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Capito Visits New Clendenin Elementary, Hosts Girls Rise Up Program

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), visited Clendenin Elementary School where she toured the new school and later hosted a West Virginia Girls Rise Up event with special guest, Dr. Liberty Vittert Capito, a statistician, political commentator, TV show host, and Professor of Data Science.

“After years of working to secure resources and wait for construction to be completed, I am so glad that Clendenin students, faculty, and staff have a wonderful facility to call their own. We will never forget the 2016 floods and the destruction it caused, but this new school is an important milestone in our recovery and proves the resilience of West Virginians,” Senator Capito said. “I was also excited to bring my Girls Rise Up message—with the help of Liberty—to Clendenin and inspire the next generation. I am confident that these students are dedicated to setting new goals and achieving them, and I can’t wait to see what they accomplish.”

“It’s such an honor to get to stand in front of the future of West Virginia with Senator Capito’s Girls Rise Up Program. These young girls will help to shape our state and this program shows them how they can truly be and do anything they want to if they set their minds to it. I can’t wait to see what they do in the future,” Dr. Liberty Vittert Capito said.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to host Senator Shelley Moore Capito and bring the Girls Rise Up event to Clendenin Elementary. I feel that all females benefit from seeing strong, trailblazing women, and hearing their stories of resilience and determination to achieved their dreams. I believe that we as women should embrace every challenge as an opportunity to grow, and let our passion be the guiding light on our journey,” Clendenin Elementary School Principal Gurski said.

On Senator Capito’s Support For Clendenin Elementary:

As a leader on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Capito has worked diligently with state partners at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and through consultation with local leaders in Clendenin over the years to secure needed resources for Clendenin to recover from the 2016 flooding. Senator Capito announced funding awards in December 2023 and June 2020 to help rebuild the school. Today’s visit marked Senator Capito’s first time viewing the newly completed elementary school since it opened.



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) hosts a West Virginia Girls Rise Up event with Dr. Liberty Vittert Capito at Clendenin Elementary School in Clendenin, W.Va. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

On Senator Capito’s *Girls Rise Up* Program:

Senator Capito launched the West Virginia Girls Rise Up program in 2015 to instill confidence in young West Virginia women and empower them to be strong and kind female leaders. The program focuses on three areas: education, fitness, and self-confidence. Joining Senator Capito in hosting the Girls Rise Up event was Liberty Vittert Capito, who is a statistician, political commentator, TV show host, and Professor of Data Science at the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis. This event marks the 33rd event since the program’s launch in 2015.

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Gov. Justice announces fall trout stockings and return of Monster Trout Contest

The WVDNR will stock trophy-size and monster trout at 40 lakes and streams during the weeks of Oct. 21 and Oct. 28

Gov. Jim Justice announced the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will begin fall trout stockings during the weeks of Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. The third annual Monster Trout Contest will also return at the same time.

During these two weeks, the WVDNR will stock 35,000 pounds of trout

weighing 1-2 pounds and 6,500 pounds of monster trout weighing 3-6 pounds at 40 lakes and streams around the state.

“This is absolutely one of my favorite times of the year,” Gov. Justice said. “Our trout program keeps getting bigger and better, and this year will be no exception. It’s a great opportunity for folks to enjoy our beautiful waters and try their luck at catching trophy-sized or even monster trout for some amazing prizes. West Virginia is truly a world-

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Mountain State Spotlight: West Virginians get tax cut after lawmakers pull millions from agencies overseeing foster care, Medicaid and child care

In a special session weeks before the election, lawmakers approve a tiny tax cut and dole out millions for local projects. But West Virginians struggling for child care got little in the way of help

by Henry Culvyhouse for Mountain State Spotlight

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In mid-September, Gov. Jim Justice told the people of West Virginia he’d be calling the Legislature back into session at the end of the month.

“I promised you I’d fight like crazy for a 5% tax cut, I promised you I would try to help out with child care,” he said.

When the gavels slammed concluding the special session on Tuesday, most West Virginian families would get an average of 40 cents a week from the tax cut.

Little was done on getting that help

for child care. And the money for the tax break came, in part, from the agency that oversees child care.

How much is the tax cut?

Going into the session, Justice asked the Legislature to pass a 5% income tax cut, on top of a 4% cut that’s effective Jan. 1, 2025 and a 21.25% cut last year.

But high ranking members of the Senate, notably Finance Chairman Eric Tarr, bristled at the suggestion, fearing it could put the budget at risk down the road. On Monday, the governor changed his proposal to a 2% cut.

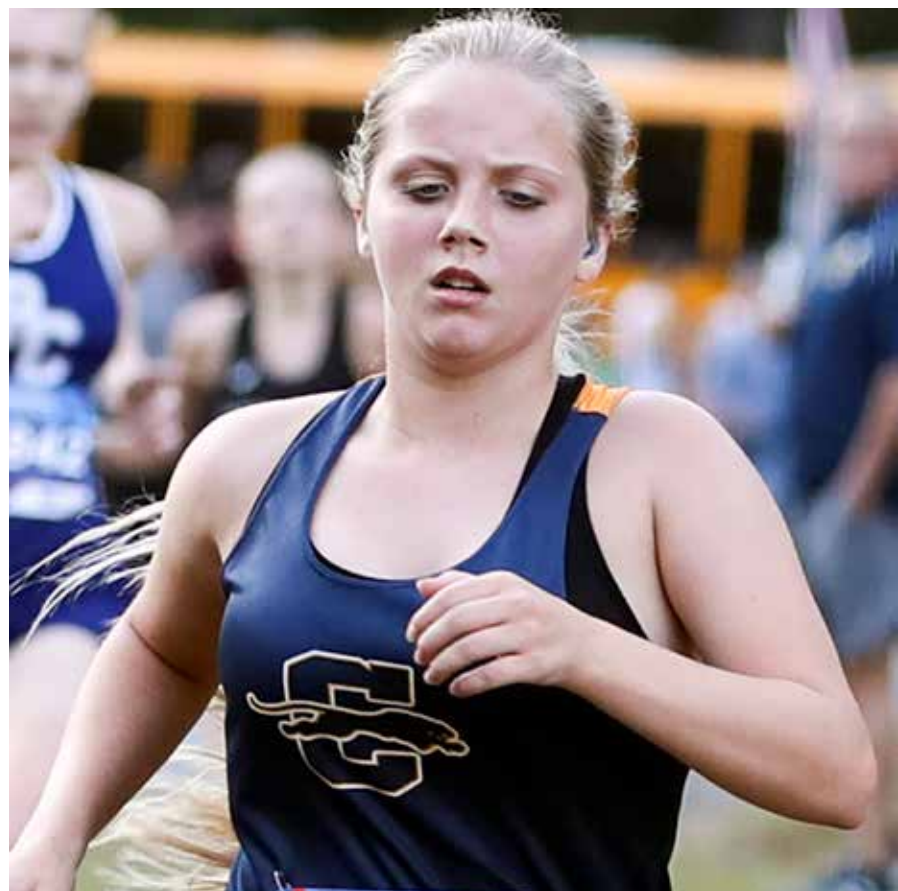
Revenue Secretary Larry Pack, who oversees the state’s budget preparation, told the House Finance Committee he didn’t have an idea how much the tax cut would actually put in the pockets of West Virginians.

SPOTLIGHT cont. on page 6

CCHS cross country boys take 1st; CCMS’s Atha and Mahan awarded 1st team All LKC



Sawyer Dobbins, CCMS Marissa Atha and McKinley Mahan; Photos courtesy of Cathy Atha and Allen Hamrick



CCHS’s Cheyanne Taylor finishes with ease. Allen Hamrick photo.

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Araya Mae Hammonds
Booked 10/13/24
Possession with intent,
conspiracy to commit drug-
related charge

Heather Rae Bowman
Booked 10/13/24
Obstructing an officer, reck-
less driving, DOR/DUI

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Anthony Jones Hamrick
Booked 10/13/24
Sexual assault second degree

OBITUARY



Okey Ray Runion

Okey Ray Runion, 76,

passed away on October 8th, 2024.

Born on July 31st, 1948, to the late Ellen "Marie" Runion and the late Don Runion in Clay County, West Virginia. In addition to his father and mother, he was preceded in death by his brother's Robert "Bubby" Runion, Donald Lee "Leebug" Runion, Franklin "Frankie" Runion, Eugene Runion, and Phyllis Cummings.

Okey is survived by his sister, Geraldine Cummings; his brother's, Kenny Runion, Jimmy Runion, and Johnny Runion; his daughter's Stephanie

Mitchell, Angela "Angie" Woods, and Shwannia Crutcher; his son in law, William "Bill" Mitchell; his grandchildren, Cynthia "Cindy" Davis-Clark, Megan Smith, Alexis "Alex" Woods, Sierra "Finn" Woods, Zachary "Zach" Woods, and Matthew "Matt" Woods; his grandson in law, Antonio Davis-Clark and Hunter Smith; his granddaughter in law, Kyllie Thorne; his great grandchildren, Waylon Smith and Amelia "Milly" Woods. His caretaker's, Jennifer Harrison and Rose Cottrell.

Okey was a God-fearing

man and an incredible father. His dedication to his family and community was inspiring. His guidance and support has helped many throughout his lifetime. He grew up enjoying fishing, hunting, and anything outdoors. We will always remember his kind heart, generous spirit, and unwavering optimism."

A memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Runion family.

Courthouse
— News

Friday, October 25, 2024 Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff":

09:00 AM, State v. Tiffanie Danielle Stricker, Pre-Trial Hearing, Petit Larceny

09:15 AM, State v. Dusty Wade Pritt, Bench Trial, Entry of building other than dwelling

09:30 AM, State v. Adam A. Jarrett, Bench Trial, Simple assault

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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PAX Good Behavior Students Named



Students at Big Otter Elementary are following the PAX Good Behavior Game and becoming role models for other students. Students show a positive attitude towards their classmates and teachers. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the September 2024 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!

Mr. Dustin Vaughan – 5th Grade – Paisley Adkins
Mrs. Burns – 4th Grade – Kinsley Duffield

Mr. Dylan Vaughan - 4th Grade - Kinslie Murphy
Mrs. Pierson - 3rd Grade - Lanie Goe
Ms. Paxton - 3rd Grade - Rose Billups
Ms. Jarvis - 2nd Grade - Rebecca Hanshaw
Ms. Douglas - 1st Grade - Zoey Taylor-Berndt
Mrs. Collins - Kindergarten - Wren Burge
Mrs. Marks - PreK - Zaurora Wheeler
Mrs. Woods - PreK - Declan O'Dell

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Each Day is a New Beginning

By Joe Mazzella

It is the morning of my 58th birthday as I write this. That actually means I have lived 58 full years here on Earth and am starting into day one of my 59th. That is a lot of miles under the hood. When I looked in my mirror this morning I could see the wear and tear on my body too. My hair was sparse and silver. My skin was thin. My face was full of age spots. And my wrinkles were chiseled deep into my skin. Yet, when I smiled and I saw them curl up around my eyes and the corners of my mouth, I had to admit that they didn’t look half bad.

I thought of how much laughter and how many thousands of smiles it had taken to make them that deep and it made me smile again. In my 58 years here I have shared a lot of love, a lot of laughter, a lot of smiles, and a lot of joy. I have done countless acts of kindness asking nothing in return. I have spoken sweet words, done good things, and tried my best to live my life the way that God wanted me to. I haven’t always succeeded of course, but I know that God forgives me when I mess up and that each new day here is another chance to live and to love.

I know too that I am not alone in this. The vast majority of us are good people, doing good things, sharing kindness and love, and trying each day to make the world a better place. We are all here to make a difference with our lives and God smiles down upon us every time we do. We all know that life has a purpose and that purpose is to Love. No act of love or kindness is too small either. As Emily Dickinson once wrote: “If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain.”

No matter how many years you have lived here, then remember that each day here is a new beginning. Each day here is a new birthday. Embrace them all. Fill them with goodness. Live them with smiles, laughter, and joy. Be kind, share all the Love you can, and make God smile.

Dr. James L. Snyder

I’ve been accused of many things throughout my life, but never having a great memory.

It’s not that I don’t try to remember things; I can’t remember things I’m supposed to remember. It has nothing to do with my age because it started as far back as I can remember.

This dramatically affects my relationship with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Her memory is perfect. She can remember things that actually never happened. How she does that is beyond my understanding. Trust me, I’m not going to ask her to explain it to me because then I would have to remember that explanation for the rest of my life. Some things are not worth remembering.

It’s not so much that I don’t remember things, I just am busy when things are happening. I don’t remember what’s happening when I’m watching TV because I’m busy doing something else. When The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is conversing with me, I don’t remember everything because I’m busy doing something else.

When I was young, one of my favorite authors was James Thurber, who wrote the short story “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty,” which later became a movie.

When Thurber was young, he and his brother played a game called “William Tell,” which I had never heard of before but somehow involved bows and arrows. In the middle of that game, his brother, by mistake, shot an arrow hitting Thurber in the left eye, causing him to lose that eye. Later, his other eye suffered, and he was almost completely blind.

Thurber was a writer, and most of his writing was done in his head. Then, the next morning, he would sit down with his secretary, and she would write out the story as Thurber would dictate it to her.

Often, when Thurber and his wife were having dinner with some friends, his wife would say, “Jim, will you stop writing and listen to what we’re saying?” Of course, he was always working on some short story wherever he was.

Although I am not blind, I often do the same thing. I’m always working on a sermon, a newspaper column, or an article in my head even when I’m with others. I might be watching TV, visiting friends at some restaurant or just sitting at home with my wife.

I can remember just about everything I’m writing in my head which I will write out later. That technique, which I learned from James Thurber, has greatly profited me. However, it has also hindered me in the social area.

Even though I can remember what I was working on in my head at the time, I can’t remember the conversation with people around me. I can never figure that out.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage often says, “Do you remember what I told you yesterday?”

That is a question to ponder. Whether I say yes or no,

I’m still in some trouble.

Now, if she said something like, “Do you remember what you were thinking last week when we were at dinner with some of our friends?”

I would remember almost to the word what I was thinking, but the talk around the table is beyond my recollection.

Even while watching television, something will happen on some program, which will get me thinking about the sermon I’m working on. Pretty soon, I’ll be working on that sermon and laying out details. I call it my thinking cloud.

While watching TV together, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sometimes laughs and says, “Did you hear that? Wasn’t that funny?”

I will look at her, laugh and say, “That was hilarious.”

Once, she looked over at me and said, “Did you really hear that joke?”

She knew I didn’t hear that joke. Now, if she would say, “What were you thinking about when they told that joke?” I would immediately begin to respond and tell her what I was thinking.

I have so much work to do that I need to take advantage of every bit of time to work on it. I don’t necessarily have to be at my computer but as long as my brain is working, so am I.

Whenever we have dinner with friends, I look forward to the next morning. During that dinner, my head is swarming with ideas and thoughts about a project I’m working on.

One of these days, I’m going to thank those people for giving me the opportunity to think through a project I’m working on.

On occasion, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I are on a trip across town.

While driving the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will look over at me and say, “Ok, what are you thinking?”

Because I’m thinking I don’t hear her at first. Finally, she gets my attention and I once replied, “Oh, I was just thinking of what a wonderful, lovely, gracious wife I have. I’m so fortunate.”

She has a hard time responding to that. Great thought.

A verse of scripture came to mind. Psalm 139:23-24, “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

God knows what I’m thinking all the time. I want to discipline myself to have thoughts that honor and please God. To think about God is the great pleasure of being a Christian.

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Treasurer Moore announces record-breaking \$.62M in Unclaimed Property returned during September

Highest Monthly Amount Returned in State History

State Treasurer Riley Moore announced his Office’s Unclaimed Property Division set a new record for the highest amount of unclaimed property returned during a month, with nearly \$6.2 million worth of funds returned to individuals, businesses and other organizations during the month of September.

“This is by far the highest amount returned to our citizens on a monthly basis since this program began in 1967,” Treasurer Moore said. “Since I took office

in 2021, we’ve returned nearly \$92 million to the people. I’m proud to say we continue returning people’s money at the fastest pace in state history.”

The Unclaimed Property Division returned a total of \$6,172,265 paid out across 4,208 claims representing 11,143 individual properties during the month of September. About \$2.9 million of that was through the West Virginia Cash Now payments mailed out to 2,357 recipients during the month.

There were several other large claims as well, in-

cluding more than \$360,000 returned to the Putnam County Commission and more than \$94,000 to New River Health Association in Fayette County.

“While we’re returning funds at the fastest pace in state history, we’re also receiving new listings all the time,” Treasurer Moore said. “We have more than \$435 million available in our database to claim today, so I encourage everyone to visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov to see if we’re holding anything for you.”

West Virginia Smart529 Plans Named ‘Top Of The Class’ In New National Ratings

State Treasurer Riley Moore announced West Virginia’s SMART529 plans have been named ‘Top of the Class’ in Saving For College’s latest 2024 ratings – their highest honor for 529 plans nationwide.

“We’re proud that West Virginia’s SMART529 plans continue to be recognized among the top college savings plans in the country,” Treasurer Moore said. “We strive to make SMART529 the premier college savings option for our families and children and this new ranking demonstrates that.”

Saving For College is a national informational service that specializes in providing unbiased data on 529 savings plans. It has provided ratings on plans since 1999, frequently giving SMART529 plans high marks.

This year, the organization unveiled a new “Top of the Class” category to identify “the very best of the best 529 plans,” which outscore more than 80 percent of peers in their category. Plans were evaluated based on four categories: Performance, Ease of Use, Savings Success and Program Delivery.

Nine plans out of 54 that are directly sold to consumers, and four plans out of 31 that are sold through financial advisors received the Top of the Class ratings, and all three of West Virginia’s SMART529 plans received top honors.

The SMART529 WV Direct Plan, which is available exclusively to West Virginia residents, and the SMART529 Select Plan, which is available to fami-

lies nationwide, were two of the nine direct-sold plans receiving Top of the Class honors. The Hartford SMART529, which is sold through financial investment professionals, was one of the four advisor-sold plans to receive the honor.

A comparison of each of the three West Virginia SMART529 plans is available here: <https://www.smart529.com/invest/smart529-plan-comparison-chart.html>.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 is available at www.SMART529.com.

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U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) with Dr. Liberty Vittert Capito, Clendenin Elementary School Principal Angel Gurski, and Clendenin Mayor Kay Summers outside the new Clendenin Elementary School in Clendenin, W.Va. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Week in West Virginia History

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



Oct. 16, 1859: John Brown and his raiders captured the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, but they were soon besieged by townspeople, local militia and federal troops. The raid galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise before the Civil War.

Oct. 16, 1918: Dale Troy “Stoney” Cooper was born in Randolph County. He, his wife Wilma Lee and the Clinch Mountain Clan played country music on WWVA radio in Wheeling for a decade before spending the next 20 years on the *Grand Ole Opry*.

Oct. 16, 1922: The Rev. Leon Sullivan was born in Charleston. In 1977, Sullivan initiated the original Sullivan Principles, a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa. The Principles were among the most effective efforts to end the system of apartheid.



Oct. 17, 1901: Folk artist S. L. Jones was born in Monroe County. He was widely recognized for his hand-carved, painted wood sculptures. His works are in the collections of the National Museum of American Art, Museum of American

Art, Museum of American Folk Art, and West Virginia State Museum.

Oct. 18, 1941: William “Billy” Cox was born in Wheeling. He is one of two bassists to have played regularly with legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix.



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



Oct. 20, 1990: The current USS *West Virginia* (SSBN-736) was commissioned. The USS *West Virginia* is an Ohio Class Trident ballistic missile

submarine that is 560 feet long, 42 feet wide, and displaces 18,750 tons when submerged.

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

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

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



Oct. 22, 1734: Fron-

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



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

Oct. 22, 1922: Fiddler Wilson Douglas was born in Clay County. Influenced by fellow old-time musician French Carpenter, Douglas developed

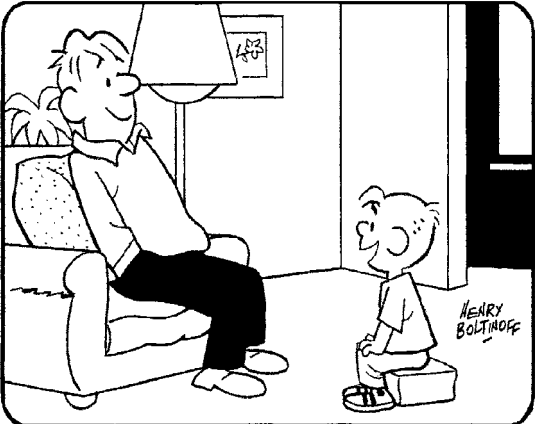
a unique style of playing that continues to inspire younger generations. In 1992, he received the Vandalia Award, West Virginia’s highest folklife honor.



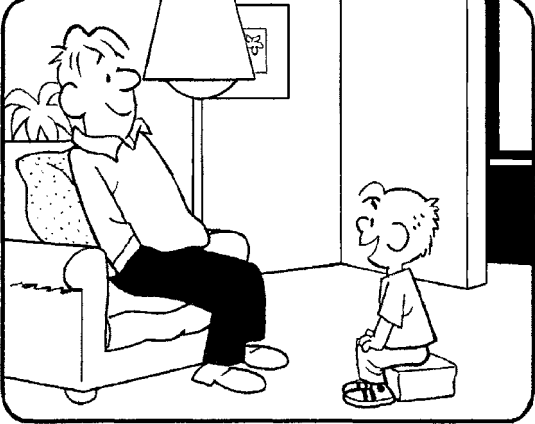
Oct. 22, 1977: Construction of the New River Gorge Bridge was completed after three years of work. The Fayette County bridge is one of West Virginia’s best-known landmarks. It is the third-highest bridge in the United States and third-longest steel span in the Western Hemisphere.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp is moved. 2. Arm of chair is different. 3. Wall is wider. 4. Picture frame is thicker. 5. Pillow is different. 6. Boy's hair is different.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Super Crossword

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locusts, e.g.

8 Intercede

14 Errant

20 Lovingly, on

music scores

21 Daintily small

22 Planet shape

23 Big baboon,

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25 Jewel units

26 Nov. lead-in

27 “Gloria in

Excelsis —”

28 Lapel inserts

29 Begin a

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30 Serengeti

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tongued

predator

36 Houston coll.

38 Singer Sumac

39 Singer Irene

40 Part of NYSE

41 “Love Me or

Leave Me”

singer Ruth

43 Great anger

46 — loss

48 Kanga’s son

49 Mountain cat,

plated

burrower,

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crustacean

56 Comic Daniel

57 “La Cage —

Folles”

58 Grizzlies, e.g.

59 Overjoys

63 “Funny Girl”

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65 Contend (for)

66 Aggressive

shorebirds

67 Arctic

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swamp

snapper,

arboreal ape

73 Not alfresco

74 Tea holder

75 Like dunes

76 City of

south India

77 Founder of

Bolshevism

79 Suffix with

hotel

80 Writers Tan

and Lowell

84 Pink wader,

forest

anthropoid,

aquatic

sucker

88 Hasty escape

91 Riser at dawn

92 Pester

93 Singer Willie

94 Tuba material

97 Lunch, e.g.

100 Tree of Iowa

103 Milk, in

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104 Scavenging

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109 Onion

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110 Low cards

111 “Botch- —”

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112 High card

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120 Successively

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34 Kuwaitis, e.g.

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37 Langston

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42 Ill-defined

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44 BBQ meat bit

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67 Pick-up-sticks

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78 Gp. backing

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81 Nickname for

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82 Michelle of

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83 Auld lang —

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86 Horror film

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87 Pell- —

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March 1958

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Sergeant First Class WILLIAM JOE BUTCHER, RA 15411256, Chemical Corps, United States Army, is cited for meritorious service as the Photographic Laboratory Specialist for the United States Army Chemical Corps School, Fort McClellan, Alabama, during the period from July 25th, 1955, to August 20, 1957. In this assignment Sergeant Butcher was responsible for performing the aerial photographic work used for the Aerial Feasibility Study in radiological surveys and allied projects. Sergeant Butcher's photographic work has been given the highest degree of professional proficiency and industrious application to duty. He gave loyal and devoted service through exceptional military proficiency and superior judgment. By his devotion to duty and outstanding service, Sergeant Butcher has reflected great credit upon himself, the Chemical Corps and has upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service.

Sergeant Butcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Butcher of Dille, West Virginia. Sergeant Butcher's wife is the former Miss Etta Faye Hardway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville E. Hardway of Akron, Ohio. They have two



children—Linda Jo, age 4, and Mark Alan, age 1, pictured above.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunrise Services will be held at the Walnut Grove Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1958, at 6 a.m. Services will be held by Rev. Ernest C. Hammack. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**



LANTY S. FACEMIRE

Services were held at 11 a.m., March 6, 1958, in the Big Union Baptist Church at Dille, Clay County, West Virginia, with Revs. J. H. McLaughlin, Ernest Hammack and Jack Dobbins officiating. Burial was in the Butcher Cemetery at Dille. Mr. Facemire, 61, of Dille, died Monday night, March 3, 1958, in the Sutton General Hospital after a long illness.

He had been an employee of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company as a motorman since 1912. He was president of the League of Widen Miners for fifteen years, a member of the Big Union Baptist Church at Dille, the Strange Creek Lodge No. 130 AF&AM, the Beni Kedem Shrine in Charleston, the Scottish Rite Body, 33rd Degree, and the Strange Creek Chapter No. 154 OES.

Surviving are his wife, Lucy; four daughters, Mrs. Vada Lykins of Dille, Mrs. Athalene Ashley of Cowen, Mrs. Carlene Triplett of Lodi, Ohio, and Miss Charlotte Facemire at home, three sons, Foster of Summersville, Billie of Dille and Delano at home; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Butcher of Widen, Mrs. Mary Nicholas of Dille, Mrs. Ida Givens of Atwater, Ohio, and Mrs. Ivy King of Cleveland; 15 grandchildren.

The body was taken from Waters Mortuary at Summersville to the residence at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 1958, and to the church one hour before the service.

The Strange Creek Lodge No. 130 AF&AM conducted graveside rites and the Strange Creek Chapter No. 154 OES acted as flower bearers.

The Widen Women's Independent Basketball Team will play the Girls Team from Owens-Illinois-Ford Company, Charleston, West Virginia, Monday Night, March 31, 1958 at 8:00 PM in the New Community Building at Widen.

The Widen girls' Team recently played the Owens-Illinois Girls in the State Tournament and were defeated. They hope to give them more competition in this game.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB RE-ELECT OFFICERS

All incumbent officers of the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club were elected for another year at a well-attended meeting of the club membership at the Legion Hall in Widen on March 6. The officers are H. L. Beattie, president; H. S. Williams, 1st Vice president; Corley Frame, 2nd vice president; Doyle Waggoner, secretary; and Harold Dawson, treasurer.

In previewing the accomplishments of the past year, President Beattie referred to the building of the tennis court at the recreation area, the preparation of the location of a lodge beside the tennis court, the sponsoring of the Widen baseball team, the club's influence in obtaining the new Community Building with its impressive dedication at the annual banquet with Governor Underwood as special guest, the Fourth of July celebration, and the sponsoring of a girls' basketball team which played benefit games for the March of Dimes and Heart Fund. Mr. Beattie expressed his pleasure at being permitted to be the presiding officer of the Sportsmen's Club, which has proven to be a most worthwhile organization.

At the request of Fire Chief Jerle Hamrick, the club voted the sum of \$29.93 to clear up current indebtedness of the Widen Volunteer Fire Department which was originally sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club.

The Widen baseball team will again be backed by the club, provided the team is successful in its effort to affiliate with an organized league. A committee consisting of Bob Dorsey, Hobo Otto, Harold Legg, and Junior Cochran was appointed to take care of the baseball team matters.

Several local archers are interested in founding an archery club, an affiliate of the Sportsmen's Club and Harold Stump was given the club's permission to proceed with such an organization.

The Buffalo Valley Sportsman's Club has become a member of the West Virginia branch of Sportsmen Unlimited and C. M. Waggoner gave a brief resume of his visit to the annual meeting of the latter society, which has a primary interest in conservation legislation.

After the formal meeting adjourned, a general social gathering was enjoyed, with refreshments being served by Scott Williams and Bob Elliott.

TO HEAD CANCER FUND

Miss Hazel Baughman, president of the Widen Woman's Club, has been appointed Chairman of the Cancer Fund of Widen. This drive is held each year during the month of April. Funds received are used for the treatment of and for the further research of this dread disease.

There will be no door to door soliciting. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Miss Baughman.

DON'T BLAME THE EDITORS

Getting out this paper is not a picnic.

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Gov. and First Lady Update WV Board of Ed. on Communities In Schools’ Success

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) welcomed Gov. Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice to its October meeting today in Charleston. They provided the Board with an update on the Communities In Schools (CIS) program in West Virginia. CIS is a comprehensive initiative that surrounds children with the necessary resources to meet their needs allowing them to stay in school and connect to a pathway of post-secondary success.

The Governor and First Lady championed the expansion of CIS throughout their tenure. Through their work with the West Virginia Legislature and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), CIS has expanded to all 55 counties. The program impacts 117,000 students through the work of 298 site coordinators in 285 schools. As a result, 99% of students served have stayed in school with a significant number of them showing improved behavior, academic performance and attendance.

Vulnerable student populations often need assistance extending beyond what schools or any single organization can provide. The site coordinators bring together local resources to meet the unique needs of the child and reinforce supports through consistent and sustained engagement. This allows the child and family to focus on school success.

District Approval Status and Accreditation

The WVBE also approved the 2024 District Approval Status and Accreditation Report. The WVDE Office of Accountability presented the report that provides critical insights into school district performance across 11 indicators. The report provides a public review of each district’s operational efficiency (e.g., Finance, Facilities, Special Education), as well as its performance on the West Virginia Balanced Scorecard Indicators of Academic Performance and Student Success (e.g., English language arts [ELA] and Mathematics Achievement and Progress, Attendance, Behavior).

Key findings from the report include:

For the Attendance Indicator, 91% of districts designated as “On Watch” in 2023 showed a reduction in chronic absenteeism. Additionally, 100% of districts that were designated as “Support” showed a reduction in chronic absenteeism.

For the ELA indicators, 100% of counties designated as “On Watch” for ELA Achievement last year made gains. No counties were designated in the more intensive categories for ELA Achievement or ELA Progress.

For the mathematics indicators, 65% of districts designated as “On Watch” for Math Achievement in 2023 made increases. Also, 33% of districts identified as “On Watch” improved in Math Progress.

SPOTLIGHT

Kelly Allen, director of the West Virginia Center of Budget and Policy said budget modeling shows the average West Virginian will save \$21 a year in taxes – the equivalent of a pop, a king size candy bar and less than \$15 on pump 8.

Del. Larry Kump, R-Berkeley, defended the tax cut, despite its relatively small size. “Anything we do to reduce the tax burden on our families is a good thing,” Kump said.

While the amount was a point of contention – House Republicans said they were happy with the Governor’s initial 5% – the way they will pay for it caused an uproar from the minority caucus.

The total cost is \$46 million, of which \$19 million comes from retiring a Wise Administration-era bond.

Most of the money, \$27 million, according to Pack, would come from the cost savings resulting from the breakup of the Department of Health and Human Services into three agencies. The new Department of Human Services oversees a dysfunctional foster care system and a child care subsidy program that could run out of cash by the end of the year.

Lawmakers pressed Pack on just where in the former department’s \$1 billion budget the cuts came from. Pack said he didn’t have it in that detail.

“Trying to find \$20 million is not very hard,” he said.

What did they do for child care?

Twice already this year, lawmakers have come to Charleston and adjourned without doing anything to address West Virginia’s child care shortage.

By August, 60 child care centers across the state had closed. A key federal subsidy program is used by thousands of low-income families to afford child care in West Virginia. This program faces a \$23-30 million funding shortfall but state officials have found enough federal money to fund it through the end of the year.

Instead of addressing this budget hole, the governor called for a non-refundable \$1,500 maximum tax credit for child care. It would allow families to get up to \$1,500 taken off their tax bill that had been spent on child care. But if they owe nothing in taxes, they don’t get any money.

But Allen said that wouldn’t do much good by only benefiting parents who already have children in child care.

An estimated 20,000 children in West Virginia need child care but can’t get it because there are not enough open slots. An analysis from the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy said it would take around \$100 million to solve the issue.

The governor also proposed \$5 million for a “child care expansion pilot program” which would hire a consultant to study the problem and help develop small child care centers.

This idea faced choppy waters on the House floor Tuesday evening as lawmakers took issue with spending money on an outside study of a well-known problem.

“If we have \$5 million, we have a list of things the child providers said will actually help,” said Del. Joey Garcia, D-Marion.

Garcia called for the bill to be postponed indefinitely. By a vote of 47-40, it was.

Del. Kayla Young, D-Kanawha, sponsored several bills to address childcare, including \$4.3 million for the federal subsidy program, \$1,000 refundable tax credits for child care and to subsidize day care workers for their own child care. All those bills were sent to committees and never taken up.

Plugging the holes in the state budget with one time money

The roughly \$500 million went to a variety of projects. Of that, \$125 million went towards water and sewer projects. Another \$100 million went towards those projects too, but they were placed in the Governor’s Civil Contingent Fund.

Districts that have been identified for the same indicator for consecutive years require increased action by the county and the WVDE. The report and WVBE presentation are available on the WVDE website.

Elementary Alternative Education Grants

The WVDE Office of Safety and Tiered Support Systems announced the recipients of the Elementary Alternative Education Grants. These awards, \$250,000 each, help counties establish strong multi-tiered systems of support to address advancing and critical needs of students. Smaller grants were awarded to other districts with existing programs.

The WVDE supports counties in addressing needs such as low academic performance, chronic absenteeism, social-emotional and behavioral supports as well as others. Multi-tiered systems are designed on a continuum to provide appropriate responses to deliver evidence-based and focused interventions in the most productive manner possible.

WVBE Policies on Public Comment

Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/ Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications establishes the requirements regarding licensure of educators to work in West Virginia public schools. As changes occur in education, certification and licensure policies must be revised to ensure educational needs are met. This proposed policy implements new statutory requirements and current policy drafting protocol.

Policy 8400, The Charter Public Schools Stimulus Fund resulted from the passage of Senate Bill 47 during the 2023 regular legislative session. It gives the WVBE the responsibility to adopt a policy that creates a Charter Schools Stimulus Fund which allows grants of appropriated public funds to assist with charter school start-up costs. The Professional Charter School Board will administer the fund with oversight from the WVBE. The policy addresses criteria and processes regarding grant awards as well as reporting requirements that the Professional Charter School Board is required to follow.

Policy 5202 is on public comment for 30 days, and Policy 8400 is on public comment for 45 days. Both may be reviewed on the WVDE website.

Documents, agenda items and other information from the October WVBE meeting are located on the WVBE Oct. 9, 2024, calendar listing page.

The next regularly scheduled WVBE meeting is 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, in Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

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House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, slams the gavel at the end of the special session. Photo by Perry Bennett / WV Legislative Photography

That fund is the governor’s discretionary fund. While some items in that budget are already spoken for, finance committee testimony revealed there’s \$81 million that isn’t – enough to cover most of the Center of Budget and Policy recommendations for addressing child care.

The \$500 million came out of the state’s surplus, the extra money left over from the prior budget year. Over the last few years, the state has enjoyed an unprecedented surplus. Last year, state revenues came in \$1.8 billion over.

But these surpluses were largely driven by a flood of federal funding during the COVID-19 pandemic and lowballed estimates from the governor, Allen said.

On top of that, in 2022 the severance tax collections went through the roof after natural gas prices rapidly rose when the Russians rolled tanks into Ukraine. That severance tax is historically volatile and as quick as the prices rose in 2022, they busted the next year.

But according to the governor’s numbers he sent to the state Senate, the flush times are coming to an end. In next year’s budget, state officials project to have an \$80 million surplus.

This, according to both lawmakers and critics, is a result of “flat budgeting” – keeping the same amount of spending year to year, without fully accounting for inflation.

In the past, Republican leadership has said flat budgeting forces agencies to find efficiencies, but this philosophy also stretches agencies at a time when West Virginia has a wide variety of urgent needs. For example, during a House Finance Committee meeting Monday, state corrections officials said they need \$17 million more each year to keep facilities running.

Billy Marshall, commissioner of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, told the committee that when staffing was short, jails and prisons were using money budgeted for vacant positions to pay for operating costs, like food, medical services and utilities. Now that more than 700 positions have been filled, the agency will no longer be able pull cash out of those accounts.

Lawmakers also spent \$87 million to keep afloat the Public Employees Insurance Agency.

PEIA – the source of healthcare benefits for the state’s employees – had depleted a required reserve account because the costs of drugs and doctor’s visits are outstripping the cash on hand.

Brian Cunningham, director of PEIA, told the finance committee the agency is making moves to reduce costs and raising premiums for state employees, but it really needed the money to avoid a 20% midyear premium hike, or the agency being declared shaky by the financial markets.

On the floor, Del. Evan Hansen, D-Monogalia, said using surplus money to address ongoing costs won’t work, especially as surplus amounts continue to dwindle.

“There’s a lot of services that the people of West Virginia expect from their state government and deserve,” Hansen said. “If they don’t have surpluses anymore, government’s not going to be able to take care of those priorities.”

But Finance Chair Del. Vernon Criss, R-Wood, said the surplus items are all “one-time spends.” He said while certain revenue streams, like the personal income tax, are decreasing by design, economic growth will offset it.

Meanwhile, as lawmakers sorted out the hole for PEIA, 1,300 road workers gathered on the Capitol steps with the governor to mark the anniversary of Justice’s “Roads to Prosperity” highway building program. A loudspeaker blasted Kool & the Gang’s “Celebration”, rattling the windows of the finance committee room.

As Justice called for the road projects to keep going, he turned around on his stool to the men and women wearing high-visibility yellow shirts.

“I mean this, I love every last one of you,” he said. “You did the work, you pulled the rope, you absolutely made all this happen.”

The next day, PEIA’s finance board announced a planned premium increase of about \$30 a month for average state employees like roadworkers.

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Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	105.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	238.36
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	461.81

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand September 13, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

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(2023-C-000109 - CLAY COUNTY - ASTRALLIX)

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

DISTRICT PLEASANT MAP 21 PARCEL 0028 0000 3002

You will take notice that ASTRALLIX, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000109**, located in PLEASANT District, 5.84 AC WTS SYC SUR 2/3 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BAKER GARRY KENT, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 7, 2024. ASTRALLIX requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 72961.	\$	90.22
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 73801.	\$	34.59
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	121.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	256.05
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	501.91

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(2023-C-000006 - CLAY COUNTY - ASTRALLIX)

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

DISTRICT BUFFALO MAP 20 PARCEL 0068 0000 0000

You will take notice that ASTRALLIX, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000006**, located in BUFFALO District, 4.542 AC STRANGE CREEK SUR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of JARVIS LESA S, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 7, 2024. ASTRALLIX requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 1107.	\$	91.95
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 1095.	\$	27.42
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	105.12
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	238.36
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	462.85

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CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FYE JUNE 30, 2024	
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,237,425
Investments	-
Inventory	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	535,767
Deposit with Retirement Board	8,942
Food service receivable	-
Lease receivables	-
Other receivables	96,565
Prepaid Worker's Compensation	1,738
Other prepaid expenses	43,318
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	115,214
PEIA allocation receivable	316,723
Reimbursements receivable	6,138,470
Capital assets:	
Land	1,333,753
Land improvements	1,245,389
Buildings and improvements	36,512,113
Furniture and equipment	3,083,181
Vehicles	4,027,149
Construction in process	327,187
Less accumulated depreciation	(21,628,481)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	26,900,311
Right-of-Use Assets:	
Land	-
Buildings	-
Equipment	-
Vehicles	-
Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)	712,325
Less accumulated amortization	(339,632)
Total ROU assets, net of amortization	372,693
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) asset - Proportionate share	102,390
Total assets	39,889,557
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	451,586
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	106,422
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	587,988
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 40,457,545
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	
Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	1,485,705
PEIA premiums payable	186,370
Compensated absences	-
Accounts payable	289,915
Other post employment benefit payable	-
Due to Other Fiscal Agents	-
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Accrued interest	9,407
Finance lease obligation	152,689
Finance lease liability	-
Financed purchases and other	-
SBITA liability	-
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Finance lease obligation	1,495,000
Finance lease liability	-
Financed purchases and other	-
SBITA liability	-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability	-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	933,231
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	-
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Dental & Vision	-
Total liabilities	4,552,317
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	20,114
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	148,095
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	168,209
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,720,526
Net Position:	
Net investment in Capital Assets	28,900,311
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	-
Special projects	442,159
Excess Levy	-
Capital projects	1,189,163
Unrestricted	7,205,365
Total net position	\$ 35,737,019

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements, however, to conserve space, they are not included in the publication but are available for review at the board office.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FYE JUNE 30, 2024						
	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue Fund	65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,937,951	\$ 68,431	\$ 424,080	\$ -	\$ 806,963	\$ 5,237,425
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net	535,767	-	-	-	-	535,767
Deposit with Retirement Board	8,942	-	-	-	-	8,942
Prepaid Workers' Comp	1,738	-	-	-	-	1,738
Food service receivable, net	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	96,566	-	-	-	-	96,566
Other prepaid expenses	43,318	-	-	-	-	43,318
Due from other governments:						
State aid receivable	115,214	-	-	-	-	115,214
PEIA allocation receivable	316,723	-	-	-	-	316,723
Reimbursements receivable	36,098	2,528,500	-	2,453,484	1,120,388	5,138,470
Due from other funds	5,003,733	-	-	-	-	5,003,733
Total assets	10,096,050	2,596,931	424,080	2,453,484	1,927,351	17,497,896
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$10,096,050	\$ 2,596,931	\$ 424,080	\$ 2,453,484	\$ 1,927,351	\$ 17,497,896
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,485,705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,485,705
Other post employment benefits payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEIA premiums payable	186,370	-	-	-	-	186,370
Accounts payable & Payable to others	176,843	38,072	-	-	75,000	289,915
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	1,887,061	-	2,453,484	663,188	5,003,733
Total liabilities	1,848,918	1,925,484	-	2,453,484	738,188	6,965,723
Deferred inflows or resources	500,700	653,719	-	857,548	-	2,021,967
Total deferred inflows of resources	500,700	653,719	-	857,548	-	2,021,967
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable	53,998	-	-	-	-	53,998
Restricted	-	18,079	424,080	-	1,189,163	1,631,322
Committed	1,583,747	-	-	-	-	1,583,747
Assigned	400,207	-	-	-	-	400,207
Unassigned	5,708,480	-	-	(867,548)	-	4,840,932
Total fund balances	7,746,432	18,079	424,080	(867,548)	1,189,163	8,510,206
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 10,096,050	\$ 2,596,931	\$ 424,080	\$ 2,453,484	\$ 1,927,351	\$ 17,497,896
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ due to:						
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						26,900,311
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						372,693
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds						1,521,267
Property taxes receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds						500,700
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods, and therefore, are not reported in the funds						
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions						481,556
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions						(20,114)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB						106,422
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB						(148,095)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						
Bonds payable, due within one year						-
Bonds payable, due beyond one year						-
Unamortized bond premium						-
Accrued interest on bonds						(9,407)
Accrued sick leave payable						(1,647,689)
Compensated absences						-
Net Pension liability - proportionate share						(933,231)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share						(102,390)
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Liability						-
Finance lease liability, due within one year						-
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year						-
Financed purchases and other, due within one year						-
Financed purchases and other, due beyond one year						-
SBITA liability, due within one year						-
SBITA liability, due beyond one year						-
Net position of governmental activities						<u>\$ 35,737,019</u>
See Notes to Financial Statements						

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FYE JUNE 30, 2024						
	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue	65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 1,873,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,873,603
Other local sources	127,287	344,459	437,424	-	3,848	913,016
State sources	15,572,079	997,085	-	-	663,499	17,232,663
Federal sources	383,358	4,452,587	-	4,433,925	-	9,269,870
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	17,956,327	5,794,131	437,424	4,433,925	667,345	29,289,152
Expenditures:						
Instruction	9,014,091	2,497,189	561,410	1,085,968	-	13,158,658
Supporting services:						
Students	598,641	547,343	-	272,122	-	1,418,106
Instructional staff	143,596	683,843	-	266,599	-	1,094,038
Central administration	424,273	18,346	-	9,170	-	451,789
School administration	1,169,148	-	-	208	-	1,169,356
Central Services	362,665	-	-	53,396	-	416,061
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,689,960	8,692	-	458,214	-	2,156,866
Student transportation	2,213,313	75,071	-	52,255	-	2,340,639
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	-	1,675,684	-	28,003	-	1,703,687
Community services	83,812	-	-	-	-	83,812
Capital outlay	3,976	-	-	-	327,187	331,163
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance Leases:						
Principal payment expense	226,590	-	-	-	-	226,590
Interest expense	19,028	-	-	-	-	19,028
SBITAs:						
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	15,949,093	5,506,168	561,410	2,225,935	327,187	24,569,793
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	2,007,234	287,983	(123,986)	2,207,990	340,158	4,719,359
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from finance lease	-	-	-	-	845,000	845,000
Proceeds from financed purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from SBITAs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	348,982	-	64,143	-	-	413,105
Transfers (out)	(17,263)	(100,202)	(3,723)	(291,917)	-	(413,105)
Total other financing sources (uses)	331,699	(100,202)	60,420	(291,917)	845,000	845,000
Extraordinary Item:						
Other post employment benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	2,338,933	187,761	(63,566)	1,916,073	1,185,158	5,564,359
Fund balances - beginning	5,407,499	(169,682)	487,646	(2,783,621)	4,005	2,945,847
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	5,407,499	(169,682)	487,646	(2,783,621)	4,005	2,945,847
Fund balances - ending	\$ 7,746,432	\$ 18,079	\$ 424,080	\$ (867,548)	\$ 1,189,163	\$ 8,510,206
See Notes to Financial Statements						

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK
ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY, LLC	168,053.78
ALPHA MECHANICAL SERVICES	21 ,409.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	112,647.68
AMERICAN NATIONAL	4,511.80
AMTEK	5,273.00
APPALACHIAN POWER	38,009.64
APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PRODUCTS	14,452.06
APPALACHIAN TIRE PRODUCTS INC	18,823.30
APPLE EDUCATION	85,648.95
AT&T MOBILITY	20,619.04
BASE EDUCATION, LLC	3,500.00
BIG OTTER ELEMENTARY	5,600.00
BILL PIERSON	750.00
BILLY C. MCCALLISTER	225.52
BLACK DIAMOND POWER COMPANY	295,672.92
BOWLES RICE LLP	55,252.92
BRAIN POP	2,805.00

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Functions	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenue & Changes in Net Position	Governmental Activities
			Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		
Governmental activities						
Instruction	\$ 11,970,257	\$ 80,952	\$ 3,345,256	\$ 383,830	\$ (8,160,219)	
Supporting services:						
Students	1,469,950	9,941	668,049	47,134	(744,826)	
Instructional staff	1,188,300	8,036	540,047	38,103	(602,114)	
General administration	414,227	2,801	188,254	13,282	(209,890)	
School administration	993,274	6,717	451,414	31,850	(503,293)	
Central services	389,774	2,636	177,141	12,498	(197,499)	
Operation & maintenance of facilities	2,008,149	13,581	912,645	64,392	(1,017,531)	
Student transportation	2,258,173	15,271	1,026,273	72,409	(1,144,220)	
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Services	1,816,154	-	1,800,028	-	(16,126)	
Community services	88,056	-	-	-	(88,056)	
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	19,028	-	-	-	(19,028)	
Total governmental activities	\$ 22,615,342	\$ 139,935	\$ 9,109,107	\$ 663,498	(12,702,802)	
General revenues:						
Property taxes					1,919,861	
Unrestricted state aid					13,225,302	
Unrestricted investment earnings					10,150	
Unrestricted grants and contributions					9,290	
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits					-	
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets					-	
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets					-	
Transfers in					413,105	
Transfers (out)					(413,105)	
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers					15,164,603	
Change in net position					2,461,801	
Net position - beginning					33,275,218	
Prior period adjustments - (See Note__)					-	
Net position - beginning, as restated					33,275,218	
Net position - ending					\$ 35,737,019	

See notes to Financial Statements

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE JUNE 30, 2024	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 5,564,399
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.	
Depreciation expense	(1,214,783)
Capital outlays	572,850

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of lease assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.	
Amortization expense	-
Capital outlays	-
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.	
Amortization expense	(118,721)
Capital outlays	-
Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).	
Property taxes receivable	52,086
Operating Grants and Contributions	(2,094,875)
Other miscellaneous conversion adjustments	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the premium on the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the current year amortization of the premium on the general obligation bonds. The current year amortization of the premium is a reduction of interest expense rather than revenue for purpose of this statement.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from finance leases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from financed purchases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	-
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from SBITAs. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	-
The repayment of the principal of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. However, such repayment has no effect on net position.	-
Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	-
Cost of assets disposed	-
Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	-
Differences in the ROU and accumulated amortization on ROU asset terminated agreements are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	-
Right-of-Use assets terminated	-
Accumulated depreciation of assets terminated	-
Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased) decreased.	-
Accured vacation payable	-
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	(2,773)
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net if employee contributions is reported as pension expense.	
District pension contributions	156,807
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(151,408)
Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net if employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense.	
District OPEB contributions	8,801

Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	307,806
Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs) are reported in the statement of net position, but are not reported in government funds. This is the amount by which the ARO has increased.	-
Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased.	(618,410)
Financed purchases are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which financed purchases decreased.	-
SBITA payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which SBITA payables decreased.	-
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,461,801

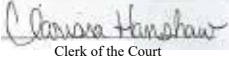
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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK
BUMP ARMOR	4,264.20
CAMEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	2,770.48
CAREERSAFE CAMPUS	2,720.00
CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES	28,532.00
CC SAFETY SUPPLY	928.30
CENTRICITY	638.00
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	9,813.33
CEV MULTIMEDIA	2,750.00
CHERYL PLEAR	1,900.00
CINTAS CORPORATION #525	12,916.73
CITCO WATER	331.68
CLAY AUTO	8,197.21
CLAY COUNTY AG YOUTH FAIR	5,880.00
CLAY COUNTY BANK	8,680,433.72
CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION	3,635.21
CLAY COUNTY FREE PRESS	4,243.47
CLAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	7,360.00
CLAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	15,070.02
CLAY COUNTY LIBRARY	86,694.17
CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL	14,000.00
CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DIST	7,369.80
CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12,000.00
CLAY FARM BUREAU COOPERATIVE	6,693.45
CLAY LUMBER	1,688.57
CLAY MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS	84,179.32
CLAYMAN & ASSOCIATES	2,500.00
CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS	1,823.30
COLLEGE ENTRANCE BOARD	8,631.60
COLONIAL LIFE	865.00
CONSECO HEALTH INSURANCE CO	6,846.16
COUNTRY SHORT STOP	960.99
CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE	2,224.50
CRITTERS ENTERPRISE	12,740.62
CROOK BROTHERS	773.10
CTE ENTERPRLSES	500.00
CUNNINGHAM MOTORS INC	508.42
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES INC	62,566.76
DC AMERICA	6,972.00
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN	6,057.73
DINSMORE AND SHOHL LLP	26,599.88
DOT ONE-THREE VISION SERVICES	3,500.00
DOUGLAS COOK	28,125.00
DPF ALTERNATIVES OF WV, LLC	3,649.02
EARTHWALK COMMUNICATIONS	8,073.00
EASTERN PANHANDLE	355.00
EDWARDS FARM	1,437.50
ELECTRONIC SPECLALTY CO	4,949.90
ENCOVA INSURANCE	122,460.00
EQUIPARTS CORPORATION	1,028.56
EQUIPMENT DEPOT OHIO, INC.	317.36
ERLEWINE CONCRETE COMPANY	1,632.40
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT EXPRESS	2,779.38
FERGUSON PLUMBING SUPPLY	9,994.49
FLEETSOFT LLC	499.00
FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	768.00
FRONTIER WV INC	19,616.15
GENERAL SALES COMPANY	17,291.83
GIBSON'S	1,885.08
GOLDFARB ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	3,343.35
GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC	5,050.00
H D MEDIA	288.87
H E WHITE ELEMENTARY	3,200.00
HAMMOC RIDGE FARMS	2,375.00
HARRIS SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	9,839.42
HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO.	24,075.00
HEALTH RESEARCH SYSTEMS	4,838.80
HERFF JONES, INC.	1,047.82
HOBART SALES AND SERVICE	275.25
HOLCOMB & CO. LLC	4,900.00
HOLCOMB SANITATION SERVICE	3,400.00
HOLCOMB SEPTIC SYSTEMS	1,920.00

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK
HOPE GAS	8,813.08
HORACE MANN LIFE INSURANCE CO	23,349.54
HOTSYS EQUIPMENT CO	1,188.10
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	2,705.26
HUMMERT SUPPLIES	8,387.50
IKE WALKER ORGANIZATION	900.00
IMAGINE LEARNING, INC.	27,621.00
INCHY'S BOOKWORM VENDING MACH	6,340.00
INSPIRING DREAMS NETWORK	4,000.00
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF	1,262.00
IRS	2,904,991.82
IXL LEARNING	1,450.00
J C EHRLICH	7,885.00
JAMES L. CARNELL	587.10
JB ELECTRIC	6,372.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOL	229.74
JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY CO	1,215.90
JOSEPH T RYERSON & SON, INC.	4,607.05
KANAWHA COUNTY SCHOOLS	5,567.44
KCEAA	460.00
KEEN QUALITY MEAT, LLC	1,957.35
KELLY PRINTING	303.90
KIMBALL MIDWEST	6,410.92
KING'S TRUCKING & WRECKER	1,983.78
KOMAX BUSINESS SYSTEMS	600.00
LAKESHORE CO	9,288.49
LEGALSHIELD	3,991.29
LEGG'S WELDING INC	3,200.00
LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT	17,566.35
LIZEMORE ELEMENTARY	3,600.00
MASON AND BERRY	3,900.58
MATHENY MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY	556.39
MCGRAW-HILL LLC	5,958.96
MCKINLEY ARCHITECTURE & ENGINE	176,654.96
METHENEY CONTRACTING LLC	5,220.00
MON POWER	110,468.70
MOSYLE CORPORATION	1023.00
MOUNTAIN STATE EQUIPMENT	550.00
MOUNTAIN VENDING INC	587.50
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY	69,322.25
NATIONAL POOL AND EQUIPMENT CO	609.92
NCS PEARSON INC	1295.00
NCS PEARSON, INC.	855.00
NICHOLAS PRINTING	780.80
NOREGON SYSTEMS LLC	1,699.00
OFFICE DEPOT	95,944.74
ONSOLVE, LLC	2,573.04
ORACLE ELEVATOR	3,138.41
OSCAR F HENRY CO	319.00
OSCAR HENRY	2,356.80
PARCHMENT LLC	687.00
PARTS & MORE INC	4211.88
PATRICIA WILSON	1,900.00
PEERLESS BLOCK & BRICK CO	2,501.07
PIONEER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	66,866.74
POWELL INCORPORATED	4,284.00
POWERKLEEN	7,295.00
PRECISION SERVICES	1,193.93
PRIMARY CARE SYSTEMS INC	57,226.92
PRO SOURCE	3,642.65
PROFESSIONAL HEARING SOLUTIONS	13,000.00
QUALITY LAND AND PROPERTY SRVC	20,783.32
RE MICHEL COMPANY LLC	830.13
RE MICHEL COMPANY LLC	3,056.80
READING HORIZONS	16,321.35
RICHARD JOHN WELSH	500.00
RICHMORR & ASSOCIATES	5,173.78
ROTO-ROOTER	425.00
RSP FIRE PROTECTION & EQUIP	16,519.00
SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC	7,120.05
SCHAEFFER'S	842.40
SCHOLASTIC INC	2,159.19
SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION	2,306.35
SCHOOL MATE	2,220.00
SHAMBLIN STONE INC	1,142.25
SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY	9,468.62
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	561.75
SIZEMORE'S GREENHOUSE	525.00
SKILLSUSA WEST VIRGINIA	380.00
SMART HORIZONS	1,530.00
SOLIAINT	9,278.50
SOUTHERN EDUCATION SERVICES	5,056.39
SPORTS CONNECTION	1,511.35
STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	29,311.58
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	381,450.27
STS EDUCATION	128,645.90
SUCCESS BY DESIGN, INC.	1,982.41
SUMMERSVILLE GLASS. INC.	2,038.75
SUTTLE & STALNAKER	22,500.00
SYN-TECH SYSTEMS	1,217.00
T-MOBILE	322.84
TETRICK & BARTLETT	227,500.00
TEXAS LIFE	40,043.84
THE HARTFORD	1,360.00
THE TINY SPARROW ART STUDIO	600.00
TISKELWAH TREATS	5,800.25
TOM RICKMAN & ASSOCIATES	4,043.03
TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	31,200.06
TRANE U.S. INC	9,276.91
TRIPLE T SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	7,400.00
TROYER'S QUALITY MEATS	1,188.80
UNION BANK	160,520.00
UNITED BANK	85,112.14
UNITED DAIRY	88,759.52
UNITED LABORATORIES	552.00
UNITED REFRIGERATION	2,185.12
UNITY SCHOOL BUS PARTS INC	6,276.78
US BANK	1,444,071.56
VERTICAL TRANSPORT CONSULTING	687.83
VIRGINIA AIR DISTRIBUTORS INC	1,426.75
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WV INC	54,554.33
WEST VIRGINIA'S PROMISE	7,000.00
WORLDWIDE EQUIPMENT	63,813.54
WV ADJUTANT GENERAL	75,728.24
WV AMERICAN WATER	3,092.66
WV BOARD OF RISK INSURANCE	205,684.00
WV DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	4,626.80
WV DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	13,299.78
WV DEPT OF ED	2,600.00
VW DIVISION OF LABOR	345.00
WV FFA	1,645.00
WV MOUNTAINEER FLEXIBLE BENEF	130,105.91
WV PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE	2,635,364.33
WV SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC	6,787.00
WV STATE AUDITOR	1820.00
WV STATE FIRE MARSHAL	2,175.00
WV STATE POLICE	750.00
WV STATE UNIVERSITY	14,860.00
WV TEACHERS DEFINED BENEFITS	1,485,420.15
WV TEACHERS DEFINED CONTRIB	32,122.61
WVAPT	900.00
WVBSA	2,830.00
ZANER BLOSER	14,002.23
ZMM DESIGNS LLC	443.90

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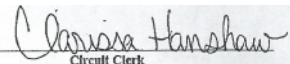
LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA	
TO: GREGORY SWINEY	Magistrate Court Case No.: —
7144 CLAY HWY	Family Court Civil Action
BICKMORE, WV 25019	No.: 24-DV-28
DOB: 10/06/1994	
ORDER OF PUBLICATION	
1. The object of this suit is to obtain a DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER.	
2. The object of this Publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify the above-named individual of the action pending before the Court specified below:	
CLAY COUNTY FAMILY COURT	
To the Above-Named Respondent:	
It appearing by evidence filed in this action that you could not be found in or you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the above-referenced action, a copy of which may be obtained at the CLAY County, Circuit Clerk's office.	
A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 24th day of October 2024, at 9:30 a.m. before the Clay County Family Court.	
Issued 10/10/2024 at 3:06 p.m.	


Clerk of the Court

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY		
IN RE:	Civil Action No. 24-D-49	
The Marriage of:		
Stephen Poland	and	Amanda Poland
Petitioner		Respondent
ORDER OF PUBLICATION		
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:		
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Amanda Poland is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Amanda Poland serve upon Stephen Poland II, Petitioner, whose address is 944 Bomont Rd., Bomont, WV 25030. an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before December 5, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgement may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.		
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.		
Entered by the Clerk of said Court 10/7/24.		


Circuit Clerk

LEGAL

EARLY VOTING - CLAY COUNTY	
Voters may vote an Early Ballot for November 5, 2024 General Election in the Clay County Clerk's office at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043 the following days:	
October 23, 2024 thru October 25, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
October 26, 2024	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 28, 2024 thru November 1, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
November 2, 2024	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
If you have any questions about Early Voting, please call Sheila Stone, County Clerk at 304-587-4259.	



CHURCH DIRECTORY



ALTA CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday Night Services
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM Everyone
is welcome! **Pastor: Paul E. Young**

BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Dixie
Tuesday Night 6:00 PM
Thursday Night 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
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 Bick-
more 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
Procious. 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**

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 Fall-
ing 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

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

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/Chilren/
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

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

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

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, WV
25043
Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 12 noon
For more info call 304-587-
4779
Pastor: David Davis

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
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

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

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.

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

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

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

PROCIIOUS 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

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

RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH at Maysel
Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM fol-
lowed 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



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

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00
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!

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

WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-
days 9:45 AM
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CCHS cross country boys take 1st; CCMS’s Atha and Mahan awarded 1st team All LKC

By Allen Hamrick
The CCMS and CCHS cross country teams ran their legs off this past week at the LKC Championships and the Liberty Raleigh Invitational. Clay’s teams have grown into a formidable bunch of runners. Cross country is one of those endurance sports that demand every ounce of determination and discipline a runner can muster from start to finish. CCMS has some dedicated XC athletes. For the first time, they tested their skills at the middle school LKC championship. Marissa Atha and McKinley Mahan are quickly becoming household names in the world of Cross Country. Marissa placed

5th overall and was given the 1st team All LKC award. McKinley placed 11th overall and was also given the 1st team All LKC award. These ladies have excelled in running sports whether it’s cross country or track.
It was on to compete in the Liberty Raleigh Invitational - here both CCMS and CCHS competed in the event. The CCMS Lady Mustangs put a whippin’ on all the teams tying just Greenbrier East at 51 points. Due to Greenbrier East having more runners, 1st place was awarded to them. However, Marissa Atha took top spot at 1st place with a time of 13:12.5. McKinley Mahan was on her heels placing 4th overall. For the Lady

Panthers, it was Cheyanne Taylor leading the team and placed 6th.
The Panther boys’ team placed three in the top 10 in the event and placed 1st overall with 38 points. Sawyer Dobbins placed 3rd to lead the Panthers in a neck and neck finish. This Saturday, the CCMS team will be running in their final cross country meet this season at the CWVAC championship held in Ravenswood, and the CCHS team will compete at Doddridge County Congratulations to Marissa Atha and McKinley Mahan for being selected as part of 1st team and to the CCHS boys’ team for taking 1st place.

Panthers annihilate the Red Devils



Blake Coleman cracks ribs



Seth Robinson heads for the end zone.

By Allen Hamrick
After suffering the loss against South Harrison last week, the Panthers needed a big win to get back on track before the season comes to a close. The Panthers definitely moved on this past week. They were on the road Friday night in Calhoun to take on the Red Devils. One could see at the onset of the game that the Panthers were not about to lay down their arms and surrender. It was score as much as you can and take or give no quarter. It was a great game and an offensive and defensive feeding frenzy for the Panthers as they held class on how to play football. The defense dominated the field holding the Rebels to just 14 points.

Meanwhile, the offense pounded its way through the Red Devil line and scored a whopping 54 points, defeating Calhoun by the score of 54-14. The Red Devils came into the game with the hope of getting their first win of the season by running the ball down the Panthers’ throat. It just didn’t happen; it may have looked good on paper, but it was pounded down in Red Devil Field dirt. The boys did a whale of a job running the ball; Seth Robinson got the call several times in the game and took the pig to the house more than once. Let’s face it, when it comes to offense, it’s go big or go home most of the time for the Panthers. The air show is always a fan favorite as Noah Collins puts it up for grabs. His receivers were fast, usually got open quick and were moving the ball down the grid and scoring points. Jacoby Nichols, Joel Elliot and Kohan Ramsey were all over the field, and the Red Devil backfield had a difficult time finding them.

Those combinations racked up the offensive yards for the Panthers. That being said, the offensive line opened holes in the Red Devil defensive line allowing them to get the ball down the field and score. The Panthers will take their high scoring offense and try it out on the 1-5 Grafton Bearcats. Don’t let their win-loss record fool you; the Bearcats have scored big point against some tough teams, so it will not be a cakewalk for the Panthers. Come out and support the Panthers as they once again bring ground and pound to the gridiron.



Jacoby Nichols makes the open field tackle.



Joel Elliot looks for the end zone.

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Lady Mustangs were ruling the nets

By Allen Hamrick
There is no doubt that the CCMS volleyball teams, from JV to Varsity, bring all they have to the court when they play. This past week they were on the road to Calhoun and then back at home against Webster. After taking a shot on the chin against George Washington on Monday, the Lady Mustangs were primed for a little revenge. They needed to get the bad taste of losing out of their mouths. With just three losses on the season, the Lady Mustangs are primed for taking the CWVAC championship if they can just stay focused. After losing to GW, the Lady Mustangs took their show on the road to Calhoun County for some much needed net time. Anytime the Lady Mustangs play Calhoun County, it will always be a

tough game. Varsity players came out pumped up, fans seemed to come alive and the decibel levels went into eardrum bursting excitement. JV and Varsity did not disappoint the fans at all; they played as a team bent on taking on anybody and taking them down. They defeated Calhoun County in two straight games, much to the chagrin of Calhoun County fans. Webster was up next and it was like crossing the Elk River in a cardboard box as the Lady Mustangs defeated Webster with a little mercy in two straight games. If they continue to play like they did in this game then the championship trophy is as good as theirs. The Lady Mustangs have six more regular season games before the CWVAC tournament. Good luck Lady Mustangs!