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CCHS Cross Country Teams Finish Strong

The Clay County High School cross country teams are winding down a very successful season. On September 25, the boys' team won the Lincoln County Invitational for the third consecutive year. Athletes from ten schools competed in the event. Impressively, five CCHS runners medaled.

Sawyer Dobbins led the team with a second-place finish, Kane Nida placed fourth, Trent Hinkle finished ninth, Andrew Tanner came in twelfth, and Evan Bass finished in the fifteenth spot. Isaiah Woods also put forth a strong effort. For the girls' team, Cheyanne Taylor earned an award for her eighth-place finish, as did Abigail Grandon at thirteenth.

Three days later, the boys' team placed third at the competitive Pikeview Invitational in Princeton. Seventy-five runners from seventeen schools ran this race. Earning hardware for CCHS were Dobbins and Nida, finishing fourth and fifteenth respectively. Contributing to the team's success were Kaden Fitzwater, Hinkle, Tanner, and Woods. Cheyanne Taylor, in the thirteenth spot, brought home a medal for the girls.

Wrapping up the regular season schedule, the boys' team also won the Liberty Raleigh Invitational at Lake Stephens on October 12 wherein runners from twelve teams competed. Four CCHS athletes brought home hardware – Dobbins placed third, Nida came in sixth, Fitzwater finished ninth, and Hinkle came in thirteenth. Bass and Woods also aided the team's success. For the girls' team, again it was Taylor and Grandon earning medals, at sixth and eleventh respectively.

Finally, on October 17, the teams competed in the AA/A LKC Championship Meet at Doddridge County Park. Seniors Sawyer Dobbins and Kane Nida earned second-team All-Conference honors. For the girls, improving their times throughout the season, Ashley Roberts and Jaylyn Holcomb each set personal records.

The teams prepared for the Region III Class AA Championship Meet at Little Beaver State Park on October 24. This meet determines who earns the opportunity to run in the WV State XC Championship on November 2. Runners may advance individually or as a team. The top three teams qualify for the State Meet, as well as the top five individuals exclusive of qualifying teams. While CCHS has had individual runners qualify for the State Meet in the past, including Dobbins who has done



CCHS Boys' XC Team won the Lincoln County Invitational for the third consecutive year.



CCHS Girls' XC Team is preparing for Regionals.

so for the last two years, the school has not in recent memory had an entire boys' team qualify. Coaches Ron Starcher and Matt Stricker believe this may be the year. The team's hard work and dedication has made it a force

to be reckoned with. They have a legitimate shot at a top three finish. The ladies have also been improving times with every race. Congratulations to these teams on a highly successful season and good luck at Regionals!

Elk River Sasquatch has been assigned to the WV Paranormal Trail

By Allen Hamrick

The WV Paranormal Trail is full of local haunted legends and places that will curl your spine and give you enough heebie jeebies to have nightmares for a week. Places like the Mothman Museum, the Trans-Allegheny Asylum, the WV Penitentiary and The Blennerhassett Hotel, just to name a few, along with known ghost and paranormal activity, some with brutal pasts, may still have the screams of the victims in the evening winds. If you go to the WV Paranormal web site, you can sign up, get a passport to do the tour, explore for yourself and unlock prizes. All you have to do is sign up. Our own Elk River Trail Sasquatch of Clay County has been given paranormal status by being assigned to the WV Paranormal Trail tour. "Why?," you ask. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people have already visited Sasquatch on the Elk River Trail above Ivydale since he was stationed at the site.

After doing some research into it, the 10.5 foot, 1800 pound wooden statue has somehow been stepping out, according to some. Whether it's the alone time he has standing day after day, the foggy mornings or the eerie

nights, Sasquatch has a life of his own. He is different; some visitors have said they have seen a tear in his eye, and others say they just feel like he is looking straight through them. Nobody truly knows the mysteries of the unknown or the paranormal world where things can occur that we can't explain, and when we can't explain it, it's simply not real...but we are human after all...we are real...right? There are some that have been on the trail at dusk and have said when they pass Sasquatch their pace quickens to the point that fear grips their backbone.

So, does he step out at night? Does the spirit of the true Sasquatch reside within the statue and has now given it life? The latest tale is that the statue comes to life, leaves the area at night and goes to his mate somewhere on the trail. Many questions arise as to the how, where, why, and the complete absurdity of the notion. He didn't get on the WV Paranormal Trail by just being wood, someone said. So, the next time you're on the trail and you get to his area in the day or night, take a change of clothes because when you stand beside him and take a minute to look up, he just might be looking down.



Is it possible?

Gene Truman - giving the old ways a new life

By Allen Hamrick

Many of our old ways of doing things have taken a back seat to modern tools and computers. Most people of certain generations will set comfortably in their homes and, while sipping on a cup of stout black coffee, remember what it was like in the "Good Ol' Days" while their bones and joints remind them of what it is now. People in other generations collect the tools and collectables that those of another generation used in everyday life and stand in wonder as they sip on a latte as to what it would have been like to live in those days. The newest generation, for the most part, does not care as they sip on energy drinks and play on their phones. They see no need to hunt for food or work as hard;



Gene Truman makes trim in the shop.

food is readily available at the grocery store, and we have machines to do the work now. Those people who truly lived in the past are dying off quickly, and their tales, tips and tricks to hard living goes with them. "No need for learn-

ing the old ways when we have the new ways," has often been said. One generation depended on their backs and the other depends on their money. There is nothing wrong with technology as long as you have a backup plan

2024 CWVAC Champions - Mustangs defeat Braxton!



The 2024 CWVAC Champion Mustangs.

See story on Page 8

BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

CLAY COUNTY



Mark Allen Mitchem
Booked 10/31/24
Violation of protective order,
attempt to commit a felony



Richard Tyler Thurmer
Booked 11/1/24
Transferring stolen prop-
erty, conspiracy to commit
a felony

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Joseph Arthur Mauller
Booked 10/30/24
Arson third degree, trespass-
ing asked to leave



Jamal Jareek Richardson
Booked 11/3/24
Destruction of property,
defective equipment, driving
suspended, possession of
controlled substance, fleeing
with reckless indifference,
obstructing an officer

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Jesse Charles Wolfe
Bokked 10/31/24
Simple possession



Roger Darnell Blankenship
Jr.
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Capias



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Obstructing fire fighter/
emergency equipment,
domestic battery, unlawful
restraint



Robert Lester Hinger
Booked 11/3/24
Child neglect creating risk
of serious injury or death
(2 cts), domestic battery,
wanton endangerment

Big Otter Elementary holds Spirit Days



PUBLIC NOTICES

The Birch River PSD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12, at 9:00 am, at the PSD office in Birch River.

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

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

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

Correction

Last week's Cross Country Team article and photos were mistakenly republished after being previously printed in September 2024. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Faith Is What You Do

By Joe Mazzella

I was a young man finishing up my teaching degree at college. I was driving to a high school to do my student teaching in my 20-year-old car. To say it was a piece of junk would be an understatement. It had broken down several times and my Dad had tried to fix it. Still, it burned oil, backfired, and got about 5 miles to a gallon of gas. It had also had flat tires more than once so I had a jack, a crowbar, and a spare in my trunk ready to go. It was all I could afford, though, so I prayed to God as I drove along that it would last one more day.

As I drove down the interstate on the way to the school I noticed something up ahead on the other side of the four lane road. It was a car parked to the side. As I got closer I noticed that it had a flat tire. An elderly lady was standing next to it, not knowing what to do. I knew I would be late for classes but decided to turn at the next exit, head back to her, and help. It took about five minutes but I made the turn. I was almost back when I saw two pick-up trucks parked in front and back of the car. One man in a flannel shirt was already jacking up the car while another burly looking man was talking to the old lady and holding her hand like he was her own grandson. I slowed, pulled up, and asked if they needed any help. The lady said, “No thanks dear. These wonderful gentlemen are taking care of it.” I waved and drove on to another exit to turn back onto my lane. But as I did I noticed that there was a smile on my face and a happiness in my heart. It felt good knowing there were still so many good people out there.

Looking back on this reminds me that Faith isn’t just what you believe. It is what you do. Love isn’t just how you feel. It is how you act. May all of your days be full of faith and love then. May all of your days be filled with acts of kindness. May you always live as a good person and a wonderful Child of God.

Don’t get scammed!

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

Utility scams and senior citizens are a lethal combination. Keep this in mind: if you get a demanding call, it’s a scam.

When somebody calls to tell you your electricity, gas, water or any utility is going to be cut off immediately if you don’t pay up, hang up. Don’t take steps to make payment. Don’t even discuss it with them. But do take steps to report what’s happened.

Real utilities don’t operate this way. But scammers do. These are people who prey on you through fear and intimidation to illegally obtain your money.

The Public Service Commission hears horror stories about scammers all the time. That’s why we try to bring awareness to Utility Scam Awareness Day every November.

First of all, let me say this again, don’t pay. The scam callers are experts. They will go into great detail about how you can wire money or send it through some other method. Don’t be intimidated and don’t engage. It will be next to impossible to get your money back if you fall for a scam and send money.

Hang up immediately and call your utility using the legitimate number that is on your bill or on the utility’s website. The scammer likely left you a false call-back number that will just take you back to the scammer, so be sure to get the correct num-



PSC Chair Charlotte Lane ber from your utility bill. Don’t click on any links the scammer sends, either. Those are just as bogus as their phone numbers.

Do tell your utility company what happened. They need to know so they can protect other customers. Also report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC is very interested in hearing about your experience so it can help combat this plague.

ABC News reported that people over the age of 65 lost almost \$1 billion because of scams in 2020. The FBI said most of the 23,000 victims were seniors. The highest number of fraud cases occurred in California, Florida and Texas. And, as West Virginia ranks third nationwide in the number of senior citizens who live here, we must be particularly vigilant in the Mountain State.

Let us all work together to help stamp out this plague that victimizes the most vulnerable of our citizens. Join with me in helping protect our seniors, and everyone else, from this unconscionable assault.

I Thought She Said, “Doughnut”

Dr. James L. Snyder

As hard as I try, and believe me I try, I don’t always hear correctly, especially regarding The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I don’t always hear every word she says.

I know God gave me two ears and only one mouth, but I must confess I use my mouth a lot more than I use my ears, which has created problems.

I have worked on this problem for a very long time, and it just seems to be getting worse. Maybe I should quit working.

You would think that as long as I’ve been married, I would have somehow adjusted to this hearing situation.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage once set me up and said, “Did you hear what I just said?”

“Oh, yes, my dear, I heard you clearly.”

Then she said, “Well then, what do you think I should do?”

At this point, I knew she was trying to set me up because she knew I wasn’t listening, but I had to respond. Believe me, I was nervous.

“Oh, my dear, I think your idea is splendid. Go with it.”

Then she got up, walked to the kitchen, and says, “Okay, then it’s broccoli for supper.”

Now I’m in a pickle, and I’m not quite sure what to do. Why didn’t I hear the word “Broccoli”? I was very suspicious.

The other day, she asked if I would go to the grocery store and pick up a few items. She rarely asked me to go and get some groceries, so I wasn’t quite sure what to do, but I said yes. What else could I say?

I went to the store, checked off every item on the list, and went to the checkout line when I remembered she told me something after giving me the list. I tried to think of what it was, and then it came to me. She mentioned something about doughnuts. I think she wants me to get her some doughnuts. That made me smile.

I pushed the cart to where the doughnuts were and looked at all those wonderfully delicious donuts. How can anyone pick just one? I spent an awful lot of time going through every donut, I couldn’t find one I didn’t like, and I didn’t know what exactly to do.

Finally, I picked one, went to the checkout counter, paid for the items, and then got in my truck to go home.

I was very happy as I drove home because I usually don’t get things done exactly the way she likes them. I drove into the driveway, parked my truck, and went inside with the bag of groceries.

Walking through the door, I shouted, “Honey, I’m home.” I placed the bag on the kitchen counter, and with a huge smile, and went to my easy chair, waiting

to be congratulated by The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage for a job well done.

It wasn’t long until she entered the kitchen, and I heard her say, “What is this?”

I had no idea what she was talking about, but as she walked over to me, she was holding the box of donuts. “What is this?”

Looking at her with a big smile, I said, “Oh, my dear, those are the donuts you asked me to get. Remember?”

She went back into the kitchen. I heard her going through the grocery bag. Then she came back and handed me the grocery list she had given me and said, “Where do you see donuts on this list I asked you to get?”

I was a little confused, so I said, “Don’t you remember as I was leaving you told me to get doughnuts?”

“I said no such thing. What I said was, Do Not get anything that is not on this list.”

Oh boy, was I in trouble? All I heard was the word “doughnut,” which got me into trouble.

She stood there staring at me as I looked at the list, and I did not know what was next. Looking at her, I said, “Do you want me to return the donuts?”

I never saw her look so confused as at that moment. I’m not sure you can return donuts, but I could see she was processing the whole situation, and I was in a position where I couldn’t help her solve this problem.

At that time, one of our daughters stopped to drop off something in The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, “Here, would you like a box of donuts to take home?”

The daughter laughingly said, “Of course I would. Thank you.”

When she handed the box of donuts to our daughter, my wife glanced at me with one of her smiles. I wanted to smile back but couldn’t find any muscles on my face that could create a smile.

That afternoon I was reading my Bible and came across a verse that encouraged me.

“To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it” (Jeremiah 6:10).

I believe it takes all of the Bible to make it the Word of God. I can’t cherry-pick what I want to believe. If I only hear part of the Bible, I will get it wrong and bear the consequences. All heresy is built on fragments of the Bible.

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GENE TRUMAN



Gene and a customer in the trading post

when technology fails. Hence, it is always important not to forget the old ways of doing things to survive, gather food, and have a knowledge base of how things were built and how they were fixed when they couldn’t be replaced. Much of our old ways of doing things are gone because the wisdom was not carried through all the generations of family.

There is one local man, however, that has the best of both worlds and more of the old ways than new. Gene Truman is a living legend, well known throughout for his survivability through folk medicine, mountain traditional ways of farming, blacksmithing, mountain rifle making, building, coffin making and is now the proprietor of a new old time trading post. A visit to Cross T Mountain Coffin Works will take you back to the old ways where coffins are made the traditional way with old tools that have been given a new life instead of placed on a shelf. With the lamp burning, Gene gets planning, filing, drilling and sewing, turning old wood into a beautiful final gift of love and respect. These coffins are hand crafted from start to finish, from the woodwork to the inside upholstery. If you visit his coffin works, the smell of wood smoke and dust fills the air, and the atmosphere leaves you with a sense that 1880 is just around the corner. This is a place where your soul will find what it searches for... a time that has been lost to modern ways and a sense of peace. Gene welcomes all to come, chew the fat and check out his ways of building coffins and perhaps place an order.

His coffins are all hand crafted which means they all are one of a kind. So, if you’re burdened by the high funeral costs, Cross T Coffin Works gives you some options to consider. Gene is a survivalist, farmer, blacksmith, homebuilder and pastor, and he has a unique way of keeping a balance between the old paths and the new.

A part of his Coffin Works empire includes a good old fashioned trading post where all types of handmade goods are sold and traded for, stories are swapped, orders are made and a good time is had by all who visit. In the near future, handmade knives will be on display and for sale, but for now, there are handmade tools and just about anything you would find at an old time trading post. It is best to visit when you have more than just a few minutes to spend because a visit could last a whole day. The sense of being a part of something as timeless as a living history makes the visit well worth the effort. The old



A coffin ready for finishing

ways of working with wood and building something as timeless as a coffin is one of those skills that have almost faded into pages in books and memory. Except for people like Gene Truman, this generation would never get to experience it. With the sun setting on the day and the night engulfing the hollow, a cool misty fog drifts past the wood shop as Gene turns out the lamp. Another day of work is done, and it is good. If you’re interested in any of the items in the trading post or perhaps want to take advantage of the coffin works, give Gene a call at 304-587-7680 in the evening and set up a time to come on over; you will be glad you did.

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thinks very much.



March 1958

WHO'S WHO

The mystery students last month were Cerito Bego and Ronald Holmes.

We were scanning the high school halls one day and found this real cute 16 year old blonde from the 11th grade. She is a very studious person and a member of the National Honor Society. Her name is always at the top of the honor roll list. She keeps the Junior class rolling with her plans. She is a wizzard at planning and carrying through such plans. She is not conceited, and her greatest dislike is a conceited person. She likes to dance to Rock and Roll music. She likes very pretty cars and one boy in particular. If you meet her after 5th period typing class she might not have a very big smile. It's just because she is disgusted with herself, but it doesn't last long because her natural good sense and good humor override trivial incidents.

"Hey school boy", in the second row, are you coming on into Journalism class? This boy is a member of the senior class and he is an indispensible member of the Journalism staff. He writes interesting articles for the school newspaper. He is a very talented young man in many things—acting, music, writing, and etc. Physically he is quite nice looking, too. He has beautiful, shiny, black hair and light blue eyes.

This young man likes meatloaf, chicken and potato salad, and if he needs too, he can cook it himself.

His hobby is his guitar. Until now he has played mostly for his own pleasure. His repertoire consists mostly of hillbilly and Rock and Roll numbers.

Some day he hopes to play for the public on T.V., either alone or with a group of his own. If you don't know him, you should. He's worth knowing!

STUDENT COUNCIL

More than 220 delegates representing 25 state high schools attended the High School Leadership Conference at West Virginia University, February 28 through March 1. Ruth Weister was Coordinator for the 3 day session.

Delegates registered Friday morning and during the afternoon the Mountaineer Week Team conducted tours of the campus. One of the highlights of the day was a speech by the Reverend A. P. Wallace at the Music School Auditorium. Following this the delegates were entertained by various campus organizations.

Saturday morning Dr. Carl Frasure spoke to the group on the conference theme "Focus; on West Virginia; on Leadership." That afternoon the group witnessed a demonstration on parliamentary procedure and after dinner attended an informal dance at the Mountaineer.

Sunday a special church service was conducted followed by the closing banquet. Featured speaker for the banquet was student body president, Roger Tompkins.

Those who attended from Widen were Helen Ellis, Judy LaCorte, Judy Shaffer, Rosa Gibson, and Karen Donohue. Mr. James Boggs, commercial teacher sponsored the group. His daughter, Linda, a sophomore in Clay County High School was a member of the group also.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR FEBRUARY Grade School

Adkins, Patsy Ann	March 13
Baruzza, Charlotte M.	March 7
Boggs, Shelia Kay	March 24
Donohue, Frank	March 3
Dorsey, James Franklin	March 23
Dorsey, Molly	March 22
Gibson, Elizabeth Gale	March 21
Gibson, Heriman Leroy	March 19
King, Bonita Kay	March 27
Marple, Charles David	March 14
Miller, Sandra Jane	March 19
Morris, James Michael	March 26
Mullins, Lynn Kay	March 1
Rineheart, Douglas D.	March 10
Wood, Daniel	March 16
Workman, Carol Sue	March 16

High School	
Barnette, Kyle	March 14
Baughman, Roger	March 16
Bego, Cerita	March 8
Bego, Selena Odessa	March 14
Dodrill, Raymond Lee	March 1
Forte, Juanita	March 6
Houghton, Joyce Elaine	March 30
Johnson, Harold Lee	March 18
Laxton, William Nallen	March 5
Woods, Karen Elaine	March 13
Woods, Norval Joe	March 22
Young, Barbara Jo	March 31
Young, Janice Louise	March 2

BEST WRITERS

1st—Butcher	
Roger King	
2nd—Graham	
Jimmie Haygood	
Kenneth James	
Roy Compton	
2nd—Elliott	
Carol Jean Wood	
3rd—Ashley	
Linda Hamrick	
Nadine Taylor	
4th—Bragg	
Ella Ruth Frame	
Nancy Butcher	

5th—Jackson

Ronald Dodrill
Judith Butcher
Shirley Conner
Janet Eagle
Jeanne Dodrill

6th—Reynolds

Joyce Dorsey
Sharon Baughman
Charles Mullins
Sandra Williams
Corliss Miles
Janice Triplett
Luther Young
Ronald Conner
Dianne Adkins
Brenda King
Shirley McClain

What do you think of this year's Basketball team?

Mitzie Balles — They just needed a miracle.

Albert King — They need more teamwork.

Doris Young — If more boys had participated, it would have helped a lot.

Lois Frame — They did fine for the limited number of boys they had to pick from.

Reba Eagle — They were a fine bunch of boys, even if they didn't win.

Mossey—It sure helps the school spirit to have such a team.

June Lloyd — It was a great team!

Joanne Conner—Oh it was the most.

Doris Holmes — I thought it was a good team.

Judy LaCorte — They certainly showed good sportsmanship.

Ruby Holcomb—They give us an opportunity for the school kids to get together in a friendlier spirit.

BAND CHATTER

Mrs. Ronzel Coen, School Bus driver for Nicholas county, makes five trips a week and some times one on Saturday to Widen to bring Dille children to band practice. She receives fifty cents from each student for every trip that she makes. Although she receives a certain amount of money from the company and the parents of the Dille children she takes the time that most house wives would like to be at home. She is in Widen from 3:30 until 4:45 throughout the week with the Dille children. She has participated in many of the band booster's projects. Mr. Simmons says "She is a credit to the Band Boosters."

Plans are still tentative as to when the Band will go to Swandale and Dundon. Mr. Simmons thinks that within one or two weeks the band will have a concert to present to both schools.

W.H.S. Band has been working very hard getting ready for the regional band festival. The Festival will be held at Glenville State College on March 29. The audition number that the band is to be rated on is entitled, "Triumphant Song for Band" by Scott Wilkinson. If the band passes there, it will travel to Huntington to try for another rating.

The Widen Band Boosters Club was entertained by the W.H.S. Band at their regular meeting on March 3, 1958.

POETRY READING CONTEST IN ASSEMBLY

Ruby Lee Holcomb, Junior; Joan Truman, Senior; and Sandra Henderson, seventh grader, were selected by a secret vote of the faculty members as the three best performers in a poetry reading contest which was held in the Widen High Assembly on March 12, under the supervision of Mrs. Leona Griffith, English teacher.

Twenty-four young people volunteered to be contestants, and they recited the poems they had selected and interpreted without coaching from faculty members.

Ruby Lee recited "The Rainy Day" by Longfellow. Joan gaye Lady MacBeth's sleep walking scene from Shakespeare's "Tragedy of MacBeth". Sandra Henderson's poem was "In School Days" by Whittier.

Those participating were: Karen Mick, Linda Rapp, Penny Young, Nancy McMillion, Erie Belle Gibson, Meledia Miller, Lillian Brooks, Barbara Young, Juanita Forte, Joan Truman, Lillian Dodrill, Helen Ellis, Ruby Holcomb, Mary Hamrick, Dawne Backus, Karen Donohue, Lillie Nash, Janice Young, Sandra Henderson, Sandra Holiday, Charlene McClaine, Joyce Houghton, Johnny Matheny and Joe Potasnik.

ART CLUB NEWS

The meeting of the Art Club was held Thursday, March 6, 1958. New officers were elected. They were as follows: President, Betty Craft; Vice President, April Manning; Secretary and Treasurer, Mitzie Sue Balles; and Reporter, Doris Young.

The club is working on Art note-books. They are to have them done by the last week in March. They are also learning to make signs and words.

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CASE NO. 24-0611-E-T-PW
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Application for approval for revisions to Schedules LCP and IP.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On July 18, 2024, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (jointly the Companies), filed an Application for Approval of Revisions to their Schedules LCP and IP (Tariff Sheet Nos. 14 and 15, respectively) (hereinafter the Application) pursuant to [W.Va. Code § 24-2-4a](#).

The Companies proposed to add new language to the “Special Terms and Conditions” section of each Schedule. The new language is:

The following terms and conditions apply to Customers over 200 MW:

Contracts will be made for an initial period of twenty (20) years and shall remain in effect thereafter unless cancelled or modified pursuant to the terms hereunder.

Either party shall give at least five years’ written notice to the other of the intention to discontinue service under the terms of this Schedule. Such notice shall not reduce the twenty-year initial term. In the event of a permanent closure by the customer occurring after the first five (5) years of the initial contract term, the customer may exit the contract by providing a one-time payment equal to five (5) years of minimum billing under this Schedule. The customer shall give at least five (5) years’ written notice to the Company of the intention to reduce the contract capacity specified in the contract, but any contract capacity changes may be implemented with less than five (5) years’ notice with mutual agreement. Such notice shall not reduce the maximum contract capacity established during the term of the contract by more than 20 percent, except by mutual agreement. Such notice shall not be given during the first five (5) years of the initial contract term. In addition to the Measurement and Determination of Demand and Energy provisions, the customer’s monthly billing demand shall in no event be less than 90 percent of the greater of (a) the customer’s on-peak contract capacity or (b) the customer’s highest previously established monthly billing demand during the past 11 months or (c) the customer’s maximum demand created during the billing month.

The customer shall provide collateral in a form acceptable to the Company based upon the creditworthiness of the customer. The amount of collateral provided shall be equal to 24 times the customer’s previous maximum monthly non-fuel bill. During the first year of the contract, the maximum expected bill for the year shall be used. The amount of collateral to be provided will be recomputed annually, and updated if the recomputed value is 10 percent greater than the current amount held.

According to the Application, the Companies do not propose any change in rates.¹ Further, the proposed revisions to Schedules LCP and IP would not apply to current customers; only to “certain potential large new customers.” In addition, the Companies stated that the proposed revisions would not impose an incremental rate burden on any of the Companies’ West Virginia Retail Customers.

The Application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us).

The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on January 22, 2025, at 9:30, a.m., continuing, if necessary, on January 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Commission Headquarters, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to “Case Information,” “Submit a Comment,” and “Commission Webcast.”

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene no later than 4:00 p.m., November 13, 2024. Failure to timely intervene may affect your right to participate in the proceeding. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments and protests until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments, protests and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the “Formal Case” link.

**Appalachian Power Company and
Wheeling Power Company**

¹Application at Bates 4, ¶ 4.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0704-G-P
HOPE GAS, INC.

Petition to convert farm-tap customers to propane, retain those customers as tariff customers, and for approval of related cost recovery proposals.

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On August 23, 2024, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), a public utility, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition requesting authority to convert certain Hope farm-tap customers to propane (or electric, if desired by the customer), purchase and provide them with propane under Hope’s tariff, and recover the cost to supply propane and the expenses to convert customers to propane or electric service.

Hope proposes to convert approximately 479 residential farm-tap customers located on Hope-owned gathering system pipelines and 150 farm-tap customers served off of pipelines owned by Diversified Gas and Oil Company, Pillar Energy, Noumenon Corp., and Pine Mountain Inc. that include 1,068 miles of gas lines located in the counties of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Marion, Mason, Monongalia, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood. The pipelines and farm-tap locations are identified in the Petition, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission’s offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and on the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

Hope maintains that the pipelines can no longer provide safe, reliable, and economical gas service to the farm-tap customers or are in jeopardy of being unable to continue providing service. The pipelines are no longer necessary or useful to Hope’s provision of service to Hope customers and are uneconomical to continue to operate, maintain, or replace.

Hope estimates that the cost to operate and maintain the pipelines will far exceed \$10 million per year, and replacing the lines with new plastic pipelines will cost over \$600 million. Hope projects that if approved, the cost to convert customers to propane or electric service will be approximately \$6 million, or \$10,000 per customer, plus \$2,000 for propane storage and house lines.

Hope does not seek a rate increase in this proceeding. Hope anticipates recovering the ongoing cost of supplying propane to the converted customers through Hope’s purchases gas adjustment (PGA) mechanism and PGA rates. Hope proposes to defer and recover the expenses incurred to convert customers to propane or electric service under [W.Va. Code § 24-3-7\(d\)](#).

A hearing will be held by the Public Service Commission, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on December 9, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission’s offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the web docket.

Anyone desiring to protest the relief requested by Hope may file a written protest or request to intervene in Case No. 24-0704-G-P, online, through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link, by mail addressed to: Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may appear at the hearing.

Anyone desiring to protest the relief requested by Hope may file a written protest or request to intervene that briefly states the reason for the protest or request to intervene. Requests to intervene must comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and must be filed within ten (10) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission will receive public comments throughout the entirety of the proceeding. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the “Formal Case” link.

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CASE NO. 24-0454-E-PC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for the review and approval of Reliability Index Targets.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 15, 2024, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company filed a Petition for Review and Approval of Proposed Reliability Index Targets (RITs) for the Period 2025 through 2029. The Companies proposed to relax some of the current RITs and keep other RITs the same and change the way it calculates RITs by treating each target individually instead of connected to the other targets.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 1:30 p.m. on November 7, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV. Interested persons should monitor the Commission’s web docket and website because the evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to file public comment regarding the proposed reliability index targets may file such comment at any time during this case. Petitions to intervene and public comments should include the case name and number and be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at by clicking the “Formal Case” link.

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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

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

**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
Everyone is welcome to
attend.

**WALLBACK
METHODIST CHURCH**
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-
days 9:45 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Eve-
ning 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

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

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

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

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

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

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



Mustangs come back to defeat the Knights



All Conference players L-R Holden Winebrenner, Collin Elliott, Caleb Robinson and Adam Canfield



Adam Canfield makes the big 4th down QB sack.



Great front line blocking opened this hole for Caleb Robinson.



Cade Hamrick contains Moats of Braxton.

By Allen Hamrick

In case you missed it, this past Thursday night was one of the best football games ever played on the grid iron. The Clay Middle School Mustangs were pitted against the Braxton Middle School Knights for the CWVAC Championship with the game being played at the Summersville stadium. Both teams were closely matched, and at their last meeting, the Knights gave the Mustangs their pink slip. This time, however, the Mustangs were carrying a different mindset.

The Knights came out as they did the last game, went to their starting running back/QB/kicker Bryson Moats and quickly started getting points on the board using the same tactics as the last time the two teams met. The Knights got on the board first with 5:46 left in the first quarter. It looked as though it would be a repeat of the last game, but on the Mustangs next at bat, Caleb “the Bull” Robinson knocked down Knights like bowling pins on his way to a 60+ yard TD run to tie the game at six.

The Mustang offensive line got to work and opened a hole big enough to fit a log truck through, and they did it all evening. It didn’t take long for the Knights to answer the call of the wild and took the ball to the end zone for their second score of the game. With 4:40 left to play in the first, the score stood at Mustangs 6, Knights 14. The Mustangs couldn’t answer the door bell on the next set of downs and gave the ball back to the Knights. Again the Knights took advantage of the opportunity and took the pig to the house, making the score 6-20 with four minutes left in the second quarter. Then, folks, it was as if someone turned the lights out for the Knights as the Mustang defense said that was enough. The Mustang offensive line picked apart the Knight defensive line and opened up the spotlight for Robinson who once again hit the end zone bringing the score to 14-20.

Mustang defense must have eaten a can of whip butt on the sideline; the Knights could no longer see the open end zone. One of the biggest plays happened when the

Knights had the ball near the 30 yard line of the Mustangs and were going for the first down on a 4th and 3. The Knight QB went into motion, looking at the end zone, but had one big problem...Adam Canfield. Canfield ran down the Knight QB and dropped him for a loss with just a 1:20+ left on the clock. This gave the ball back to the Mustangs who under the masterful direction of QB John Paxton, played a one minute offense, and with just 12 seconds to play in the half, Robinson scored his third TD of the evening tying the ball game at 20 each...the crowd went crazy.

After the half, the Knights got the ball first and throughout the third quarter, it was a defense game as neither offense could break the monotony. It was turning into a nail biter, as fans on both sides of the field were getting their money’s worth. The fourth quarter clock started ticking, and it was going to prove to be one of the best fourth quarters ever played in a championship game.

The Mustangs had the ball and play began; the Mustang offensive line opened a small hole, just enough to get a body through, as the Knights tightened up the line. Robinson filled that gap and simply ran over the remaining Knight who was left standing and took the ball to the Knight 10 yard line. Moats was all that stood in his way. It made no difference as the Mustangs scored on the next set of downs. Knights got the ball back and deep in the Mustang real estate, the Mustang defense held their ground on a 4th and 8 and stopped the Knight attack. On the next set of downs for the Mustangs and with 1:49 left to play, Robinson ran his 5th TD of the evening making the score Mustangs 34 Knights 20.

It looked as though the championship was in the bag for the Mustangs but a team can never let their guard down, especially with a team like the Knights. The Mustangs kicked off and Cohen McPherson ran the ball back for a TD for the Knights making the score 34-26. One minute 33 seconds was left in the game, and the Knights attempted an onside kick that went out of



John Paxton leads the pack.

bounds giving the ball to the Mustangs. John Paxton, who quarterbacked like a pro in the game, took a knee and time ran out for the Knights.

Mustangs are the 2024 CWVAC Champions in one of the best games ever played - bar none. Congratulations to the Mustangs and their coaching staff, it was two great teams going head to head with no quarter taken and none given. Also, hats off to the Knights and their coaches. Making All Conference for the Mustangs were Caleb Robinson, Collin Elliott, Adam Canfield, and Holden Winebrenner.

CCMS holds 2024 National Junior Honor Society ceremony



CCMS 2024 Honor society inductees.