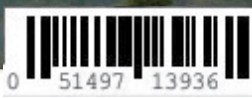




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Big Otter Elementary has a new book vending machine.

Book vending machine comes to Big Otter Elementary

With the help of the "Save the Children" program, Big Otter Elementary School received a brand new book vending machine! Students are able to earn tokens by

turning in monthly reading logs and earning points on the Accelerated Reader (AR) reading program. These tokens are then used to buy books at the vending machine.



Earned tokens are used to buy books from the vending machine.



The House of Delegates on Feb. 9, 2024. WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Perry Bennett.

This Week in the House of Delegates

For the week ending Feb. 9, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates advanced several bills this week as the 60-day regular legislative session passed the halfway point.

The House adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, which awarded the First Responders Honor Board's three nominees for the Medal of Valor. The Medal of Valor is presented to firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical services personnel and other professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in their professional capacities.

All three nominees were recognized and honored in the House Chamber Tuesday: West Virginia State Police Cpl. David S. Fry, Upshur County Department of Homeland Security/County Emergency Manager Deputy Director Derek V. Long and Upshur County Sheriff John Michael Coffman.

House Bill 5127, which would expand the state's "Learn and Earn" program, overwhelmingly passed the House Monday. The bill, sponsored by Economic Development and Tourism Committee Chairman Gary

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BJ Williams signs with Glenville



BJ Williams and coaches. Photo Trey Corwell

By Allen Hamrick

BJ Williams has meant a lot to the football team during his four year career at Clay County High School. BJ is now a senior with his Panther years behind him and has signed his letter of intent to play football with the Glenville Pioneers. Here, he will take his skill set to the next level. BJ Williams has shown hard work and dedication to his sport on and off the court. He has run, caught, tackled, scored and broke records while he was at CCHS, and his shoes will definitely be a tough fill for the coaches next season.

The football fans

of this county will remember BJ Williams as one tough kid who put it all on the line for the fans. Clay County High School has been fortunate to have BJ Williams with his desire to succeed and a work ethic to go along with it. He disciplined himself to fortify his principles and his passion for football. He now has the opportunity to take his game to new ground and make a difference on another team.

The Pioneers will definitely be getting a star to play on their grass. His career at CCHS as a Panther was nothing short of epic. He had 4,380 all purpose yards, 2,731 yards receiving, 754 yards rushing, 401 yards on kick-off returns, 352 yards on punt returns and threw for 90 yards and a TD. On points, he had a total of 334 career points. On defense, he had 174 tackles 13 interceptions and 21 pass breakups.

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BJ Williams signs his letter of intent. Photo Trey Corwell

Glenville State University names President's, Provost's Honor List

Glenville State University (GSU) has announced the names of GSU students who attained the President's Honor List and the Provost's Honor List for the Fall 2023 semester. To be named to the President's Honor List, a student must have a 4.0 grade point average. To be named to the Provost's Honor List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Area students making the President's Honor List are listed as follows:

-Braxton County: Leon J. Amos, Erin E. Barnette, Brittany L. Boggs, Nickolas C. Brown, Mark L. Byerly, Laura A. Cain, Alex J. Conrad, Jeffrey L. Evans, Emily M. Garrett, Nicholas B. Herron, Teagan A. Huff, Kaden J. Kennen, Morgan R. McCumbers, Mason I. O'Dell, Thomas L. Setzer, Noah D. Skidmore, Brehana A. Smarr, Emily B. Toler, Allie N. White, Jaycee A. Wood, Anna E. Wyne

-Calhoun County: Savannah Cunningham, Jaelyn R. Jett, Makahla J. Page, Madison L. Yoak.

-Clay County: Kylie M. Taylor

Nicholas County: Natalie G. Barr, Tess A. Bradburn, Payton S. Brown, Brian R. Gifford Jr., Rebekah J. Hypes, Emma L. Johnson, Noah L. Miner, Haley D. Mor-

ris, Victoria L. Osborne, Audrianna M. Shifflett, Heather D. Shifflett, Katelynn F. Talbert, Ivy L. White, Robert T. Workman.

Area students making the Provost's Honor List are listed as follows:

-Braxton County: Seth I. Arnold, Alexis H. Bedunah, Paxton G. Conley, Adam J. Cosner, Wesley I. Davis, Zoe A. Duffield, Brandon J. Gray, Kylie D. James, Haylea M. Johnson, Justin R. Knight, Chloe G. Martin, Riley E. Martin, Owen W. McCallister, Natalie M. Rhodes, Tyler N. Toler, Madeline Tusing, Bryan K. Utt, Jordan W. Williams

-Calhoun County: Aubrey K. Cullen, Emily F. Dennison, Nicholas I. Erlewine, Marlee D. Hall, Lacy J. Hicks, Mia R. Houchin, Daniel L. Kargol, Jenna L. Milliron, Chloe E. Richardson, Briar R. Stehman, Lacy J. Whytsell

-Clay County: Elijah W. Armes, Andrew G. Belt, Megan J. Drenk

-Nicholas County: Emily F. Barr, Emily B. Buckland, Sandra M. Crites, Allie M. Hanks, Abby R. Hudson, Cambrea M. Mathes, Makayla N. Moore, Jesse R. Morris, Morgan A. Poff, Cora G. Stubbins, Thomas W. Turpin

Peyton Johnson crowned 2024 CCMS Homecoming Queen



Principal Leslie Goe crowns Peyton Johnson. Bottom row left to right, Layla Stewart escorted by Trenton Parker, Lynette Hanna escorted by Levi Rogers, and Olivia Lanham escorted by Kayden Hersman.

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Zane Minger is LKC champion



Zane Minger gets the pin.

BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

BRAXTON COUNTY

CLAY COUNTY



Mathew Jason Dancy
Booked 2/5/24
Unlawful assault, attempt to commit a felony

Cassondra Carol Smearman
Booked 2/9/24
Destruction of property, conspiracy, breaking and entering, obstruction

Jared Heath Smearman
Booked 2/9/24
Obstruction, burglary, conspiracy, destruction of property

Jason Kyle Conrad
Booked 2/10/24
Driving revoked for DUI third

Joyce Marie Demoss
Booked 2/10/24
Domestic battery, petit larceny

Anthony Wayne McClain
Booked 2/11/24
Driving suspended, expired MVI, no seatbelt, no license, defective equipment, improper registration, no insurance

CLAY COUNTY



Robert Lee Nicholas
Booked 2/6/24
No insurance

Elizabeth Dawn Schoolover
Booked 2/10/24
Destruction of property

James Ryan Schoonover
Booked 2/10/24
Destruction of property

Angellica Lea Gill
Booked 2/9/24
Possession with intent, conspiracy

Hayley Elizabeth Hughes
Booked 2/7/24
Conspiracy, grand larceny, receiving or transferring stolen goods

Timothy Lee Kiser
Booked 2/10/24
Capias



Austin Blake Kyer
Booked 2/7/24
Grand larceny, conspiracy

John Meridith Legg
Booked 2/9/24
Conspiracy, possession with intent

Katlyn Dawn Phillips
Booked 2/10/24
Domestic battery

Sarah Renee Rogers
Booked 2/6/24
Trespassing asked to leave, battery, obstructing an officer

Loretta Ann Sanson
Booked 2/9/24
Possession with intent, conspiracy

Matthew Dalton Skaggs
Booked 2/9/24
Capias



Robert Scott Williams
Booked 2/10/24
Domestic batter second offense

Hunter Lee Wright
Booked 2/8/24
Conspiracy, grand larceny

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Courthouse News



Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff:"

09:00 AM, State v. Robert Earl Stutler, Preliminary Hearing, Receiving or transferring stolen goods
 09:00 AM, State v. Morgan P McCormick, Preliminary Hearing, Controlled Substance - Manufacture or possess with intent to deliver Sched I or II narcotic or meth (x3); Controlled Substance - Manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to deliver Sch I, II or III (x2); Controlled Substance - Manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to deliver Sch IV (x3)
 09:30 AM, State v. Dusty Wade Pritt, Pre-Trial Hearing, Entry of building other than dwelling; entry of railroad, traction, or motorcar, steamboat or vessel; Petit larceny
 10:00 AM, State v. Russell Lee Wartenburg, Pre-Trial Hearing, Receiving or transferring stolen goods
 10:30 AM, State v. Kristian Stacy Staples, Pre-Trial Hearing, Domestic assault or Domestic battery - 2nd Offense
 11:00 AM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Pre-Trial Hearing, Vehicle registration - Failure to notify change of address or name; Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance
 11:30 AM, State v. Michael Eugene Jones, Pre-Trial Hearing, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription
 11:30 AM, State v. Michael Eugene Jones, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate
 01:00 PM, State v. Glenda Skaggs, Status Hearing, Shoplifting Penalties,
 01:15 PM, State v. Ryan Alan Stone, Pre-Trial Hearing, Receiving or transferring stolen goods; Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription (x2)
 01:30 PM, State v. Anna Marie Moore, Bench Trial, Unlawful removal, injury to or destruction of property
 01:30 PM, State v. Anna Marie Moore, Bench Trial, Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ threats of harm
 02:00 PM, State v. Brooklyn Page McKinney, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; Improper use of evidences of registration
 02:15 PM, State v. Destiny Hope Ramsey, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate; No Insurance
 02:30 PM, State v. John Morgan Gibson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unlawful Disposal of Litter
 03:00 PM, State v. Kevin Tanner, Preliminary Hearing, Conspiracy against the state

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**THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM***Pastor Doug Newell, IV***Son of David**

In Matthew 22:42-46, Jesus asked the Pharisees, "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?" And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions."

That's a good question. What do you think of Christ? I want you to answer that question. Do you think little of him? Do you dislike Jesus? Do you love Jesus? Do you even know him? Jesus asks the all-important question and the answer concerns the destiny of your soul. The Jewish leaders tried to entrap the Lord with questions designed to prove he was either a false teacher or to get him arrested. They utterly failed. Jesus showed himself to be the impeccable Christ and defeated his enemies. Now it's his turn to ask the questions.

When Jesus asked, "What think ye of Christ, whose son is he?" They answered, "the son of David." How is that considering Psalm 110:1? David had no one on earth above him. He was king, and only God was higher. Even in his death, no earthly king surpassed him. David was the standard by which all the kings were judged. A good

king was said to walk after David. Every king of Judah after him was an heir. These men followed David, sat on David's throne, walked in David's ways, were called the sons of David, ruling in the city of David (1 Kings 2:12; 2 Kings 22:2; 2 Chronicles 24:16). The kings of Judah were all sovereigns, but still walked in David's shadow. How is it then, David called his heir, his son, Lord? "The LORD said unto my Lord". Jesus said, David, moved by the Holy Spirit, spoke the inspired Word of God, called one of his heirs "my Lord". The only way that is possible, is if the LORD was his Lord. The Messiah is the son of David, but is also David's Lord because the Christ is both the son of David, and the son of God. He is truly man, and truly God.

The Pharisees had no answer, realized they were defeated, and left with no more questions. The best of the best thought about what Jesus said, and couldn't, rather they wouldn't answer him. Their only option was to either say the inspired word of Psalm 110 was not true or admit that Jesus was correct. And, to confess Jesus right, they must bow, trust in Him as their Saviour, Lord, and Christ. But, they didn't answer him and walked away. I hope you don't act like the Pharisees and read the truth of who Christ is and then walk away, heart hardened, not repenting and trusting in him.

Home Country**Slim Randles**

Ya know, I swear if somebody comes up with a concretation that included sucking dirty rocks, ol' Mame the dame would sign up.

Now don't git me wrong, I think Mamie Dilworth is a nice lady, and I enjoy seein' what she's up to next, ya know? She can't cook ... gives ya raw fish when you go over there ... but she has a perty nice smile and I can take it, ya know.

So she told me jest t'other day to git ready, cuz we're goin' out for goat yoga.

Well, natcherly I mentioned I'd had blueberry and strawberry, but goat-flavored seemed a little bit past the ol' rabbit-proof fence. She said it weren't yogurt, But yoga... you know, where people who live in them Tibetty-type mountains tie theirselvesin knots and hum to their belly buttons?

Yeah, them guys.

So I gits in the car with her and we go to a little farm outside-a town and there was some more women there puttin' their hands together and bowin' to each other, and then the head yogurt lady says positions! Well, I turned around and put my hands on the corral fence and spread my legs, but that weren't what ol' Yogurtina had in mind. Them ladies all laid down to do push ups, and this helper girl opened the chute and let in the goats. Little baby pigmy kinda goats. And them little boogers each of 'em jumped on a woman's back and went to dancin' 'round. Honest.

If I'm lyin' may I wake up as a student in law school and have to eat raspberry torts. And change my name from Windy to Justin. Yessir, And them ladies was gigglin' and push uppinn' and then ol' Yogurtina says Downward-facing dog! Yes she did. And the ladies stuck their butts in the air like a stink bug and the goats went to prancin' around on top of 'em and underneath 'em, and I tell ya, it was somethin' to see.

OK now, ladies, yells Yogurtina, let's PLANK! Down they go on their bellies again, with a comflagatory of goats leapin' all over 'em.

On the ride home, ol' Mame says to me if I understood this here goat yoga and what I thought of it. She wanted me to do it with 'em next time.

I told her I already did the super magnum goat yoga thingie and I were less than enthusiastical 'bout it.

I 'splained jest how I'd jest went from downward-facin' dog to flat plankin' in the arena and that bull had landed on me and I'd landed in the hospital for four days and I thought I'd given that kinda exercise 'bout all it was gonna get outa me.

And you can tell 'em I said so.

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Idiots Make Me Look Good, So Says the Boss**Dr. James L. Snyder**

Often, I get agitated by people I call "idiots." I don't have an inclusive definition for what an idiot really is; I just use the word carelessly.

Especially is this true when I'm out in the neighborhood driving around. Sometimes, I'm in such a nervous frenzy when I get home, I have to sit down and drink some coffee. Often it takes 3 cups of coffee just to get my nerves to where they need to be.

Normally, I am a relatively cool, collected kind of person. Not much upsets me, and I don't get mad very easily. But driving a vehicle out in the world today is sometimes more than I can handle.

I'm not sure if it's just my age, but I don't remember so many idiots driving when I was younger. Thinking about this for a moment, I wonder if somebody thought I was an idiot when driving?

Often, on some of these trips, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will be along. Some driver will do something rather stupid, cut in front of me, and I will utter, "What's wrong with that idiot?"

I can't remember how often we drove past an accident, which probably resulted from some idiot driving as idiots drive.

When it comes to idiots out on the highway, there is no gender, racial, or age difference. It seems that idiots come in all flavors.

Occasionally, while driving down the highway, along comes a motorcycle weaving in and out and passing us. Sitting in the seat of that motorcycle is some old geezer laughing and giggling. I wonder if he forgot his meds that morning or maybe there was something more than coffee in his coffee that morning?

One thing is sure: they drive like idiots. I wonder if there is a training school for idiots?

One time while driving, we had a conversation that went along the line of me asking The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "How do these idiots get a driver's license?"

Looking at me once, she said something to the effect, "Those idiots get a driver's license the same way you get yours."

I don't know what she meant by that, and I never asked her to explain.

Another place idiots are sure to show up is in places like Wal-Mart. My warning is, you better watch where you walk in Wal-Mart. How those cashiers deal with all those idiots is above my pay scale.

Recently, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I spent the day traveling for some errands we had to do, and boy, the idiots were out in full force. Several times, we came close to having an accident. The fact that we got home safe was a real miracle.

During that drive, I was a little more agitated by these idiots than ever before. I just complained from one end to the other end about all these idiots and why they did so many stupid things.

At the height of my ranting, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Instead of ranting about these idiots, you should be thankful for them."

"What? Why would I ever be thankful for some idiot?" That was a strange remark even for her.

I saw the smile on her face, and I think I heard her chuckle, but I'm not quite sure about that. Then she said something even stranger: "Just think about it. All of these idiots on the road make you look good."

I had to stop and think about that one. I never thought of it like that, and it took me quite a while to process it.

As the silence lengthened, she then said, "If it wasn't for all of these idiots driving like they do, nobody would recognize what a wonderful driver you are. For that you should be thankful."

At this point, I wondered if she was complimenting me or setting me up for something else. I have learned through the years that she knows how to control a situation.

"After all," she said, "you've only had one accident in your life and that was when some idiot ran into you."

I had to think about that for a moment, and then I recalled that accident about ten years ago. I was driving down the main street, and somebody pulled out from the side street without stopping and collided with me. That person at the time was on her cell phone and didn't see me.

"And think about this," she continued. "If it wasn't for idiots driving on the road what in the world would lawyers do to make money?"

Believe me that thought never crossed my mind, and I had to admit that she had something there.

Sometimes, I think all of these idiots out there are a hazard to real life. But then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had a point. These idiots make the rest of us look normal. Nobody would recognize how good we are in our driving skills if it wasn't for them.

Let me just say, "Thank you idiots."

Recently I ran across a Bible verse that troubled me. It was Proverbs 26:4, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."

To answer an idiot I have to come down to his level, which makes me an idiot. I have a higher standard to live by; it is the Word of God.

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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. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.



Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after

the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was succeeded by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.



Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle of Boone County died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan of present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie Coun-

ty was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.

Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir*, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

Feb. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Looking for someone to plow snow from the lot and shovel snow from the sidewalk for the Clay County Department of Health and Human Resources office in Clay, WV.

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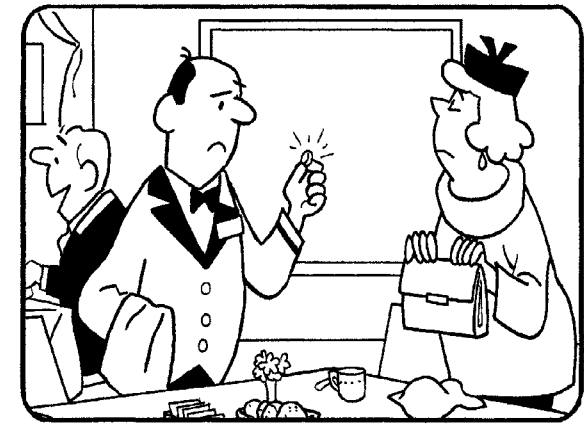
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Higher: 1. Purse is different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Label is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Saucer is missing. 6. Nametag is higher.

Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE FANTASY

ACROSS

- 1 Not quite first-rate
- 7 "Patience — virtue"
- 10 Car tankful
- 13 Collie of TV
- 19 Cattle farm of the West
- 20 Trumpet blast
- 22 Singer and actor Frankie
- 23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Element #3
- 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
- 30 Dr. Seuss' Sam —
- 31 Amo, amas, —
- 32 "Addams Family" cousin
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Faint smell
- 45 Foldout bed
- 46 Co-workers of MDs
- 47 Stalactite site
- 48 Florence's river
- 49 Total amount
- 51 "Scram!"
- 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Brief promos
- 61 Triceps' place
- 62 Pop's Celine
- 63 See 58-Down
- 66 Bullfighter
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 70 Put a new front on, as a building
- 72 Unbroken
- 73 Recognized
- 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
- 76 Famously feisty fish
- 77 Riddle, part 5
- 81 Oval shape
- 84 Dejected
- 85 "Who am — judge?"
- 86 Secret writing
- 87 Postal pieces
- 88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
- 89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
- 91 Very long time periods
- 92 End of the riddle
- 99 Disloyal type

DOWN

- 1 Bird's crop
- 2 Trellis strip
- 3 "Noelle" star Kendrick
- 4 Glasgow natives
- 5 Grandstander
- 6 Chimpanzee variety
- 7 "— have to wait"
- 8 Got married
- 9 Lure for insect extermination
- 10 The earth as a goddess
- 11 Cut — (dance)
- 12 Pago Pago people
- 13 "Meteor" actor Martin
- 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
- 15 Long, involved story
- 16 Shut loudly
- 17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
- 18 Grammy winner Brian
- 21 "— the breaks!"
- 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
- 28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
- 32 "Let me!"
- 33 Bases-loaded situation
- 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
- 36 Peak
- 37 Chicago daily, in brief
- 38 Global: Abbr.
- 39 Mark for life
- 40 Easter meat
- 41 Adam's mate
- 42 — Moines choreography
- 49 Tahitian skirts
- 50 Package delivery co.
- 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
- 52 Chi follower
- 53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
- 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
- 56 Become lively
- 57 Cheer yell
- 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
- 59 See 75-Across
- 63 Oven used to bake naan
- 64 Spiny ant eater
- 65 Most unkind
- 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
- 68 Pooch's yap
- 69 Big blue body
- 71 Genre of many sitcoms
- 74 Wide shoe spec
- 76 Mining shaft
- 77 Higher ground?
- 78 "You wish!"
- 79 Condé —
- 80 User-edited website
- 81 Rescue squad VIP
- 82 "— -di-dah!"
- 83 False story
- 88 Projecting curves on saddles
- 89 By the day
- 90 Huffington of HuffPost
- 91 So to speak
- 93 Wise-acting
- 94 Thick-skinned critters
- 95 Day, in Chile
- 96 Studly guys
- 97 Abbr. on a bad check
- 98 End a vacation
- 103 Mother-of-pearl
- 104 Surfing need
- 105 Cake finisher
- 106 Holy Week's time
- 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
- 108 Helper: Abbr.
- 109 For fear that
- 110 Half a train track
- 111 — gin feller
- 112 Camp shelter
- 113 Yank's rival

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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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.

November 1957

Students Enjoy Turkey Dinner

Turkey headed the menu for most of Widen school children on Wednesday, November 27th.

Mrs. Howard Shaffer and Mrs. Farrell Henderson prepared the traditional Thanksgiving in the cook room and served about 209 trays.

Besides roast turkey, the trays contained dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, salad, pumpkin pie, bread, butter, and milk.

Since no turkey was available from the county this year, each student paid ten cents extra for the dinner.

We diners wish to thank Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Henderson for the extra interest and time they gave to make this dinner an enjoyable affair.

Alumni News

By Reba Ann Eagle

Shirley Morris-President of the 1956 graduating class is now Mrs. Albert D. Bailes. She is at home at 10056 Korview Branch, in Norfolk, Virginia, where her husband is a control tower operator at the airport there.

Emma Jo Sigman-Vice-President of the class is employed at The Grille here by the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company.

Gloria Ellis-Secretary Treasure of this class is now Mrs. Carlos Perry. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio where her husband is a jet testing engineer for Civil Service. They are parents of a son, Joey.

Anna Vickers-Is now Mrs. Gene Samples. They will soon be at their new home at 60 Nicholas Street here. They have a son, Rusty.

Betty Butler-Rotary Award winner is now Mrs. Robert Patton. They live at Charleston where he is employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and she at the State Department of Public Safety.

Shirley Gibson-Is now Mrs. Robert Parrish. They live in Charleston where he is employed by the Post Office. They are parents of a new baby boy, Gary Eugene.

Evelyn Given-Is teaching Home Economics in Marlinton, West Virginia after having graduated from Glenville State Teachers College.

Delmer Adkins-Is in the United States Air Force, stationed at the air base in Texas. He is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Jerald Butcher-Is employed here, driving a shuttle care in the mines. He recently married Daisy Frame of Birch River.

Eugene Barnette-Is employed here driving a shuttle car in the mines. He is married to Mary Lou Sigman. They live at Buffalo Street and are the parents of one son, Danny

Roma Grogg-Is attached to the Anti Submarine Helicopter Squadron Quanset Point, Rhode Island. He has been serving aboard the USS Leyte for the last three months with the 6th Fleet in NATO operations.

Joan Rapp-Is now Mrs. Roma Grogg and will join him soon at Quanset Point where they have lived for the past year. They have a son, Randy Joe.

Patricia LaCorte-Is now Mrs. James Neal and lives in Cleveland, Ohio where her husband works in the Chevrolet Plant.

Toby Ann Griffith-Is now Mrs. Benny Groves. They are living in New Mexico. They have a son, David Griffith Groves.

Gladys Ellis-Is married to Hollis Howell Neal. They live in Cleveland where he is working.

Marie Ramsey-Reporter, is now the Mrs. Wayne Casto, they live in Cleveland, Ohio where they are employed.

Kip Groves-Is now married to Mary Frame. He is working in Cleveland, Ohio.

Keith Young-He is married to Judy Dorsey. He is working for the Chevrolet plant in Cleveland, Ohio.

Notice

The Seniors of Widen Hi wish to express their gratitude to all those who helped in any way to make the Halloween Carnival a big success.

Reynolds and Pinney Win Attend Banners

2nd Month

The sixth grade won the attendance banner for the second month with the percentage of 99.69.

Mr. Pinney won for the high school with a percentage of 97.85

Congratulations 6th and 10th graders.

Percentage of Attendance

Mrs. Reynolds	Grade 6-99.69
Mrs. Bragg	Grade 4 99.07
Mr. Jackson	Grade 5 99.06
Mrs. Elliott	Grade 2 98.8
Mrs. Butcher	Grade 1 98.27
Mr. Pinney	Grade 10 97.85
Mr. Matheny	Grade 9 97.42
Miss Graham	Grade 2 97.25
Miss Ashley	Grade 3 96.27
Mr. Boggs	Grade 8 96.14
Mr. Reynolds	Grade 7 95.26
Mrs. Griffith	Grade 11 94.61
Miss Woods	Grade 12 94.37

Sophomore Assembly Well Received

The sophomore class presented the assembly on Wednesday, November 13. Mary Hamrick read the 10th Psalm and led the audience in "The Lord's Prayer". Lilly Nash, Victor Frame, and Karen Donohue did a skit named "Patience, Jackass, Patience". The whole class participated in a skit "I'm Just too Tired to Move", with Lora Wilson as "Ma" and Victor Frame as "Pa". Lilly Nash read "A Salute To Old Glory". Dawn Backus played a number on the piano. Judy Sigman, Kyle Barnette, and Abe Holmes did a park scene. Mary Hamrick and Daisy Brown did a skit with the help of Mr. Baer and Mr. Reynolds.

Nedra Frame read an announcement about American Education Week.

Three Injured in Chemistry Class

While getting ready for an experiment in chemistry,

three girls, Joan Truman, Mitzie Bailes, and Hellen Ellis, received bad cuts on the hands. The three were working with glass tubes and fitting them with rubber stoppers when the accident occurred. Joan was taken to the doctor's office after fainting, evidently from shock. Mitzie had four stitches put in her finger. Helen received treatment at the doctor's office.

All three girls are back in school sadder but wiser.

DELEGATES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Howell, R-Mineral, would include WVU Potomac State College in the state Community and Technical College system's "Learn and Earn" program of paid internship opportunities.

"The employer gains a highly qualified employee and a skilled labor pool," Howell explained. "With this arrangement, students earn valuable on-the-job training while attending school, meaning they don't have to quit one job to go to school; they can do both."

House Bill 5179, also known as "Jaycie's Law," passed the full House by a unanimous vote Wednesday. The measure would require the West Virginia Department of Education to support pregnant and parenting students so they can stay in school while taking enough time for the proper medical recovery. Excused absences for labor, delivery, prenatal and postnatal medical appointments, sick children, as well as at least eight weeks of excused absences for the mother and two weeks for the father after the birth of the child all would be required. County boards of education also would be required to provide academic support options, such as virtual schoolwork and weekly visits with a homebound instructor to ensure the students remain on track for graduation. The bill also calls for schools to refer pregnant and parenting students to pregnancy help organizations.

Also Wednesday, House members unanimously passed House Bill 4933, which would exclude dentures from the current \$1,000 yearly Medicaid limit. That limit includes diagnostic, preventative and restorative dental services, which excludes cosmetic services but prevented many West Virginians from getting both upper and lower plates at the same time.

A total of 1,542 bills have been introduced in the House, and 86 of those have passed the full House. Twelve bills have completed the legislative process. The deadline for House bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

OBITUARY

Kathryn Sue Nelson



Kathryn Sue Nelson, aged 62 years old, passed away on February 7, 2024 at her home in Dille, WV. Kathy was born on 10/17/61 in Braxton County to the late Arthur Nelson and Judy Butcher. She was a beloved sister to Sandra Nelson, Larry Nelson (Sandy Rose), Theresa Belt (Brad Belt),

and Jeremy Butcher (Beth Davis). Her greatest loves were her children and grandchildren. She leaves behind her son, Andrew Nelson, as well as her daughters, Erin Hiner (Billy Hiner) and Gracie Nelson, and her grandchildren, Jackson King and Abigail Hiner. She was also dearly loved by all of her nieces and nephews and their families: Jennie Smith, Alicia Milanese, Jerry Nelson, Travis Belt, and Dustin Belt.

Per her request, Kathy will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Greene-Robertson Funeral Home to assist with her services. (www.Greene-Robertson-FuneralHome.com)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 advance for your support!

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

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Pastor: Paul E. Young

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BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Dixie
Thursday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
with Services After
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Lee Holiday
(304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah.
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road, Bomont, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM
Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening services 7:00 PM
Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

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

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

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

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

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

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE
Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM
Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE
Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Come and worship the Lord with us.
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.
CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins
CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

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

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

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

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

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Pastor: Bret Wiley

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Dutch Ridge Laurel Road
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Tuesday Service 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans
Associate Pastor: Lee Roy Anderson

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Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
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FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: Daniel Tanner

G

GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM
Wednesday Kids/Children/Youth 7:00 PM
GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. All Sunday night services begin at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. David Smith
GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

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HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 PM
Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER
Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel, WV (off Rt. 36)
Pentecostal/Full Gospel
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening 7:00 PM
Pastor: (304) 587-2996 (home), (304) 587-2703 (church)
Pastor: James R. Paxton

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IDA BAPTIST CHURCH
Bentree
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM
Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM.
All ages welcome. Also have crafts, etc., all children welcome.
Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Class 11:00-12:30
Preaching Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM
Wednesday Service 6:30-7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!

IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
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Pastor: Freddie Elliott

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JODIE BAPTIST CHURCH
Come Worship with Us!
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Vineyard Ridge
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

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Tuesday 7:00 PM
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LAUREL FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Night: Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and Youth Group 7:00 PM
Pastor: John Barnhouse

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:00 every Sunday Morning
Sunday Night Services 7:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Come worship with us!
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
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Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM
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We invite you to come and worship with us.
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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
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Sunday School 10-11:00 AM
Church Service 11-12 Noon
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Robert Thomas

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MAYSEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Monday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: Jim Hamrick

MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: John Osborne

MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Everyone welcome!
MUD FORK CHURCH
Sunday & Jr. Worship Service 10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night & Jr.

Church Service 7:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Christopher Stout

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Sunday School 11:00 AM
Preaching, Prayer Meeting
Wednesday at 7:30 PM

NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday 11:00 AM
Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 PM
Pastor: Darius Walker
Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

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Thursday 7:00 PM
Sunday 7:00 PM
Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

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O'BRIEN ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
Pastor: James L. Balsler

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Sunday School 10:30 AM
Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday is at 10:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Phone 304-587-2955
Pastors: Cindy & Roger Dunlap

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Bible Study Thursday 6:00 PM
Pastor: Gene Copen

OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday, except 5th, 11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening
Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

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PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM
Take time out for Jesus, he took time our for you.
Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft

PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: Dennis Vance

PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM
Wednesday night Bible Study 7:00 PM
Saturday Night Preaching
Pastor: Wayne Litton

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Wayne Smith

PROCIUS COMMUNITY CHURCH Welcomes You!
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:15 AM
Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: David Walker

Q

QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C. CHURCH
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Thursday Night 7:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Scott Means

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RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH at Maysel
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM
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Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday 11:00 AM
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Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM
Come see us in church.
Pastor: Harry Dobbins

STRANGE CREEK CHURCH
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:30 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Thursday Service 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Jason Belt

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THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST
Saturday Services 7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Hiram Lewis

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM.
Everyone welcome!
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES
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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
PMEveryone welcome
Pastor: Don Dobbins

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Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Everyone is welcome to attend.

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WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 9:45 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: (304) 332-5503
Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:00 AM
Thursday Evening Service 7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Lester Tanner

WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Coon

WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall

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Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM
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Letter to the Editor

By Rocky Osborne, Bickmore, WV
February 5, 2024

To Roger Hanshaw, Delegate, Clay County and Governor Jim Justice
Re: Be a Hero or Be a Zero !

Regarding my Letter of the Editor last week, thank both of you for forwarding my letter to Jacob Bumgarner at the Department of Transportation concerning sharing the road from Hartland to Elkhurst with the Trail Authority. I am very thankful for the Free Press's willingness to air this issue for the local residents. We need to keep our local news papers alive. (Oh, by the way there's a bill being considered about that too.)

Mr. Bumgarner's response dated Feb 2, 2024 said in part,

"In 2003, the Division of Highways (DOH) entered into a temporary construction easement with Elk River Railroad, which still owns the old C&O rail bed. While that easement was in place, the DOH was able to work on and maintain the portion of the trail, including paving it and placing a guardrail, as you state in your letter. At some point between 2003 and a couple of years ago, the decision was made that replacing the bridge was not feasible, thus ending a potential project and the need for temporary construction easements associated with it. At that time DOH legal counsel advised that our agreement with the Elk River Railroad was no longer valid in the past form, and thus we had no rights to maintain that section of rail bed any longer."

He went on to say that recently there

had been conversations and meetings with Elk River Railroad. And, "Those discussions have centered around the idea that the Elk River Railroad will give the DOH the right of way of the rail bed from where Clay County Route 16/25 ends within the rail bed to where Clay County Route 22 crosses the rail bed. This would then allow us to extend Clay County Route 16/25 approximately two miles, allowing for shared use of the right of way for public travel by vehicle and use by those utilizing the rest of the trail system on the old rail bed. While we are actively working through the process, I don't want to INSINUATE THIS IS A DONE DEAL, and I HAVE NO FEEL FOR HOW LONG THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE."

In my response, I thanked him for his response and included reasons why this route is a necessity for the local residents and encouraged him to consider those points in future discussions.

As to the title of this letter, I wanted to point out one thing missing from the email from Jacob Bumgarner. Nowhere does it mention where Governor Justice or Delegate Hanshaw stand on this issue. So, I want to start a letter writing campaign to encourage both of them to be a Hero and state publicly for their constituents their support for the continued use and maintenance of the road from the mouth of Beechy Creek to Elkhurst fulfilling a commitment made in 2003 and continued 20 years by the Department of Highways. The safety of the residents of this area and the continued value of their property is worth more than a trail along the river. Sup-

port from our elected representatives could make the common sense solution mentioned in Jacob Bumgarner's letter a reality quickly.

Stand up for your constituents and be a Hero. Or say nothing and be a Zero.

Our voices as citizens matter, but the voice of our elected representatives carries the weight of their office. So, citizens, along with me, ask Roger Hanshaw and Governor Justice to be a

Hero and Not a Zero and speak for us.

Their contact information is: governor.wv.gov and roger.hanshaw@wv-house.gov.

And so he doesn't feel left out include Senator Mark Hunt mark.hunt@wvsenate.gov.

If there are other officials that might be sympathetic, please include them.

"Be a Hero or Be a Zero", applies to all of us!

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 29, 2010, executed by Borrower, Stanley W. Ratliff, to David G. Palmer, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Book 124, at Page 123. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 1497 Ossia Road, Duck, WV 25063. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated June 29, 2020, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 35, Page 612. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Clay County, in Clay, West Virginia, on the following date:

29th day of February, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Situate on the waters of Wilson Fork of Big Otter Creek, in the District of Otter, County of Clay, and the State of West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a No. 5 rebar set 15' off center of pavement of Clay County Route 19/1, common corner with property of George W. Hardman, Jr.; thence running with Clay County Route 19/1 S. 43-55 W., 256.04 feet to a No. 5 rebar set 15' off center of pavement of Clay County Route 19/1, common corner with property of George S. (sic) Hardman, Jr.; thence running with the George W. Hardman, Jr., line N. 54-12 W., 235.60 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by 20" black walnut; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 3733 W., 80.59 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by 22" double white oak; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 24-59 E., 33.50 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by a 12" white oak; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 56-16 E., 157.27 feet to a No. 5 rebar set by a 10" white oak; thence continuing with Hardman line N. 73-02 E., 151.42' to a No. 5 rebar set by a 4" maple, thence continuing with Hardman line S. 35-35 E., 220.27 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.970 acres, more or less, as surveyed on July 17, 1991, by William R. Gunnoe R.P.S., No. 801.

The Grantor herein does further Grant and Convey a right of way for ingress and egress to the property herein conveyed where the current driveway now exists. Further, the Grantor does reserve the right to maintain a water line which runs through the property herein conveyed.

BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Stanley W. Ratliff by Mary Ellen Moore, by a Deed dated October 16, 2008, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia in Deed Book 203, at page 251.

This conveyance is made subject to all easements, rights of way, restrictions, reservations and protective covenants, including but not limited to all oil, gas and mineral exceptions, reservations and leases, appearing in the chain of title.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) "The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee

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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:

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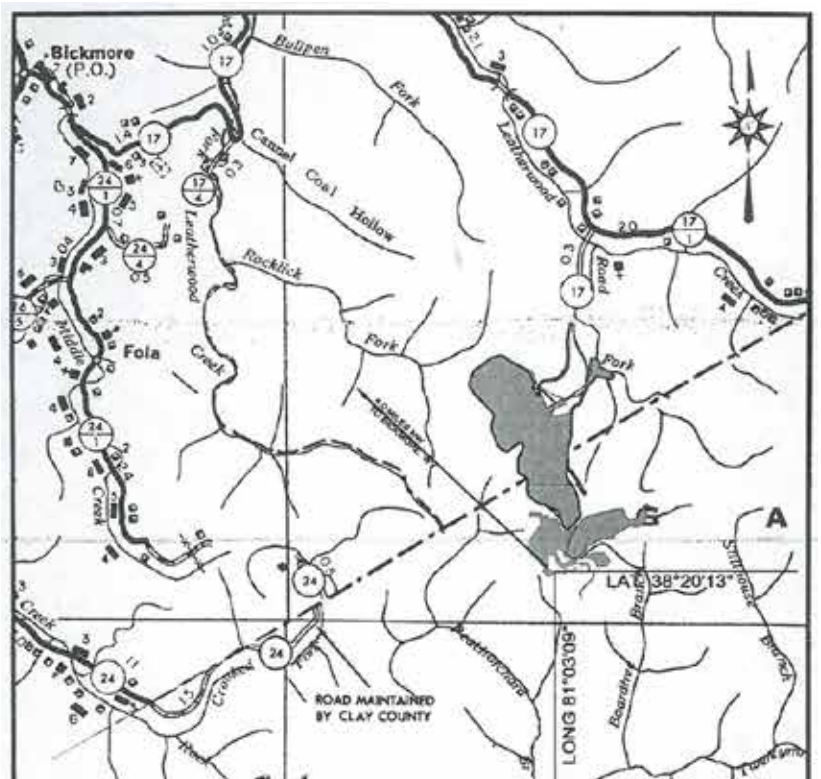
Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until March 23, 2024, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A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

The Health Plan donates to Clay County Family Support Center



The Health Plan recently donated \$5,000 to help families in Clay County through the Clay County Family Support Center.

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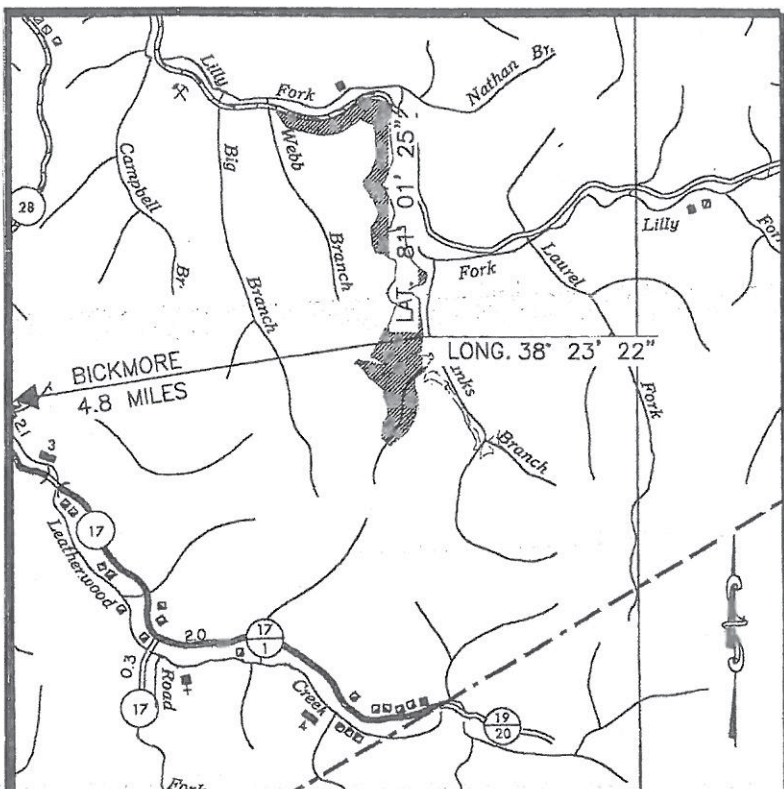
Notice is hereby given that WV Reclaim Co, LLC 2122 Leatherwood Road, Bickmore, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1, 2 and 3 Release on non-started Permit No. S201012 for the following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

CCMS basketball teams own the courts on homecoming week

By Allen Hamrick

Both the Lady Mustang and Mustang basketball teams played in a double header on Wednesday night at the Mustang Coliseum as the teams and the queens were rocking in court on homecoming night. These games would go net to net and be chocked full of action. The Mustang boys were up first against Geary who brought just enough players to put a team together, but they gave it a shot. However, it was like a train against a Tonka truck; yeah, it was a good game but as lop sided as a horse with two legs. The Mustangs capitalized on the few players and simply out distanced them physically and emotionally. By the end of the game, the clock mercifully signaled the end of the game and time to get some nachos. Final score Mustangs 42, Geary 17. Joel Elliot was top shot in the game with nine points. The Lady Mustangs were up next after the blowout of the boys' game, and it was just as ugly for Geary as the boys game was. The Lady Mustangs simply spurred their horses and ran the courts in a fast paced in your face game and held nothing back. The Geary girls just couldn't get the shots to fall, and when the massacre was over, it was the Lady Mustangs on top 49-4. Peyton Johnson was top shot with eight points. The Lady Mustang defense was just too much for Geary this time as they kept the heat up under the boards, getting the edge on rebounds and steals and kept Geary guessing



Joel Elliot tries for three.



Devin Griffin looks for three.



Lathan Brown gets two in the paint.

Mustangs were up to do battle next, and once again it was another stress test for their fans. The girls came out firing and dropping some clean shots and quickly put 17 points on the board to take a good lead. Their defense held the Lady Yellow Jackets to single digit scoring in the first half. Like all good things, though, they came to an end. The 2nd period was no piece of cake for the Lady Mustangs as they managed just two points as the Lady Yellow Jackets turned up the heat. When it was over, the Lady Mustangs got back on track

and won the game 37-30. Top shot was Rylee Murphy with 12 points.

Wednesday night also was the CCMS basketball homecoming 2024. A touch of class hit the rural hills we call home as Principal Leslie Goe crowned Peyton Johnson as the 2024 CCMS basketball homecoming queen. She had the beauty, poise and grace of a queen that will be remembered. The sound of wild cheers and smiles on parents' and friends' faces filled the gym as the crown was set in place. Peyton is deserving of the title of CCMS Home-

coming Queen and will be among the queens to grace the halls of the school. She was escorted to the event by Joel Elliot. Her court consisted of 6th grade Princess Layla Stewart escorted by Trenton Parker, 7th grade Princess Lynette Hanna escorted by Levi Rogers and 8th grade Princess Olivia Lanham escorted by Kayden Hersman. Class representatives carrying the respective flags were Andrew Tanner and Layla Parker. Carrying class colors were Gunner Dobbins, Jacob Vance, and Cheyenne Adkins.

The next day both teams faced off against the tough Spencer teams and these would prove to be nail biters. The Mustangs were up and it looked as though it would be another Mustang blowout as the score at the half was Mustangs 39, Spencer 17. The Spencer team started to rally in the 3rd period as the shots stopped falling for the Mustangs. Spencer started hitting the hoop with bombs that hit the target, and before you knew it, they had closed the gap hitting for 19 points in the 4th period, nearly winning the game. However, the Mustangs managed to get six points in the 4th to just pull out a barn burner win 50-47. Joel Elliot once again was top shot with 18 followed closely by Lathan Brown with 15. Lady

WILLIAMS

His record includes career receiving yards- 2,731, LKC Career receiving yards- 2,731, CCHS career TD catches -32, CCHS career points 334, and CCHS career and single season leader in catches with 203 career, 84 on the season.

His awards include 2023 and 2022 1st Team All State Utility, 2021 Honorable Mention All State, and three time 1st team All LKC. Even with all these successes, he was every bit a team player and loved to play. He is truly a class act;

he made football fun to watch and kept you on the edge of your seat with his abilities on the field. He will be missed and his shoes will be a tough pair to fill. I would say good luck to him in the future, however, an individual with the skill he has needs no luck...



BJ Williams and family. Photo Trey Corwell

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Panther wrestling places 7th at LKC tournament

By Allen Hamrick

The Panther wrestling team was in Ritchie County for the LKC Championships on Saturday. The Panthers are a good team but still have a ways to go before they are in championship form again. Fourteen of the toughest teams in the state are in the LKC, and this year they had some talent to go head to head with. Most of the Panther team put up a good fight and only one of them, Zane Minger, came home as LKC Champion. He also



Jarod Ferrebee - 3rd place LKC

received the most outstanding wrestler award. Jarod Ferrebee wrestled for 3rd

and James Sears for 4th. The team placed 7th overall as the boys did a good job keeping pace with wins. Braxton ran away with the tournament taking first place. The Panthers will be at Lewis County High School for regional competition on February 16. This match will determine who goes to the state championships. The top four finishers in each weight bracket will move on. Congratulations to Zane Minger and the rest of the team. Go Panthers!



James Sears - 4th place LKC.



BJ Williams and the football crew. Photo Trey Corwell

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