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## Clay County election results show strong Republican support

Clay County voters showed overwhelming support for Republican candidates in the 2024 general election, with significant victories across most offices.

The Clay County Clerk's Office has reported unofficial results, revealing a 61.5% voter turnout, with 3,271 ballots cast out of 5,319 registered voters.

In the race for U.S. President, Donald Trump dominated, receiving 2,592 votes (80.17%) to Vice President Kamala Harris' 578 votes (17.8%). Trump's commanding lead mirrored the county's general trend toward Republican candidates across various races.

Republican candidates also fared well in the U.S. Senate and House races. Current Gov. Jim Justice triumphed in the U.S. Senate race with 2,476 votes (78.21%), easily surpassing Democrat Glenn Elliot, who secured 592 votes (18.7%). Third-party candidate David Moran, running as a Libertarian, earned 98 votes (3.10%).

In the 1st Congressional District, Carol Miller, the Republican incumbent, garnered 2,055 votes (68.18%), defeating Democrat Teresa Toriseva, who received 649 votes (21.84%). In the Secretary of State race, Kris Warner (Rep) won with 2,397 votes (79.53%) against Democrat Thornton Cooper, who earned 617 votes (20.47%).

The race for Governor saw Republican

Patrick Morrissey win with 2,061 votes (65.89%), while Democrat Steve Williams secured 855 votes (27.33%).

In Clay County's local elections, Republican Duane Legg triumphed in the County Commission race, garnering 2,135 votes (67.44%) to defeat Democrat Connie Kinder (621 votes) and Independent Billy Truman (410 votes). Republican Allen King edged out Democrat Randy Holcomb in the Sheriff's race with 1,741 votes (55.57%) compared to Holcomb's 1,392 votes (44.43%).

In uncontested races, Sheila Stone (Dem) won the unexpired term for County Clerk with 2,559 votes (100%), while Wayne King (Dem) was re-elected as Prosecuting Attorney with 2,218 votes (100%). Teresa Davis (Dem) won the Assessor's race with 2,609 votes (100%).

Republicans also made clean sweeps in other statewide races. Kent Leonhardt (Rep) won the Commissioner of Agriculture race with 2,202 votes (74.29%) over Democrat Deborah Stiles (762 votes, 25.71%). Mark Hunt (Rep) won the Auditor's race with 2,241 votes (74.6%) against Democrat Mary Ann Roebuck Claytor (763 votes, 25.4%).

Voters also decided on Amendment 1, a measure related to protections against medically assisted suicide. The amendment passed with 1,393 votes (51.08%) in favor and 1,334 votes (48.92%) against.

In local legislative races, Republican Roger Hanshaw was re-elected to the House of Delegates, 62nd District, receiving 2,775 votes (100%). Similarly, Republican Glenn Jeffries secured 100% of the vote for State Senate in the 8th District.



West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine first-year students Sarah Lester of McDowell County and Emma Beatty, a native of Clay County and resident of Wetzel County, center from left, have been awarded The Health Plan Scholarship. Jeff Knight, president and CEO of The Health Plan, at right, and James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., president of WVSOM, at left, along with Delegate Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, State Senator Jack Woodrum, R-10th District, and State Senator Ryan Weld, R-1st District, attended the announcement.

## The Health Plan's medical scholarships help two WVSOM students stay in West Virginia to practice

Two West Virginia natives are attending medical school at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) without the burden of tuition and fees, thanks to a medical scholarship program offered by The Health Plan (THP).

WVSOM first-year students Sarah Lester of McDowell County, and Emma Beatty, a native of Clay County now living in Wetzel County, have been awarded The Health Plan Scholarship, which covers tuition and fees and is renewable for four years, allowing the students to graduate medical school without worrying about those costs.

Lester said she and members of her family cried when they heard the news.

"Receiving this scholarship is a blessing, as I no longer must carry the burden of student loans. Being able to freely focus on my schoolwork allows me to reach my full potential without worrying about the money I would have to pay back upon starting residency. This scholarship will also allow me to pursue my goal of giving back to my home state as a physician," Lester said.

"My fiancé began crying when I told him, as this is important for our lives together once we're married. Not having to spend the first decade of our marriage counting pennies to pay off my debt is a huge relief," Lester said.

Beatty said receiving the scholarship is an honor.

"Receiving this scholarship allows me to direct my focus on my studies instead of worrying about the financial hardship I may have otherwise encountered. I am thankful to have been chosen and will live up to the expectations set before me. I was ecstatic to find out I had been selected and immediately sent my family the news. This award allows them to also relax knowing I will not be worried about my financial status during my time at WVSOM," Betty said.

Jeff Knight, president and CEO of The Health Plan, and James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., president of WVSOM, along with several legislators and business leaders, joined with the students at West Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Business Summit to announce the awards.

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## CCHS Boys' XC Team Advanced to WV State Championship; Taylor and Grandon Qualified for CCHS Girls' Team



Abigail Grandon and Cheyanne Taylor individually qualified for the WV State Meet.



CCHS Boys' XC Team advanced to the WV State Championship for the first time in school history.

The Clay County High School Cross Country team traveled to Little Beaver State Park on Oct. 24 to compete in the WV Region III Class AA Championship. This meet determined who qualified to compete at the WV State XC Meet. 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.

The boys' team, made up of Sawyer Dobbins, Kane Nida, Kaden Fitzwater, Trent Hinkle, and Andrew Tanner, placed third with a score of 89 points, punching the team's ticket to the State Championship for the first time in school history. Dobbins earned a medal and First Team All-Region Honors with his fifth place finish. Nida finished twelfth, earning Second Team All-Region Hon-

ors. Kaden Fitzwater placed fourteenth, earned Second Team All-Region Honors, and was named Performer of the Meet.

For the girls' team, Cheyanne Taylor and Abigail Grandon placed eleventh and twelfth, respectively. They earned two of the five coveted spots for individuals to advance exclusive of being on a qualifying team.

The WV State XC Championship was held on Nov. 2 at Cabell Midland High School. Taylor and Grandon put forth a strong effort, especially for their first time competing in this event. The boys' team finished eleventh overall in Class AA. Congratulations to coaches Ron Starcher, Matt Stricker, and each of these hard-working athletes on a very impressive, memorable season!

## Panthers end regular season by defeating the Eagles



Noah Collins looks for Jacoby Nichols. Allen Hamrick photo.

*See story on Page 8*

# BOOKED



# REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

## NICHOLAS COUNTY



Michael Timothy Clevenger  
Booked 11/7/24  
Probation violation



Kenneth Floyd Fitzwater  
Booked 11/10/24  
Fleeing on foot, conspiracy, fleeing with reckless indifference, defective equipment, receive/transfer stolen goods, receiving/transferring stolen vehicle, speeding, traffic control signal, bringing into the state/disposing of stolen property, possession of marijuana, obstructing an officer, driving off laned highway, wanton endangerment, possession of meth



Erica Marie Hanshaw  
Booked 11/8/24  
Conspiracy, assault on officer, fleeing on foot, refuse to fingerprint



Charles Joseph Higdon  
Booked 11/10/24  
DUI



Victoria Ruth Bennett  
Booked 11/11/24  
Open container, DOR/DUI, liquor/furnish to minor, expired MVI



Christian Alexander Cobb  
Booked 11/8/24  
Obstructing an officer, expired MVI, false info to law enforcement, speeding

## BRAXTON COUNTY



Ayla Rebecca Simons  
Booked 11/8/24  
Conspiracy, possession with intent



Brittany Jo Williams  
Booked 11/6/24  
Home confinement violation

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

RAHS	MAGIC	BUTTS	SAMS
ASEA	OSAKA	OPRAH	ADEE
WHAT	POSTED	NOTICE	NUNN
VEAL	EATON	TBOLTS	
STY	WAS ON	THE WALL	OF THE
HODA	HERE	SEN	VALISES
AROMA	CZAR	XING	
MUSIC	STORE	THAT	DENSER
USED TO	CRANES	RELAY	
ERICA	ALDRIN	HAVE	
OFFERED	ONLY	FORTY FIVES	
GLOW	RELIEF	RASTA	
RUNES	SLOW UP	ORELSE	
EXTRAS	AND	LONG	PLAYING
ILER	ESAU	DEFOG	
SPRAGUE	SPA	ETRE	SERE
PHONO	GRAPH	RECORDS	LED
LOSING	SARAN	SUZI	
IBIS	ALL	SALES	ARE VINYL
TINE	REAMS	MEDAL	NERO
SASS	DANSE	YESES	ESSO

## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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8	5	2	4	3	6	7	1	9
7	1	4	9	6	2	8	5	3
5	8	6	3	1	4	9	7	2
2	3	9	5	8	7	1	4	6

## BRAXTON COUNTY

## 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 October 2024 PAX Leaders at Big Otter Elementary School!  
Mr. Dustin Vaughan – 5th Grade – Lyla Titus  
Mrs. Burns – 4th Grade – Katelynn Hensley

Mr. Dylan Vaughan - 4th Grade - Cheyenne Bays  
Mrs. Pierson – 3rd Grade – Adalyn Boggs  
Ms. Paxton - 3rd Grade - Kendra Taylor  
Ms. Jarvis – 2nd Grade – Gracyn Marks  
Ms. Douglas – 1st Grade – Jaxon Jones  
Mrs. Collins – Kindergarten – Adley Goe  
Mrs. Marks - PreK - Cole Titus  
Mrs. Montgomery – PreK – Kassidy Young

## OBITUARY



Phyllis Dawn Sheidler

Phyllis Dawn Sheidler, of West Virginia, passed away peacefully at her home on October 30, 2024, surrounded by her loving family, ready to rejoice with her Lord and Savior. Phyllis was born on Wilson Ridge in Clay County, West Virginia, at her fam-

ily home, alongside her twin brother, Phillip David “Buckshot,” just 12 minutes apart. She was the eighth of ten children born to Bessie “Ruth” Phillips Butcher and Lloyd Butcher. She married George A. Holden on November 13, 1964, and later divorced and they together had three children, Detective Mark Holden deceased, Deborah (Chris) Carter, and William (Brenna) Holden. After George’s passing, Phyllis found love again and married Eldon Duane Sheidler on January 15, 1989, gaining three more sons, Alan (Sara) Sheidler,

Randy (Christina) Sheidler, and Larry (Jan) Miller, a daughter-in-law, Shelley Holden, seventeen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, three sisters, Zella Jean Williams, Janet Veith and Sherry (Kermit) Oxley. Phyllis and Eldon enjoyed their lives on the farm, working the ground, planting and harvesting their fields and tending to their livestock. She was a hardworking woman who filled many roles throughout her life. She grew up helping her father and brothers in their garage, fixing cars and running the family wrecker. Phyllis

worked for the Norwalk Police Department for a few years and also took on various other jobs, including working in factories around Norwalk, cleaning homes, and caring for patients in hospitals and nursing homes in Sandusky, Milan, and Norwalk. She also provided foster care to seven children and offered babysitting services to local families. Phyllis was deeply blessed and proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, which filled her life with love and joy. She cherished her family, including many beloved nieces,

nephews, and foster children who thought of her as their “bonus” mother and grandmother. Her treasured pets—Daisey, Abby, Little Girl, and Lucy—will carry on her memory and continue to bring joy to those around them, just as she did for many years. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, a son Detective Mark Holden, four brothers, Lloyd Butcher Jr., Robert, Ronald and Philip “Buckshot” Butcher, two sisters, Judy Cantrell and Jenny Moore. The family is grateful for the support of their community during this dif-

ficult time. Funeral services for Phyllis will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Lindsey-Shook Funeral Home in Bloomville with Pastor Tom Kagy officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, from 4-7 p.m., at the funeral home. Burial will follow the services on Saturday, at Woodlawn cemetery in Bloomville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a local animal shelter in Phyllis’s honor. On-line condolences may be left for the family at www.shookfamilyfh.com.

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A Case Full Of Cassettes

By Joe Mazzella

I can still remember it like it was yesterday. My children were still young and we had all gotten into the car to go grocery shopping. Our car was a beat up, old, Ford Escort with a cassette player in it. We had a case full of cassettes behind the gear shift that we would listen to when the radio didn’t come in clear. This day we arrived at the store, went in to get another week’s worth of groceries and came back to the car only to find that the case full of cassettes was gone. Somebody had stolen it.

The kids were shocked but for some reason I just started laughing. It was the thought of the thief opening up the case and seeing what he had stolen. There were a few cassettes that I had bought back in college and were a decade old. The rest of them were made tapes where we had recorded songs the kids and I liked off the radio. I could just see the look of disappointment on the thief’s face and I laughed again. When I told the kids what I was thinking they laughed too. For weeks to come whenever we listened to the car radio or played the one cassette that was still in the player we would laugh again thinking about our stolen “treasures” and the sad thief.

I think it was our way of releasing our anger at the thief and wishing him the best in spite of what he had done to us. It was freeing our hearts from hate and embracing the Lord’s Prayer to “Forgive those who sin against us.” It felt good too. It felt good to forgive. It felt good to laugh. It felt good release our attachment to things and embrace instead the power of Love.

Our act of forgiveness was a small thing, but faith calls for us to be part of something big even while doing something small. May all of your days be full of faith then. May they be full of forgiveness, full of laughter, and full of love. May you always share the music in your soul and the Love in your heart with God and with everyone you meet.

WVSOM

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The Health Plan opened its medical scholarship program to students at WVSOM this spring. Lester Beatty are the first recipients.

Since 2009, The Health Plan Scholarship program has provided more than \$3 million in scholarships to more than 50 medical and nursing students who intend to stay and practice in the state of West Virginia. The need-based program is also available to medical and nursing students at West Virginia University and Marshall University.

Knight said including WVSOM builds on The Health Plan’s efforts to support West Virginia medical community.

“The health care staffing shortage continues to be a significant issue in West Virginia. The Health Plan is committed to supporting our state’s health care workforce, and we’re thrilled to team with WVSOM to offer our scholarship program to its students. WVSOM does amazing work in educating future providers and advocating for health care initiatives important to all West Virginians. We’re proud to be partners,” Knight said.

Nemitz thanked Knight and The Health Plan for offering the scholarship program at WVSOM, which educates an average of 800 medical students each year. According to a reported by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the school is No. 1 in producing primary care physicians who practice in West Virginia.

“WVSOM is appreciative that The Health Plan has included osteopathic medical students in its scholarship program. Medical school is not inexpensive. This scholarship, by financially assisting recipients who want to stay in West Virginia, benefits not only our students but the state,” Nemitz said.

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Did I really say that?

By Dr. James Snyder

I was working on my computer when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage walked in and said, “Are you ready to go?” She caught me by surprise.

I looked up from my computer and, staring at her, said, “What are you talking about?”

“You remember what you said this morning? That we can go to get our blood drawn for the doctor?”

I looked at her, not knowing what she was talking about, and said, “What doctor are you talking about?”

“Don’t tell me you don’t remember me telling you about our appointment this afternoon?”

I had no recollection at all about an appointment to have my blood drawn. I knew it was somewhere in our schedule, but I really didn’t think it was for today. If she told me about it this morning, I do not remember.

Not knowing what else to do, I got up, followed her out to the car, and we went to the place to have our blood drawn. I knew we had it scheduled, but I did not think it was for today. But, I was wrong. I just didn’t hear correctly.

That’s one of my problems. I don’t remember a lot of things. It’s not because I’m getting old, but because this has always been one of my problems. It’s not that I can’t hear. It’s just that I sometimes am not listening to what people are saying, especially The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I need to work on this weakness of mine, but I just don’t know how to do it. When I’m doing some work on my computer, I can hear what’s going on around me, but I don’t understand, and I’m not really listening to it. I’m afraid I say “yes,” not knowing what I am “yessing” to. That can get me into a lot of trouble. Believe me it has.

Sometimes, while watching TV, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will point something out and say, “Did you see what that person just did?” Then she will laugh.

Of course, I didn’t, but I did shake my head and say calmly, “Yes, my dear. I did see that. Yes, it is funny.”

I need to look up the definition of lying. Some people misunderstand it, and I think I’m on that list.

However, I tried to improve my listening habits and pay attention to what people around me were saying.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage recently approached me while I was working and said, “I’ll take that \$50 you promised me to get groceries.”

I looked at her and said, “I don’t know what you’re

talking about.”

“You know, I ask you this morning if you could give me \$50 to get groceries this afternoon. You said you would.”

I pulled out my wallet; all I had was \$50. I handed it to her, and then I thought about it. Is it a coincidence that she asked for \$50, and all I had in my wallet was \$50? Did she really ask me that morning for \$50?

If I only paid attention, maybe I could figure some of these things out. I don’t remember telling her that I would give her \$50 for groceries, but after all, I am not going to infer to her that she is lying to me.

If only I would keep my mouth shut when I should, maybe I wouldn’t get into some of the trouble I get into. And maybe, just maybe, if I had the volume in my ears turned up a little more, I might hear more clearly what’s being said around me. If I could do those two things, I could escape some of the problems I get into.

While she was going to get the groceries, I pondered this subject for a while. Then, I had a wonderful thought that maybe I could get even with her. I thought about it, put it together very nicely, and was ready to put it together when she walked in.

She came home from shopping and put the bags on the table, so I went to the kitchen, looked at her, and said, “Can I have the Apple Fritter that you promised me now?” I was laughing on the inside and trying to keep it from coming to the outside. There was no way she was going to get out of this one.

Looking at me seriously, she said, “Oh, my dear. I got that Apple Fritter, and it smelled so good that I’m afraid I ate it on the way home.”

To counteract that, I would number the days of my life. I have not known her to eat an Apple Fritter with this time she got me.

I wish I could prepare for the next trick she’ll play on me, but I’m afraid I won’t be able to.

Thinking about this I was reminded of a special verse of scripture. My spiritual life is based on my hearing the “word of God.”

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,” Romans 10:17.

I can read the Bible but not really hear what God is saying to me. If I don’t hear what God is saying how can I live a life that is pleasing unto the Lord. Daily I need to so surrender to God’s word that I understand what He really wants of me.

High attendance percentages celebrated at Clay County Schools



Pictured is Amanda Douglas and her first grade class at Big Otter Elementary School, with Superintendent Phil Dobbins and Principal Anthony Boggs.



Pictured are Allison Vaughan and her students at Clay Elementary School, with Superintendent Phil Dobbins and Vice-Principal Mistie Legg.

Today’s classrooms provide much more than academic instruction for students. Teachers incorporate life skills into lessons every day that help students find new ways of thinking and learn to become independent. Each day of school missed is a day of learning, lost forever.

Clay County School District has excellent student attendance for the first two school months. The average daily attendance was well over 94%. Allison Vaughn’s students at Clay Elementary led the county with an atten-

dance rate of 97.85%. Second best was Amanda Douglas’ first grade students at Big Otter Elementary, with a rate of 97.57%.

The student with the best attendance at Clay County High School were Shawn Krajewski’s students. They finished with an average of 97.49%, followed closely by Catherine Vaillancourt’s students at Clay Middle School. Her students maintained an average of 97.47% for the first two months.

# THIS 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Nov. 13, 1879:** Educator Elsie Clapp was born. Under her direction, the community school at Arthurdale stressed education for real-life situations and revived traditional music to strengthen reading and writing skills.

**Nov. 14, 1788:** Kanawha County, named for the Kanawha River which flows through it, was created on this date.

**Nov. 14, 1939:** The Charleston Civic Orchestra gave its first concert at the Municipal Auditorium. The group changed its name to Charleston Symphony Orchestra in 1943 and in 1988 became the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

**Nov. 14: 1970:** A chartered plane slammed into

a hillside just short of Huntington's Tri-State Airport near Ceredo, killing all 75 of the passengers and crew. The victims included nearly the entire Marshall University football team, all but one of their coaches, and a number of fans.

**Nov. 15, 2010:** The landmark Aracoma Hotel in Logan was damaged by fire. It was demolished later that year.



**Nov. 16, 1734:** Samuel Washington was born at Pope's Creek, Virginia. Samuel, a younger brother of George Washington, was the first of several members of the Washington family to live in what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

**Nov. 16, 1823:** Politician and industrialist Henry Gassaway Davis, known in the early 20th century as West Virginia's "Grand Old Man," was born in Baltimore, Md.



**Nov. 17, 1927:** Composer and performer Robert Drasnin was born in Charleston. He performed with classic combos and big bands such as Tommy Dorsey and Les Brown, and scored music for movies and television.

**Nov. 18, 2007:** Country singer Chickie Williams died. As wife of musician Doc Williams, she per-

formed with his Border Riders band and appeared on the *Wheeling Jamboree* radio show.



**Nov. 19, 1854:** Poet Danske Dandridge was born in Copenhagen. The daughter of an American ambassador, she lived in Shepherdstown from age 19, where her work was published in *Harper's* and *The Century*. Both of her homes, The Bower and Rosebrake, are Jefferson County landmarks.

**Nov. 19, 1899:** Sculptor Gladys Tuke was born in Linwood, Pocahontas County. Tuke was a member of the original artist

colony at The Greenbrier; during World War II, she taught at Ashford General Hospital, and later established a pottery and sculpture studio in White Sulphur Springs.



**Nov. 19, 1900:** William Page Pitt was born in New York City. In 1926, Pitt joined the faculty of what was then Marshall College. In his 45-year career at Marshall, he built its journalism program into one with dozens of classes and hundreds of students.

Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named in his honor.

**Nov. 19, 1909:** The Lincoln County Courthouse was burned. With coal, oil and gas, and timber booming, arson was suspected for the purpose of destroying land records and confusing titles.

**Nov. 19, 1921:** The USS *West Virginia* was christened. It was one of six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, that suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. It was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines



## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cup is smaller. 2. Saucer is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Tiles are different. 5. Stool is missing. 6. Mouth is open.

## Super Crossword

WAX SHOP

### ACROSS

- 1 Cheer shouts  
5 Specialty of Penn & Teller  
10 Meddles, with "in"  
15 Golfer Snead and politician  
26-Across  
19 On the ocean  
20 Port in Japan  
21 TV's Winfrey  
22 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"  
23 Start of a riddle  
26 Four-term Georgia senator  
27 Calf's meat  
28 Make a dining surface of  
29 Fastening bars with crosspieces  
31 Hog hangout  
33 Riddle, part 2  
38 Kotb of morning TV  
40 In this place  
41 Sun Yat- —  
42 Travel bags  
43 Nice scent  
45 Government bigwig  
47 Deer — (street sign)  
48 Riddle, part 3  
53 More tightly packed  
58 In the habit of  
59 Common origami birds  
61 Pass on  
62 Durance of "Smallville"  
66 Astronaut Buzz  
68 Own  
69 Riddle, part 4  
75 Shine  
76 Alleviation  
77 Worshiper of Jah, for short  
78 Bits of Viking script  
80 Decelerate  
82 Ultimatum  
87 Bonuses  
89 Riddle, part 5  
93 Robert of "The Sopranos"  
95 Twin brother of Jacob  
96 Clear mist from  
97 Sci-fi writer L. — de Camp  
101 Place to get a mud wrap  
104 To be, in Toulon  
106 Sahara-like

- 107 End of the riddle  
111 Directed  
112 In last place, say  
113 Plastic wrap  
114 Rock bassist  
116 Stork's kin  
117 Riddle's answer  
124 Fork feature  
125 Extracts juice from  
126 Olympics award  
127 Depraved emperor  
128 Wise off to  
129 Ballerina's field, in France  
130 Affirmative answers  
131 Gas brand in Canada

### DOWN

- 1 Coarse  
2 Campfire residue  
3 Large amount of medicine  
4 Surfeit  
5 Bread  
6 Horse relative  
7 Gun, slangily  
8 1950s prez  
9 Military pupil  
10 Infant's sock  
11 Northern part of an urban area  
12 Robbins of "underground comix"  
13 Tic- — -toe  
14 Kind of sheepdog  
15 Maalox's company  
16 Grown-ups  
17 Crème de —  
18 Feels  
24 Furry "hand"  
25 Slangy refusals  
30 Ray who portrayed the scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz"  
31 Famed orca, once  
32 Bagel shape  
34 Faith faction  
35 Rice-shaped pasta  
36 On or about  
37 56, to Caesar  
39 In the hub of  
44 One- — (brief drama)  
46 Part of R&R, for short

- 47 Nissan model until 2015  
49 More peeved  
50 Amount of food carried in a cafeteria  
51 50%  
52 Slashed words of choice  
54 Old soda brand  
55 Czech, e.g.  
56 Roof feature  
57 Seedy loaves  
60 Perches  
63 3/15, e.g.  
64 Stiff shirt part  
65 It's negatively charged  
67 Sleep aid brand  
69 Hideous giant  
70 Continuous change  
71 It might be boldface  
72 Fancy jug  
73 Prurient  
74 Capacitance unit  
79 Broadway's "Miss —"  
81 Edgar Allan —  
83 Pair for vision

- 84 Rescue ropes  
85 Sleep noisily  
86 Goaded (on)  
88 Habitually lazy sort  
90 Tiny fraction of a min.  
91 Cat, in Spain  
92 Sound from a 91-Down  
94 Always, to poets  
97 Cracks  
98 Extreme fear  
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# THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike  
should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one  
thinks very much.



March 1958

## Clubs and Classes

### SENIOR NEWS

Just think we have about two months of hard work left. We had our last bake sale on Saturday, March 1, 1958. The profit from the sale was \$36.36. We wish to thank all who donated food and helped out with our sale.

We are selling "All Occasional" cards which sell for a dollar a box.

We have begun to work on our Senior Play which is entitled NO BOYS ALLOWED. It will be presented the last of April or the first of May.

Joan Truman has the leading part of the play. She has the part of Rita Barter who is giving a slumber party for some of her girl friends. Willy Laxton plays the part of Fred Dana, who is in bad with Rita. Delano Faemire plays Leroy Doyle, Fred's pal. The part of Edwina Cook, who is Rita's best friend, is played by Helen Ellis. Lillian Dodrill has the part of Belinda Elliot who is Rita's rival. Nada Owens, a boy-hater, is played by Reba Eagle. Joanne Conner plays Patsey Farrell, who loves to eat. Howard Wilson plays the part of O'Brien, who is an officer of the law. Keith Garland, Fred's rival, is played by Russell Butcher. Paul DeMoss plays Harvey Smith, Keith's man Friday. Lois Frame plays Mrs. Dana, Fred's mother, Mr. Midnight, a prowler, is played by guess who? June Lloyd portrays Victoria, the Butcher's exorable cook.

The announcements which were ordered a while back have arrived. We have begun to work on our Senior compliments. We started selling them on March 14. On that day we got out of school, split up into four different groups and left in different cars. One group went to Clay and Gauley Bridge, one group went to Richwood, Cowen, Camden-on-Gauley, and Craigs-ville. The other group went to Sutton and Gassaway. The fourth went to Birch and Summersville.

If you wish to buy a compliment just see one of us Seniors. The compliments will be about the same price as they were last year.

### JUNIORS TESTED

The Junior Class was given a comprehensive test Friday afternoon, March 7th in the school library.

The test was given under the supervision of Glenville College and is the test that, until this year, had been given high school seniors all over the state.

Results of the test will be sent to the office sometime in the spring, and can be of service to the senior class in its enrollment next year.

### FRESHMAN CLASS NEWS

Two March Birthdays from the Freshman class are Barbara Young's (31st) and Juanita Forte's (6th).

The Freshman class is cleaning their windows so we can have a better view of the passersby.

Several new hair styles have been worn by the girls in our room.

We are also proud of our Jane who was among the attendants of Miss Widen High School II.

### SIXTH GRADE NEWS

The patrols had a meeting in the sixth grade room on Thursday.

The people who are new patrol members received membership cards. Franklin Davis is our captain, and T. G. Griffith is our 1st lieutenant. We elected two second lieutenants; Sandy Williams 6th grader and Walter George 4th grader.

The sixth grade class' Good Citizenship club elected three new officers: Sharon Baughman took T. G. Griffith's place as president, Luther Young took Jeanne Dodrill's place as vice president, T. G. Griffith took Janice Triplett's place as secretary. Cleveland Brooks took Shirley McClain's place as program chairman and Sandra Williams took Brenda King's place as chairman of club reporting. The helpers are Janice Triplett and Brenda King.

The sixth grade class had a Safety Drive and made posters which were placed in the hall. Some of our posters reminded us not to: Jump on the seesaws, lean on the bridge, be careless at railroad crossings, disobey patrols on the play ground, play near the steamhouse, get on the rail of the handwalkers, be careless when playing on the jungle jims and the steam pipe isn't to sit on.

We have written stories about "How we can conserve our natural resources", we also have painted ~~many posters illustrating this~~ idea, and arranged them on our bulletin board.

Freda and Freeman Cottrell missed school today, March 6th, to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Jane Strickland.

### FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The fifth grade is deeply proud of the attendance banner which is currently hanging on their door.

### FOURTH GRADE NEWS

The Fourth Grade is going to have an assembly program. It will be at the Y.M.C.A. We would like for all our parents to come. It will be Thursday, March 2, 1958 at 2:30 p.m.

The Fourth Graders have had a lot of illness. We had Sharon Jo Manning out for six days and Ernest Hardway out for six days. Carol Miller has to go every week to get her eye's checked.

### THIRD GRADE

We read the story of "Around The Year With A Young Frog" and thought that we would bring some frog eggs to school. Then Linda Hamrick and her sister brought two frogs and four lizzards. We left them in the classroom over the weekend and when we came back Monday they were dead. Linda brought some frog eggs that same day. Miss Ashley got a microscope and put two frog eggs under it. We looked at them, they looked like giants. Well, I hope they live!

It takes a little courage and a little self-control and some determination if you want to reach a goal. It takes a deal of striving and firm and stern set chin, no matter what the battle, if you're really out to win.

### 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 Holliday, 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 Bailes; 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.

### POPULARITY CONTEST

Most popular girl — Judy La Corte.

Most popular boy — Dave Hamrick.

Best looking girl — Betty Craft.

Best looking boy—Russell Butcher.

Best girl student—Lillian Dodrill.

Best boy student — Dave Hamrick.

Wittiest girl — Judy La Corte.

Wittiest boy — Abe Holmes.

Best girl dancer — Betty Craft.

Best boy dancer—Charles Lewis.

Most ambitious girl—Joan Truman.

Most ambitious boy — Ronald Cottrell.

Most courteous girl — Lillian Dodrill.

Most courteous boy—Carl Ellis.

Most talented girl — Ruby Holcomb.

Most talented boy — Willy Laxton.

Friendliest girl — Ruby Holcomb.

Friendliest boy — Abe Holmes.

Best figure (girl) — Helen Ellis.

Best physique (boy)—Paul De Moss.

Best groomed girl — Judy Shaffer.

Best groomed boy — Russell Butcher.

Best boy athlete — Carl Ellis.

Best all-round student (girl) — Lillian Dodrill.

Best all-round student (boy) — Dave Hamrick.

Senior girl and boy most likely to succeed — Russell Butcher & Lillian Dodrill.

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# Reminder: Check and change your batteries

Daylight Saving Time ended on Sunday, Nov. 3. The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office reminds everyone to also change their batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and other home safety items.

Households with 10-year battery-operated smoke alarms are urged to test them to ensure they are still working properly.

Also, with cold weather on its way, some people may turn to alternative heating sources. The Fire Marshal's Office wants to remind those people to never use a propane heater indoors, to never plug a portable space heater into an extension cord and to invest in carbon monoxide alarms to better protect homes and families from the dangers of carbon monoxide.

The National Fire Protection Association reports that 71% of smoke alarms that failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries. The NFPA provides the following guidelines for smoke alarms:

-Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

-Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

-Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

-Replace the smoke alarm immediately if it doesn't respond properly when tested.

-Smoke alarms with nonreplaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If that type of alarm chirps, a warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.

-For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

In addition to changing batteries, now is a good time to make sure to create or update a fire safety plan. Every family should have a fire safety plan, ensuring that every family member is prepared if an emergency occurs.

Those without working smoke alarms can contact the WVSFMO at (304) 558-2191.

# Charleston Welcomes Visitors to Celebrate the Holidays at the second annual Salango Law Light the Night

As the holiday season draws near, Charleston is gearing up for another unforgettable celebration of lights, family fun and holiday spirit. From November 15 through January 1, GoMart Ballpark will come alive once again with the Salango Law Light the Night, West Virginia's largest winter light display.

Featuring more than 2.5 million lights synchronized to holiday music, Charleston is ready to offer another unforgettable experience for all ages. Launched last year through a partnership between Salango Law, the Charleston Dirty Birds and local leaders, Light the Night has quickly become a cherished holiday tradition.

"Our goal for Light the Night was to create a truly special event for the community, and last year's response exceeded all our expectations," said Ben Salango, founder of Salango Law and Kanawha County Commissioner. "Welcoming over 120,000 visitors from across the country to celebrate the holidays in Charleston and Kanawha County was beyond anything we had imagined."

This year's event will feature an array of new attractions, including the Round Up amusement park ride, ice bumper cars, a wider selection of inflatables and a classic carousel. These additions will join returning favorites such as the holiday train, ice skating, the iconic Ferris wheel and pictures with Santa.

"Light the Night brings the community together and highlights the vibrant spirit of Charleston," said Andy Shea, owner and CEO of the Charleston Dirty Birds. "It's about much more than the lights—it's about showcasing all the amazing things this city has to offer."

Beyond Light the Night, Charleston's downtown will be bustling with holiday activities, including the Holly Jolly Brawley event, perfect for holiday shopping and dining at local restaurants.

"Whether you're here for a day or planning a weekend getaway, our Capital City provides a beautiful backdrop for creating unforgettable holiday memories," said Charleston's Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin. "Light the Night has quickly become a signature event for our city and state, and we're looking forward to sharing the magic and wonder of the season with friends and families again this year."

Commissioner Salango encourages visitors to explore all Charleston has to offer. "Charleston has truly become a place for destination tourism during the holidays—it's like living in a Hallmark movie," continued Commissioner Ben Salango. "What's even more incredible is how this event drives our local economy, generating millions of dollars for small business owners and creating lasting benefits for the region."

For more information about Light the Night and to purchase tickets, visit [www.dblightthenight.com](http://www.dblightthenight.com).

About Salango Law Light the Night: Salango Law Light the Night is West Virginia's premier winter light display, drawing visitors from across the country to Charleston's GoMart Ballpark. Featuring over 2.5 million lights synchronized to holiday music, the event offers an unforgettable experience with family-friendly amusement rides and ice skating. This celebration is proudly made possible by Salango Law, the Charleston Dirty Birds and the City of Charleston.

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

Publication Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024  
Claim Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2025

APPOINTMENT DATE: 09/16/2024  
ESTATE NAME: **GALE ESKER BROWN**  
EXECUTOR: **JAMES WALTER BROWN**  
1029 TIMBERVIEW DR  
CHARLESTON WV 25314--2223

APPOINTMENT DATE: 10/25/2024  
ESTATE NAME: **VICTORIA ANN HUDSON**  
ADMINISTRATOR: **GREG HUDSON**  
357 NEBO WALKER ROAD  
NEBO WV 25141-9503

APPOINTMENT DATE: 10/11/2024  
ESTATE NAME: **OKEY RAY RUNION**  
EXECUTRIX: **STEPHANIE RAY MITCHELL**  
146 OLD 60 LAKEVIEW DRIVE  
WILKESBORO NC 28697-8293

APPOINTMENT DATE: 09/04/2024  
ESTATE NAME: **MYRTLE JANE SCOTT**  
ADMINISTRATRIX: **LYNIA GAIL BRADY**  
395 HOMESTEAD LANE  
CLAY WV 25043-6069

APPOINTMENT DATE: 09/18/2024  
ESTATE NAME: **JACK STARCHER**  
ADMINISTRATRIX CTA: **AMY ELIZABETH STARCHER-NESTLER**  
29619 ALLEGRO DR  
WESLEY CHAPEL FL 33543-6726

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 11/04/2024  
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Publication Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024  
Claim Deadline: Monday, January 13, 2025

ESTATE NUMBER: **760**  
APPOINTMENT DATE: **11/07/2024**  
ESTATE NAME: **FERN ELAINE JOYCE**  
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: **DANIEL GREEN JOYCE JR**  
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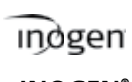
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## Panthers are headed to the playoffs



Jacoby Nichols hauls in this bomb from Collins.



Seth Robinson looks for the end zone.



Ayden Brown looks for the gap.



Kendrick Sutphin closes the gap on the Eagles.



Nowhere to go but down against Panther defense.

**By Allen Hamrick**

The regular season ended for the Panther football team on Friday night as they took on the Eagles of Braxton at their own nest, and what a season it was. The 2024 season has been full of action down to the last minute of each game. The boys have given the best they had on every game and on every down as they have achieved a 7-3 season. Their only losses, including the one to Roane, were by just a few points. This season they finished up ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in AA ratings by the WVSSAC.

On Friday evening, the Panthers came out swinging for the fences and scored TDs as fast as you could gobble popcorn. The Eagles' offense looked like they were trying to lasso bulls with a log chain against the

Panther defense. The Noah Collins air show started early when he connected with Jacoby Nichols who took the pass into the end zone. Once the Panther offense got the taste of football blood in their mouth, it was off to the races. The Eagle defense had no answers for it in the first half, only stopping the Panthers a few times. On the infantry side of the Panther offense, Seth Robinson got some running time in for the Panthers and scored on a 25 yard run. By the time the half time flag was thrown, the Panthers led the game 27-0. The rest of the game was much like the first half with the Panther offense scoring and the Eagle defense still struggling to figure Panther offense out. In the end it was the Panthers winning their last game of the regular season 37-15.

With the win, the Panthers clinched a playoff berth, and from all indications will play #4 ranked Williamstown on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Williamstown. This is subject to change due to injunctions being filed with no final decision as of press time, so check with the school before committing to the road. It would be an understatement to say this has been a banner year for the Panther football team with all their success.

The Panthers are definitely a gang of brothers that left all they had on the gridiron this season, and will do it again on Friday night against whoever they play. No matter what happens, this season that will not be forgotten too soon. Congratulations to the players and coaches for an awesome season. We look forward to seeing what you will do in the playoffs. Go Panthers!

## To remember is a duty not a burden

**By Allen Hamrick**

Self preservation is the first law of nature; self sacrifice is the highest rule of grace. Doing a duty and doing it regardless the risk of life is the highest form of love. Yeah, you might say that's wishy washy, but courage of the soul can only be obtained through an intense will to stay alive or the absolute love for their country and those that depend on them. There is no way that an individual who has never held a position that requires sacrifice and a "can't just quit when it gets rough" job could ever understand. When the seas were red with blood and the beaches, deserts and mountains were stained with the blood of friends, husbands, dads, brothers, you still had to keep going no matter what...the enemy just kept coming.

No one down through history wanted to go to war, and at times the wars seemed senseless. However, when the people of this country were called upon, they reacted and they didn't run; they fought on for the future of America. No matter what the reason, soldiers of these United States have stepped up for the rights and freedoms of the people of this country, and when they want to tell their story, listen because they are why you have the opportunities you have. When you see an older vet or a young one, remember that they have probably went through some kind of adversity far beyond what you can imagine. In war, nobody truly wins because the cost is so high on both sides of the bullet. A veteran serving in wartime has seen all the changes that war can make on a human

being and illustrate the very soul of a person as if it lives right beside you. Veterans in peacetime go through scenarios that bring them to a place that they have to decide - critical situations so that they, too, can be ready to fill the shoes on battlefields all over the world. Why do normal people take on the role of a soldier? It is certainly not the money or the travel. It is about the love of country, the people in it and the thankfulness of being able to live free and the desire to preserve it.

Our flag is an expression of those that have put on that uniform since our country began. Like it or not, our great nation is the best place in the world to work, raise a family, own a home, and fulfill dreams, and it's all because of those that preserve that right to do so. Think about it, read about it - the military soldiers who have defended our rights deserve to never be forgotten. Many live daily with the physical and emotional strain of the time spent in service to others which causes many to fall into hopelessness. This Veteran's Day, make it a point to be truly thankful for their service. Also, remember those that rest beneath the sod who have been laid to rest either by war or by time. They all deserve to be remembered, from the time this country began to today, and for me they always will. There is no greater love than a person laying down their life for a friend. Thank you Clay County veterans for your love of country and the sacrifices made to ensure liberty and freedom for ourselves and our posterity.



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