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Heath Cliver is pictured on the bridge at the Elk River Trail in Dundon.

Spotlight on Heath Cliver

By Gary Lee Stuber

Just a little inside the door at Tudor's Biscuit World in Clay, hanging on the wall, is a 2000 poster of the Clay County football team that went 10-0. And there in the photo third from the left in the top row is right guard and center, as well as team captain, Heath Cliver. Hometown football hero turned DNR officer.

It took him a long time to realize it, but the chips are finally falling in place. "I went to Union College in Barboursville, Kentucky where I played Center all four years. I got a degree in Recreation Management with an emphasis on park placement and design." So it wasn't really coincidental when one night as an insurance salesman he stumbled upon a job listing on Indeed that was looking for someone for Clay County, West Virginia with a recreational degree to help them design, manage, and operate a new state park there.

"They thought they were going to have to find a residence in the county, as well as build a trail office, museum and gift shop. And they said, 'Hey, here is a local man who has everything we are looking for, and he already has a home in Clay County.'"

Heath's mother was a Clay County girl, Darlene Brown, who met her husband Mike Cliver while they were in Glenville State College. Mike was from New Jersey but moved to Monroe County in West Virginia. West Virginia women have a way of pulling men into the state after marriage.

"They met in college. They started out in Lewisburg and moved to Dixie and then to Indore. I have been a Clay County native since 6th grade." Heath says. "My mother taught school at Clay Elementary but would retire from H.E. White."

He has a sister, Miriam Cliver, who

used to run the flower shop in downtown Clay, but she moved to Missouri and is presently living in Miami, Florida. She manages a hotel in Miami.

"I was starting right tackle beginning in my sophomore year and nose guard. I started wrestling back in my tenth grade year, and in my junior year I placed 6th in the state and in my senior year I placed 2nd in the state. I had, by that time, only been wrestling three years."

Clive is divorced and has six kids which he shares custody with their mothers. His first four he has week to week and the last two he shares four days one week and three the next. Jackson is his oldest at 17, Brooke is 14, Tucker is 12 and Sadie Rae is 11. Then he has Kade who is 7, and Etta Kathleen is the youngest at 4. Outside of work, his children are his life; his home is still in Indore.

"I had been putting in applications for years with the state park system. It took me 15 years to use my degree. I graduated in 2005 and two years ago I got hired into to do this job. I love being outdoors and I love the work. I tell people all the time I operate a state park that is 13 feet wide by fifty miles long."

The job is never done. Particularly after storms, floods or freezes. Culvert cleaning, tree and rock removal, slips and rock falls all require constant attention. They have a mini excavator he estimates runs four days a week. And then there is mowing. Once the growing season begins, mowing is a constant thing right up through the end of summer.

"The entire length of the park is all different. Very few sections are alike. There are straight sections, curves, blind curves, rock walls, and always with the river on one side."

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Heath Cliver and the DNR truck.

School Board announces personnel changes affected by school closings



The Board of Education.

By Gary Lee Stuber

The Clay County School Board, at the Apr. 16 regular School Board Meeting held at 6 p.m. at the Clay County High School, had lots of personnel changes announced as a direct result of the 2024-2025 budget and the closing of the H.E. White, Lizemore, and Ivydale elementary schools. Next school year only the Clay Elementary and newly refurbished Big Otter Elementary will serve Clay County students grades 1-8.

The board opened the evening's meeting by conducting a hearing requested by an employee on the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the employee's existing contract and replacing it with a contract for fewer days. The employee requested a closed executive session and the board obliged by retiring to the principal's office. The attending public mostly sat in place for a little more than an hour before the board returned for the meeting. Their decision was not made public, but many thought that somebody must have had a good argument to tie up the entire board for an hour.

Once the board returned a few minutes after seven, the meeting progressed quickly after that. They voted on a number of Superintendent's recommendations for school personnel. First up, the board accepted the recommendation that a list of employees, both professional and service related, would be transferred to new positions within the Clay County school system.

On the professional list these include two office personnel: Tina Burnett, director, and Eric Legg, director. Their new positions were not identified at the time. Principals Samantha Holcomb of Lizemore School and Megan Starcher would be transferred. Lizemore teachers Teresa Huffman, Amy Nichols, and Cory Stricker would get trans-

fers. Issac Casto of Clay Elementary, Barry Payton Clay Middle School principal, and Middle School teachers would all be transferred as well.

On the service side, BOE (Board of Education) Aide Edna Belt and central office secretary Denese Elliott would get transfers. Custodians Kathy Foster and Debora Gould, as well as cook Anita Holcomb, from the closed schools, would be transferred, along with aides Linda K. Miller and Cynthia K. Varney.

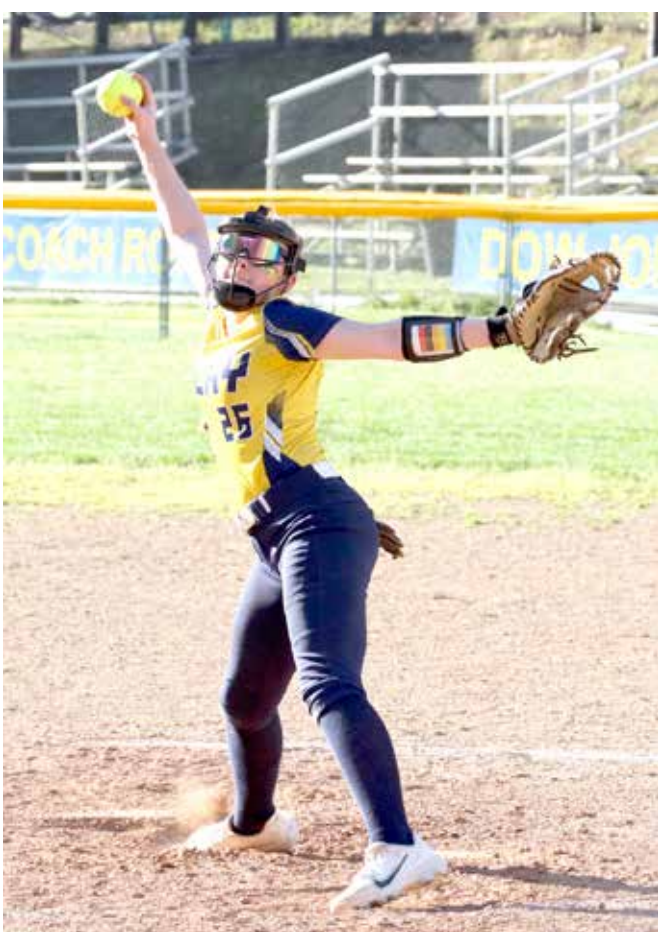
The next list considered was for termination for lack of need following the end of the school year. Jeffrey Krauklis, director at the central office, and Felisha Nutter School Psychologist, were the only two not teachers on this list. The rest of this list were teachers: Denise L. Bennet, HEW (H.E. White); Addie Cole, HEW; Kaitlyn Holcomb, BOE; Joshua Huffman, CES (Clay Elementary School); Dawn Mullins, HEW; Elizabeth Rhodes, CES; Kaitlyn Samples, CES; Susanne Stinson, HEW and Pamela Woods, CES. While the board accepted the recommendation for termination, they were all placed on a preferred recall list.

The next list of professionals were probationary employees that would be rehired for the 2024-2025 school year. They include one Board of Education employee, Speech Pathologist Holly Ballard, and one Clay Elementary teacher, Issac Casto; school guidance counselors Sabrina Corwell and Tara Dotson; three middle school teachers including Melissa Samples, Heather Sears, and Allison Vaughn; and five high school teachers including Janie Casto, Elizabeth Hubbard, Christopher Johnson, McKenzie Osborne, and Dwayne Walker.

Service personnel rehires includes: Daniel Baird and Steven Litton, mechanics; custodians Lisa Legg, Tyler Nichols, Jamie

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Lady Mustangs continue dominating the diamond



Layla Parker fires the cannon. Allen Hamrick photo.

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Clay County Cleanup Day is April 27

There will be a Clay County Cleanup Day on Saturday, Apr. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until all trucks are full across from Pierson's Lumber, on Route 16 just below the Clay County Bus Garage. This event is sponsored by the Clay County Solid Waste Authority.

Allowed items:

- Empty appliances
- Lawn mowers
- Car and ATV batteries
- Small engines (free of fluids)
- Microwaves

- Furniture and mattresses
- TVs and electronics
- Anything metal
- Tires will be accepted at Clay County High School

Not allowed items include propane tanks, household trash, vehicles, and contractor or business trash.

You are responsible for unloading your vehicle or trailer. No early drop offs (possible prosecution if this is done) and NO business or contractor may participate.

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BRAXTON COUNTY



Justin Ray Chapman I
Booked 4/15/24
False information, obstructing an officer



Jeremiah David Dean
Booked 4/21/24
Soliciting a minor via computer and traveling to engage minor in sexual activity



Timothy David Graham
Booked 4/19/24
Disorderly conduct, obstructing EMT



Mark Ryan James
Booked 4/17/24
Kidnapping, domestic battery, domestic assault, arson fourth degree, sexual abuse first degree



Noah Keith Kushak
Booked 4/15/24
Bond revocation, Capias



Brittany Jade Ritter
Booked 4/21/24
Conspiracy, gross neglect of a child creating risk of injury or death

BRAXTON COUNTY



Brian Scott Stewart
Booked 4/19/24
Possession of a controlled substance, Capias



Patty Jo Stump
Booked 4/19/24
DUI controlled substance, possession of controlled substance

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Keri Dawn Foster
Booked 4/19/24
Fugitive from justice



Ronny Lee Hinkle
Booked 4/19/24
Burglary



Jack Benny Price II
Booked 4/15/24
Family court Capias



Nathaniel Charles Rader
Booked 4/18/24
Capias, bond violation

NICHOLAS CTY.



Douglas Scott Swink
Booked 4/20/24
Domestic assault, domestic battery

CLAY COUNTY



Jacob Lee Adkins
Booked 4/22/24
Burglary, destruction of property



Steven Howard Duffield
Booked 4/20/24
Capias



Bryon Charles Kerber
Booked 4/15/24
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Clay Roane Public Service District: Per motion passed on Feb. 15, 2024, the Board Meeting dates and times have changed to the following: Regular Board meetings shall be held each third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. via the online Zoom website. Except for the months of June, September, and December which will be held in person at the office of Clay Roane PSD, same date and time.

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.

March PAX winners 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 March 2024 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!

Mr. Vaughan - 5th Grade - Jayla Cadle
Mrs. Burns - 4th Grade - Jackson Sears
Mrs. Pierson - 3rd Grade - Leighla Rose
Mr. Vaughan - 3rd Grade - Haidon Fugate
Ms. Jarvis - 2nd Grade - Brentlee O'Dell
Ms. Paxton - 2nd Grade - Abigail Shablum
Ms. Douglas - 1st Grade - Lacey Tanner
Mrs. Collins - Kindergarten - Reese Gill
Mrs. Holcomb - Kindergarten - Liam Morris
Mrs. Marks - PreK - Josh Marks
Ms. Sears - PreK - Gavin Gross (Not Pictured)

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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The Actions of Love

By Joseph J. Mazzella

It was over 50 years ago but I still remember it like it was yesterday. I was a young boy on spring break from school but couldn't go out to play because of heavy thunderstorms. The TV was off too with the clip that attached it to the outside antenna dropped in a glass jar to ground it from possible lightning strikes. This left me sitting by the wood stove rereading my favorite book for the tenth time.

As lunchtime approached I began to smell the most heavenly scents drifting from the kitchen. Soon my Italian Nana walked into the dining room carrying a steaming bowl of pasta fasule and a large piece of freshly baked Italian bread smothered in butter. She put it on the table, motioned me to come, and said, "mangia mangia" which means "eat eat." I smiled and ran over to the table. The food was so delicious, it warmed my stomach and my heart. As I was finishing up my meal my Mom walked up behind me, smiled sweetly, and gently touched my head. In that moment I felt so loved. In that moment I felt so happy.

Mark Twain once wrote: "Actions speak louder than words." That was so true in my family. I don't remember hearing the words: "I love you" a lot as a child. It just wasn't said that much back then. It wasn't that my Mom, Dad, and Nana didn't love me. It was just said in other ways. It was said through every meal they made me, every hug they gave me, every smile they shared with me, every kind word they said to me, and every gentle touch I felt from them.

Always try to share your love through your words, but always try to share your love through your actions as well. Let God's love flow through everything you do. Let your actions speak loudly for everyone to hear. Do everything you can to share love, spread joy, create kindness, and make this world a little more like Heaven.

SCHOOL BOARD

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BOE Treasurer Jennifer Paxton.

Sears and Aaron Sivera; cooks Jennie Brady and Wendy Taylor; maintenance John R. Osborne; bus drivers Nicholas Christian, Joshua McKittrick, Sherman Pritt and Randy Hall; and aides Becky Barss, Edna Belt, Jerri Ferrebee, Dana Fields, Jennifer Jones, Linda K. Miller, Cynthia K. Varney and Dianne Lyons.

The board then voted to not award a contract to a list of employees for the 2024-2025 School Year but place their names on a preferred recall list. The professionals on this list include: School Psychologist Sidney Mollohan, and remainder of the list were teachers: Christina Belt, Nellie Elliott, Stephani Gauding, Sebrina Grose, Julie Gunter, Hannah, Kacie Minger, Jamie Paxton, Myesscha Schoonover, Jessica Stone, Julia Triplett, and Richard Triplett.

Service personnel on this list include: custodians Joseph Fitzwater and Ethan Hacker; secretary Misty Winebrenner; cooks Pamela Haynes and Janice Moore; and aides Jeanie Bartsch, Sandra Potasnik, Michelle Ramsey, and Amber Wilmoth.

The board voted to modify contracts of a short list of employees by terminating their present contract and replacing it with contracts with shorter annual terms. Many of these were personnel whose position had changed. These include teachers Morgan Hacker and Kelsey McFarland; directors Jeffrey Krauklis and Eric Legg; CTE director Robert Morris; principals Samantha Holcomb, Michelle Paxton and Megan Starcher; and assistant principals Angela Nichols and Barry Paxton.

Following her monthly financial report, Jennifer Paxton was voted by the board to continue as the Treasurer for the Clay County School Board for fiscal year 2025. As far as new hires, the board accepted (pending successful drug testing, background checks, testing or training where appropriate) hired the following: Heather Sears for 6-8 Science Teacher at Clay Middle School; Barry Paxton as Project AWARE coordinator, a contract paid by Project Aware; Rebecca Burdette as Custodian I, evening shift at Clay Elementary; school custodians Jesse Runion, Sammy Reed, Ethan Hacker and Kenneth Smith; two cooks for the Appalachian Service Project Summer Program at Clay Middle School, paid by ASP Janice Moore and Dorothy Childers; Jacey Collins as substitute teacher; Margie Taylor and Karen Morris as substitute custodians; and the board approved the Volunteer Commitment Agreement for two Big Otter volunteers: Laura Duffield and Stephanie J. Adkins.

The board hired Patrick Shepherd as an enrichment teacher for the Elementary Summer Learning program halfdays Monday through Thursday, June 7 to July 25. And for the Secondary Career and Technical Education Camp, hired Dwayne Walker, welding; Patrick Shepherd, Entomology/Science, and Shyanne Lane for the halfday schedule also Monday through Thursday, July 17 to 25. And for the Summer KinderBoost Prep Days, June 25 and 25, and Taste of Kindergarten Day on June 26, hired aides Desi Facemire, Loretta Triplett, and C. Karen Varney.

The boards last act of the night before adjourning was to approve the Professional and the Service Personnel salary schedules for the 2024-2025 school year. The next regular school board meeting will be held the first Tuesday in May on May 7, at 6 p.m. at the Clay County High School.

And Then An Angel Floated By

Dr. James L. Snyder

Some weeks can be tough. I've had a few in my life that came unexpectedly and challenged my determination.

Last week was one of those weeks.

We had a serious "Bug Squatting" situation in our home. I really can't determine what the bug was; all I can say is that it was.

The situation affected everyone in our family, including many of our friends.

I was the only one who did not suffer from it. Unfortunately for me, I chuckled within and was proud that I did not get hit by it. But everyone, including The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, had very serious accouterments, which I will not explain for various reasons.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was in bed for one full day, which is rather unusual for her. She's always up and doing something, but this time, she was down, and I won't mention what she was doing.

It seemed to pass, and at that time, I was not affected. I very smugly thought that I was the only one who survived all of that "Bug Squatting" scenario.

Then, the unmentionable happened. It was a Friday night, and I had my first episode of diarrhea. It came and went rather quickly, and I had no other health problems. I didn't have any sick stomach or even a headache. I thought I had escaped that problem.

Then Saturday morning started. All day long, I had diarrhea and spent most of my time in the bathroom. I didn't know what I was going to do, but I didn't have any other symptoms, at least at that time.

I was afraid we would have to cancel the Sunday morning service, and I hate doing that with a passion.

By early afternoon on Saturday, I was fine. I didn't feel sick anywhere and had no further problems—at least, that's what I thought.

The plans were to go through Sunday just as planned.

At about 5 a.m. Sunday, before I woke up, I had an episode that made me race to the bathroom and caused some alarm. However, it was over in a moment, and there were no residues left in my body.

The best thing to do was to keep this a secret, especially from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

We got up Sunday morning as usual and got ready, and at the right time, we left for our church service at the assisted living facility that we minister to. Everything was going fine. As we drove, I took various sips of my coffee and felt great.

The service began as usual at 10 o'clock. We sang some hymns, and then it came time for me to preach the sermon.

For a variety of reasons, I sit in a chair behind a table as

I preach. There is just a small group of people around me, so that makes a better situation.

It's good I was sitting down because if I had not been, I would have been in serious trouble.

I introduced the sermon, read the Scripture, and then gave the opening prayer.

As I began the sermon, I began to feel a little funny. And I don't mean laughing funny. It was a weird kind of funny like I've never had before.

It wasn't long before everything became rather hazy for me. I became somewhat dizzy and couldn't speak as I usually do.

Then it happened. Right before me, an Angel floated by, waving her hand. After that, I'm not quite sure what happened. I do know that one of the nurses came to take my blood pressure and found that it had dropped.

The recourse was to take me by ambulance to the hospital. At the time, I wasn't quite sure what was happening.

Before I knew it, I was ushered into the hospital to the intensive care unit surrounded by medical professionals.

Pretty soon, I became a little more conscious of my surroundings and began to realize that I was in the hospital and everybody's attention was focused on me. At the time I didn't know if I should start preaching or start telling a joke.

The nurses left, and another nurse came in, and I knew exactly what she was there for. I greeted her by saying, "Hello, Nurse Dracula." She then stuck my arm with needles and began to suck my blood out as fast as she could. It took her several times to find the right vein to get the blood she needed. I was suspicious about that. I just assumed she was getting even at me calling her Nurse Dracula.

I spent the rest of the day in the hospital. They put me in the third-floor room where my daughter is the head nurse.

They went through all their medical processes, even a CAT scan, and found nothing wrong with me. I did have the bug, whatever that bug is, and I did have a light infection that caused me to cough and sneeze quite a bit.

I learned one valuable lesson from this adventure. When somebody gets the bug, never assume that I won't. Don't laugh at the ones who do because those "Bug Squatters" heard me laughing and got their revenge on me.

A verse of scripture came to mind. "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

This is the goal of my life.

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Heath walks out onto a reconstructed bridge over Big Buffalo Creek at Dundon as he talks, "This bridge gets covered in Kudzu and we have to cut it back." He says, "or it will completely cover the bridge, shading it, making it like a tunnel." There are still dried pieces of vine in the overarches from a season ago. "We teamed up with WVU and have counters." He points to an almost invisible lens embedded in a steel beam of the bridge. "This is a counter, as someone walks by it adds that person to a data bank somewhere, keeping track of how many people pass in front of it." He points out a spot nearby there at the confluence of the Elk River and Buffalo Creek on the bank where the old red house used to stand. "There is where they are going to build the State Park Office, designed to look like an old depot. It will be a gift shop and an elk railroad museum as well." It is a beautiful spot on the bank which will also allow handicapped access to the river. It should be easily seen from the new bridge over the Elk River to Dundon, Widen and points beyond. Construction could begin this June or July.

He spoke about some of the sights on the trail. "There are five waterfalls, or freshettes, between Dundon and Duck. There are does and baby deer all over the trail. There have been some bear sighted as well, along with foxes, raccoons, and about any wildlife you can imagine. There are some of the old creosote poles up that have the old glass insulators. We still have a few wooden culverts that are still in the ground, they are made with cypress so they don't rot, but some get crushed. At mile marker 53 there is a concrete tunnel that the Italians built in 1951. The CCC had them build a number of them that lets the water come through under the railway. There is a plaque that identifies the year." He laughs when he says, "When you look on a West Virginia state map and it says state park and there is a big patch there. Well, my park looks more like a spaghetti noodle on the map."

"This is the flattest trail in West Virginia." He offers. "Between here and Gassaway is a .5% grade. When they came out of Widen they could haul 90 cars of coal with five steam engines. In Gassaway there were six sets of tracks because when they got to Gassaway, they had to break it up into smaller number of cars, park them on the tracks. From Gassaway to Exchange they could only pull 30 cars with five steam engines because the grade was better than 1.5% grade. So they would only take thirty cars at a time, and come back two more times. So that is one of the things we can say. Our trail is flat."

"Fishing is better on the railroad side of the Elk River. This side and the other side are two different beasts. I mean you can go down along this trail and just look down and see the fish in the various holes they sit in." He says,

"I have been here two years and we are just now getting on the WV Tourism site. If there is one thing about this state park, it is you have a lot of park that has limited access. For as much as twelve miles at a time, you can hear activity on the other side of the river but you are either going up over a rock cliff or swimming across the river to get there."

He has put up five bathrooms along the trail, and is trying to work with adjoining landowners to see if he can get more river access points.

He is a southern Elk River guy. The Elk River halves the county and anyone south of the river knows, what life is like on this southern side. "My kids are involved in 4-H so I'm involved with 4-H." He says, "My daughter plays football for Clay Middle School. My 14-year-old daughter Brooke is the starting right tackle for the middle school. She is six foot tall in the eighth grade and an imposing figure." He brags. She is indeed a chip off the old block as Heath is still an imposing figure himself. "All my kids are big kids, except for the youngest. She is still a tiny thing, and she is spoiled. She has five siblings that won't let her cry." Spoken like a father who knows his children well.

"I have been accused a number of times of calling this park mine. Hey, I'm a Clay County boy, this is my home, this is my park. Besides, none of this ever feels like work. I get to come out every day and play." If everyone took this attitude, West Virginia would truly be 'almost heaven.'



2000 Clay perfect season of football.

The Extra Effort: West Virginia severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides 60 days later

West Virginia has taken significant steps toward recovery following the storms and flooding, that occurred Aug. 28-30, 2023.

Recovery takes the Whole Community. Affected communities and disaster survivors are repairing and rebuilding better, stronger and safer. This effort is possible with the help of neighbors, friends, family members, voluntary groups, faith- and community-based organizations and local, county, state and federal governments.

The following highlights recovery progress made in the 60 days since the Jan. 30 presidential disaster declaration and how disaster survivors and affected communities are overcoming challenges:

Survivors in five counties – Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison and Kanawha – were immediately eligible to apply for help under FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) program.

On Feb. 27, local, county and state government infrastructure and certain private nonprofit organizations in three (3) counties – Harrison, Kanawha and Roane – became eligible to receive funding through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program to repair and rebuild certain eligible disaster-damaged facilities. Thirteen (13) projects are in development for state and local entities covering a range of public works from sewers and utilities to road repair and debris removal.

The PA program benefits everyone in the affected communities because essential services like roads, utilities, schools and hospitals are often restored stronger than they were before the disaster. FEMA relieves burdens of local and county governments and the state by paying 75 percent of the eligible costs.

More than 600 West Virginia households have contacted FEMA for IA help.

To date, survivors have received more than \$2.2 million in federal disaster assistance for a variety of recovery purposes.

More than \$2.1 million in grants has been approved to make essential repairs for homes to be safe, secure

and functional and for a place to stay for homeowners and renters whose residences were uninhabitable.

More than \$109 thousand in grants has gone to homeowners and renters to repair and replace certain household items and for disaster-related burial, medical and dental expenses.

More than \$770 thousand of the \$2.2 million in grants approved was the result of follow-up communications from FEMA staff.

At more than \$7,600, West Virginians received nearly double the national average of disaster grant awards.

Homeowners, renters and businesses have received more than \$154 thousand in low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to repair, rebuild and replace damaged property and contents. Disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

NFIP policyholders have received more than \$76 thousand in claims to repair and rebuild flood-damaged property.

Disaster recovery officials interacted with survivors in a variety of ways to help them recover:

Nearly 700 survivors visited the six Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs). The first three centers opened within days of the presidential disaster declaration.

As of April 1, 575 FEMA housing inspections have been completed.

Teams of FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance specialists visited 2,800 residences in all five disaster counties to encourage more than 1,000 survivors to register for help, provide recovery information and listen to their concerns.

Whole community partners continue to collaborate to find solutions to enable West Virginia's recovery and will be here as long as it takes.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/disaster/4756 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

December 1957

Fads and Fashions

by Reba Eagle

In case you students were wondering what all the ooh's and "ahs!" were about on November 26, it was because of the high-stepping Widen High majorettes. They were dressed ready to make the trip to Swandale and Dundon to play for the dedication of the new flag poles. I wish to congratulate the majorettes on their very snappy appearance.

At last, after a long wait, the girls are wearing page boy hairdos again. Their is no mistaking the girls for boys now days. However there are still several attractive short hair cuts.

We have talked about skirts, sweaters, peddle pushers, slim jims, collars and car coats, but we have failed to mention the most important garment of a girl's wardrobe, "the dress." We have seen a pretty gray, wool-like sheath, with a cowl neck and a bow behind. Another pretty one was gray with a shirt waist top and gathered skirt. There are several other nice ones, but since Santa will be bringing a lot of new ones, we will wait and tell you about them.

The Widen High cheerleaders have started a new fad around school. Since red and white are the school colors, the cheerleader have added to their new uniforms, red and white rock and roll shoes. We are sure that Santa will have a large order for red and white rock and roll shoes.

With all the work the girls have now days, still they haven't let down on keeping their nails cleaned, filed and neatly polished. I am amazed at all the different shades of pink and red that our polishes come in. Some girls have lipstick and some girls have lip-stick and some girls have lip-stick and some girls have lip-stick.

Many girls have been wearing novelty socks to school lately. The socks are white with red, blue, and striped shoe strings laced up the side. Some girls have white bobby socks with black Ivy League buckles behind.

I have noticed that Santa has visited some boys early this year. We have seen several red striped flannel shirts. I guess the reason why Santa came so early to them was because they were "such good little boys."

The "Globe Trotter Jr." hand bags have been seen for the first time in our school this month. Several teacher and students have them. They have the business look of the future career girl.

May every one of you fine people have a very Merry Christmas. Until next time, "keep flashing those fashions."

Fifth And Tenth Win Banners

Mr. Jackson's fifth grade won the attendance banner for the third month with a percentage of 97.45.

Mr. Pinney's tenth grade won for the high school with a percentage of 98.89.

Congratulations 5th and 10th graders.

Percentage of Attendance		
Mr. Pinney	Grade 10	98.89
Mr. Jackson	Grade 5	97.45
Miss Woods	Grade 12	96.47
Mr. Boggs	Grade 8	96.04
Mrs. Elliott	Grade 2	95.97
Mr. Reynolds	Grade 7	95.75
Mr. Matheny	Grade 9	94.88
Mrs. Bragg	Grade 4	93.05
Mrs. Butcher	Grade 1	92.06
Mrs. Griffith	Grade 11	91.42
Miss Ashley	Grade 3	90.97
Miss Graham	Grade 2	89.11
Mrs. Reynolds	Grade 6	85.90

How We Know Them!

M ischievous Abe Holmes
 E nergetic Mr. Simmons
 R eliable Lillian Dodrill
 R eckless Paul De Moss
 Y awning Jerome Keener

C ute Lora Lou Wilson
 H appy Karen Mick
 R estful Jimmy Manning
 I nteresting Rosa Gibson
 S weet Carolene Miller
 T imid Terry Shaffer
 M annerly Lillie Nash
 A mbitious April Manning
 S tudious Joan Truman

K ind Skippy George
 I ntelligent Ruby Lee Holcomb
 D elightful Sandra Holiday
 S uccessful Ronald Cottrell

What Color?—Students

"What color is it students?" asked Coach Pinney as he held aloft a large piece of cardboard before the assembled high school students. "Orange," screamed the crowd.

"I hate to disagree with you, but to me it's white," answered the coach. He flipped the card around, and so it was.

In this fashion he explained that what we see at a ballgame is not always what the officials see. Disputing and calling out disparaging remarks are signs of poor sportsmanship and not superior knowledge of the game.

The cheerleaders led the group in a brief pep session with the two new substitutes, Judy Sigman and Karen Mick, appearing with them for the first time.

Skit Ticks Fancies

The Junior Class presented a short radio skit, entitled "Willy Satin, Private Eye" in assembly on November 26.

The Skit told the story of a skilled detective's activities in solving the murder of a man whose body was found in his own closet—ohn, and Margie, John's girl friend, follow his actions with eager curiosity.

The cast included Willy, Jimmy Manning; John, Dave Wilson; Margie, Ruby Lee Holcomb; Mrs. Jordan, Judy Shaffer; Mr. Jordan, Albert King. Professor Hushboy, David Hamrick; Announcer, Barbara Eagle; Assistant, Joyce Workman; Sound effects, Carol Neal; and special chorus, Judy LaCorte, Rosa Gibson, Judy Shaffer, Joyce Workman, Doris Holmes and Janice Young.

Devotionals were led by Rosa Gibson.

Cheerleaders Add Color Widen Students Interested

The first game of the season opened at Sutton in a blaze of color. The cheerleaders wore their new uniforms which are more colorful than last year's. The girls gave their money to Mr. Baer, who purchased their new sweaters at the Sport Mart in Charleston, West Virginia. Their sweaters are white, turtle necked, and long sleeved, with a red megaphone on the front. The megaphone has W.H.S. written in white. Also the cheerleaders ordered red and white rock and roll shoes from Sears and Roebuck. They look very attractive with their uniforms. They are using the same red corduroy skirts lined with white cotton that were used last year. These are worn over white tights.

The cheerleaders urge you all to back your team by attending the games and by joining in the cheering.

Sophomore News

On November 15, the sophomore class held a wiener roast at the swimming pool. It was a cool crisp night and the fire felt good. After filling up on hot dogs, marshmallows and pop, we danced on the platform by the fish pond. The colored lights were turned on and lent a festive mood, shining among the trees and on the water in the pond. Mr. and Mrs. Pinney and their two children helped show us a good time. After dancing we sat around the fire singing and telling jokes.

Everyone had a wonderful time. We wish to thank Mr. Ed Ketchka for coming to school to turn on the lights for us. Those who attended were: Albert King, Victor Frame, Judy Sigman, Mary Hamrick, Dawne Backus, Joe Woods, and Kyle Barnett.

BEST WRITERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st—
 John Brown
 Anna Haygood
 James Sizemore
- 2nd—(Graham)
 Charles Johnson
 Keith Butcher
 Yvonne Hamilton
- 2nd—(Elliott)
 Jimmy Dorsey
 Donald Connor
- 3rd—
 Herby Gibson
 Teddy Rapp
 Linda Hamrick
- 4th—
 Molly Dorsey
- 5th—
 Janet Eagle
 Ronald Dodrill
- 6th—
 Charles Mullins
 Sharon Baughman

SECOND GRADE NEWS

If you hear a bit of confusion in room 6 it may be the second grade practicing their part for "the" Christmas program. Or it may be arithmetic class in progress. Their favorite number game is "Have You Seen My Geese?"

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Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
2023-C-000001	2022	1158	KING MIKI ETAL	1.75 AC WTS BUFFALO SUR	BUFFALO	\$681.66
2023-C-000003	2022	1104	JARVIS LESA S	0.37 AC STRANGE CRK SUR	BUFFALO	\$510.24
2023-C-000004	2022	1105	JARVIS LESA S	0.126 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$183.71
2023-C-000005	2022	1106	JARVIS LESA S	.662 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$505.83
2023-C-000006	2022	1107	JARVIS LESA S	4.542 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR	BUFFALO	\$187.64
2023-C-000007	2022	1108	JARVIS LESA SUE	.29 AC WTS OF DILLE RUN SUR	BUFFALO	\$188.61
2023-C-000010	2022	1110	JEFFREY ARTHUR DALE	LT 38 IVYDALE FEE 1/4 INT	BUFFALO	\$177.19
2023-C-000011	2022	1112	JEFFREY GARY A	LT 38 IVYDALE FEE 1/4 INT	BUFFALO	\$177.19
2023-C-000012	2022	1055	HOLMES DARRELL JR	LOT 5 TOWN OF WIDEN SUR	BUFFALO	\$186.67
2023-C-000013	2022	1056	HOLMES DARRELL JR	LOT 3 TOWN OF WIDEN SUR	BUFFALO	\$197.37
2023-C-000014	2022	1592	RAMSEY SHAWN	LOT 70 TOWN OF WIDEN SUR	BUFFALO	\$176.86
2023-C-000015	2022	2020	TURNER SARAH E HRS	45 AC WTS GROVES 1/2 INT O&G	BUFFALO	\$176.86
2023-C-000016	2022	2121	WILLIAMS LARRY ARNOLD	10 AC WTS BUFFALO MIN 1/2 OF 1/3 INT	BUFFALO	\$176.86
2023-C-000018	2022	4005	DAVIS JEFFERY A	16.25 AC WTS SANDY SUR & ROW	HENRY	\$514.62
2023-C-000019	2022	4006	DAVIS JEFFERY A	2 AC PT OF 16.25 AC WTS SANDY SUR (MH PARK)	HENRY	\$1,345.40
2023-C-000020	2022	4516	GILL MICHAEL A	2.15 AC WTS SANDY SUR	HENRY	\$421.75
2023-C-000021	2022	7515	WHITE PATRICIA	.559 AC WTS LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$962.07
2023-C-000024	2022	4586	GRANT CARY J	1 AC WTS SANDY SUR	HENRY	\$204.29
2023-C-000025	2022	4587	GRANT CARY J	2 AC WTS SANDY SUR	HENRY	\$523.49
2023-C-000028	2022	6525	ROGERS J C HRS	20.5 AC WTS LAUREL SUR 2/6 INT	HENRY	\$229.12
2023-C-000029	2022	6538	ROGERS WILLIAM L	20.5 AC WTS LAUREL SUR 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$198.07
2023-C-000030	2022	6526	ROGERS J C HRS	20.75 AC WTS LAUREL SUR 2/6 INT	HENRY	\$231.06
2023-C-000031	2022	6539	ROGERS WILLIAM L	20.75 AC WTS LAUREL SUR 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$199.06
2023-C-000032	2022	5098	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	2 AC REED FORK SUR 2/8 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000034	2022	7571	WILLIS MELISSA	1/8 AC HORNERS FORK SUR 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000035	2022	3718	COLE LARRY W ETUX	.20 AC BIG LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$534.12
2023-C-000036	2022	7572	WILLIS MELISSA	9 AC HORNERS FORK SUR 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$802.02
2023-C-000037	2022	3719	COLE LARRY W ETUX	4 RDS BIG LAUREL SUR	HENRY	\$182.65
2023-C-000038	2022	6222	PRITT DEBORAH & BOBBY R STONE	LOT LOWER TWO RUN SUR	HENRY	\$194.48
2023-C-000039	2022	4828	HARDMAN ZELMA KING	57.02 AC LOWER TWO RUN SUR 1/3 INT	HENRY	\$221.29
2023-C-000040	2022	4829	HARDMAN ZELMA KING	4.98 AC LOWER TWO RUN SUR 1/3 INT	HENRY	\$199.39
2023-C-000041	2022	3568	CARPENTER REGINA-DI-ANNA	LOT LOWER BUTLER TWO RUN SUR	HENRY	\$243.36
2023-C-000043	2022	6480	RHODES LISA R ETAL	LTS 121-122 E HARTLAND SUR	HENRY	\$366.50
2023-C-000044	2022	5099	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	130 AC REED FORK MIN 9/32 INT	HENRY	\$182.75
2023-C-000045	2022	5100	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	210 AC REED FORK MIN 9/32 INT	HENRY	\$234.21
2023-C-000046	2022	5101	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	30 AC REED FORK MIN 9/64 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000047	2022	5102	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	51 AC REED FORK MIN 9/32 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000048	2022	5103	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	50 AC REED FORK MIN 45/384 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000049	2022	5104	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	110 AC REED FORK MIN 9/65 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000050	2022	5105	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	26 AC REED FORK MIN 9/384 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000051	2022	5106	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	100 AC REED FORK MIN 9/64 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000052	2022	5107	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	35 AC REED FORK MIN 45/385 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000053	2022	5108	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	127 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 9/128 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000054	2022	5109	JONES SHARON L FAMILY TRUST	49 AC REED FORK MIN 45/384 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000055	2022	4893	HICKS WALTER	75 AC WTS BIG LAUREL MIN 1/6 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000057	2022	6931	STAPLES ROBERT W ETAL REVOCABLE TRUST	11 1/3 AC WTS WHETSTONE O&G 1/3 OF 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000058	2022	7636	YOUNG DONLEY S JR ETAL	78.75 AC WTS LAUREL O&G DONOHUE TR 1/10 OF 1/2 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000061	2022	7503	WHEELER JEFFREY SMITH	140 AC WTS SANDY O&G 1/2 OF 3.64% INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000062	2022	7628	YOUNG DONLEY S	250 AC GRANNIES CRK MIN 1/10 OF 42/512 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000063	2022	7629	YOUNG DONLEY S	31.5 LILLY FORK O&G 1/10 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000064	2022	7630	YOUNG DONLEY S	13 AC WTS LAUREL MIN 1/10 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000065	2022	7631	YOUNG DONLEY S	250 AC GRANNIES CRK MIN 1/10 OF 21/512 INT	HENRY	\$179.85
2023-C-000066	2022	7632	YOUNG DONLEY S	62.5 JOE SPRUCE KNOB O&G 1/10 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000067	2022	7633	YOUNG DONLEY S	12.5 AC TWO RUN O&G 1/10 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000068	2022	7634	YOUNG DONLEY S	50 AC WTS LAUREL O&G 1/10 OF 1/5 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000069	2022	7635	YOUNG DONLEY S	111 AC WTS LAUREL O&G 1/10 OF 2/12 INT	HENRY	\$176.86
2023-C-000070	2022	11456	ROBINSON CECILIA	28.21 AC WTS WEST FORK 1/2 INTEREST	OTTER	\$228.78
2023-C-000071	2022	11457	ROBINSON CECILIA	9.36 AC WTS WEST FORK 1/2 INTEREST	OTTER	\$489.08
2023-C-000072	2022	12433	YOUNG ROBERT F	.51 AC OTTER SUR	OTTER	\$216.68
2023-C-000074	2022	10287	JENAB LORITA	0.73 ACS N S ELK SUR (TR 1)	OTTER	\$464.85
2023-C-000075	2022	11045	MORRIS JOHN AMOS	11 AC LOG SHOALS SUR 1/3 INT	OTTER	\$198.75
2023-C-000077	2022	8404	BARKER MARTY ETUX	LOT N S ELK SUR	OTTER	\$177.85
2023-C-000078	2022	11272	PERDUE GARY A	.08 AC N S ELK LOT 43 SUR	OTTER	\$182.75
2023-C-000079	2022	8824	BURGESS RAYMOND L ETUX	LOT 36 .04 AC N S ELK SUR (FRAME TRACT)	OTTER	\$227.79
2023-C-000080	2022	8825	BURGESS RAYMOND L ETUX	LOT 35 .03 AC N S ELK SUR (FRAME TRACT)	OTTER	\$176.86
2023-C-000081	2022	8405	BARNES JAMES H	52.5 AC WTS WEST FORK MIN 1/24 INTEREST	OTTER	\$176.86
2023-C-000082	2022	8481	BOGGS BRENT ETAL	100 AC RUSH FORK O&G 1/4 OF 1/4 INT	OTTER	\$176.86
2023-C-000083	2022	11829	STARCHER ROSCOE	54 AC WEST FORK O&G 1/32 INT	OTTER	\$176.86
2023-C-000084	2022	11830	STARCHER ROSCOE	18.124 AC WEST FORK MIN 1/32 INT	OTTER	\$176.86
2023-C-000085	2022	15506	SCHOONOVER W A	18 AC WTS BEECHY SUR 5/12 & 1/2 OF 1/12 INT	PLEASANT	\$273.84
2023-C-000086	2022	13072	BOWEN KATHLEEN SCHOONOVER	18 AC WTS BEECHY SUR 3/12 INT	PLEASANT	\$225.50
2023-C-000087	2022	16126	YOUNG GARNET M	2 AC BIG SYC SUR 1/10 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000088	2022	13801	FRYE VERNON MITCHELL ETUX	79.85 AC MIDDLE CREEK SUR	PLEASANT	\$857.56
2023-C-000089	2022	13958	HFP LLC	119.35 AC S S ELK SUR	PLEASANT	\$1,657.02
2023-C-000091	2022	15473	SAMUELS WILLIAM E	LOT MID CRK SUR	PLEASANT	\$952.75
2023-C-000093	2022	14681	MOORE FRANKLIN D JR ETAL	13.59 AC BIG SYC SUR	PLEASANT	\$724.44
2023-C-000094	2022	14694	MOORE JO ANN	4 AC BIG SYC SUR 1/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$179.46
2023-C-000095	2022	14674	MOORE ANGELA ETAL	4 AC BIG SYC SUR 2/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$191.88
2023-C-000096	2022	14650	MILLER ANGELA MOORE ETVIR	.5 AC BIG SYC SUR	PLEASANT	\$272.34
2023-C-000097	2022	15283	RAMSEY JAMES ROSCOE	7.68 AC MIDDLE CREEK SUR 1/4 INT	PLEASANT	\$184.71
2023-C-000098	2022	13341	COLEMAN CAROL	4.100 AC WTS BIG SYC FEE (C OUT) 1/3 OF 1/7 OF 1/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000099	2022	14706	MOORE TRELIS ETUX	.25 AC BIG SYCAMORE FEE	PLEASANT	\$185.02
2023-C-000100	2022	14543	MAYO JENNIFER ETAL	LOT 10 & PT 9 ELKHURST SUR	PLEASANT	\$681.12
2023-C-000101	2022	15507	SCHOONOVER W A	LOT 7 ELKHURST 4/5 INT SUR	PLEASANT	\$171.95
2023-C-000102	2022	13528	DEITZ ROBERT L	4.36 AC WTS SYC SUR	PLEASANT	\$208.20
2023-C-000103	2022	15014	NICHOLS JAMES B ETUX	5 AC WTS SYCAMORE SUR	PLEASANT	\$264.06
2023-C-000104	2022	15960	WALKER LINDA	1 AC WTS BIG SYC SUR 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$171.95
2023-C-000105	2022	15405	RICHARDSON CATHY	1 AC WTS BIG SYC SUR 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$171.95
2023-C-000106	2022	14431	LEMON BRENDA	1 AC WTS BIG SYC SUR 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$171.95
2023-C-000107	2022	15961	WALKER LINDA	LOT WTS SYCAMORE FEE 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$171.95
2023-C-000108	2022	14432	LEMON BRENDA	LOT WTS SYCAMORE FEE 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$171.95
2023-C-000109	2022	12890	BAKER GARRY KENT	5.84 AC WTS SYC SUR 2/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$193.00
2023-C-000110	2022	12891	BAKER GARRY KENT	3.5 AC WTS SYC SUR 2/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$193.00
2023-C-000113	2022	14382	LANHAM GLADA	2.6 AC WTS SYC SUR	PLEASANT	\$186.67
2023-C-000120	2022	16009	WAYNE CRYSTAL	10.5 AC SYCAMORE SUR 1/2 INT	PLEASANT	\$328.70
2023-C-000121	2022	14874	MUCK CHADWICK	.50 AC SYC SUR 1/2 INT	PLEASANT	\$186.67
2023-C-000122	2022	16067	WILLIAMS RUSSELL	LOT 7-8 BD WTS BIG SYC SUR	PLEASANT	\$188.61
2023-C-000123	2022	12893	BAKER GARRY KENT	LOT 4 WTS BELL CREEK SUR LESS 14 FT STRIP	PLEASANT	\$530.30
2023-C-000124	2022	13220	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	50 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000125	2022	13221	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	3 AC WTS SYC O&G 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000126	2022	13222	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	10 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000127	2022	13223	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	9.65 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000128	2022	13224	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	3.85 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000129	2022	13225	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	2 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000130	2022	13226	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	5 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000131	2022	13227	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	10 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000132	2022	13228	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	40 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000133	2022	13229	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	.25 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000134	2022	13230	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	5 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000135	2022	13231	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	LOT SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000136	2022	13232	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	17.50 AC SYC CRK MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000137	2022	13233	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	20 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000138	2022	13234	CALDWELL EDITH M HRS	46 AC WTS SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/5 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000139	2022	13342	COLEMAN CAROL	30.159 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN 1/3 OF 1/7 OF 1/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000140	2022	13343	COLEMAN CAROL	1.67 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN (C OUT) 1/3 OF 1/7 OF 1/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000141	2022	13344	COLEMAN CAROL	2.9 AC WTS BIG SYC MIN 1/3 OF 1/7 OF 1/3 INT	PLEASANT	\$176.86
2023-C-000148	2022	13317	CLEMMONS PAUL	1804 AC SYC & BELL CRK O&G 1/2 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT	PLEASANT	\$211.46
2023-C-000151	2022	16774	BURDETTE C ARTHUR	4 AC WTS ELK FEE 1/4 OF 1/2 INT	UNION	\$176.86
2023-C-000152	2022	18855	SKILES KIMBERLY C/O	LOT 4 VAUGHAN LAND SUR	UNION	\$609.68
2023-C-000153	2022	18856	SKILES KIMBERLY C/O KIMBERLY GOODWIN	LOT 5 VAUGHAN LAND SUR	UNION	\$755.53
2023-C-000155	2022	18712	SAMPLES ROMIE R	35.67 AC N S ELK SUR	UNION	\$509.92
2023-C-000156	2022	17688	HANSON FREDAL	1.238 AC QUEEN SHOALS SUR	UNION	\$211.59
2023-C-000157	2022	19222	YOUNG ROBERT D	45 AC WTS PORTER SUR 1/5 INT	UNION	\$258.49
2023-C-000158	2022	19223	YOUNG ROBERT D	130 AC WTS PORTER SUR 1/5 INT	UNION	\$401.50
2023-C-000159	2022	19224	YOUNG ROBERT D	43 AC WTS PORTER SUR 1/5 INT	UNION	\$243.81
2023-C-000160	2022	19225	YOUNG ROBERT D	5.60 AC WTS PORTER SUR 1/5 INT	UNION	\$200.03
2023-C-000163	2022	16780	BURDETTE DAVID C	58 AC BIRCH RUN SUR	UNION	\$678.43
2023-C-000164	2022	18368	NOTTINGHAM KENNETH	LOT 18,652 SQ FT NS ELK SUR	UNION	\$563.19
2023-C-000165	2022	18008	LIPSCOMB DONNA M	.068 AC N S ELK SUR	UNION	\$200.30
2023-C-000166	2022	18009	LIPSCOMB DONNA M	11,840 SQ FT N S ELK SUR	UNION	\$488.12
2023-C-000168	2022	19226	YOUNG ROBERT D	45 AC PORTER CREEK MIN (COAL OUT) 1/10 INT	UNION	\$176.86</

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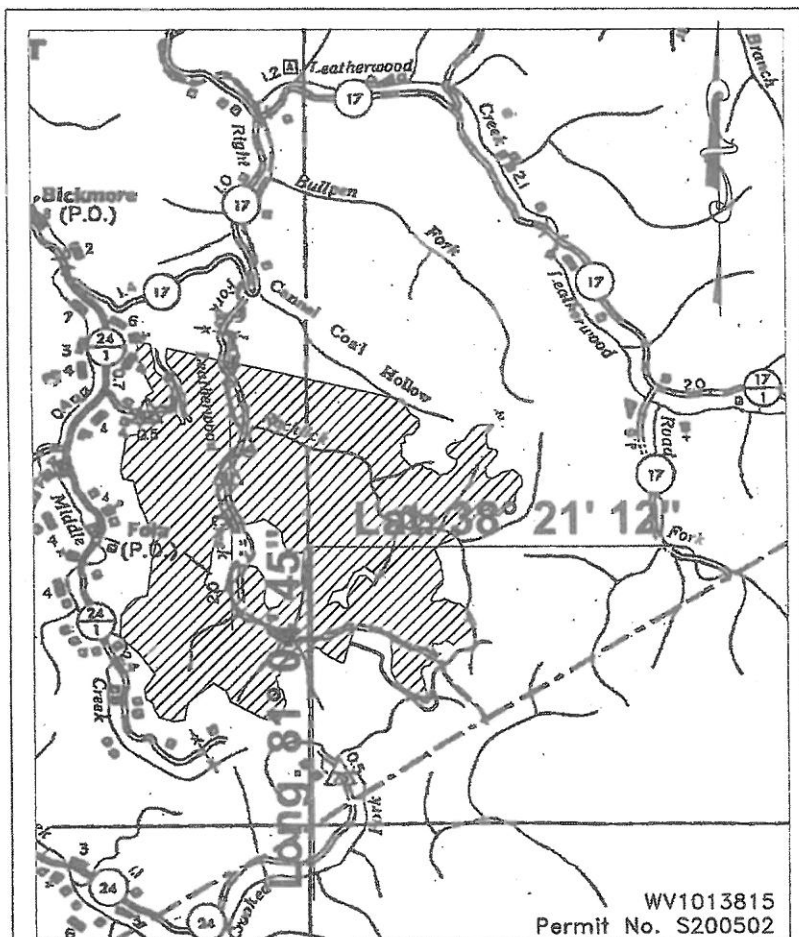
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Notice is hereby given that WV RECLAIM CO, LLC, 2122 LEATHERWOOD ROAD, BICKMORE, WV 25019 has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suit 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 release on Permit Number S200502 Increment Number 1 issued for 1507.94 acres.

The permit is located in Henry/Pleasant District of Clay County, 1.0 miles southeast of Bickmore on unnamed tributary of Rocklick Fork, Rocklick Fork and Cannel Coal Hollow of Right Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River.

WV RECLAIM CO, LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 6/1/2016 and is requesting release of 60 percent of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$825,920.00.

Written comments will be received at the DEP address above until 6/3/24, or thirty (30) days from date of **final publication**.



GENERAL LOCATION MAP

Taken From Clay County Highway Map Henry/Pleasant District Scale: 1" = 1 Mile Lockwood No. 441 Quadrangle

Receiving Stream - Unnamed tributary of Rocklick Fork, and Cannel Coal Hollow of Right Fork of Leatherwood Creek of Leatherwood Creek of Elk River of Kanawha River

Nearest Post Office - Bickmore, West Virginia (Approx. 1 mile Southeast.)

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ORDER AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY TO THE VOTERS OF CLAY COUNTY

That at a regular meeting of the School Board of the County of Clay, State of West Virginia, held on the 23rd day January 2024, as provided by law, the following order was made and entered of record, to wit:

The Board of Education of Clay County, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for the current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of the Board of Education, including expenditures for the purpose or purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

- That the purpose or purposes for which additional funds are needed is to provide payment of the expense of operating the Clay County Library and supporting its role in the education of Clay County. Funds will provide for the following expenses.
- The approximated annual amount considered necessary for each purpose is as follows:
 - For the salary of the Library Director and such employees as needed for the operation of the library. 64%
 - For the general operating expenses of the library such as electric, gas, phone service, postal service, etc. 27%
 - For the annual purchase of new books and library materials as required by the West Virginia Library Commission. 7.5%
 - For the updating of library software/computer systems in order to work with the current software/computer programs at the State level. 1.5%
 - Other operating expenses as required.
- In case the library would close for any reason, the funds will be used to re-establish the library service.
- That the annual approximate amount for said purpose is \$80,117 after estimated Tax discounts, exonerations and delinquencies, and the total amount for five-year levy is \$400,585.
- That the estimated separate and aggregate assessed valuation Of class of Taxable Property within the County of Clay is as follows:

Class I	\$0
Class II	\$126,973,769
Class III	\$158,115,872
Class IV	\$12,339,574
Total	\$297,429,215
- That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation on each class of property is:

Class I	Clay County Library	zero dollars and .94 cents
Class II	zero dollars and 1.88 cents	
Class III	zero dollars and 3.76 cents	
Class IV	zero dollars and 3.76 cents	
- That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; July 1, 2028 and July 1, 2029.
- That the Board of Education will not issue bonds upon approval of the proposed levy
- That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on the 14th day of May 2024.
- That a notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order at least once each week for two successive weeks next preceding said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of a general circulation in the territory in which the election is held. If there is only one newspaper published in the county, said publication shall be made therein. All the provisions of the law concerning primary elections shall apply so far as they are practicable.
- That the ballot to be used as such election shall be in form as follows:

CLAY COUNTY LIBRARY LEVY BALLOT

Special election to authorize addition levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; July 1, 2028 and July 1, 2029 for the purpose of providing operating money for the Clay

County Library in the approximate amount of \$80,117 annually and \$400,585 during the term of the levy; according to the order of the Board of Education entered on the 23rd day of January 2024. That the additional rate of levy in cents per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property shall be:

Class I	Clay County Library	zero dollars and .94 cents
Class II	zero dollars and 1.88 cents	
Class III	zero dollars and 3.76 cents	
Class IV	zero dollars and 3.76 cents	

- () For the levies
() Against the levies

Instructions to Voters:

Those favoring the additional levies place an X in the square before "For the levies." Those against the levies place and X in the square before "Against the levies."

The Board of Education of the County of Clay, State of West Virginia.

ATTEST:

Pruebe Nichols President *Philip R. O'Neil* Secretary

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Public Release for Day Programs CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Provides Meals to Children During the Summer

Clay County Schools announces their sponsorship of the federally-funded Summer Food Service Program. Breakfast and Lunch is/are open to all children, age 18 years and under, who would like to participate. Meals will be served at the following sites:

SUMMER SCHOOL

Clay Elementary: Monday - Thursday, June 17 - July 25, 2024

Breakfast served from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Clay County High School: Monday - Thursday, June 17 - July 25, 2024

Breakfast served from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A nutritious meal is important for children to learn, play, and remain active during the summer months. Remember, Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation!

For more information about the Clay County Schools Summer Food Program, please call Jared Fitzwater, Director of Student Services, at (304) 587-4266.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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- MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410;
- FAX: (202) 690-7442; or
- EMAIL: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Call us at
304-647-5724



CHURCH DIRECTORY



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ALTA CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday Night Services
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Everyone is welcome!
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: Doug Newell IV**

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

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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

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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**

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Bomont, WV
Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Nick Bird
Phone 304-548-6665

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
Everyone Welcome!
304-395-9990
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

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH
103 Main Street, Clay
Sunday 11:00 AM & 6 PM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
For more info call 304-632-1378
Pastor: Ann Huddleston

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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

LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH

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!
Pastor: Herb Vance

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Mark Dudley
Phone 304-286-5909

LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: David McLaughlin

LIVING GOD WORSHIP CENTER
We invite you to come and worship with us.
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Pastor: Cecil Lee

LIZEMORE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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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NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH
Preaching every Sunday
Morning at 10:00 AM

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 Meet-

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM
Pastor: Darius Walker
Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
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

OVAPA METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching every Sunday at 9:45 PM
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

OTTERLICK COMMUNITY CHURCH
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

PROCIOUS 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

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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
Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM followed by Religious Education 9:30 AM
Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Father Matheus Ro SVD
Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD

ROGERS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

RUSH FORK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday 11:00 AM
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday Singing or Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM
Come see us in church.
Pastor: Harry Dobbins

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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
TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM.
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Clifford Samples

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

UNITY GOSPEL TABERNACLE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!

V

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

W

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

WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Randy Tinney

WINGS OF DELIVERANCE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below Maysel on the left
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Come worship the Lord with us!
Phone: (304) 587-7410
Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw



Governor's Highway Safety Program warns about dangers of distracted driving

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to share this important message: Put the Phone Away or Pay.

Distracted driving is dangerous and can have deadly consequences. NHTSA says 3,308 people were killed in the U.S. in 2022 in traffic crashes involving distracted drivers. More than 289,000 people were injured in distracted driving crashes. From 2012 to 2021, distracted driving crashes killed more than 32,000 people.

Most drivers know that it's dangerous to use their phones while driving, but many drivers do it anyway because they think nothing will happen to them. They'll send a text, post to social media, or watch a video – taking their eyes off the road.

"While distracted driving, particularly texting while driving, has been at the forefront of highway safety for decades, it is bothersome that people still ignore the tragic consequences," GHSP Director Jack McNeely said. "Young people learn a lot from others. I implore all parents to set a good example while behind the wheel. Your most precious cargo is watching."

If you can't resist the urge to use your phone, turn on your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature, or put the phone in the glove compartment, trunk, or back seat. Designate a passenger to be a "designated texter." If you're expecting an important text, pull over and park your car in a safe location before reading or responding to the text.

Using a handheld mobile device or texting while driving is illegal in West Virginia. You can expect law enforcement officers to be on the lookout for drivers who violate the law. Remember to Put the Phone Away or Pay.

The purpose of the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is to encourage, promote, and support highway safety across West Virginia through the implementation of federally mandated and funded highway safety improvement measures. The GHSP reflects Governor Jim Justice's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of every traveler by raising awareness of common dangerous driving conditions. GHSP safety initiatives aim to decrease impaired and distracted driving, increase seat belt and child safety seat usage, and target speed reduction, among other goals.

West Virginia Among Top Four in Nation for Providing Early Childhood Education

West Virginia has moved from 6th to 4th in the nation for preschool enrollment for 4-year-olds according to a recent report from the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER). The Mountain State improved its ranking from the previous year and has once again met 9 out of the 10 NIEER research-based quality benchmark standards.

Early childhood programs are vital to a child's academic, social-emotional and developmental success. It remains a foundational pillar for educational achievement and infrastructure. The West Virginia Department of Education's (WVDE) Universal Pre-K system provides programs in all 55 counties, serving all 4-year-olds as well as some 3-year-olds at no cost to families.

According to the 2023 State of Preschool Yearbook, West Virginia served 67% of the state's 4-year-olds and 7% of 3-year-olds in state-funded preschool, increasing this year's total enrollment to 13,731. State spending increased by \$4,097,211 totaling \$96,556,175 with an additional \$289,520 in federal COVID-19 relief funds helping to support the program. Per child spending equaled \$7,053 in 2022-2023, a slight increase from the previous year.

"West Virginia continues to be a leader in early childhood education, creating foundational learning opportunities for our most precious resources," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Early learning has a vast impact on the growth and development of our children and the future of the Mountain State. Access to pre-K education provides families and students an introduction to lifelong learning."

Families are reminded that Universal Pre-K enrollment is open in the Mountain State in all 55 counties. More details about these free programs are listed on the WVDE's Universal Pre-K website.

To learn more about the national report, visit the NIEER website.

Understand Your AEP Electric Bill

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

I would like to explain to you today how to understand your electric bill from Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power.

When you open your bill, your eyes are going to be drawn to that colorful bullseye on the left column, about half-way down the page. Like the statistics box that stays on the TV when you watch a ball game, this circle gives you the full and simple breakdown on your bill. So, I'd like you to focus on that blue bullseye.

Take a look at the center of the circle. It is divided into a black top and a white bottom. In the white lower-half is the amount of money you currently owe for last month's service. Just above that is a black half-circle. The portion of the circle includes "kWh" and a number. That tells you the amount of electricity you used, shown in kilowatt hours, for the billing period.

Let's now move to the circle's outer rim. It is divided into three colors: dark blue, light blue, and purple or maroon. The dark blue part reflects the cost of purchasing and supplying your electric-

ity and should be the largest part of the bill. This shows the charges for the cost of the production and transmission of electricity you used.

Next, the light blue area should be the second-largest part of the circle. This reflects the cost for delivering electricity to your home or business. Finally, the purple or maroon section of the circle shows you what taxes and fees you must pay on your electric service. These are pass-through charges from local government. And the company says this money is often used to benefit schools and city and county services, such as emergency 911.

The remainder of the bill is fairly straightforward. The amount due and the date its due should be prominent at the top of the right-side of the page in a light blue field. What you owe is the bold black number. This box also tells you when the bill was mailed and your 11-digit account number. The next line in white on the left is the address being billed for service.

I know these bills can sometimes be confusing and appear to be very complex. I hope I have helped simplify this process a little for you.

West Virginia's Covid Funds Waiver Approved by the U.S. Dept. of Education

West Virginia's maintenance of effort (MOE) waiver request for the use of federal Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USED). Governor Jim Justice and Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt received official notification late this week.

Although the state increased overall support for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education in FY 2023 and increased FY 2023 per-pupil spending, it did not maintain the same proportion of education spending in lieu of its budget surplus for that year. The MOE is required as a condition of receiving ESSER funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The USED cited the state's commitment to current and future education spending in its approval. This includes \$273.7 million in supplemental spending for pre-K-12 funding in FY 2024 and an additional \$148.6 million in FY 2025. Higher education support was also increased in FY 2024 by \$146 million including additional dollars for dual enrollment programs, post-secondary students in foster care and post-secondary medical education. "These supplemental appropriations

are larger than the FY 2023 MOE gaps for both elementary and secondary and higher education," USED Director of the Office of State and Grantee Relations Laura Jimenez stated in the approval letter. "Thank you for your ongoing commitment to education."

"We are pleased the USED has recognized West Virginia's support for public education and the continued efforts to advance learning and success of our students," said Superintendent Blatt. "Teacher salaries, early learning classroom support, foster care initiatives and post-secondary focus areas are among the ongoing efforts to ensure students have a robust educational foundation to build upon. Gov. Justice is to be commended for his leadership during this process."

In the approval, the USED highlighted West Virginia's funding increases when comparing baseline years¹ to FY 2023. These include:

Overall support for elementary and secondary education from an average of \$2,082,961,475 in baseline years to \$2,133,443,840 in FY 2023.

Increased support for higher education from an average of \$447,224,048 in baseline years to \$496,436,268 in FY 2023.

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Lady Mustangs are on a roll

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Mustangs have put a wall of fire about them that opposing teams just can't touch. These girls should be called The Lady Mustang Guillotines; they are tough, bring a fight to every game and leave it all in the dust. These girls put the B in beast mode. They faced off against four teams this past week and sent them all to the cooler. First up to the Lady Mustang Guillotine was Oak Hill who went down 12-5 followed by a double header in which Braxton went down in flames both games 19-4 and 18-0. Then Calhoun blew into town and got scrubbed 11-1, and finally South Harrison came in with some heavy bats but couldn't get past Lady Mustang defense; they too went down 14-6. Each one of the teams needed their fairy godmothers to fire up their carriage because midnight would be too late. It was plain, good ol' fashioned butt kicking at the hands of the Lady Mustangs.

The Lady Mustangs got their bats heated up in the first game and didn't stop swinging till the week was over. For example, in the Calhoun game Layla Parker took

the hill for the Lady Mustangs, proceeded to throw heat and added a little magic to some pitches. When she was done slinging, she KOed ten batters and gave up just three hits. At the plate Jaedon Delwarte, Peyton Johnson, and Brooklyn Morton were all swinging some heavy aluminum. JD was 2-2 with a double, two RBI's ripped off two bases and scored twice. PJ, was 3-3 at the plate with three singles and four RBI's. BM was 2-3 at the plate with a triple, double scored twice and had one RBI. These Lady Mustangs are deep on the bench and have the opportunity to take this season all the way to the championship.

Plainly put, the Lady Mustangs are a softball machine that tramples anyone who faces them into the dust. They are now 12- 2 on the season and can match bats with anyone on the diamond. They will have another heavy week this week and will be tested once again. The Lady Mustangs have been long overdue for the championship ring, and 2024 is a good opportunity to bring the trophy to the halls of CCMS. Go Lady Mustangs!



Getting a run the hard way.



Hannah Gandee goes the opposite direction.



Rylee Murphy gets the dig.

Mustangs suffer first loss of the season

By Allen Hamrick

Bats were firing up as the CCMS Mustang baseball team went head to head with four teams of their own this past week. They hit the road for their first game against George Washington, a well coached team equal in talent with the Mustangs. It was a nail biter until the very end that would give the Mustangs their first loss of the season.

It was a pitching duel as ace pitchers Pierce Adkins and Joel Elliot would take the mound for the Mustangs. George Washington also had some pitchers who could bring the heat. GW was on the board first scoring a tough run in the bottom of the second. The Mustangs got in a run; after walking Pierce Adkins, the bats lit up for the Mustangs and were able to cross Pierce over home. After that, home plate grew cobwebs, and the game stayed tied until the bottom of the 8th inning when GW was able to get another run to win the game. The loss was bitter in the mouths of the Mustangs, and the next game would prove it.

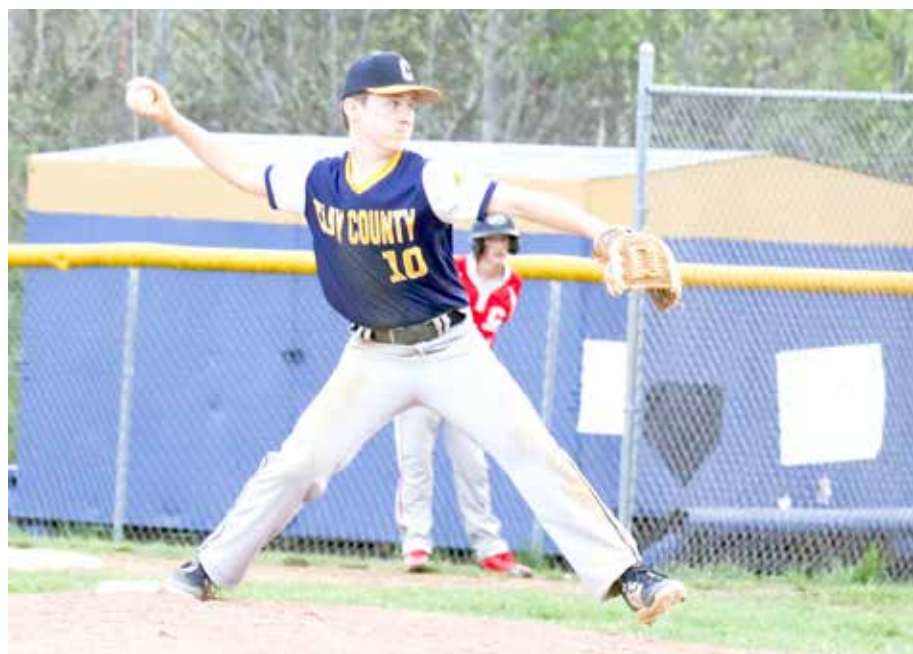
Calhoun County was up and it wouldn't be pretty for the traveling team. Bases became dance floors, and home plate was crossed like busy railroad tracks. The Mustangs sent right hander Cooper Collins to the hill to chill the bats of Calhoun. He was smoking the fast balls, and his dirty stuff had more English than the dictionary. It didn't take long for the Mustangs to get runs. Pierce Adkins went 3-4 at the plate with three RBI's and scored two runs. By the time it was over, the Mustangs short gamed Calhoun 12-1. Then South Harrison came to town with a heavy hit-

ting team. It would prove to be another nail biter as the Mustang bats were iced by the South Harrison pitching. Pierce Adkins once again was the only big hitter going 3-3 at the plate and scoring the only run when Joel Elliot got a hit driving him in.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs took their second defeat of the season losing the game 1-5. It was a tough game with a tough team, but there's still plenty of season left. Next, it was the game of retribution as GW came to Mustang territory for another shot at the Mustangs. Just two days earlier, GW beat the Mustangs 2-1, but not on this day. The Mustangs were fine tuned like a high priced fiddle. The Mustangs started racking up the points early scoring four runs in the first three innings. However, GW came back in the top of the 4th, swung for the fences and scored eight total runs. The Mustangs, down four runs, came back with a vengeance, sent nine more runs across the plate and went back on top by the score of 13-8. That was it for GW as the Mustang pitching shut them down hard.

When it was over, the Mustangs reclaimed their pride by winning 18-8. Pierce Adkins was proving once again that practice pays off. He was 4-5 at the plate scoring two runs and six RBI's on four hits. Lathan Brown also had a big game going 4-5 at the plate scoring three runs and knocking in three RBI's.

The Mustangs will be back in action on Monday as they are on the road in Braxton County and will have a rematch on the road against the South Harrison Hawks on Thursday. Go Mustangs!



Cooper Collins slings heat.



Phillip Rogers sets them down in relief.



Pierce Adkins gets in clean at 3rd.

Mustang teams place second overall at the Sidney Boggs Memorial

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS track team travelled to Roane County on Saturday to compete in the Sidney Boggs Memorial. Here, they met some of the toughest competition they will face this year. Ten teams from around the area competed, and the Mustang teams did a good job.

Both the Lady Mustang and Mustang teams placed 2nd overall. A standout for the girls once again was Natalie Tanner who placed 1st in both the 100 and 200 meter hurdles and topped it off with a 3rd place finish in the high jump. Marissa Atha placed 1st in the 3200 meter run, and Brooke Cliver was 3rd in the shot put. The relay teams had a good day placing 1st in the 4x200 and 3rd in the 4x400 meter. For the boys, it was Cole Boggs placing 1st in the 100 meter hurdles and Canaan Payton placed 2nd. Caleb Robinson was 3rd in the 100 meter dash and 2nd in the discus. On the relays, the 4x400 team placed 2nd, the 4x60 shuttle hurdle team placed 2nd and the 4x200 was second. Tyler Bird took 1st in the 200 meter hurdles and Jackson Stricker was 3rd. With just a few meets left, now is the time to come out and support the Mustangs.