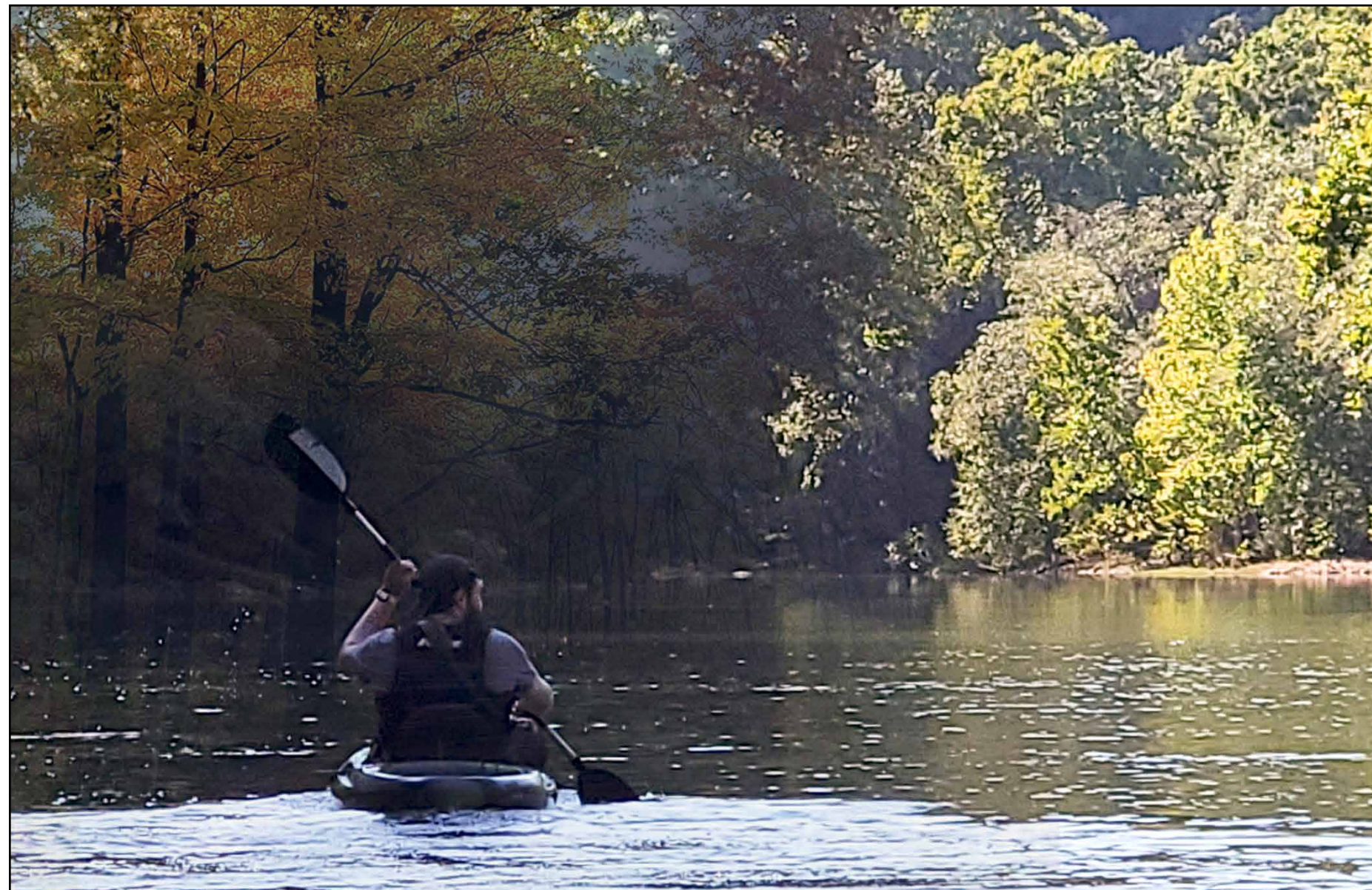
Many fishermen rely on a mathematical or scientific certainty about how to get bites when the fish seem to

have closed their jaws to food. There have been times that I have seen bass on the Elk that have just watched bait go past the end of their noses and we wonder why in the world they don't bite. Other fishermen simply rely on luck a universal finality to the thought process of picking baits. It's simply take your box of lures tie one on and use the cast and hope approach to get your limit. You hit the shores or fish from a craft and you take the good with the bad and settle into the fact that it's going to be a good day regardless of the amount of bites. Basically the preverbal nut shell is "you want to catch fish you have to think like a fish." This has been the foundation of the art of fishing for a long, long time. Over the years fishing has greatly evolved to where anyone can catch fish with the right amount of knowledge, and yet with all the expert wisdom fishing is still uncertain and perhaps maybe it is better that way. It is the charm of going back again and again. With each cast the hope renews again and again, and when there is nothing to show for your efforts at the end of the day, that same hope is revitalized when you next tie on the hook.

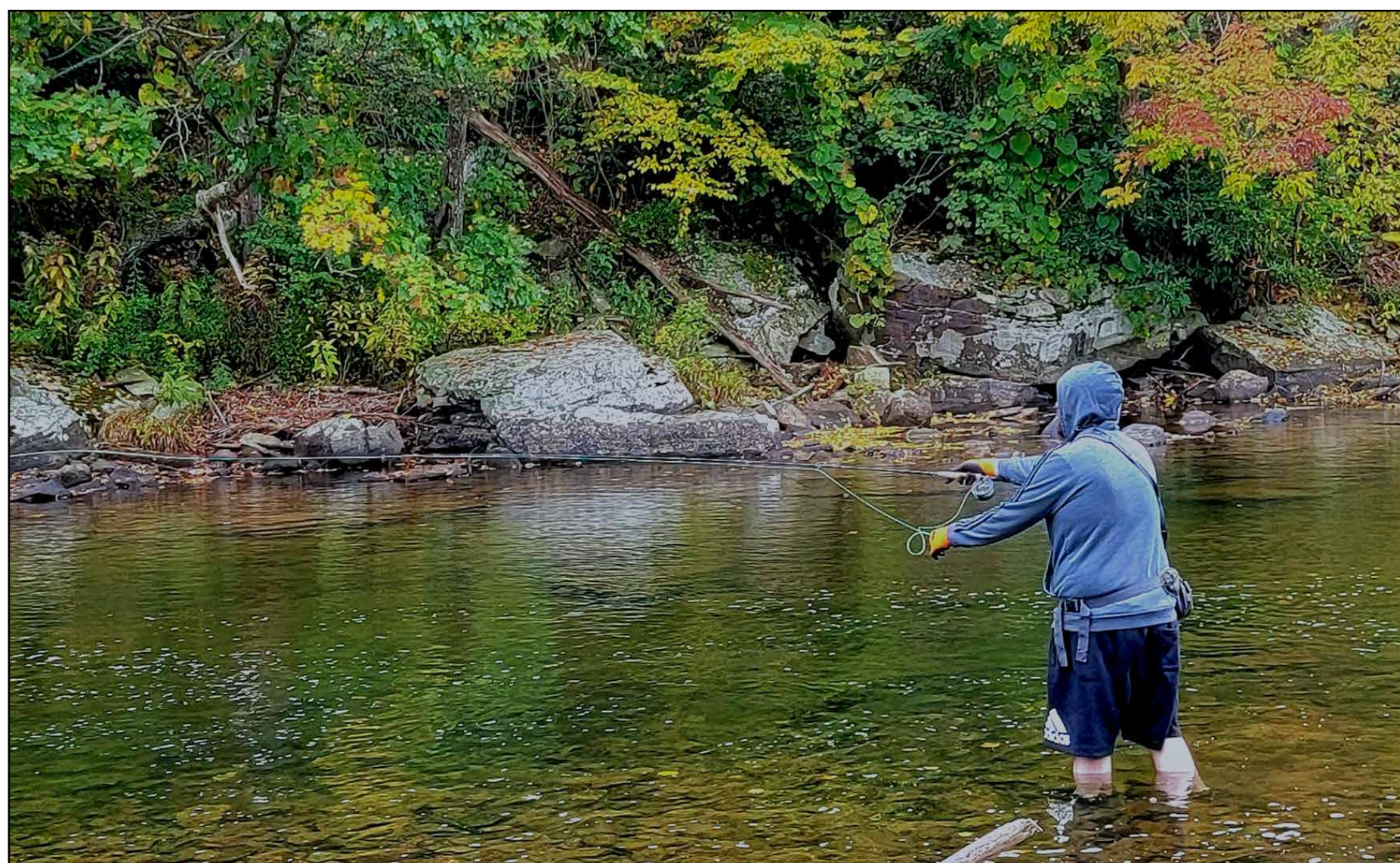
This time of year on the Elk, not only will your senses be overwhelmed with the beauty but also the bite that is associated with fall bass. They are when fished for at the right time, their bites can be aggressive and other

time subtle in their hook up. They are getting fattened up for the winter when their environment becomes slow. One of the number one spots on the Elk is just below a fast running shoal that drops off into deep water, especially if that deep water has rocks. Bass love oxygen so where you find these conditions, most chances are you will find bass. So this week's tip is to work some top water baits fast through the deeper shoals and slow the retrieve through the deeper eddies as the bait drifts into them, fanning your casts. Try this next time you're on the river on your kayak before the water starts getting colder.

So the evening before if you're like other anglers through the ages, the nostalgia of preparation before the day of fishing is as much of a part of the experience as is catching the fish. The overhauling of equipment, restringing the reels, and arranging the tackle to an organized and scientific method specific to your style, is all done for the success of the trip. All to restore the idea that when floating down the leaf covered Elk river that the rod will arch with leaping fish and underneath those flickering shadows, the early morning light illuminates a bass worthy of fighting for. So get out there and enjoy not only the fishing but the rest of what makes fishing great, the wildlife, the sound of the river, the fall aroma and of course the BITE. Keep your line tight.



Kayaking the Elk for fall bass.



Fishing below the shoals.

CCMS season ends, CCHS teams still alive

By Allen Hamrick

Fall sports are coming to a close, and time will be ushering in the winter sports of basketball and wrestling for the 2023-2024 season. CCMS has begun basketball tryouts and will be mustering up a wrestling team. Their football season closed finishing 5th and the Volleyball team finished 6th place in the conference. All their teams played well and gave the fans their monies worth each match. Brookie Morton and Autumn Rapp were All Conference and Lillie Nichols was All Tournament.

With that being said, it's time for some hard court basketball and bone crushing wrestling. It looks like both the Mustangs and the Lady Mustangs will have some good teams that could possibly bring home the gold. The CCHS Panther football team just came off a big win against Summers County 48-42 and have one more regular season game left to play against Braxton this Friday. The Lady Panthers are gearing up for their final Volleyball game of the season at home on Tuesday evening.

Once these games are over it will be time for Volley-

ball Sectionals and the football playoffs, check with the coaches for the times and places or next week's paper, we will know more then. When basketball and Wrestling begins at CCHS they have some veterans returning to the dance as well as some new blood coming from CCMS from last season. The Panthers and Lady Panther basketball teams will be stacked with talent and should be pretty good contenders for titles.

All basketball and wrestling teams are on the front line playing as hard as they can for wins; let's get out and support them this season.