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Mustangs roll over the Red Devils and Maddison Gray crowned 2026 Basketball Homecoming Queen

By Allen Hamrick

The Mustangs were also at home this week, and it was for more than just basketball. This was homecoming week where the 2026 Basketball Homecoming Queen would be crowned. The Mustangs

butted heads with the Calhoun Middle Red Devils in what turned out to be a rough basketball game. It was an all-out Madison Square Garden in your face fight every second of the game. They hit the floor running and pounding. You

might as well have thrown out the playbook because it was grab the ball and shoot generally through about six arms with at least four of them holding you down.

Under the boards was a rough place to be for rebounds; unless you ate your Wheaties, the middle was no man's land. Points were fought hard for, and the easy layups were missed. Each team had opportunities at the net but couldn't capitalize. However, the Mustangs kept the lead most all the game as they grounded and pounded their way to a win. If you like all out basketball, this would have been the game not to miss. As the seconds ticked off, the boys got better acquainted with their game plan and worked the courts the way they needed to. In the end, the boys scored at will and the game ended with the score of Mustangs 37 Red

Devils 24. A double bubba cheeseburger goes out to the Mustangs for hanging in the ring and pulling out the win. The boys will have back-to-back home games this week against Geary on Monday night and South Harrison on Tuesday night.

This night wasn't all about basketball; it was royalty night as the newly appointed queen and her entourage graced the floor. This year's Basketball Homecoming queen was Maddison Gray escorted by Trenton Parker. She is the daughter of Butch and Jackie Gray of Wallback and plans on being a NICU nurse. Her court consisted of 6th grade princess Josie Frame escorted by Deric Cunningham, 7th grade princess Sariah Dozer escorted by Chris Elswick and 8th grade princess Tara Conley escorted by Colten Morris. Congratulations to Queen Madison and her court.



Principal Leslie Goe crowns Maddison Gray along with escort Trenton Parker. Bottom row L-R, 6th grade princess Josie Frame escorted by Deric Cunningham, 7th grade princess Sariah Dozer escorted by Chris Elswick, 8th grade princess Tara Conley escorted by Colten Morris.



Ryder McMillion muscles down the paint.



Ahxten Hallick hits for three from the corner.

Boley, longest continuously serving state senator in WV history, resigns from Legislature

By: Caity Coyne for West Virginia Watch, www.westvirginiawatch.com

West Virginia State Sen. Donna Boley, R-Pleasants, who is the longest continuously serving senator in state history, resigned from the Legislature on Thursday citing a need to focus more on her family and health, according to a news release from the state Senate.

Boley, who turned 90 years old in December, was first appointed to the state Senate in 1985 by former Gov. Arch Moore. She's served continuously since then, winning every election she ran in for her seat.

In a resignation letter sent to Senate President Randy Smith on Thursday, Boley said she was stepping away with "a heavy, but grateful, heart." Her resignation is effective immediately.

"It has been the honor of my life to represent Pleasants County and the Third Senatorial District for more than 40 years. I would not have been able to do that without the support of my constituents who chose to elect me 11 times," Boley wrote in her resignation letter. "To all of you, the words 'thank you' are not enough. I will be forever grateful and proud to have been your voice in Charleston, and I enjoyed my time in service to you."

Boley held numerous leadership positions during her decades in the Legislature. From 1991 to 1997, she served as the minority leader in the Senate when Democrats controlled the body. For two of those years — 1991 and 1992 — she



West Virginia State Sen. Donna Boley, R-Pleasants, who is the longest continuously serving senator in state history, resigned from the Legislature on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2025. (Photo courtesy of West Virginia Legislative Photography)

was the lone Republican in the 34-member body. Those years, she worked as the minority chair for every single Senate committee.

Since 2015, she's served as president pro tempore for the body.

In statements Thursday, Smith said it was "hard to find the words to honor" Boley's years of service, where she brought an "energy that few could ever match."

"She stood as a strong conservative voice in the Senate, even when she was the only conservative voice. Her institu-

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Panthers roll this past week against Roane and Gilmer



Joel Elliott gets three against Roane.

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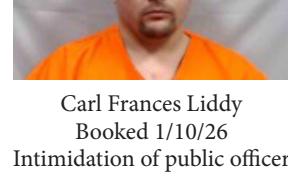


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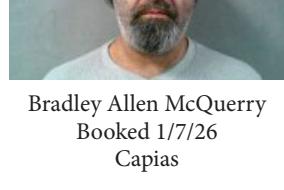


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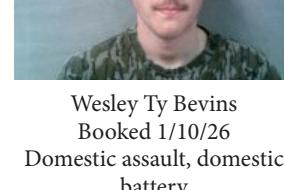
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Joshua Ryan Nottingham
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Child abuse creating risk of injury, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, prohibited person with firearm

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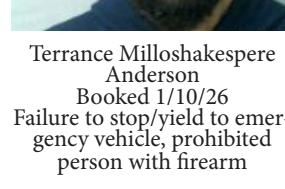
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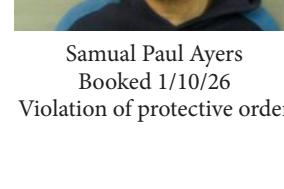
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Conspiracy to commit a felony



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Super Crossword

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Governor Morrisey announces child welfare reforms focused on early intervention, family stability, and student success

Governor Patrick Morrisey has announced a coordinated package of foster care-focused reforms designed to strengthen families, stabilize placements, and improve outcomes for children involved in West Virginia's child welfare system. The Governor proposed expanding Star Academies, facilitating closer coordination with faith-based organizations, and initiating Truancy Diversion programs, modernizing how the state supports children at risk of entering foster care and those already within it.

"These initiatives are some of the first steps we hope to take in the new year to meet those challenges early, support families where they are, and use proven models to deliver real results," Governor Morrisey said. "By rethinking how we approach these basic issues, we are building a system that is more focused, more effective, and better aligned with the future of our state."

Working together, these reforms will strengthen early intervention, keep students engaged in school, stabilize families before crises escalate, and modernize child welfare operations to respond to real-world needs.

Star Academies expand on a proven school-within-a-school model that re-engages at-risk middle school students through core academics paired with hands-on, career-connected learning focused on STEM. Results from West Virginia's four pilot programs show an 81% decrease in behavioral incidents and a 63% increase in attendance. Governor Morrisey's proposal would utilize existing, unspent reserves from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and add up to 12 new Star Academies, potentially affecting 4,800 children in West Virginia.

Governor Morrisey also stressed the need to initiate stronger partnerships with faith-based organizations to provide practical, relationship-based support that

strengthens foster, kinship, and biological families. By coordinating volunteers to deliver respite care, mentoring, transportation, and basic supports, the initiative improves placement stability and permanency while reducing caregiver burnout.

Truancy Diversion treats chronic absenteeism as an education issue, using early, school-based interventions and problem-solving truancy courts to keep students engaged and families supported. This approach reduces unnecessary CPS involvement, lowers costs, and improves attendance, graduation rates, and workforce readiness.

"At its core, this is about changing the trajectory for kids before the system ever has to step in," Governor Morrisey said. "When education, community support, and child welfare are pulling in the same direction, we give families a real chance to succeed and ensure that foster care is a last resort, not a default response."

These initiatives are part of a broader package of reforms the Governor has been developing to address long-standing challenges within West Virginia's foster care system - an area that has been neglected for far too long. Part of the package, announced last month, includes a fund to update and repair existing infrastructure in order to bring children in out-of-state placements back to West Virginia. Together, the Governor's legislative proposals reflect his administration's commitment to strengthening family stability, improving outcomes for children, and expanding opportunity for West Virginia families.

"These reforms work together to create a system that is proactive instead of reactive," said Health and Human Resources Secretary Alex Moyer. "By aligning education, child welfare, and community support around proven strategies, we can improve outcomes for children while being better stewards of taxpayer dollars."

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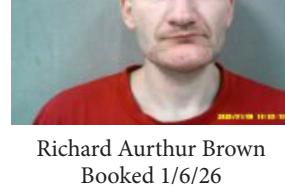
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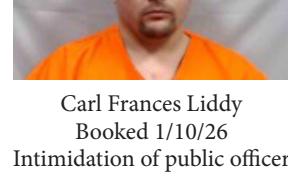


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What You Came Here To Do

By Joe Mazzella

I was a young man in my early twenties. I had just graduated college and had a wife and new baby son. I was looking for work but only had a degree in English. For some reason that didn't translate well into job opportunities back then. This day I was interviewing for a salesman job with a jewelry company. The man was explaining how I would be traveling to grocery stores, setting up a table, and spending each day trying to sell gold necklaces and bracelets to women shoppers. He was going into how to push the most expensive items when I heard a voice deep within my own soul speaking to me as well: "Are you doing what you came here to do?" it said. As my head cleared I knew in my heart the answer was, "No!" And I knew that I would not be taking that job.

The journey that decision set me off on was a long and winding one. I ended up working in a restaurant, a saw mill, and a group home for the mentally challenged. I went back to school, earned a degree in Education and worked as a teacher for several years. I learned that both of my sons had Autism and were mentally handicapped. I finally ended up working from home, caring for them, loving them, and learning so much from them as well. And I wrote about all I was going through along the way. Then one very special day I realized something: I truly was doing what I came here to do.

"Are you doing what you came here to do?" This is the question that your soul wants you to answer. This is the question that God wants you to answer. This is the question this world needs you to answer. Even if the answer is "no", however, remember it is never too late to change. It is never too late to do what you were meant to do. It is never too late to live the way you were meant to live, love the way you were meant to love, and be the person God meant you to be.

Home Country

Slim Randles

Down at the sale barn Saturday, the think tank had coagulated there with coffees to go to celebrate life. Doc and Dud had their dogs with them, while Bert and Dewey and Steve went stag.

Dud tried to start a conversation, but the loudspeaker soon drove them outside, where they arrayed themselves on dropped tailgates and waited to hear what Dud had in mind.

"I thought about it a lot," Dud said, "and I wondered what the favorite part of my job was, and wondered if you fellas ever gave that any thought, too."

They nodded. Yes, by mutual consent a worthy subject.

"With me," Dud continued, "it wasn't so much my job as it was my hobby. You know, writing that book. I'm claiming it as the best part of my job, anyway."

The assembled were still waiting to read "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms," as it had yet to see print, and was really a work in progress.

Then Bert picked up the conversation thread. "Of course I'm retired now," he said, "but when I was running the pawn shop, my favorite part of the job happened when a customer found something in there he really needed and ended up paying much less for it than he thought he'd have to."

Doc laughed "And you made more on it than you thought you would, too,"

Bert grinned and nodded.

"Yep. That was good too. And you, Dewey?"

Our accident-prone pharaoh of fertilizer got a serious look on his face. He finally said, "The best part of the fertilizer business is seeing the difference it makes in the flower gardens around town. Now maybe it's just my imagination, but I kinda like to take a little credit for a prettier town."

"You deserve it, Dewey," Doc said kindly. "Well now ... with me it's a little different. I have doctoring skills, of course, and it's good when I can help someone, but these days the most satisfying part of my job is to check someone out thoroughly and find there's absolutely nothing wrong with them. Now that's special."

They all looked over at the tall cowboy, Steve.

"Digging postholes," he said.

"What?" they said.

"You know," he said, "the favorite part of my job."

"Digging postholes?"

"Sure," he said, grinning.

"It's the only part of my job where I start at the top and work down."

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An Old Geezer Looking For New Tricks

By Dr. James Snyder

Although the year is new, I'm still an old geezer. I think I know what geezer means, but I'm not sure what the definition of "old" is. One person's old is another person's youth. Believe me, I don't know the difference.

I do know that I am a geezer because occasionally, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will look at me and say, "Are you acting like an old geezer?"

I stare at her for a moment and respond, "Oh, no my dear. I'm not acting."

She gives me one of her looks, then walks away. Of course, I may know that I am a geezer, but I'm really not quite sure what old really is. According to her, I am the poster child of an old geezer.

That may be true, and I will not question it in any degree. I just want to make sure I get everything out of being an old geezer. I do not want to miss anything.

With the New Year underway, I'm reflecting on my responsibilities as an old geezer. This year, I'm looking for some new tricks. None of my tricks up to this point has worked as planned. I need something new this year that's going to help me perfect my old geezerhood.

I reflected on some of the tricks I used this past year. Tricks like, "I just don't remember that." Or, "I was doing something else at the time."

There were others, but none of them seemed to work with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She can see what I'm doing a week before I actually do it. I'm really not sure how she does that. It would be helpful to know how that works, but at this point, I don't know.

I need to learn some new tricks to address the situation at hand. I need an excuse for not doing what she wants me to do. Up to this point, she is not falling for "I can't remember."

One trick might work. "I was thinking about that, my dear, but I wanted to wait and get your advice on it." That might work. Because she loves giving me advice the most. So, I'm going to find ways in which I can insert this "new trick" into our conversation.

I need to come up with another trick. I thought of one. When she looks at me and asks me what I'm thinking, I could say, "I was just thinking about how lucky I am to have you in my life. What a blessing you are."

That should work in many regards. I think it might throw her off her game, which will put me a little ahead of time. That's certainly worth trying out for this New Year.

BOLEY

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tional knowledge and her ability to work with all people — no matter their politics — is an inspiration to us all," Smith said. "She's truly one of a kind. I'm blessed to not only call her my fellow Senator, but my friend. We will miss her every day, but I am so happy to know my friend Donna will be enjoying her retirement surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren she loves so much."

During a call with reporters on Thursday, U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., said she could not say "enough great things" about Boley, who was first appointed to the Legislature by Capito's father. Capito called Boley a "great mentor" and a "strong woman" who served her constituents "honorably and bravely."

"I think [Boley's service] tells everybody, men and women, that a strong woman can do anything when she sets her mind to it, because that's what Donna Boley did," Capito said. "I hope that she is OK. I'm concerned about her and I certainly will follow up with her and her family, but I wish her good wishes, and thank her for the many, many years of service and the many conversations and fun times that we've had together."

Another new trick came to mind. Occasionally, we go out to a diner for lunch or supper. Whenever she asks if I want to go out for lunch, I could say, "I was just thinking about that. Where do you want to go?"

That would shift the responsibility over to her. Wherever she wants to go is all right with me. The last thing I want to do is tell her where I want to go for lunch or dinner. I don't have the palate for cuisine that she has.

The purpose of these "new tricks" is to divert attention away from me and put it back on her. I'm going to spend a lot of time this year studying and learning as many new tricks as I can.

There is another trick I need to focus on: when she asks me what I want for supper. She usually asks me right after lunchtime, when I'm not really hungry. I'm trying to think of what to say to take the pressure off me.

Maybe I could say, "Oh, my dear, anything you make would be pleasing to me. You're the best chef I know."

There was that one time when she slipped broccoli in, much to my disdain.

Not only is she good in the kitchen, but she is also good with clothing.

Sometimes, not often, she will come from the bedroom, stand before me, and ask, "I just bought this dress, what do you think of it?"

This is where I have a problem. I am at a loss when it comes to clothing. They all look the same to me. I can't even tell the difference between colors. One color matches mine.

I look back at her and give it some thought. The only thing that comes to mind is, "Oh, my dear, anything you wear looks amazing." And, I will smile my best smile. I don't know how many times I can get away with it, but I'll take it as far as I can go.

I couldn't help but think of a verse from the Bible that is relevant to this subject.

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Sometimes we need to agree to disagree. We have differing opinions and tastes. But the secret of a good relationship is to find that area where we agree. That becomes the foundation of our relationship and can bring blessings in.

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Gov. Patrick Morrisey commended Boley's dedication to her constituents, calling it "unparalleled."

"Through the decades, she earned the trust of West Virginians and served with integrity," Morrisey said. "I thank Sen. Boley for her extraordinary service. West Virginia is stronger thanks to her contributions."

As Boley represents a multi-county district — made up of Wood, Ritchie, Pleasants and Wirt counties — a committee will be formed by one man and one woman from each county, who will be responsible for submitting three names to Morrisey for people to fill the now-vacant seat. The committee has until Jan. 23 to submit those names and Morrisey will then have five days after they are submitted to choose a successor for Senate District 3.

The 2026 regular legislative session began on Jan. 14.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.



Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. The legislature changed the name to Glenville State College in 1943 and to a university in 2022.

Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a

long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait and artistic photographers.



Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.

Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was

born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed.



Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler, and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County. He also is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame. In 2025, a historical marker

was erected in his honor in Hinton.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

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 overnight snowstorm 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 snow on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most West Virginia towns.

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 Harper's Ferry until being appointed a Confederate brigadier general of infantry. He won the name "Stonewall" in the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow is different.

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Super Crossword

APT OMISSION

ACROSS	52	London or Leeds native	95	One-off, as a committee	2	Broadcast studio sign	34	"Star Trek: The Next Generation" actor	71	Rams' org.
	53	Onetime Texaco rival	96	Vouch for	3	Federer of tennis	74	"— chic!"	72	Rent payer
	55	Mined stuff	99	Writer Seton	4	Deadlock	75	Life of Pi" director Lee	26	Suet, e.g.
	57	Turks and — Islands	100	Winter storm conditions?	5	Deadlock	76	Cereal grass	27	Roadie's load
	62	Olive of "Popeye"	102	Sort who doesn't think before speaking?	6	Sort who doesn't think before speaking?	35	Singer	28	Suez, e.g.
	63	Grill residue	108	Speak wildly	7	Gas grill meas.	36	Ocasek	29	Positions
	64	Like a cream-colored skeleton?	109	Litigant	8	Maui wreath	37	Swift pirate ships	30	Hi — picture
	67	Make flush	110	Polite request starter	9	Hosp. trauma pro	38	Steps onto a subway, say	31	Steps onto a subway, say
	69	Enclosed bill of fare?	111	Pro-gun gp.	10	In a demure way	39	"River" New Age artist	32	"River" New Age artist
	72	Showed on TV again	112	Soft & —	11	Cap'n's underling	40	Coiffures	33	Drivers' licenses, e.g.
	73	Actor Silver portraying a guy escaping a burning building?	113	Feature of this puzzle (hint: string together the letters omitted from the starts of 10 long answers)	12	Much — About Nothing" (1996 "Simpsons" episode)	41	TV show created by Barbara Walters	34	TV show created by Barbara Walters
	75	With 55-Down, "My treat"	119	Lofty verse	13	Sign off from a computer	42	Rob of "The Stand"	35	Rob of "The Stand"
	77	And the like: Abbr.	120	Notion, in Nantes	14	Candor	43	Edition: Abbr.	36	Edition: Abbr.
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	80	Kismet	123	Boise-to-Fresno dir.	17	Settle a score	46	"So —" ("Very well")	39	Relief sounds
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	83	Remainder	125	Mil. draft org.	19	Southern Italian city	48	When la lune shines	41	Artist Max
	85	500-sheet paper unit								



THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON"
RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



November 1958

Widen Band Boosters

A regular meeting of the Widen Band Boosters' Club was held on the night of November 3, 1958, in the Library of the Widen School building.

It was resolved to give a vote of thanks to Mr. Harry E. Baer, principal of the Widen School System, for taking care of the purchase and sale of band supplies. Mr. Baer has always been helpful in matters pertaining to the Band and all its needs.

Mr. Gerald Simmons, band director, told the Club members that insurance to cover band uniforms, instruments and equipment had been purchased and was in effect.

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Mr. Simmons also told the Club that new uniforms for new band members had been ordered and shipment is expected soon.

The band director discussed at length a County Band Clinic, wherein Widen and Clay bands would practice together and the outstanding members from each band would play in concerts to be held at Widen and at Clay. This would be to stimulate interest in band practice.

Several projects to make money were talked about, among which was the selling of hot dogs. This particular project has been quite successful during the past few weeks—on Saturday nights at the Legion Hall, at the polls on election day, etc.

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On Saturday night, November 22, 1958, a turkey dinner was held at the Dille School Building. This dinner was sponsored by the Widen Band Boosters' Club and the proceeds will go toward the purchase of a Kettle Drum for the band.

Mrs. Dixie Donohue is in charge of the fund drive to raise money for a Kettle Drum and, therefore, was in charge of this dinner.

A - B - C - Of Seniors

AMBITION

Judy LaCorte and Lilly Nash
BASHFUL Barbara Eagle
CHARMING Caroleen Miller
DIABOLIC DUO—

Dave Hamrick and Dave Wilson
EAGER Dawne Backus
FORWARD Charles Sigman
GIGGLY—

Lora Wilson and Nancy Brown
HEFTY Kyle Barnette
INGENIOUS—
Victor Frame and Glen Salisbury

JOLLY Judy Sigman
KICKABLE Jerome Keener
LIKEABLE—

Cerita Bego and Betty Sigman

MATED Ruby Lee Rapp

NOSEY Abe Holmes

ORNERY Pete Gibson

PEPPY Judy Shaffer

QUIET Mary Hamrick

RESTFUL—

Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Leeson

SLUMBEROUS Jim Manning

TEMPTING Joyce Workman

USEFUL—

Karen Donohue and Janice Young

VALIANT Rosa Gibson

WILD AND WOOLEY Joe Woods

X-ACTING Doris Young

YOUTHFUL Carol Neal

ZESTFUL Harold Johnson

Boy Scout Committee Meets November 20th

The Buffalo District Committee, of Boy Scouts of America, met at the Clay Methodist Church in Clay, Tuesday, November 18. The purpose of the meeting was to hear progress reports from the various scout masters, and to discuss new programs, and especially the new "Explorers Program" of Buffalo District.

At this meeting plans were discussed for the annual dinner to be held in February during Boy Scout Week.

A district Board of Review was held for Douglas Osborne and Dennie Smith who are to receive the Eagle Award at the District Annual Dinner.

Scoutmasters present were Gene George, Widen; J. C. Legg, Fola; Keith King, Lizemore, and Gale Dunn, Clay. District Committee—Dana Eakle; Advancement Chairman, Earl Young; Leadership Training Chairman—Herbert Shimer; Health and Safety Chairman—S. J. Wilson; Camping and Activities Chairman—Rev. F. F. Neel; Assistant District Commissioner and Mr. Brooks Smith; District Commissioner.

Widen Woman's Club Tested Recipe

Submitted By Pauline LaCorte

1 3-4 C. Flour

1 1-2 C. Sugar

1 Tsp. Baking Powder

1 Tsp. Soda

3-4 Tsp. Cloves

1-2 Tsp. Salt

1-2 C. Crisco

1-2 C. Buttermilk

1 Tsp. Vanilla

2 Eggs

Chocolate Mix

(Mix 1 1-2 Squares chocolate in 3-4 C. hot coffee, let cool).

Sift dry ingredients together three times, put in mixing bowl, add crisco and Buttermilk. Next add cool chocolate mix, and eggs. Beat for 2 minutes, add vanilla and beat one more minute. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

To maintain necessary clearances for safe and reliable electric service, Appalachian Power Company plans to manage vegetation along the Jarrett/Elk River portion of its 34.5kV distribution system in Kanawha and Clay Counties in WV. On or about January 20th, 2026, contract crews will begin to trim and remove trees and brush and apply herbicides along our rights-of-way. Work will be done in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines and take into account factors such as tree species, growth characteristics, line voltage, etc. In unmaintained or undeveloped areas, cuttings will remain on site so as to minimize soil disturbance and to promote biodegradation.

Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: Rt. 119 S., Jordan Creek, Youngs Bottom, Wills Creek Rd., Leatherwood Rd., and surrounding areas.

Representatives will attempt to personally contact resident property owners at least seven business days prior to working on their property. Specifics regarding your property may be discussed at that time. If you are a nonresident property owner and have questions regarding our right-of-way maintenance they may be directed to:

Appalachian Power Company
Forestry Department
404 29th Street W
Charleston, WV 25387
304-746-2663

LEGAL

Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

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, January 15, 2026

Claim Deadline: Monday, March 16, 2026

APPOINTMENT DATE 11/24/2025

ESTATE NAME: LOETTA MAE ADKINS
ADMINISTRATOR DELBERT SHERMAN ADKINS
3301 CRESMONT ROAD
CLAY WV 25043-9508

APPOINTMENT DATE 12/22/2025

ESTATE NAME: MARLYN CLYDE STARCHER
EXECUTOR JOEL F. O. RICHERT
5924 W. LYN HAVEN DR. SE
KENTWOOD MI 49512-9316

APPOINTMENT DATE 06/27/2025

ESTATE NAME: NORMA FAYE WALLACE
EXECUTOR EARNEST A NOEL
2990 PENNSYLVANIA AVE
CHARLESTON WV 25302-4502

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/05/2026

Sheila Stone
County Clerk
Clay County
P.O. Box 190
246 Main Street
Clay WV 25043-0190

LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 25-0859-E-IRP

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Integrated Resource Plan filed pursuant to the May 23, 2025
Commission Order in GO 183.15.

and

CASE NO. 25-0860-E-IRP

WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Integrated Resource Plan filed pursuant to the May 23, 2025
Commission Order in GO 183.15.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, each filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia an Integrated Resource Plan on October 1, 2025, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-19(e). The Companies furnish electric service to approximately 460,921 customers in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 13, 2026, and continuing through May 14, 2026, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the evidentiary hearing may be cancelled or changed for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in either of these cases should file a Petition to Intervene on or before January 15, 2026, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Written comments regarding the IRPs may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked as pertaining to Case No. 25-0859-E-IRP (Appalachian Power) and/or Case No. 25-0860-E-IRP (Wheeling Power). All written comments should be filed on or before April 22, 2026.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY &
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

LEGAL

(2022-C-000232 - Clay County - JOSPEPH DOW JONES)

To: JOHN K JARVIS, SALLY ANNE JARVIS, CHARLES E. BARNETT III, EMILY JO WILLIAMS-SON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT OTTER MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0627 3002

You will take notice that JOSPEPH DOW JONES, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000232, located in OTTER District, 3682 AC N S ELK O&G 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of JARVIS JOHN K, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 4, 2023. JOSPEPH DOW JONES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 10289.

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 10258.

Additional taxes with interest.

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,

Secretary of State with interest.

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand December 16, 2025

Christal G. Perry

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the

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Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Building 1, Room W-114

Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

The Economy is the Boulder

By House Speaker Roger Hanshaw

One of my clients is an excavation contractor. He told me a couple of years ago his business was robust because of a steady supply of what he characterized as "boulders, rocks and pebbles."

When I smiled, he explained how the big, complex, well-paying jobs were the boulders. They made up the baseline of the business, and by doing them, he was able to pay employees, provide their healthcare benefits and take on other projects while investing in better equipment and more supplies. Then, he explained the rocks: the somewhat smaller, but still very important, jobs that consistently produced are liable profit. Finally, he explained how the pebbles were the other projects his company did solely because they were important – not necessarily to the bottom line, but maybe impactful to the community, or meaningful for the owner and still critical to the world. He explained how all the work his company did was important in some way, but none of it was possible without the boulders anchoring it.

In a few days, the West Virginia Legislature will convene for the 60-day regular session, and it will be crucial to focus first on the boulders, because the boulders allow us to do everything else. Where the Legislature is concerned, those boulders are the economy. Creating a vibrant and thriving economy also is the first step necessary for conservatives committed to advancing a conservative agenda and furthering conservative principles. The conservative platform is clear and has been for decades: policies promoting lower taxes, higher educational attainment, less need for social welfare programs, decreased demand for abortion, lower rates of substance abuse and reduced crime. The research has been done, and the data are clear: Every conservative policy goal is easier to achieve when men and women are financially secure and capable of making their own choices about what is best for themselves and their families.

By standing together with the state economy as our boulder, we can more easily build with every rock conservatives want to add. A thriving economy that provides full employment is the largest boulder of them all. Every single conservative goal is more easily achievable in an environment where West Virginians have the economic security to make the decisions best for themselves and their families. The correlations between unemployment and rates of abortion, prevalence of substance abuse, educational attainment and even domestic violence all are strong; as employment



Roger Hanshaw

increases, each of these circumstances improves. By focusing first on creating a thriving economy in West Virginia, we can improve in every social metric by which we hope to measure progress.

However, if we focus only on the rocks, we leave no room for the boulders, and that is a mistake we must not make. It is critical we prioritize the things that will grow West Virginia's economy to provide suitable and lasting employment opportunities for our people. Putting West Virginians to work in well-paying jobs will enable us to tackle a host of other societal challenges, as long as we first stand on the boulder.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, has served in the West Virginia House of Delegates since 2014. He is a practicing attorney with a Ph. D. in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame, a certified professional parliamentarian and a certified magistrate court mediator. He also serves on the West Virginia Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345

TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440, 926-0493, and VOICE-TO-TDD RELAY: 1-800-422-5700.

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 5 UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice Date: January 15, 2026

Paper: Clay County Free Press

The following has applied for a Class 5 Underground Injection Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Application No.: 1428-15-015

Applicant: Carol Jarvis

19 Wallback Rd

Maysel, WV 25133

Facility: Carol's Crossroads Restaurant, 19 Wallback Rd, Maysel, WV 25133

Latitude 38.29:14 Longitude 81.07:14

Business conducted: Restaurant

Activity: Dispose of solely sanitary waste into a septic tank and leachfield

The State of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 13.24 issued pursuant to Chapter 22, Article 11 and Article 12.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP

601 57th Street SE

Charleston, WV 25304-2345

ATTN: Judy Lupson, Permitting

The public comment period begins January 15, 2026 and ends February 14, 2026

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit.

The application, draft permit or factsheet may be inspected by appointment at the Division of Water and Waste Management, 6001 57th St SE, Charleston, WV 25304 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Copies of documents may be obtained upon request. For further information contact the person identified above at (304) 926-0495 or judy.k.lupson@wv.gov..

LEGAL

(2022-C-000231 - Clay County - JOSPEPH DOW JONES)

To: JOHN K JARVIS, SALLY ANNE JARVIS, CHARLES E. BARNETT III, EMILY JO WILLIAMS-SON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT OTTER MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0627 3002

You will take notice that JOSPEPH DOW JONES, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000231, located in OTTER District, 3682 AC N S ELK O&G 1/2 OF 1/3 OF 1/4 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HALL O L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of CLAY County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on the May 4, 2023. JOSPEPH DOW JONES requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 10050.

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 10034.

Additional taxes with interest.

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,

Secretary of State with interest.

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



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

B

BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NO Scheduled Services
At This Time

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

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah.
Preaching from K.J.V. Bible
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road, Bonmont, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM
Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Junior Davis

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

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM **Pastor: Danny Richardson**

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th
Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM
2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM
Pastor: Pete Shaffer

BLUE KNOB CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM Everyone is Welcome!

BUFFALO VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM
Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville
Everyone Welcome **Pastor: Doug Newell IV**

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in Precious. Across Camp Creek Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM **Pastor: Jerry Chandler**

C

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE
Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD BENTREE
Sangamore Rd., Bentree, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Come and worship the Lord with us.
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr.

CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM PM. Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Dean Rogers

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM.
Everyone is Welcome!
Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Preaching
6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor: Fred Walker

CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Preaching 7:00 PM

Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome.
Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Upper Falling Rock, Clay County
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:30 AM

Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM

Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM

Teachings from the King James Bible

Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rt. 3, Newton

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Prayer Service/

Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM
Pastor: Roy Huffman

E

ELK RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Saturday Night 7:00 PM
Pastor: Bruce Cook

F

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM
Pastor: Bret Wiley

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dutch Ridge Laurel Road

Sunday Service 6:00 PM

Tuesday Service 6:00 PM

Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans

Associate Pastor: **Lee Roy Anderson**

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bomont, WV

Sunday Service 10:00 AM

and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Nick Bird

Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Prayer & Bible

Study 6:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM
Pastor: David Davis

G

GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Junior BYF/Senior BYF

6:00 PM

Sunday Evening Worship

7:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 PM

Wednesday Kids/Children/

Youth 7:00 PM

GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. Everyone welcome.

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday night 6:00 PM

Wednesday night 6:00 PM
Pastor: Rev. David Smith

GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service 10:00 AM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Friday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Dean Rogers

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HALLBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM

Sunday Night Preaching 6:00 PM

Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Service

7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 PM
Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel, WV (off Rt. 36)

Pentecostal/Full Gospel

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wednesday evening 7:00 PM

Pastor: **(304) 587-2996**

(home), **(304) 587-2703**

(church)
Pastor: James R. Paxton

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH

Bentree

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM

Wednesday Prayer Service &

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM

All ages welcome. Also have crafts, etc., all children welcome.

Pastor: Larry Skaggs

INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday Class 11:00-12:30

Preaching Lunch

12:30-1:30 PM

Wednesday Service 6:30-7:30 PM

Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Freddie Elliott

IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: Freddie Elliott

JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Vineyard Ridge

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Service

7:00 PM

Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

Pastor: David Davis

JUBILEE MOUNTAIN CHURCH

103 Main Street, Clay, WV

25043

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Raiders and Titans no match for the Panthers

By Allen Hamrick

The Panthers have started off the season with a bang winning five of seven games. In the early polls, they appear to be a team to contend with this year. They have tons of talent and speed. First on the docket was Roane County at home. This game is usually a barn burner on offense but turned out to be a heavy defense game with a handful of points on the board. If you like defensive games this, was it. The Panthers held the usually high scoring Raiders to just 29 points in the game. When it was over it was the Panthers over the Raiders by the score of 49-29. Top shot in the game was Joel Elliott who scored 13 points followed by Spencer Faulkner and Michael Foster with 10 each.

Once they cleaned up there, they were at home against Gilmer. Now on the other hand, if you like high scoring offense this was the game to be at. The Panthers showed that they were there to play ball. They had plenty of tricks up their sleeves and set the net on fire. Joel Elliott got his sights set and went on scoring frenzy, scoring 30 points in the game followed by Michael Foster with 21 of his own.

They went on to win the game 75- 68.

The Panther defense closed the gaps in the paint and held the fouls to a minimum. They also kept their opponents busy in the perimeter and stopped any big scoring. Gilmer had one player who got the ball, shot it and made it, scoring 37 points for Gilmer. If the

Panthers can keep this pace and keep the mistakes to a slow crawl, it will be a good year for them. This week there will be a couple of tough ones against Buffalo



Michael Foster hits for two points.

on Monday night and Nicholas on Friday night. The Panthers seem well versed in how to handle the competition. Get out and support your teams.



Jakoby Nichols showcases precise defense.

Lady Mustangs destroy the Lady Lumberjacks

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Mustangs were at home this past week and provided Richwood Middle with a post-holiday thumpin'. They looked as though they could not be stopped on the courts and they weren't. They turned the Lady Lumberjacks into sawdust by the end of the first period. That's not to say that the Lady Lumberjacks didn't get into the action, but as for scoring they

may have as well just bought a lottery ticket against the defense of the Lady Mustangs.

The final score was a jaw dropping 53-14. During the first half of the game, the ball never seemed to cross center court before it was turned over to the Lady Mustangs. With hands quick as lightning, they stole the ball, out dribbled, out shot and out rebounded the Lady Lumberjacks every minute of the game. There is not a lot that

can be said about the game other than the Lady Mustangs went on a steamrolling binge. They will be tried by fire soon as Braxton will roll onto the Lady Mustang turf on Wednesday. Last time they met the Lady Knights beat the Lady Mustangs by the smallest margin. If they continue to play like they have the Lady Knights will have problems. Come out and support the Lady Mustangs.



Layla Stewart hits for two points.



Marissa Atha runs the middle for two.



Kinley Ramsey works in the paint.

Gabby Belt and Palmer Adkins place second in the Danny Silman Memorial

By Allen Hamrick

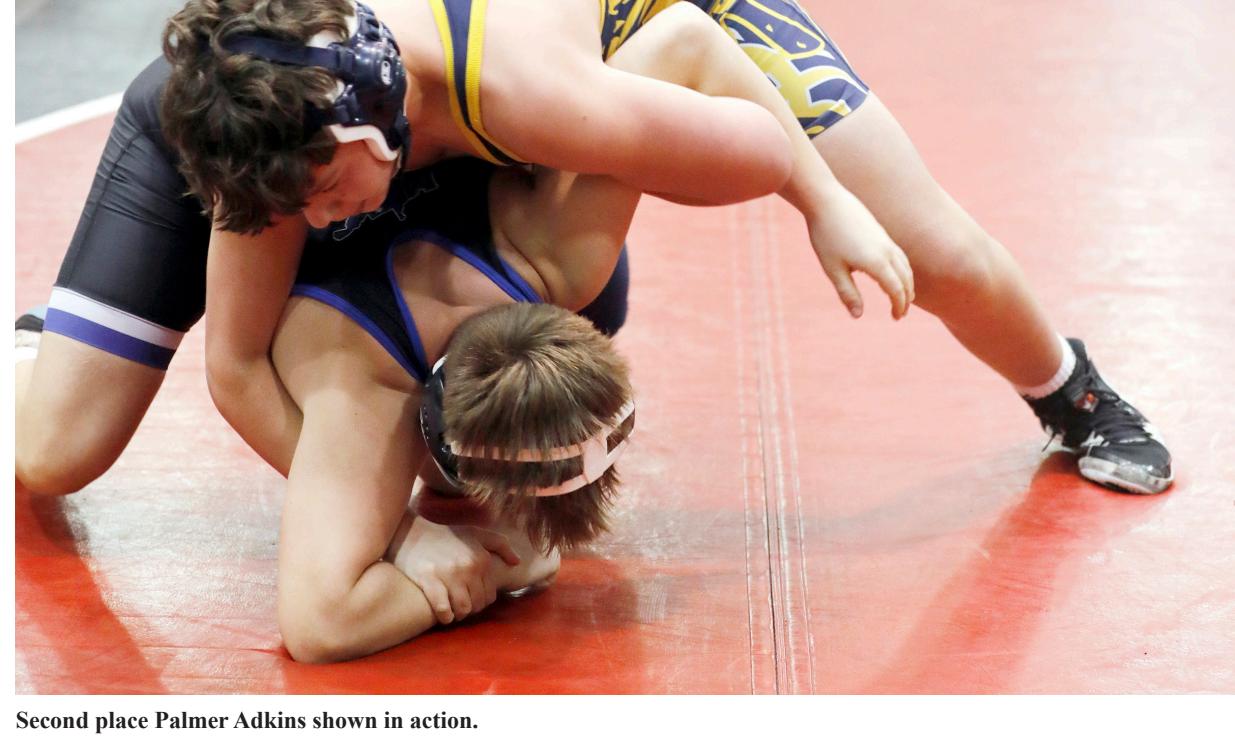
The CCMS wrestling team participated in one of the biggest tournaments in the state - the Danny Silman Memorial - held at the West Virginia National Guard Armory in Summersville on Friday and Saturday. If you love wrestling, some of the top middle school teams in the state come and

put on a fantastic show for wrestling fans. The CCMS team went into the tournament and made themselves known throughout the auditorium as some of the best. Two of the Mustangs were among the top wrestlers. Gabby Belt competed in the all-girls tournament held that morning and placed second in a massive field of wrestlers. Palmer

Adkins also placed second in the tournament against some of the best. Congratulations to these two outstanding wrestlers. The team placed 24th all around but let their names be known throughout the event. Mustang wrestling will be back in action at Spencer on Tuesday evening, so come out and support the team.



Second place Gabby Belt shown in black. Photo by Maricelle Belt



Second place Palmer Adkins shown in action.