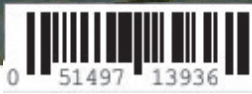




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This Week in the House of Delegates

For the week ending Feb. 2, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates voted to pass 27 bills this week as the 60-day regular legislative session approaches the halfway mark.

Nearly half a minute of applause filled the House Chamber Friday after members unanimously approved House Bill 5014. The measure would direct \$2 million to the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute to expand groundbreaking research already being done in Morgantown to treat Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, drug addiction and other diseases with ultrasound.

"I want to tell you about a team of heroes

we have here in West Virginia today and why this bill is important," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, speaking from his desk on the House floor to explain the bill before the vote.

Hanshaw said the team has FDA clearance to extend their clinical trial to treat PTSD, specifically targeted veteran populations, and obesity, two disorders that plague West Virginians in disproportionately high amounts. He said with a one-time allocation of \$2 million, RNI would begin treating West Virginians in April.

Hanshaw told mem-

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Jarod Douglas (fifth from right) is pictured on stage after the awards ceremony with U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland (seated, center).

Clay County native Jarod Douglas honored by U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland has announced the recipients of the 70th and 71st Attorney General's Awards, honoring Justice Department employees and others for extraordinary contributions to the enforcement of our nation's laws.

Recipients from both 2022 and 2023 were selected from a group of more than 800 nominees.

"Each of today's recipients

has served with distinction, and in so doing, they have enabled the Justice Department to advance its work on behalf of the American people," said Attorney General Garland. "Their exceptional leadership, heroism, and dedication have benefited people and communities across the country.

Jarod Douglas, a 2002 Clay

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Jarod Douglas, an Assistant United States Attorney, with wife Miriam, a West Liberty professor, holding the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service for Outstanding Work in Investigation Threats to Critical U.S. Navy Technology.



PAX Good Behavior Game students announced

Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students. These students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. PAX Stars are rewarded with a certificate and a special lunch with their family. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the January 2024 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School: Mr. Vaughan 5th Grade - Rachel Shamblin; Mrs. Burns - 4th Grade - Lyla Titus; Mrs. Pierson - 3rd Grade - Zoey Raynor; Mr. Vaughan - 3rd Grade - Harper Faulkner; Ms. Jarvis - 2nd Grade - Madeline Montville; Ms. Paxton - 2nd Grade - Clay Miller; Ms. Douglas - 1st Grade - Darryn Helmick (Not Pictured); Mrs. Collins - Kindergarten - Jaxon Jones; Mrs. Holcomb - Kindergarten - Zoey Taylor-Berndt; Mrs. Marks - PreK - Stormie Fugate; Ms. Sears - PreK - Penelope Tanner

Major Disaster Declaration granted by FEMA for Clay, Boone, Calhoun, Harrison and Kanawha counties

Last week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) announced that West Virginia has been granted a Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a result of the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred August 28 -30, 2023. In November, Senator Manchin led the West Virginia Delegation in urging President Biden and FEMA to consider the state's appeal for a

Major Disaster Declaration. "It is vital that our West Virginians receive the resources they need to rebuild and recover in the wake of serious storms and disasters," said Senator Manchin. "I'm proud to have pushed for this declaration, which will be instrumental in delivering essential funds to support Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha Counties after the devastating storms this past Au-

gust. I will continue working alongside the West Virginia delegation to advocate for funding that helps the Mountain State rebuild when disaster strikes."

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) released the following statement on the Major Disaster Declaration: "I am grateful for this Major Disaster Declaration which will allocate funding for our counties affected by the storms in Au-

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Season ends for Mustang wrestling at CWVAC championship



The 2023-2024 CCMS Mustang wrestling team. See Page 10. Photo Jada Adkins.

BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY



Bradley Adam Bonner
Booked 2/1/24
Prohibited person with firearm, possession with intent



Ayla Jo Gibbs
Booked 1/31/24
Child neglect with risk of injury



Jeremy Allen Gibson
Booked 1/31/24
Child neglect with risk of injury



Rondell Lynn Losh Jr.
Booked 2/3/24
Domestic violence protective order



Isaiah Zaquawn Macklin
Booked 2/5/24
No insurance, speeding, fleeing in vehicle with reckless indifference to the safety of others



Paul Adam Sears
Booked 2/4/24
Capias

CLAY COUNTY



Dustin Richard Potter
Booked 2/5/24
Prohibited person with a firearm



Joshua Don Stutler
Booked 2/1/24
Family court Capias

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Cayla Ashton Crisp
Booked 2/2/24
Probation violation



Henry Ford Hanshaw
Booked 1/27/24
Domestic battery, domestic assault



Gary Leonard Travis
Booked 2/2/24
Obstructing an officer, battery

Clay County Public Notices

The Elk Conservation District will be hosting an Educational Dinner Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15, with registration at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

There will be presentations by the WVU Extension

office, the WV Division of Forestry, FSA, NRCS, Base Camp Leasing, and the Elk Conservation District. Learn best management practices for enhancing your land and other programs to strengthen your operation!

This event will be held at Nettles Equipment, 2644 Servia Road, Duck, WV, 25063.

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 ad-

vance for your support!

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

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Home CountryBy: *Slim Randles*

Bob and Carol Burchell pulled into their driveway during the snowstorm, and were surprised to see their daughter, Katie, along with her boyfriend, Randy Jones, sitting on the porch swing, wrapped in a blanket.

Both were shivering and smiling.

They followed her parents inside, and in minutes had some hot soup inside them.

Randy and Katie watched a couple of television programs together, and then Randy said goodnight and walked home.

"Randy seems to be a really nice boy, Honey," Carol said.

"Thanks, Mom. I like him a lot."

Bob sat quietly, sucking on a cup of evening coffee as though it were dessert. He had a puzzled look on his face.

"Everything OK, Dad?" Katie said.

"Oh ... sure." He took another sip. "It's just ... well, I think maybe one of you doesn't show a lot of good sense."

Katie looked surprised.

Bob explained. "You see, it's one of those what's-wrong-with-this-picture things. Here you have a perfectly warm house, you have a key to the house, and here are two seemingly intelligent young people wrapped in a blanket to keep from freezing to death, sitting out on a frozen steel porch swing. Is that a smart thing to do?"

"No it isn't," Katie said. "That's what I told him. I said we could go in and get something to eat where we'd be comfortable. All he'd let me do is get that blanket."

"That was his idea, freezing on the porch?"

"Yes," Katie said, smiling. "Randy said if we went in the house before you two got home, it might hurt my reputation, and he wasn't willing to risk that."

Katie went into the other room. Bob looked at Carol and smiled.

"You know," he said. "I think I kinda like that boy."

**THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM**

Pastor Doug Newell, IV

Answered questions

I'm fighting a losing battle. A lost cause, you might say. "Begg the question" does not mean "raises the question." Almost always, when someone says, "That begs the question..." they mean, "That raises a question..." Yes, I know you can look it up in some dictionaries online, and the definition will be "to bring up another question," but common usage doesn't mean everyone is right. I won't follow the multitude to commit grammatical evil.

The English phrase translates Aristotle's Latin -- "petitio principii," the logical fallacy of petitioning the principle. Begging the question is when your premise assumes the truth of your conclusion. You believe something and then use that belief as proof. It's also called circular reasoning. For example, "Pastor Ichabod Frederick Brisket is a Baptist and preaches the truth because Baptists preach truth." That's begging the question. Pastor Brisket may be accurate, but you didn't prove it. You assumed it and used that as your proof.

But not all circular reasoning is invalid. Philosophical arguments must come back to axioms and first causes. All explanations beg the question when we talk of the universe's origins. "I think, therefore, I am" begs the question. "The universe can be explained scientifically without God because the scientific principles don't allow for God." Saying that you believe in evolution because of logic and reason still puts your logic and reason as the proof of your thesis. And yes, "I believe God created the Heavens and the Earth because the Bible is God's Word and said it" does the same thing.

When it comes to the first causes, the beginning of everything, you have to start with your premise. Since we can't recreate the origins, we cannot arrive scientifically. The beginning is a historical event, and we can only get this information from a witness. The Scriptures are the Creator's testimony to the universe's origins, and the Bible is a trustworthy source and reliable witness.

I can believe the testimo-

ny of historians concerning the history of the Scriptures, which strengthens my faith. I can look to the unmatched beauty of the Scriptures or the evident truth of the doctrines contained. But ultimately, as the London Baptist Confession put it so well, "our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts."

God exists. Logically, there has to be a first cause if there is an effect. Someone or something put everything here and in motion. I have the witness of the world we live in. I can't look around at the beauty of creation, the human body's complexity, and the universe's wonder without seeing God's work. It's been the intuitive understanding of people throughout history that God exists. I also have the inward testimony of God Himself that assures me in the Scriptures. This is a satisfying answer to the question of how the universe began, but it also answers the question why.

Making Decisions Is The Hardest Part Of My LifeBy: *Dr. James Snyder*

If it were not for decisions, my life would be perfect. After all these years, I still wrestle with decision-making. I admit that I often don't make good decision.

I'm not sure, so don't repeat this, but I think The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knows this and uses it to her advantage. How? I don't know. She is the primary source behind my decision-making.

I hate choosing one thing over another when both things are good. That's a bad part of life if you ask me. Why can't everything be easy?

Driving across town, I must decide whether to turn right or left. That's not much of a decision-making process because I know where I'm going. If I make the right decisions while driving, I will get to where I need to be.

So, making decisions can be a real challenge for me.

For example, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in the morning will ask me what I want for supper. I have not even had lunch yet, and now I am backed into a corner and have to make a decision about supper.

Usually, I respond by saying, "Whatever you would like to make for supper will be okay with me." Then I smile because I don't know what I am getting into. She has been making supper for me for over 53 years, and I have no complaints as of today. Her decision about supper is always okay with me.

Of course, there are those times when she asks me that question, and sometimes I will respond by saying, "Anything but broccoli."

I need to be careful in this area because she is a vegetable aficionado in the strictest sense of the word. If it's a vegetable, it's on her menu, and it's not even open for a decision.

I always wrestle with decisions, and by now, I should have perfected my decision-making

skills. Just when I think I have, some decision comes before me that I have difficulty dealing with.

The other day, for example, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was baking pies for some family get-together. I could smell them all the way back to my office.

She came to my office, looked in, and asked, "Would you like a piece of pie?"

That's not even in the decision category. So I answered, "Of course I do."

"Okay," she said, "which pie would you like? You can only have one piece."

I asked her about the pies she was baking, and she said, "I have Apple pie, lemon meringue pie, peach pie, coconut cream pie, and chocolate pie. You can only have one piece, so which one?"

That is not a decision-making venue. There is no way I can decide on one pie over five pieces of pie. No matter which pie I pick, I'm gonna love it, but I'm also going to wonder about the other pies that she has.

After all these years, I can't deal with that kind of decision-making process. Pondering on that decision-making process, I looked at her and said, "I'm not sure which one I want; what would you recommend?"

Looking at me with a sly little grin, she said, "I'm not sure which one I would pick. They're all very delicious and so it doesn't matter which one you pick."

That's the problem with making a decision. When you make a decision, you eliminate everything else. If I decide on the pie that I'm going to eat at the time, it eliminates all the other pies that are on the table. How can anybody handle that kind of decision-making process?

As she was ready to leave my office, I stopped her and said, "I'll take any pie you choose

for me and bring it here." Then I smiled.

I waited. And waited. And waited. She never came back with any pie for me. I had no idea what was wrong.

Finally, my nerves got the best of me, and I walked into the kitchen to find out what was happening.

There she was, sitting down at the table, eating a nice piece of pie. I looked at her. She looked back and smiled. Then I asked her, "So, where's my pie?"

She looked at me, laughed, and said, "Since you could not make up your mind when I asked you, I just thought you didn't want any pie." Then she laughed some more.

I did not think that was funny, I walked over to the pies and carefully looked at them. Each one had its own aroma and I loved each one. Looking at them, I was trying to figure out which pie I would choose to eat.

Making decisions is very hard to do, at least for me especially when it comes to choosing my pie. No matter which pie I choose, I would love it, but then I would wonder about the pies I did not choose.

Life has its ups and downs.

When I have to make a decision about anything, a Bible verse comes to mind.

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

When I trust my understanding, I always fail in some degree. When I accept the fact that I don't know everything, I then turn my trust to the Lord.

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Too Fast, Too Slow, And Just RightBy: *Joseph J. Mazzella*

One summer day when I was a little boy my Mom, Dad and brothers were away and my Nana was busy watering her flowers around our house. That left me alone inside with my Mom's old record player. It had three speeds on it 33 1/3, 45, and 78 revolutions per minute. Each one was designed to play a different type of record. But my childhood curiosity was making me want to see what would happen if I played some records on the wrong speed.

My Mom didn't have any 78s, so I took a 33 record out and set the switch on the side to 45. What came out was hilarious. The music was going super fast and the singing sounded like Alvin and the chipmunks on amphetamines. After a minute, though, it lost its charm so I took out one of Mom's 45s and set the switch back to 33.

What came out was painful to listen to. The music sounded like it was being dragged through the mud and the singing sounded like miserable moaning.

I quickly switched the speed back to where it was supposed to be and listened with a smile as the beautiful music came out just right.

Sometimes my prayers remind me of that incident with the old record player. Sometimes I will rush through my prayers as I rush through my day hoping that God will hear them as I hurry along. But in moments of great pain and suffering, I will pull the prayers out of myself slowly and miserably, hoping that God will heal my soul.

My prayers are the most beautiful and effective, however, when I take the time to say them peacefully and happily. They bring me closer to God, warm my heart, and fill my life with thankfulness, love and joy. They are like having a talk with a dear friend who loves me. And they help me to sing my own life's song.

May all your prayers be just right. May they help your heart to sing. May they fill your soul with thankfulness and joy. And may they always help you to Love.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

Feb. 7, 1867: West Virginia University was established by an act of the West Virginia legislature. The college, originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, opened its doors in September 1867.

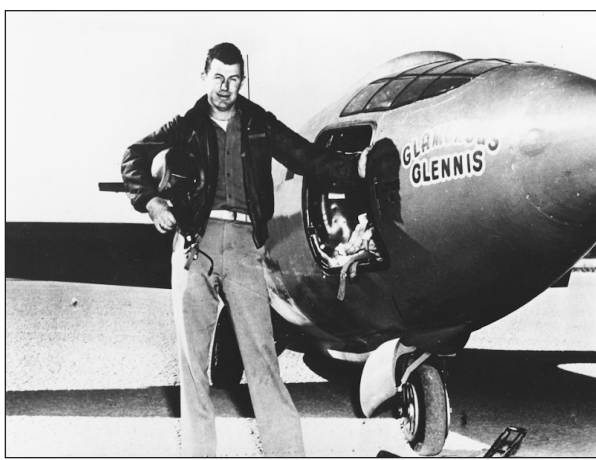
Feb. 7, 1889: Nell Elizabeth "Pistol Nell" Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the "First Lady" of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates.

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the *Herald-Dispatch*.

Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artists colony.

Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled as a football halfback at South Charleston High School. Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican leader Nathan Goff Jr. was



born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day. The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be the rightful winner.

Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic

director, died at age 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached WVU, 1954-1960, to a 146-37 record, and lost by one point in the 1959 national championship game.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. She produced an immense body of work in various styles and enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he

would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homesteads were

intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 11, 1949: Singer and pianist Ethel Caffie-Austin was born in Bluefield, and raised in Mount Hope. As "West Virginia's First Lady of Gospel," she has performed around the world, taught countless students, earned the Vandalia Award and founded the Black Sacred Music Festival. She was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame in 2020.

Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl

Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe disabilities. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Feb. 13, 1800: Gen. John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913: Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. In 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Super Crossword

STORYBOOK SENTIMENT

ACROSS	49 Gp. opposed to leather	96 Canon camera brand	3 She won a Tony for "Hurlyburly"	44 Biting turtle	80 Funds
1 Auxiliary professor	51 Made a habit of taking risks	98 — part (role-play)	4 Stage actress Hagen	45 Ordinal suffix	82 Sly — fox
8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth	54 Actress Cuthbert	100 1996-2002 sports sitcom	5 Pious sister	46 Like so, informally	83 Tortoise's top
15 Cultural value system	57 French for "summers"	101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator"	6 Actor Hume of "Cocoon"	48 Correo — (Spanish airmail)	86 Calf product
20 High-fashion clothing	58 Bible book after Micah	107 Amazes	7 Heads, to Henriette	50 — over (satisfied for the moment)	87 Caesar's "Behold!"
21 Knows someone at the company, say	59 Dwell at	108 Daddy's boy	8 Iota preceder	52 "Movin' —" (sitcom theme song)	88 Campus mil. program
22 Reluctant (to)	61 —Ops (CIA mind games)	109 Prague citizen	9 Novelist Robbins	53 Tube prizes	89 Singer Halliwell
23 "Wait, my rant isn't finished ..."	62 Coffee holder	110 Victor's hand gesture	10 N.Y. hours	55 Brand of fruit drinks	94 Underside of a dog's foot
25 Private, as desires	63 In love	113 Prefix with type or plasm	11 Cranky cry	56 Year, in Brazil	95 Lutoff stress
26 Agnus — (lamb figure)	67 Big name in candy wafers	115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle	12 Singer DiFranco	60 Signs up	97 Hebrew horn
27 "Cool beans!"	68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom	121 Lot units	13 Stanford- — test	62 Multilevel structure for Fluffy	99 With 106-Down, North Pole surrounder
28 Down dinner	71 Give it — (try)	122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g.	14 Occupy	64 Suffix with chlor- or fluor-	100 Cling (to)
30 Look lewdly	74 Paris' Champs- —	123 Pundit Huffington	15 — Lilly & Co.	65 Model Cheryl	102 Perfumer Lauder
31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson	75 Certain scanning device: Abbr.	124 Hockey feints	16 Until this time	66 "ER" or "CSI"	103 Absurd
38 Composer — Sebastian Bach	76 St. crossers	125 Fill with more inventory	17 "Just one moment"	68 Get a move on	104 Missouri's — Mountains
40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation	79 First book section	126 Like soon-to-be-unveiled tech	18 Verdi opera	69 Lead-in to "So sue me!"	105 Toon pic
41 Era upon era	81 Former U.N. chief Boutros Boutros- —		19 Tears to bits	70 Caesar's 202	106 See 99-Down
42 Turndowns	83 Stool or pew		24 "Told ya so!"	71 N.C. State's NCAA div.	111 Kin of -ette
43 Stati — (America, in Italian)	84 Milk container		29 Recurring themes	72 "— Na Na"	112 Novelist Jennifer
44 Stage design	85 Just a tiny bit		32 Detests	73 Toiling away	114 Pre-CIA gp.
47 La — Tar Pits	90 Op-ed writer Maureen		33 Author Blyton	76 Fetching	116 "— a girl!"
	91 Art of Erté		34 Oil, informally	77 Certain surrealist paintings	117 Fabric dye brand
	92 Once existed		35 Dweeb's kin	78 Eye maladies	118 Retired NBAer Ming
	93 Eldritch		36 Cassini of 20-Across		119 Vote down
	94 Links gp.		37 Quick quip		120 "True —" ("Indeedy")
			38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink		
			39 — last legs (about to collapse)		

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON"
RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



November 1957

Big Attendance At PTA Meeting

The regular meeting of the PTA was held in the YMCA auditorium November 18, The Widen High School Band played a concert and home ec. girls presented a style show, each girl modeling the garment she had made in home economics during the past nine weeks.

NINTH GRADE Skirts-Blouses-Dresses-Dusters-PJ's

- Pearl Adkins
- Lillian Brooks
- Pearl Dancy
- Juanita Forte
- Erie Bell Gibson
- Cathleen Hall
- Nancy McMillian
- Karen Mick
- Milita Miller
- Virginia Nettles
- Linda Rapp
- Phyllis Rogers
- Terry Shaffer
- Donreta Sigman
- Barbara Young
- Penny Young

EIGHT GRADE SKIRTS

- Sharon DeMoss
- Mildred Gibson
- Joyce King
- Marilyn Lewis
- Brenda McKinney
- Kathleen Miles
- Lois Jean Nicholas
- Linda Sigman
- Karen Woods
- Dennice Young
- Norris Bailey

SEVENTH GRADE BLOUSES

- Joanna Adkins
- Judy Gibson
- Sandra Henderson
- Joyce Houghton

- Pat Manning
- Charlene McClain
- Mary Jo Morris
- Phyllis Sigman
- Patsy James

Widen Grade School Lists Best Writers

- 1st—Mrs. Butcher**
Peggy Harris
Karen Marple
Nancy Pinney
- 2ND—Mrs. Elliott**
Rodney Conner
Roland Conner
- 2nd—Miss Graham**
Danny Keen
Julia Acree
- 3rd—Miss. Ashley**
Benny Conner
Teresa Potasnik
- 4th—Mrs. Bragg**
Linda Baughman
Lynn Kay Mullins
Ronald Dodrill
- 5th—Ira Jackson**
Pamela Brown
- 6th—Mrs. Reynolds**
Luther Young
Sandra Williams
Charlie Mullens
Corliss Miles

Student Council News

The Student Council has written and approved the new constitution. It is being typed for each homeroom and each member of the council so everyone can get to know the constitution of our school.

The Student Council is also talking about a Student Handbook for the school. Any cooperation from students or teachers will be deeply appreciated if they can suggest any ideas for the handbook.

Colorful pennants will be seen around town

soon. The Student Council has ordered 200. They will be here in about two weeks. The pennants are made of cardinal red felt. A red and white buffalo head is imprinted in the center and words **Widen High School** are printed in white inside it.

Widen High School Band Has Busy November

WHS Band Director Gerald Simmons reports November has been a very busy month for the uniformed band, it having appeared for formal concerts starting with the very last day of October at the WHS annual Halloween Carnival, then a special assembly on the 13th, followed by a Parent-Teacher Association sponsored appearance at the November 18th regular PTA meeting.

On the following week, October 25, the Dille Elementary School sponsored them at the meeting in the Dille Schoolhouse, and November 26, the band enjoyed a trip to Swandale and Dundon Elementary Schools to assist in the dedication of the new flag poles erected at these places.

Partial or full band rehearsals, as well as individual instrumental instruction keep the auditorium a busy place. Mr. Simmons also reports that he is meeting with 20 children in Dille, some of who will soon be ready to add to the Widen Band personnel for special

concerts and appearances..

The program played at the Widen PTA at the YMCA last Monday, included The National Anthem, march "College Boy", "Aunt Hanna" overture, "Energy" "Village Chimes", and march "Activity".

The concert was heard by a large audience which expressed appreciation to generous applause and personal thanks to director and band members after the concert.

Mrs. Betty Lou Sizemore's sewing classes gave an interesting style show, concluding the evening of entertainment by showing off the results their hard work done by their seamstresses, most of the students wearing their own creations as they modeled them for the audience.

Senior Girls Honored

Lillian Dodrill and Joan Truman seniors were presented short hand pins in the assembly on Nov. 6. The presentations were made by Mr. James Boggs, commercial teacher, in recognition of the girl's achievement of reach the speed of 60 words a minute in short hand.

Lillian was further honored when she received another pin for reaching the 80 word goal.

West Virginia Press FOUNDATION

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The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2024 Summer Internships and 2024 Scholarships

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Application deadline is Feb. 16, 2024.

Applications available on wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director Betsy Miles at bmiles@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

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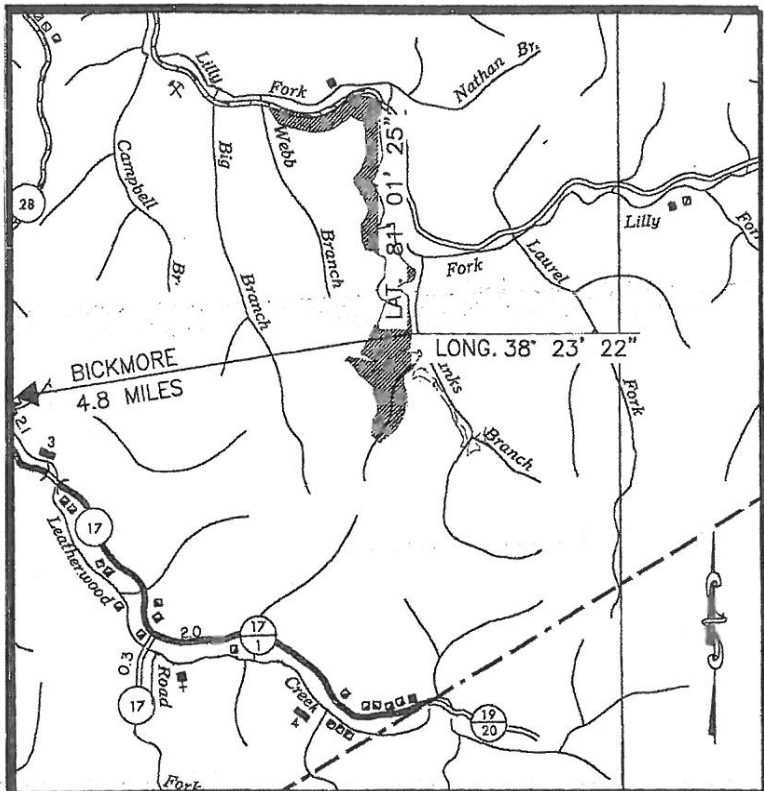
Notice is hereby given that WV Reclaim Co, LLC 2122 Leatherwood Road, Bickmore, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1, 2 and 3 Release on non-started Permit No. S201012 for the following increments:

Increment No. 1	2.00 acres
Increment No. 2	54.20 acres
Increment No. 3	50.00 acres
Increment No. 4	50.00 acres
Increment No. 5	50.80 acres

The permit is located in Henry District of Clay County, 4.8 miles northeast of Bickmore on Franks Branch of Lilly Fork of Buffalo Creek of Elk River of Kanawha River.

WV Reclaim Co, LLC is requesting release of 100 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$10,000.00

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until April 1, 2024 or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**.



PERMIT NO. S-2010-12 LOCATION MAP GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
WV RECLAIM CO, LLC
 2122 LEATHERWOOD RD
 BICKMORE, WV 25019
 QUADS: CLAY USGS - TOPO MAP (7.5' SERIES)
 DISTRICT: HENRY / COUNTY: CLAY
 NEAREST P.O.: BICKMORE
 RECEIVING STREAMS: FRANKS BRANCH OF LILLY FORK OF BUFFALO CREEK OF ELK RIVER OF KANAWHA RIVER.
 SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

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Notice is hereby given that SCREAMING EAGLE COAL, LLC, 1245 22 MINE ROAD, HOLDEN, WV 25625, has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 330.3 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number O201193 to operate coal preparation plants and a refuse disposal area in the N/A seam of coal.

The operation is discharging into Peachorchard Branch and Boardtree Branch of Twentymile Creek of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 4.5 miles, northwest of Drennen, in Jefferson District of Nicholas County, Longitude 81° 3' 9" and Latitude 38° 20' 13" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME ADDRESS
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*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

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*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

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Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

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 Appleatcha Land, LLC 200 Park Ave., Ste. 400, Orange Village, OH 44122

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until March 23, 2024, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until March 23, 2024, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

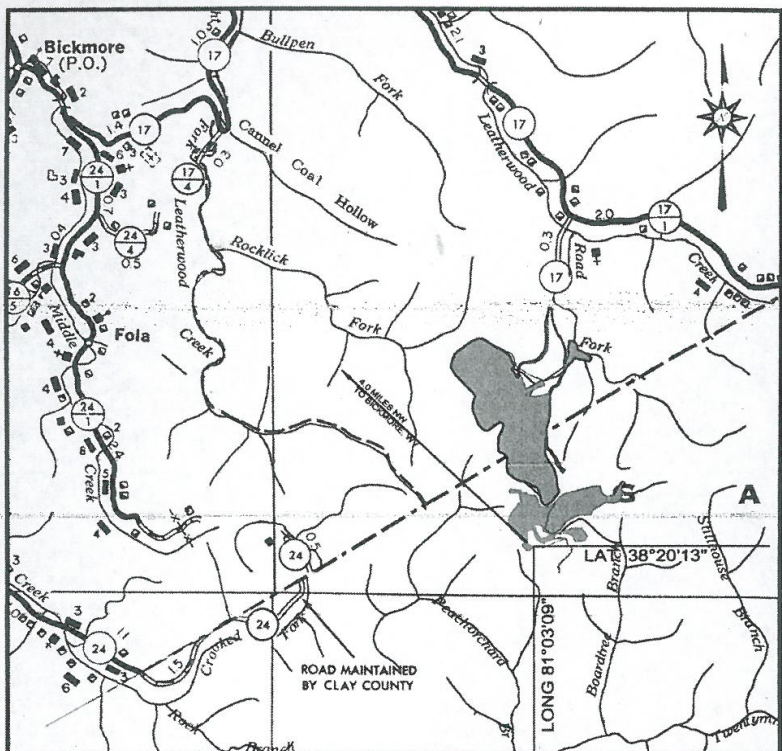
http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219
 Permit Number: O201193

*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.

Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



SCREAMING EAGLE COAL, LLC
PERMIT # O-2011-93 NPDES PERMIT #WV1013831
 WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
 SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE
 HENRY DISTRICT, CLAY COUNTY
 JEFFERSON AND GRANT DISTRICTS, NICHOLAS COUNTY
 Receiving Streams:
 Road Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River and Unnamed Tributaries of Peachorchard Branch and Boardtree Branch of Twentymile Creek of Gauley River

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Invitation to Bid

The Clay County Commission will be accepting bids to refresh the Zetron Max Dispatch system at the 911 center. The refresh will consist of the following items:

- 2 Max Centrals with dual rackmount option
 - 3 Zetron workstations, Windows 10 PC's with dual network cards, updated drivers/software
 - 3 media dock kits with TRHI interface
 - 3 desk microphones
 - 2 network switches (rackmount)
- Update to current version on Max Dispatch (5.11 , currently on 4.2)
 Product protection plan, covers 5 years of hardware protection and software updates

Configuration and installation of system components must be done by a certified Zetron dealer that is duly certified in the maintenance of Max Dispatch. Bids will be received until February 23, 2024. The commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids.

Grant

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gust, to rebuild, repair, and remain successful," said Congresswoman Miller. "This funding is critical for our communities and will provide the necessary support to my constituents as they get back on their feet. I will continue working with the federal government to make sure West Virginians have all the resources they need in the midst of natural disasters."

This federal declaration provides funding under the Individual Assistance (IA) program, which allows individuals impacted by the disaster to seek reimbursement for necessary expenses and serious needs that cannot be met through insurance or other forms of assistance.

Eligible expenses include rental assistance, home repair, home replacement, and lodging, among other expenses.

This action will release federal funding to support individuals affected in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha Counties. Constituents in these counties can apply with FEMA the following ways:

-Apply online at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

-Call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585).

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2024

APPOINTMENT DATE 1/23/2024

ESTATE NAME: **JERREL W ELLIOTT**

EXECUTRIX ENITH G ELLIOTT

PO BOX 191

LIZEMORES WV 25125-0191

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/28/2023

ESTATE NAME: **DALE H GREEN**

EXECUTOR RICK CONRAD

1237 O'BRION RD

DUCK WV 25063-8455

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/19/2023

ESTATE NAME: **DEANNA LYNN HALL**

ADMINISTRATRIX FELICHEA SMITH

29 BASS DR

IVYDALE WV 25113-8253

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/27/2023

ESTATE NAME: **NAOMI J HOLCOMB**

EXECUTRIX NANCY THOMAS

PO BOX 92

DIXIE WV 25059-0092

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/15/2023

ESTATE NAME: **DAVID HAROLD MORTON**

ADMINISTRATOR LUCAS SAMUEL MORTON

405 E 9TH ST

BELLE WV 25015-1710

APPOINTMENT DATE 01/23/2024

ESTATE NAME: **DOUGLAS FERRELL STARCHER**

ADMINISTRATRIX COURTNEY DAWN PROCTOR

4561 OVAPA RD

PROCIOS WV 25164-7036

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 1/25/2024

Sheila Stone
 County Clerk
 Clay County
 P.O. Box 190
 246 Main Street
 Clay WV 25043-0190

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 21, 2007, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 117, at Page 997, Thomas G. Miller and Felicia M. Miller did convey unto Joe C. Hereford, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute 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 February 29, 2024, at 4:00 PM

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

Only of that certain tract or parcel of real estate situate, lying and being on the waters of Adonijah Fork of Big Sycamore Creek, in Pleasant District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a #5 rebar and cap set marking the southeast Corner of the herein described parcel, said rebar and cap bears N. 49-12-56 W., 343.32 feet from an 18" Hickory marking a corner to Jason D. Moore and Amy L. Moore (D.B. 162-PG. 545), thence S. 64-10-56 W., 203.60 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe set, N. 46-22-33 W., 266.26 feet to a #5 rebar and cap in the Southerly line of a 15 foot wide right of way, thence with said right the following courses and distances: N. 51-22-47 E., 15.90' to a point, N. 40-12-07 E., 24.00' to a point, N. 29-42-12 E., 35.37' to a point, N. 28-12-52 E., 31.91' to a point, N. 42-26-23 E., 19.26' to a point, N. 53-34-21 E., 20.70' to a point, N. 50-31-58 E., 59.04' to a point, N. 59-03-58 E., 30.82' to a point, N. 6833-21 E. 37.53' to a point, N. 77-04-36 E., 100.28' to a point, S. 88-12-38 E., 31.04' to a point, S. 76-20-02 E., 36.40' to a point, S. 75-24-27 E., 49.83' to a #5 rebar and cap set, thence leaving said right of way, S. 06-54-00 W., passing through a 12" Hemlock at 128.25 feet, in all 278.25 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.40 acres, more or less, as surveyed by Garcelon Surveying, LLC, I.A.N. Garcelon, P.L.S. #861, on or about the 13th day of April, 2007.

TOGETHER with a 2006 Clayton Manufactured Home; Model 25CMB286031H06, VIN: CLR023696TNAB

Being the same real estate conveyed unto Thomas Miller and Felicia Miller, his wife by Lisa Brown and Bradford Brown, by deed dated April 18, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia in Deed Book 155, at Page 66.

And for the consideration aforesaid the Grantors further grant and convey unto the said Grantee, as trustee that certain right of way through over and cross the parent tract from which the above tract was conveyed, where the road now exists for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the above described property and the public road, as conveyed to the said grantors by the above referenced deed. This deed of trust is further made subject to the same exceptions, reservations, conditions, restrictions and easements contained in prior deeds of conveyance of record for the above described real estate, insofar as same are presently applicable and have not been released, abandoned or discharged by law or otherwise.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 361 Bird Hollow Road, Lizemores, WV 25125.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Thomas G. Miller and Felicia M. Miller, by Deed dated April 18, 2007, from Lisa Brown and Bradford Brown, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 200, at Page 331.

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 Substitute 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.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member

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

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OBITUARY

Vernon Edsel Morris

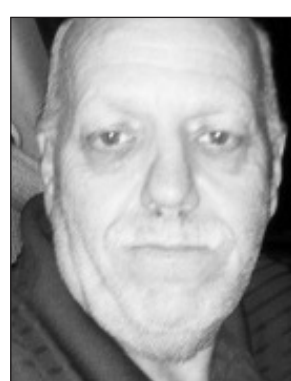
Vernon Edsel Morris walked through Heavens gates on January 18, 2024.

Vernon was born August 11, 1957, at Gauley Clinic, Gauley Bridge, WV to the late Donald Lee and Betty Lee Jarrett Morris. He was also preceded in death by his brothers James William (Willie) Morris and Donald Lee Morris.

Surviving family members are Beatrice Gail Boggs and William Showe of Canton, OH; George Allen and Becky Morris of Guston, KY; William Joseph (Joe) and Regina Morris of Kimberly, WV and Aaron Douglas Morris of Charleston, WV; along with several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Vernon was a current resident of Charleston, WV. He served in the United States Army for two years.

He previously resided in San Antonio, TX where he was a taxicab driver for over 25 years before returning to Adonijah and Cannelton Hol-



low, WV. Vernon also worked numerous different jobs, including taxicab driver in Charleston, WV and most recently at Wal-Mart of Nitro, WV.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Laurel Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Adonijah, WV. Services will be officiated by Rev. Jason Moore. O'Dell Funeral Home, Montgomery is in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy can be sent at www.odell-funeralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests donations be sent to Joe Morris c/o Montgomery Police Department, ATTN: Police Clerk Heather Dempsey-Athur, 321 4th Avenue, Montgomery, WV 25136.



The House of Delegates on Feb. 2, 2024. WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Perry Bennett.

House

bers the opportunity was too substantial to wait.

"I cannot think of a better way to spend this \$2 million and spend it now, as opposed to putting it somewhere else, as opposed to doing it in our budget process; we need to do it," he said. "We need to do it now, and that's the reason I've left that podium to talk about this today.

"We have an opportunity to continue leading the world — not leading the nation, not leading the state, leading the world — in delivering a groundbreaking treatment, a groundbreaking therapeutic technology that was published two weeks ago in the New England Journal of Medicine, the world's foremost journal for academic medicine, and deliver that technology to West Virginians who suffer from conditions that deserve our attention."

House Bill 5014, which goes now to the Senate for consideration, would devote \$2 million in surplus funds that had not yet been allocated from the 2024 budget.

Delegate John Williams, D-Monongalia, represents the district where the WVU Health Sciences Center is located, and is a co-spon-

sor of the bill. He asked members to be mindful of the decisions that made their vote possible.

"I'm thinking of, in the 1950s, when Gov. Okey Patteson decided that we ought to have a medical school in West Virginia and it ought to be in located in Morgantown," he said. "And that initial investment that is continued to West Virginia University's medical school throughout the years has made this possible. It helped Dr. (Ali) Rezai come to Morgantown, and it helped us have the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, and so I would say that when we look at those past investments, I would just ask my friends to keep that in mind when we have future financial questions before us relating to West Virginia University.

"In the budget hearing this week, we learned that for every \$1 that this Legislature gives to WVU, it creates about \$20 more in our local economy. And when you consider that this \$2 million is going to help go to an FDA trial that is going to potentially cure PTSD and cure eating disorders, it's no doubt why that dollar stretches so far at a rate of one to 20."

The new House

Committee on Artificial Intelligence advanced its first bill this week. House Bill 5161 would create a "digital wallet" through an addition to the West Virginia Secretary of State's one-stop business portal website where certifications and licensures could be stored.

Artificial Intelligence Committee Chairman Jarred Cannon, R-Putnam, said the measure, whose lead sponsor is Jimmy Willis, R-Brooke, would put West Virginia ahead of other states in digital initiatives.

"From software engineers to welders and beauticians, keeping track of your educational certificates and work licensures can be a big inconvenience,"

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Cannon said. "With this legislation, West Virginians will have an innovative and easy-to-use portal that will allow for the upload and online storage of those documents, accessible from any electronic device at any time, should they choose to do so."

The House also returned to 100 members to start the week as Delegate David Green, R-McDowell, took the oath of office Monday to represent District 36.

A total of 1,423 bills have been introduced in the House, and 50 of those have passed the full House. The deadline for House bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9

Douglas

County High School graduate and an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service for Outstanding Work in Investigation Threats to Critical U.S. Navy Technology for his exemplary work in U.S. v. Toebe et al. Jonathan Toebe and his wife, Diana Toebe,

of Annapolis, Maryland, were sentenced last year after pleading guilty to conspiracy to communicate restricted data related to the design of nuclear-powered warships.

This is Mr. Douglas's second Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Douglas is a 2002 Clay County High School graduate

Along with Mr. Douglas, the Distin-

guished Award was presented to: Trial Attorneys Matthew J. McKenzie and S. Derek Shugert of the National Security Division; Assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica Leiber Smolar for the Western District of Pennsylvania; FBI Special Agents Jason Serone, Justin Van Tromp and Peter Olinits; FBI Supervisory Special Agent Andrew Bass Gray; FBI Unit

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Chief Andrew Thomas Mitchell; Special Agent John C. Nocella of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service; FBI Intelligence Analyst Brent Cronce; FBI Staff Operations Specialist Vicky Mineard; FBI Supervisory Special Agent David Brassini; FBI Supervisory Investigative Specialist Keith Smith; and FBI Intelligence Analyst Sean Cottingham.

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Doug Wayne takes on winter

By Allen Hamrick

With the weather seemingly trying to connect early to spring, the fever to get out and do spring “stuff” is overwhelming. The huge winter storm that was just here a couple of weeks ago seems a distant memory, almost as if it never happened. The weather was fiercely cold and snow in some places measured 12 inches deep.

The roads were a mess most of the time, and other than the people who worked on the roads or had to be out and about, most stayed

indoors and let winter take its shots. However, there are those that used the storm to get out and experience adventure and fight back against the idea that winter drives us into our caves to safety. With the snow covering the Elk River Trail and ice forming in the river, the only footprints on the trail were animal tracks. There was one other track, though, and it was made by one of the legendary adventurer who makes and takes his own path in life and lets nothing stand in the way of doing what he wants and that in-

cludes winter. Doug Wayne, local legend in the running and biking world, as well as CCMS band director extraordinaire, took on the trail in the apex of the winter storm on his bike at night. His exploits are not for the faint at heart, and his drive is nothing short of intense. The bigger the challenge, the better he likes it. If you get the chance, don't let anything stop you from enjoying the beauty of winter. I know it's warm now, but it's not over yet. Get the bikes out or put the running shoes on and hit the trail.



Doug Wayne is a local legend.

Up and down week for basketball teams

By Allen Hamrick

It was smack down time at CCMS as the Mustangs and Calhoun Red Devils went head to head. From the beginning, it looked as though the Red Devils would run the courts and walk off winners. The Mustangs, however, had their own plans. The Mustangs came out not firing on all cylinders but quickly got back in the game with some great defense on the perimeter and in the paint. They also had a slow start getting numbers on the board with only 15 points in two periods. However, at the half, they put their scopes on, zeroed in on the net and ran away with the scoreboard scoring 34 points in the 2nd half, smoking the Red Devils by the score of 49-40. Joel Elliot was top gun hitting for 25 points. They hit a wall against the Knights of Braxton later in the week and fell by the score of 39-60.

The Lady Mustangs have run into a rut this past week and are in a slump, losing all three of their games. With the season coming to a close in a couple of weeks, they will have to get some bugs out before conference play, and all three games are at home for the Lady Mustang. The boys also still have a few games left before the season ends. Get out, catch a game and support the teams.

The Panthers continue to have a tough time on the courts. The boys play as hard as a team can but just can't seem to find their win groove. Every game is all out, fast and furious, and the team hammers the game down their op-

ponent's throat. The Panthers hosted the Highlanders of Webster County, and it was just one of those games. The Highlanders came out and dominated the Panthers with the final score ending up a Highlander win 69-39. They were also on the road to Buffalo and had trouble there getting baskets to fall and dropped the game with Buffalo 42-56. Don't miss a minute of Panther basketball, it's fast paced and all out, and they will definitely give you your money's worth, win or lose.

Coming off a win against Midland Trail, the Lady Panthers had a tough following week going 0-3. The week started out a tough loss against the Lady Raiders. It was a wild game for sure - the Lady Panthers took to the floor and

kept the game within reach of a win but just couldn't come up with the buckets. They lost the match 42-52. It was on to Charleston Catholic, and this game is always a tough one for the Lady Panthers. When the smoke cleared, it was Charleston Catholic on top by the score of 45-30. They came back home and went face to face with Doddridge County on Saturday to end the week. With the season end closing quick, the Lady Panthers needed a win. It was not to be, however; Doddridge County rolled to a win defeating the Lady Panthers 66-39. The Ladies will be on the road to Poca on Monday and back home on Tuesday night against Webster. The season rolls on, and it's time to shake it off and get back to business.



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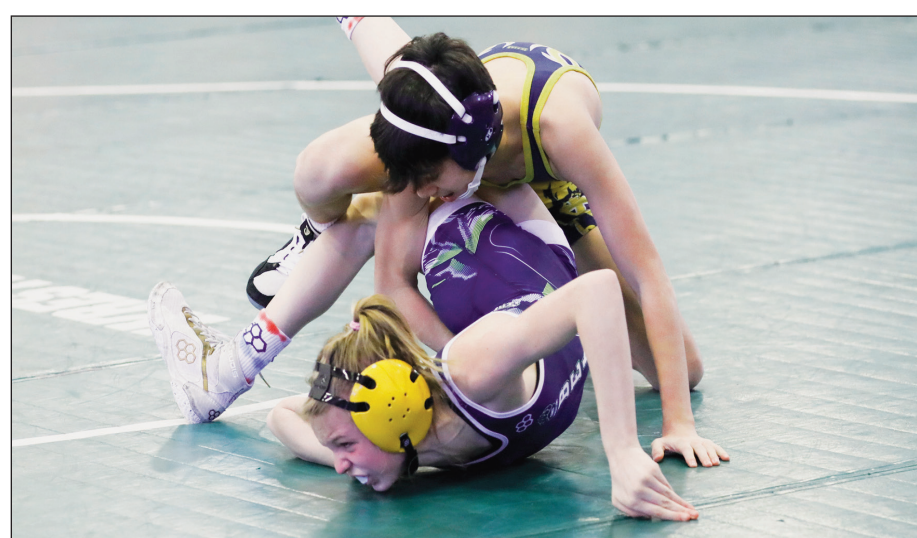
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Season ends for Mustang wrestling at CWVAC championship



Caiden Bryant - CWVAC champion at 94 pounds.



Matthew Neely - CWVAC 2nd place at 155 pounds.



Pierce Adkins - CWVAC champion at 145 pounds.




Andrew Tanner - CWVAC 4th at 110 pounds.

By Allen Hamrick
This weekend was the final hoorah of the season for the Mustang wrestling program as they participated in the Mona Lisa of wrestling tournaments, the CWVAC Championship. This year the championship matches were held at Spencer Middle School with several schools competing for bragging rights. The Mustangs have been in the hunt all season in tournaments held throughout the area and have only gotten better and better. This tournament would pit all of the finest middle school programs in the

region and all those wrestlers at the top of the food chain in their respective weight classes. The Mustangs were unexpectedly down wrestlers compared to all the other teams but what they had was good. It would be like putting smoke in your pocket for the Mustangs to get the team title, but individually they had a good chance at being champs. It was a dramatic finish to say the least. At 94 pounds, Caiden Bryant took home the top honors in his weight bracket by capturing the champion-




Kaleb Keen - CWVAC 4th place at 190 pounds.



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Chaun Sattler CWVAC 2nd place at 215 pounds.

ship. Andrew Tanner at 110 pounds wrestled some of the toughest opponents and brought home the 4th place title. Pierce Adkins wrestled his way to the championship at 145 pounds and brought home the first place title. Matthew Neely got to the championship round and took home second place in the 155 pound weight class and Chaun Sattler took 2nd in the 215 lb class. Kaleb Keen at 171 pounds took home 4th place, as well. As a team, the Mustangs brought home the 7th place title; still not bad considering the wrestler ratio of the teams there. This has been a great season for the Mustangs. They once again and have set the bar high for any team to follow them from this point on. They are a powerhouse and the ones to beat at wrestling meets. Most will move on to the high school and will no doubt make the Panther team a force to reckon with. Congratulations to the coaches and wrestlers on a great season.



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