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Mountain State Spotlight: West Virginia's House of Delegates could do away with public hearings on bills under new rules

Under the proposed new rules, public hearings would no longer be an option. Instead, a public comment period would be built into a revamped committee process.

by Sarah Elbeshbishi

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West Virginians would no longer be guaranteed the right to public hearings on legislation under new rules proposed by the House of Delegates leader last week.

After House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, announced the proposed rules, citizens and advocates raised concerns about how the new process would limit public participation.

"It's essentially doing away with public hearings," said Del. Evan Hansen, D-Monongalia, adding that if House Republicans want the new process to "preserve public hearings" then more information needs to be provided.

"There's a lot of details to work out, so it's not just subject to the whim of the committee chair," Hansen said.

Here's what you need to know:

Under current rules, once a bill is assigned to a House committee, citizens can submit a written request for a public hearing, and the House has to hold one.

For example, last year, a public hearing on the bill that would've opened up teachers and public librarians to criminal liability for displaying or disseminating "obscene matter" was held nearly three weeks before the legislation landed on the House Judiciary Committee's agen-

The rules require an announcement on the House floor and a notice posted on the Legislature's website at least two days before the hearing. This gives people time to learn about the hearing, spread the word and make arrangements to travel to the Capitol.

On January 24, about 28 people, both for and against holding librarians and



House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay

teachers criminally liable, came to the Capitol to share their views on the proposed legislation.

"Public hearings just feel like a timehonored tradition of democracy in the House chamber, when literally anyone from the public can speak into a microphone at a podium on the House floor, and at no other point is that true in the legislative process," said Lida Shepherd, director of the West Virginia Economic Justice Project.

The West Virginia Senate's rules have no provision for public hearings on leg-

The revamped committee process

Under the proposed rules, there is no option for a public hearing on the House floor. Instead, the public will have to weigh in on legislation during the first day a bill is considered by a committee. The new rules layout a procedure where committees deliberate on a bill over three days, one to introduce and learn more about the bill and two more to amend,

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The Alum Ridge Boys & Ashlee from Southwestern Virginia (shown here) will perform after The Modock Rounders and before Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys at the WV Culture Center February 1. The evening begins with an open jam in the Great Hall and

Johnny Staats to play Old-Time Winter Breakdown III

Bluegrass and old-time mountain music will fill the air at the WV Culture Center for two days, January 31 and February 1, sponsored by FOOTMAD - Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance. Billed as FOOTMAD's "Winter Breakdown," the weekend will include square dancing, workshops and an evening concert. All activities are open, and the public is invited. Admission fees vary. All the events take place at the WV Culture Center.

Festivities begin 7 p.m. Friday, January 31, with a square dance in the Great Hall. Taylor Runner of Morgantown will be the caller, with live music by The Hollertones from southern Ohio. No experience, partner, special shoes or special clothing is necessary. All dances will be taught.

Saturday activities feature an array of traditional instruments for the public to see, hear, and try playing. A hands-on instrument display will be provided by Fret 'n Fiddle music store of St. Albans.

Workshops in music and dance skills are offered from 11 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. Each will last 80 minutes. New this year is a recording and performance workshop led by the producers of the Wallace Horn Friendly Neighbor Show, Jeff and Victoria Bosley.

Other offerings and teachers include harmony singing with Andrew Small and Ashley Watkins, dulcimer with Dave Haas, Eastern Kentucky fiddle with Linda Scutt, square dance calling with

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Dancing at the WV Culture Center from the 2024 Winter Breakdown provided fun for all ages, no experience required. Visit FOOTMAD.org for a complete schedule and ticketing information.

WV Trophy Hunters Association Set to Host the 37th WV Hunting & Fishing Show

Each January, the WV Trophy Hunters Association presents the WV Hunting & Fishing Show at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center in Charleston, WV. All proceeds from the show are donated to programs that promote or protect hunting, fishing, wildlife, conservation, and related educational activities. From 1995 through 2024 their donations to these causes exceeded \$1,550,000. While raising funds is important, the primary reason for hosting this show is to bring hunters and fishermen into contact with organizations that can provide them with goods and services related to these activities. All WV Trophy Hunter Association members are 100% volunteers.

This year the event is scheduled for January 24-26, 2025.

Scheduled to participate are about 175

exhibitors. Seminars on the WV DNR stage include Hunting in the Wind, K9 Training, Fishing Ethics, Three Rivers Avian Center, Big Buck Contents Winners, Whitetail Tactics, Coyote Hunting, Boater Safety, Trout Stocking, and

The Whitetail Hall of Fame is back. WV DNR will be scoring your harvested

A wildlife charity auction is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25th from the Grand Hall in the Charleston Convention Center.

The Youth Outdoor Challenge is back for kids 12 and under.

There will be a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon on Friday, January

Show schedule:

Friday, January 24: 12pm to 9pm Saturday, January 25: 9am to 9pm Sunday, January 26: 10:00 to 5pm Admission is \$12.00 for adults. Children 12 and under are FREE.

The mission of the WV Trophy Hunters Association is a dedication to the conservation of wildlife and the preservation of hunting and hunters' rights.

CCMS wrestling competes at **Midland Trail**



Tilyr Bird slams on his way to a win.

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Bobby Milton Bennett Booked 1/15/25 Capias



Terry Lynn Bennett Booked 1/13/25 Delivery of a controlled substance



Tiffany Nicole Bragg Booked 1/20/25 Worthless checks (x3)

CLAY COUNTY



Bariah Lynn Cooley Booked 1/18/25 Domestic battery, malicious wounding



David Benjamin Jarvis Booked 1/14/25 Receiving/transferring stolen goods, conspiracy, grand larceny, burglary



Donald Lee Massey I Booked 1/18/25 Battery, trespassing asked to leave, trespassing

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Shawn Allen McMillion
Booked 1/18/25
DUI first offense, escape, obstruction, assault on officer, domestic battery, destruction of property, disarm or attempt to disarm law enforcement, domestic assault



Bobby Wayne Moore Booked 1/18/25 Battery, trespassing



Richard Lee Bishop Booked 1/15/25 No MVI, driving suspended, failure to maintain control of vehicle, no registration



Elvis Boswell
Booked 1/15/25
Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, no insurance, no operators,
DUI first offense



Tiffany Nichole Bragg Booked 1/20/25 Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance



Rebecca Ann Guyatt Booked 1/15/25 Fraudulent use of an access device

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Matthew Stephen Nichols Booked 1/17/25 Family court Capias



Jonathan Stewart Sparks Booked 1/20/25 Fleeing in vehicle with reckless indifference to the safety of others, obstructing an officer, destruction of property



Russell Willard Vaught Booked 1/15/25 Fraud related to connection of access device

BRAXTON COUNTY



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by WV House of Delegates Majority Leader Pat

McGeehan
West Virginia has good lawenforcement officers. We need more of them. Their pursuit of justice and peace

need more of them. Their pursuit of justice and peace serves the most vulnerable members of our community, forming an indispensable part of our shared project: that our people of West Virginia might flourish as the happiest in the union.

Lawenforcement officers routinely confront danger in order to guard their paich beaufager the violence and

in order toguard their neighborsfrom the violence and injustice of wicked men. They have received, as their thankless task, a society suffering the breakdown—and even erasure—of its traditional forms of peacekeeping: strong families, active civic associations, gracious moral norms and neighborhoods where everyone looks after everyone else. How such a breach was opened-up may be the subject of debate. But that lawenforcement officers have, nevertheless, continued to stand in that breach, have made up for such missing civic virtues, and have shouldered an unequal weight of responsibility for the peace of our communities—this much is simply undeniable.

West Virginia can affirm its commitment to those who take up this solemn responsibility by exempting their pay and pensions from income taxation. This exemption would acknowledge and realize the particular vocation of the city, county and state lawenforcement officer, who operates as a servant of the people of West Virginia, protecting and enacting our high aspirations for a just, ordered and happy society by routinely confronting those who threaten it "on the ground." Although often a burden, in some ways, taxes can be a sort of symbol of an individual's contribution to the common good-which ought to be considered an explicit aimoftheir government's purpose in the first place. Tax relief for all is important. Lawenforcement officers, however, already contribute to this common good by their continued risk of life and limb. Already taxed by virtue of their profession of dangerous service, our police officers—along with our emergency responders and firefighters—ought

Our laws do not merely serve to allow and prohibit what can and cannot be done—they can often also "teach." And such a law as this could teach what every aspiring police officer already knows: their work transcends mere employment andself-interest. And it even transcends those basic civic obligations for which we all are responsible. For unlike every other good and noble work, police work is a gift of self, made to the whole community without reserve: the willingness to die for one's friends and neighbors—which is a requisite for beginning police work, and a mark of excellence in its performance.

not to be "taxed" twice.

In recent years, however, the profession of law enforcement has faced unjust vilification. The sweeping demonization of police has created challenges for recruitment and morale: who would devote their lives to keeping the peace after years of propaganda, from the establishment media, that characterized such a noble aspiration as only the mark of hateful, violent and "criminal" men and women? West Virginia has an opportunity



Delegate Pet McCochen

to demonstrate the love we have for those who devote their lives to keeping the peace. A tax exemption would grant our state's moral support to these men and women, remediating at least some of the damage that unjust suspicions and unchecked aspersions have wreaked on their calling.

Critics on the left may argue that such an exemption would introduce inequities. I believe this is a wrong-headed understanding. A statein which blue-collar workers pay taxes—while multi-national corporate executives buy and trade financial assets in order to skirt them—is one that suffers from inequity. A state, though, where such an irreplaceableservice of sacrifice is actu-

ally rewarded, does not.

Critics on the right may argue that tax exemption represents some sort of fiscally imprudent loss of state revenue. This strikes me as a shallow argument. A state that attracts virtuous, servant-hearted law enforcement officers will make up for these minuscule fiscal costs by large gains in public security and trust, through reduced turnover costs in city police and county sheriffs' departments across the state—and through the thwarting of the vicious and expensive effects of crime.

And yet, relieving law enforcement officers from income taxation—as well as emergency responders and firefighters—is more than a financial investment. It is a clear statement about the kind of society we ought to build up, and a clear expression of the kind of people we are: We are West Virginians—and West Virginians honor sacrifice, love justice, reward faithful service and work as a team for the sake of our common health. West Virginia has an opportunity to lead the country through example here: let us seize it.

Delegate Pat McGeehan, R-Hancock, is the Majority Leader of the WV House of Delegates. He resides in Chester.



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What Are You Going To Teach

By Joe Mazzella

It was over 30 years ago. I had graduated college with a degree in education but hadn't been able to find a full time job as a teacher. Instead I was working as a substitute. One day I would be called in to work in an elementary classroom, on another day I would be at the high school, and on another I would be working all day in the special education classroom. Through it all, though, I tried my best to be a positive and uplifting teacher. I remembered the teachers I'd had growing up. Some were so good. They encouraged and praised their students. They made the work feel like a joy. I would learn anything for them. Others only criticized and reprimanded their students. In their classes I felt fear and resentment and learned a lot less than I could have.

On one day of substituting I was having a really good day. I praised one boy's math answer and another girl's English essay. I did my best to make each student feel seen and appreciated. At first the students seemed shocked by this treatment but soon they became happy and responsive. And at the end of the day a particularly shy girl stopped before leaving and said, "I wish you were my teacher every day." Those kind words have stayed in my heart to this day.

I haven't worked in a school for decades now, but I've learned one thing: We are all teachers in this life and we are all students as well. We learn from each other. It doesn't matter what your job is, you are always teaching others with your words, with your actions, and with your life.

The question is: What are you going to teach? Are you going to help God teach Love and kindness and peace and goodness and giving and sharing and Joy? Or are you going to teach fear, anger, hatred, and misery? The choice is yours. I myself will always choose the path of Love, learning, and Joy. I myself will always choose to do my best to help God make this world the happy classroom it was always meant to be. May you do the same.

WINTER BREAKDOWN

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Taylor Runner, Southwest Virginia tunes with Andrew Small and Ashlee Watkins, dance tips with Andrew Carroll, old-time banjo with Cody Jordan, old-time guitar with Jesse Pearson, mandolin with Johnny Staats, bluegrass guitar with Doug Cossin, bluegrass banjo with Butch Osborne and bluegrass fiddle with Ray Cossin. All workshop teachers are renowned experts in their

The Saturday evening concert at the WV Culture Center theater will feature three Appalachian bands to round out the "Winter Breakdown" schedule. The concert opens at 7:30pm with the old-time trio The Modock Rounders—Kim Johnson (banjo), Cody Jordan (guitar) and Jesse Pearson (fiddle). Next up from Southwest Virginia will be The Alum Ridge Boys & Ashlee with their superb harmonies and instrumentals. The renowned Johnny Staats and the Delivery Boys will close out the event. Staats won the Vandalia Festival championship in mandolin three times, once on guitar and placed in fiddle. The Delivery Boys include Butch Osborne, Ray and Doug Cossin and David Vaughn. Each band will perform a 45-minute set.

Concert tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$10 for students; under age 13 are admitted free. Workshops are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Dance admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 under age 25, under age 13 admitted free. AmeriCorps/VISTA members are admitted free to the dance and concert.

Weekend passes are available in advance or at the door—\$55 for adults and \$25 for students and will cover the dance, up to three workshops and the concert. Admission to all events can be paid at the door. Concert advance tickets are available online at FOOTMAD.org or by calling 304-729-4382.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional sponsors include the Nancy McClellan Charitable Gift Fund and McKinley Carter Wealth Services.



I'm Not Old Just Young Challenged

Dr. James L. Snyder

Most people are fascinated by their age as if it makes any difference in their lives. Some people are very intimidated by getting older and struggle against it.

When I was young, I couldn't wait to get older. I couldn't wait until I was old enough to get a driver's license. Why does it take so long to get old when you're young, and when you're old, it flies by like a bullet?

Sometimes, I get a call from a scammer who asks me how old I am. I respond, "I'm not sure how old I am because every year my age changes." Then I hear the infa-

I have several relatives who will never accept how old they are. They are frozen at 20 and try living as though they were 20 years old. It never works out, but I won't be the one to tell them. Why try to act like you're younger than you are when you could just be yourself?

People are intimidated by getting older. I keep telling them that the only cure for old age is to die.

If I tried to live my life as though I were 20, I'd get into a lot of trouble, especially with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She is one of those reality people. I don't disagree with her, but I often conflict with her by not acting my age.

I might be doing something rather silly, and she'll catch me. Then, with both hands on her hips, she will say, "Why don't you just act your age?"

I wanted to respond a few times and ask her if she was acting her age, but my love of life keeps me from doing stupid things like that.

At this stage, the big question in my life is: How do I act my age? And what really is my age?

If I'm at a certain age, I'm not acting that age; I'm just living that age. So when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage wants me to act my age, she wants me to pretend I'm older than I really am. I don't know what that means!

I tried to tell her that I'm really not old; just young challenged.

I was wondering the other day if I acted like I was 30 if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would recognize me. When I was 30, I was completely different than what I am today, whatever my age. I believe I should be able to get up in the morning, pick an age, and then act that age.

It sounded like a good idea until I tried it. One morning, I got up and said to myself, "Today, I am 20, and so I'm going to act like a 20-year-old."

Before lunch, I had worn myself out so badly that I didn't know if I would continue the day. I forgot how active I was at 20. I forgot that when I walked, I was half-running. I forgot that when I ate, I ate like a starving chimpanzee. Oh, I don't want to be young again.

I began to realize what it really means to be young and challenged. I would have to practice for a month to act like I was 20 for one day. I don't have that much time left to do that.

So I'm young challenged. So what?

When I was young, I acted my age and got into trouble that I won't discuss with anyone today. But those days are over, and now I'm going to try to act like I'm an old geezer. I have found that I am a superb actor in this category. If there was an Emmy for acting like an old geezer, I would win hands down.

My wife and I were discussing this, and she said, "I remember what you were like when you were 20, and it would be good for you to act like you were 20 again."

With a little smirk on my face, I looked at her and said, "I will act 20 if you also act 20. Because a 20-year-old doesn't date an old geezer." I'm not sure she got it, but she didn't like how I said it.

But if I'm going to act like a 20-year-old, then my whole surroundings have to be in that category. What good is it to act like your 20 when you don't have the energy of a 20-year-old?

It's been a long time since I heard The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage ask me if I was going to act my age. I'm glad because I'm not a very good actor.

I also have a hard time acting my age. How do you practice to act a certain age so that by the time you're done practicing, you're older?

It doesn't matter how old you are or that you have to act a certain age; it's really living today with today's understanding. I was reminded what Solomon said. "The glory of

young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head" (Proverbs 20:29). I never understood this until one day I looked in my

mirror and saw I had grey hair. I never thought my hair would get grey, but there it was and my mirror doesn't lie, so says The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Wood County resident Jessica Rowley reads from a book during the public hearing on HB 4654 at the House of Delegates on Jan. 24, 2024. Photo by Perry Bennett / WV Legislative Photography

discuss and vote on it

In that three-day process, the first day will be dedicated to examining an introduced bill and hearing from its sponsor. It's also when the committee will be taking 'testimony.'

However, there is no guarantee that "testimony" would mean any member of the public would be able to comment, according to House Communications Director Ann Ali, since it would be up to the discretion of the committee chair.

The new rules don't require committee agendas to be posted with advanced notice to the public as is currently required when a public hearing is called. Typically agendas are posted a day in advance and can be updated or changed at the last minute, an issue critics raised.

So, the question is: How will West Virginians know a bill they want to weigh in on is being considered in enough time for them to do so?

When asked how public participation will work with

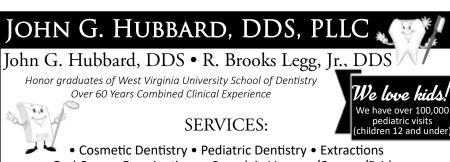
no required advance notice, Hanshaw said: "We're thinking about that."

But he said House leadership would be unlikely to propose a deadline for agendas.

'We're never going to eliminate our own ability to move forward when we need to, but the overall goal here is greater engagement with interest groups, with citizens, with bill sponsors, with everybody who has a hand on the process so that we end up with more informed input," he said.

The new rules will also allow citizens to submit their comments to a committee in writing, offering an alternative option for those unable to attend meetings. Those comments will be logged into the official committee record. However, the protocol for how to do that in a timely fashion is also not spelled out in the proposed rules.

For now, these changes are proposals. The House still needs to vote on the new rules package. The session begins on Feb. 12.



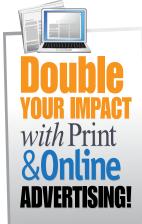
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Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.



Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An snowstorm overnight paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John Mc-Causland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretarytreasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.



Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.



Jan. 23, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia.



Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union

two years later.



Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and



state's first female state legislator, Gates elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS**



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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



April 1958

Senior Class Continued

Alice Myrea Hamrick is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Hamrick of Widen, W. Va. She was born August 14, 1940, at Charleston, W. Va. She is 5'3 1-2" tall and weighs 110 lbs. She has brown hair and brown eyes. Alice has attended Widen Schools for 12 years. During this time she was a member of Library Club, Dramatics Club, and Student Council for one year, during which time she was chairman of the assembly committee. She is a former member W.H.S. Band in which she played clarinet, and she was a majorette. Also she was a W.H.S. Cheer leader. She served as Toast Mistress for the Junior-Senior Banquet in 1957. She was selected as a member of National Honor Society in her junior year. Alice was secretary of her class in her freshman and junior years. She was vice-president of her class when she was a sophomore. Alice was sent as a representative of the Student Council to the Annual Conference of the West Virginia Association of Student Councils at Jackson's Mill, last year. After graduation, Alice plans to join her husband, who is attending West Virginia University where he is studying music. She was baptised when she was twelve years old and fs a member of the Widen Baptist Church.

Joanne Louise Conner is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. J. J. Conner of Widen W. Va.

She was born at Widen, W. Va. May 23, 1940. Joanne is 4'4 1-2" tall and has brown hair and eyes. She attended Widen School all twelve years.

Joanne is a member of and attends Widen Baptist Church regularly. She was a member of the Girl Scouts for 5 years, where she was Treasurer for 3 years. She was also a member of the 4-H Club for 2 years. She was a member of the Safety Patrol; a member of the W.H.S. Band; and a member of Chorus Club; Joanne was reporter for the Student Council and and was chosen Senior Princess at the homecoming game. She attended Baptist Camp at Cowen, W. Va. last summer,

She is planning to spend the summer at home, deciding what she is going to do in the fall.

Russell Butcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Butcher of Dille, W. Va. Russell was born in Charleston, West Virginia, June 4, 1941. He is 4'11" tall. He has brown hair and blue eyes. He attended Dille grade school and entered Widen High School in 1954. Russell played football in the 9th grade and also played four years of basketball. He was vice president of student council in 1956-57. He was sportss editor of the Widen News and a member of Boy Scouts for a year. Russell attends Big Union Baptist Church. He plans either to get a job or join the Marines after graduation.

William Nallon Laxton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley C. Laxton of Clay Ridge. He was born March 5, 1940, Clay, W. Va. He is 5'10" tall and waghs 158 lbs. His hair is brown and his eyes are blue. He attended school at Dundon in the first grade attended Widen in the second grade, attended school at triplet Ridge in the third grade, and attended Dille from the fourth through the eighth.

He came to Widen in the ninth and was a member of the Athletic Club. During his tenth year he was member of the Athletic Club and football team. During the eleventh grade he was also a member of the Athletic Club. He belonged to the Dramatic Club in the twelfth grade. He played the bass drum in the high school band in his senior year. He also had one of the leading male roles in the Senior play "No Boys Allow-

After Graduation he plans to join the Air Force.

Lanty Delano Facemire is the son of Mrs. Lanty S. Facemire of Dille, W. Va. He was born at Charleston, April 6, 1939. He is 5'10 1-2" tall and weighs 135 lbs. He has blond-hair and blue-eyes.

He attended elementary school at Dille. Delano was President of Art Club in '57 and Vice-President of Dramatic Club in '58.

He played the role of Leroy in the senior play "No Boys Allow-

Delano plans to work during the summer before going on to a welding school.

Lanty Leonard Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Wilson of Strange Creek, W. Va. He was born at Strange Creek, W. Va. on June 25, 1939. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 135 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He attended Dille grade school and entered Widen High School in '54. He has been a member of Art Club, Library Club, and Dramatic Club. Lanty plans to work for Elk River Coal and Lumber Company after graduation.

Helen Louise Ellis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac T. Ellis of 40 Braxton Street. She was born August 20, 1940 at Little Birch, W. Va. She is 5'6" tall and weighs 118 pounds. She has black hair and blue eyes. Helen attended all 12 years of school at Widen. During her school years at Widen she has been a member of Science Club, Photo Club, a member of Dramatics Club, for three years, and is a member-at-large to Stu-Council. She was selected as a National Honor Society member in her sophomore year. Helen was sent as a delegate of the Student Council to the Annual Conference of the West Virginia Association of Student Councils at Jackson's Mill last fall. She also attended the Leadership Conference at West

Virginia University in March. Helen was President of the Girl Scouts her sophomore year vice president of the junior class, and was selected as Student-of-the Month for April last year. In her senior year, Helen was elected President of National Honor Society and "Miss Widen High II". She was also selected as Studentof-the-Month for January year. Helen has been on the honor roll all through high school.

Paul DeMoss is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman DeMoss of Widen. Paul was born in the Charleston General Hospital on November 4, 1940. He is 5'8" tall and has brown hair and gray eyes.. He attended Widen all twelve years of his schooling. Paul played three years of junior high and two years of high school basketball. He also played one year of varsity baseball. He was sergeant-of-arms in the Senior class. He was a member of the Junior Athletic Club for one year. Paul was a member of Boy Scouts for four years, attending Scout Camp at Greenbrier for three years. He was one of the sports editors of the Widen News. After Graduation he plans to get a job and work until he is old enough to join the Marines.

Reba Ann Eagle is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Eagle. She was born at Dille, West Virginia, May 29, 1940.

She attended her first three years of school at Dille and the remaining nine years of school at Widen School. She has been in F.H.A., Dancing, and Dramatics Clubs. She has been an active member of the Dramatics Club for the past four years. She is president this year, 1957-1958. She has been a member of Girl Scouts for the past four years, Lone Troup 1. She has been a member of the band for the past thre years. She held the office as Vice President of the band '57-58. She played the part of a sophoisticated boy hater,, Nada Owens, in the Senior Class play "No Boys Allowed". She has been a member of the Widen Baptist Church for six years. She plans to go to Washington to work after school is out.

Joan Truman Dawson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Truman of 5 1-2 Nicholas Street. She was born December 12, 1940, at Maysel, W. Va. She is 5'3 1-2" tall and has brown hair

and blue eyes. Joan has attended Widen School for eleven years and one at Ivydale. She has been an active member of Dramatics Club for three years and the secretary for one year; a member of Student Council for four years and is the reporter this year; a member of Library Club; and a member of Dancing Club.

She was selected as a member of National Honor Society in her sophomore year. She was the secretary in her junior year, and vice president in her senior year. During her sophomore year she was. selected by the Widen Woman's Club to attend the Leadership Conference at Camp Horseshoe and was sent as a representative of the Student Council to the annual conference of the West Virginia Association of Student Councils at Jackson's Mill last

Joan was the president of her freshman class and also her junior class.

She was selected as Student-ofthe-Month in both her junior and senior years and was given the leading part of the Senior Class Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award for Widen High School.

Joan has maintained an "A" average all through high school and has been a guest of the Rotary Club. Last year she presented the welcome speech at the Junior and Senior Banquet and will also give the welcome at her commencement exercises. .

Joan plans to reside in Widen with her husband Jimmy Dawson.

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BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Tuesday Night 6:00 PM Thursday Night 6:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM PM Pastor: Lee Holiday (304) 632-1135

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Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Junior Davis

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

Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM Pastor: Danny Richardson

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM

2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM Pastor: Pete Shaffer

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Everyone Welcome! Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

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PM. Everyone welcome.

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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:30 PM Pastor: Fred Walker

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7:00 PM

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Everyone welcome. Pastor: George Stickland

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

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Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM

Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Kids/Chilrcn/ Youth 7:00 PM

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Pastor: Michael Jackson

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Wednesday Evening Youth

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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

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Pastor: Cecil Lee

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MAYSEL COMMUNITY **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Night 6:00 PM Monday Night Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM

Everyone welcome!

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

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Everyone welcome!

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Pastor: Christopher Stout N

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Please join us in Praise! Pastor: Gary Walker

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Pastor: Kenneth Boggs NEWTON BAPTIST **CHURCH**

11:00 AM

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

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Pastors: Cindy & Roger

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6:00 PM Bible Study Thursday 6:00 PM Pastor: Gene Copen

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Evening Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

PEOPLES COMMUNITY **CHURCH**

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

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BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

9:30 AM

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Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD ROGERS FORK BAPTIST

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Everyone welcome! Pastor: Delbert McKenzie **RUSH FORK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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Pastor: Harry Dobbins

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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

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Pastor: Jimmy Adkins WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 AM

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Pastor: Lester Tanner WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Paul Coon WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night 6:30 PM Wednesday Night 6:30 PM Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall

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CHURCH

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State Auditor Mark Hunt Announces Leadership

Auditor Mark Hunt has announced key staff for the Office of Auditor to include Michael Cook to serve as combined role as Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer. Caleb Hanna and David Cole have been appointed as Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

"The Office of the Auditor has a great staff in place. I am confident that the different backgrounds our newly appointed staff members have will be a great addition to help us provide better resources for the people of West Virginia," said Hunt.

Prior to moving to the Auditor's Office, Cook was named and served as the Director of the State Budget Office since August 2018, where he worked closely with the Governor and the Legislature in all aspects of the state budget. Prior to that, Cook served as Senior Budget and Policy Analyst for the West Virginia Senate. A native of Raleigh County and alumnus of Concord University, Cook brings 27 years of experience and an excellent rapport with both the Executive and Legislative Branches.

Caleb Hanna, a Nicholas County native and current Kanawha County resident, has been appointed Deputy Chief of Staff by Auditor Hunt. A graduate of West Virginia State University with a degree in Economics, Hanna brings a diverse background and a wealth of experience to the role. His professional journey spans healthcare and non-profit administration, where he handled Public Relations for select WVU Medicine hospitals in southern West Virginia. Hanna's dedication to public service is well-established, having served five years in the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing five counties.

David Cole of Fayette County is a seasoned professional with a broad range of experience in both the private and public sectors. Cole studied at Arizona State University, has most recently served for 17 years as Operations Manager and Director of Marketing at Mark A. Hunt & Associates, PLLC. Cole's background includes over a decade at WCHS-WVAH TV in various sales and operational roles, showcasing his expertise in media and sales management. His commitment to public service is further exemplified by his two

terms as a City Councilman in Ansted, WV, where he worked to improve and support his community. His diverse career and dedication to service make him an invaluable addition to the Auditor's leadership team as Deputy Chief

"I am thankful for the work started by JB McCuskey that includes bringing efficiencies to the office and West Virginia Checkbook. Looking to the future, we have an aggressive agenda to keep an eye on the budget, transparency and accountability for every tax dollar that is spent. We will be working on ways to improve interactions with the public and making the office more accessible through-out the different parts of the state," said Auditor Hunt.

Secretary of State Kris Warner Reports 843 New WV Business **Registrations for December of 2024**

The WV Secretary of State's Office registered 843 new businesses statewide during the month of December according to Secretary of State Kris Warner.

Monroe County led the state in the percentage of new business growth with a total of ten new business registrations, a 1.37% increase. The Secretary of State's Business Division reported that Wirt, Mason, Wetzel and Morgan County also experienced notable growth during the month.

Top five counties in new business

- 1. Monroe County 1.37% growth
- 2. Wirt County 1.33% growth
- 3. Mason County 1.25% growth
- 4. Wetzel County 1.25% growth 5. Morgan County - 1.20% growth
- Counties that led the state in total businesses registered in December include Kanawha, Monongalia, Berkeley,

Raleigh and Jefferson.

Top five counties in total businesses registered:

- 1. Kanawha County 104 new registrations
- 2. Monongalia County 76 new registrations
- 3. Berkeley County 73 new registra-
- 4. Raleigh County 50 new registra-

5. Jefferson County - 43 new registrations

Statewide, West Virginia registered 13,518 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Raleigh County led all 55 counties with a 17.97% growth rate during the oneyear timespan. To review county-bycounty growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

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Public Meeting Notice

The Clay County Board of Education will hold 2 public hearings to allow interested parties to discuss and provide input for the 2025-2026 school calendar. The first hearing will be held at Clay County High School on Tuesday, February 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The second hearing will be conducted at Clay County Middle School on Tuesday, February 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in addressing the Clay County Board of Education, at one or both meetings, should contact Mr. Philip R. Dobbins, Superintendent, at 304-587-4266, to have your name placed on the agenda or sign up in person 15 minutes prior to the start of the hearing.

There will also be a public comment period on the two calendar options posted at claycountyschools.org for students, parents, and staff to provide input to the Clay County Board of Education. If you have a comment or question about the calendar options, please email them to Mr. Dobbins at claycountyschoolsystem@gmail.com.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY. WEST VIRGINIA

THE MATTER OF: R.J.C.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-FIG-6 THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN FOR THE MINOR NAMED HERE

TO: JEFFREY SCOTT CLEATOR, FATHER OF THE MINOR It appearing by verified pleading filed in this action that after the exercise of due diligence by Petitioner, Sheena Leedy & Alexander Leedy, AND Mother of the Minor Shilo Lippert, the exact identity and whereabouts of Jeffrey Scott Cleator, father of the minor, whose whereabouts are unknown to the Petitioners & Mother. It is hereby ordered that Jeffrey Scott Cleator, Father of Minor, serve upon Petitioner's Sheena Leedy & Alexander Leedy, whose address is, 221 Virginia Street Kenbridge, VA 23944, and Mother Shilo Lippert at 123 Shamblin Run Rd., Procious, WV 25164 an answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action or before the hearing date. You are advised that a hearing will be held on March 6, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. in the Family Court, 246 Main Street, 2nd Floor Clay Courthouse, Clay, WV. 25043 before the Honorable Judge Harley Stollings at which time and place you may appear if you so be advised. If you fail to do so, thereafter the Court will be asked to appoint guardian for the minor children and such other relief as set forth in said Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned

Clerk at her office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court: January 3, 2025.

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Panthers tromp the Raiders



By Allen Hamrick

The Panther basketball team put on a defense and offense show at the game against Roane County this past week. The Raiders literally came out wiping the floor with the Panthers in the first period, outscoring the Panthers 17-6. The Panthers were having a hard time getting their Jordan shots to fall. Then, it was if the Panther defense turned out the lights on the Raider offense, and Panther offense took control racking up 13 points by the half. At the half, it was Panthers 19, Raiders 24.

After what must have been a rousing half time pep talk, the second half was much different for the Panthers as both offense and defense bellied up to the meatloaf. The Panthers came out swinging in the third and stayed bucket for bucket with the Raiders. The Raiders kept a slight two point edge at the end of the third with the score standing at 36-34. Then, the butt kicking began as the



Panthers defense put on a ground show while the offense put on an air show. In the fourth, the Panthers scored a whopping 18 points to the Raiders nine; they just couldn't keep up. When the smoke cleared and jaws lifted off the floor, it was the Panthers over Roane by the score of 52-45. It was a great game and Trent Gibson got was top

The next game against Doddridge would be a tough one, but with some momentum off a win against Roane, it might play in Panther favor. However, the lights went out in Georgia for the Panthers as they couldn't get back the glory they had against Roane. Scoring was like reading a Russian dictionary - you try but, in the end, it doesn't matter. Doddridge came out scoring 20 in the first period and didn't look back. The Panthers rallied in the third and fourth periods, but it was too little, too late. The final score was Panthers 39, Doddridge 69. The Panthers will



be at home for three games this week against Man, Poca and Buffalo. These should be some good games.

In CCHS girls' basketball news, the Lady Panthers were coming off their first win of the season against Tucker County, winning by a score of 48-31. The Lady Grizzlies of Nicholas were first up last week, but the Lady Panthers couldn't get the offense rolling against the Lady Grizzlies and lost the matchup 13-47. Next up was Herbert Hoover, and the Lady Panthers had a difficult time on offense again and just couldn't get the ball in the hoop. They lost the match 19-44. The Lady Panthers are scheduled to be back in action against Gilmer on January 22nd and back at home against Webster on January 23rd. All the dates and time for the CCMS and CCHS games are dependent on weather so check with the schools or social media postings to stay current on what games are going on and what games aren't.

Mustangs compete in a triple team match up



Kaleb Keen looks for the double leg.

By Allen Hamrick

It's party time for the CCMS Mustangs. CCMS wrestling is back in the headlines and setting fire to the mats. Who needs those kissy faced, smack talking, so called pro wrestlers or boring, slow motion college wrestling? Give me Clay County style wrestling anytime. Go to a Mustang match and you will see gut busting, shoulder twisting, bone breaking action; it is not for the faint at heart. The Mustangs competed in a tri match at Midland Trail on Wednesday evening, January 15th. Wrestlers from three different middle schools were on a feeding frenzy in front of wrestling fans. Mustang wrestling, along with both basketball teams, was coming off a long winter break and it showed. The Mustangs were short some wrestlers and



Levi Hamrick gets the pin.

short some practices. Clay, Midland Trail and Eastern Greenbrier were the teams competing, and all the participants gave the fans their money's worth. The Mustangs put up a battle, but in the end it's tough to win at duals when you're short wrestlers. Individually, they did well but lost both matches. I assure you the Mustangs are no push overs - they are tough, rough and dangerous. They will be in action at the WSAZ tournament on January 31st and will be at Barboursville on January 25th for the warm up. The WSAZ tournament is one of the biggest tournaments in the country for middle schools and high schools. This will be an opportunity for them to capture a big title. If you get the chance, get out and support them. Go Mustangs!



Gabe Metheney works for a pin.

Lady Mustangs continue to dominate the courts; Mustangs fall to Webster



Gracie Cottrell goes in for the layup.

By Allen Hamrick

The CCMS basketball squads, both the boys and the girls, played Webster this past week in their first game since the unexpected winter break. The Lady Mustangs were at home, and the game was full of action without very many points being scored in the first half as a fan could tell the cinder blocks weren't shaken off yet. There were quite a few elbows and wrestling matches for the ball, but the winter ice didn't thaw until the second half. The first and second period score looked more like a baseball score until the Lady Mustangs took off the gloves in the second half and started racking up points. However, Webster girls also kicked it in gear and the game became a pre Christmas break run for the



Autumn Rapp looks for a lane.

net. The Lady Mustang defense is second to none when it comes to steals and rebounds. Once they get lined out, you better take your dribbling to the next level or they will steal it.

When the wounds were bandaged, it was the Lady Mustangs over Webster by the score of 38-22. Knocking the net off the hoop was Marissa Atha with eight points. Unless the weather intervenes, the Lady Mustangs will have a three game home stretch starting Tuesday night with South Harrison and Thursday night with

The Mustang boys were on the road to Webster and, like the Lady Mustangs, the game was slow to start. With not many practices under their belts since Christ-



Marissa Atha hits for two points.

mas break, it was hard to get their B-ball swag back. The JV got the evening started with a win, beating Webster 29-27. Then it was Varsity's turn and they came out firing on all cylinders, but Webster had bigger engines. The Mustangs put up an air show and was dribble for dribble in the first period with Webster, taking a slight lead at 13-11. In the second period, both teams fell short on the board as the shots started hitting the rim. It went downhill from there for the Mustangs as Webster was weighting the board. In the end it was Webster over the Mustangs 30-42. Top shot for the Mustangs was Collin Elliot with 12 points. The boys will be in action this week on the road Tuesday night at South Harrison and Wednesday night against Ravenswood. Go Mustangs.