

ed to begin the demolition of the Manchester Dry Goods building on Bridge Street.

-County Judge-Executive Tommy Harmon and the Clay Tourism Committee announced the return of Clay County Days slated for Memorial Day weekend.

February 2024

-A dispute left one man shot in the face on Brushy Branch.



old coal mine when the hillside collapsed and covered them. A mine opening next to Stone Gap Road adjoined the large coal seam.

Sheriff Patrick Robinson, Chief Deputy Sheriff Clifton Jones, and County Road Foreman Lester Harmon were on the scene Friday morning to search the area further.

JONATHON HOSKINS

-Bobby Roberts, of Curry Branch, was charged with sexual abuse 1st and promoting a sexual performance by a minor. He was later indicted on the charges.

-Janzlee Brandenburg was crowned the CCHS Basketball Queen.

-For the first time in 40 years, Clay County High School has a new Tiger mascot.

-A Clay Detention Center inmate crew saved a pet from a burning home on Burning Springs.

-John "Snake Man" Northern, 69, was walking on Muddy Gap Road when he was struck by a vehicle. Northern was lying in the roadway wearing all-black clothing. It was unknown if he had a medical emergency before being struck.

-The Clay Sheriff's Department charged two Georgia men after they were found with a large amount of methamphetamine transported to the county for distribution. The FBI took over the case, and both men later entered guilty pleas.

March 2024

-The Clay County Tigers captured the 49th district basketball crown by demolishing North Laurel 79-42 in the finals.

-Manchester Distillery purchased the old Rawlings-Goins property downtown for bourbon barrel storage.

-Kentucky Transportation officials met with Beech Creek Road



residents about the upcoming highway expansion.

-In the strangest story of the year, Lockard's Creek and Manchester Fire Department members and Dr. Joey Massey saved the life of a horse involved in a multi-vehicle accident on the Hal Rogers Parkway. The horse was trapped in the wreckage, and they worked with Allen's Towing and Bill Warren Towing to remove the animal. Luckily, Dr. Massey was in traffic on the road and rendered tranquilizers to calm the animal. He later said the animal suffered no broken bones.

April 2024

-Manchester resident Cassie Saylor appeared on the Netflix reality show "The Circle."

-Manchester Lumber

breaks ground on their new location at the junction of U.S. 421 and Ky. 80.

-The Clay County High School Choir performed in Washington, D.C.

May 2024

-During their gala, SOAR recognized Barb and Tess Lipps with the Appalachian Humanitarian Award.

-For the first time, Clay County has a Community Guide published by The Manchester Enterprise.

-Solid Rock House of Prayer, at Burning Springs, was burned by a possible arsonist.

-County Judge-Executive Tommy Harmon announced a new county garage would be built at the old Shamrock Coal property.

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Chief Deputy Clifton Jones (right) and Sheriff Patrick Robinson investigate the scene were two men died while digging coal on Stone Gap Road.

FIELDS SWORN IN



Haley Jo Fields was sworn in as the new Commonwealth's Attorney by Honorable Judge Oscar G. House Monday.



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