



PICKENS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Pickens School has had a lot of updates this year. One of the updates was furniture. There is a new bookshelf in Mrs. Scott's room. The library has new tables and rugs. There are now window blinds in every room. Ms. Fox's room has new students' desks and chairs. Pickens School is very grateful for the updates.

By Mckenna Riley & Shania Tiffner



Pickens Back to School Night

On August 25, 2016, Pickens School held a Back to School Picnic from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. About 40 to 50 students, parents, and staff attended. The staff brought food and drinks to the event.

Before everyone came together to eat, parents were able to visit with all teachers. They were able to ask any questions they may have had about the upcoming

school year. Students had the opportunity to see their friends and play on the playground.

By: Haley Parsons & Deonta Davis



Bake Sale at Poker Run 2016

On September 17, 2016, some of the Pickens Track Team had a bake sale during the Pickens Poker Run. The purpose of the bake sale was to raise funds for coach salary and new equipment. The new coach for the Track Team is Mrs. Iris Davis.

Five track member helped at the sale. They were Brooklynn and Alexis Sanders, Michael Casillas, Ceirra Kelley,

and Danielle Bond. In total, we made \$451.

By Brooklynn Sanders and Danny Bond



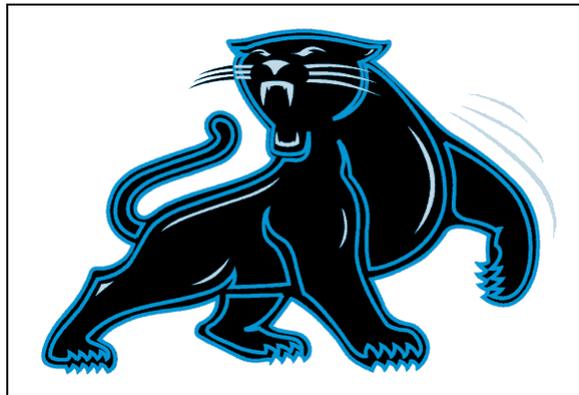
HELVETIA FAIR 2016

The Helvetia Fair celebrates the culture and history of Helvetia. It is one of the oldest agricultural fairs in West Virginia. Local people display their work at the Helvetia Community Hall on the second weekend of September. Canned goods, fruits, vegetables, paintings, 4-H projects, and much more is exhibited.

This year's fair was held on September 10th and 11th. There was plenty of entertainment including a parade, folk dancing, alphorn playing, yodeling, field games, and a square dance. There were many handmade floats in the parade. Most of the floats were based on local culture and activities. A mountain run and live music were also part of this year's fair. The

2016 Helvetia Fair was well attended and very successful.

By Jacob Rice



Archery/Track Start

With the school year starting, so are the sports. Our only two sports this year are track and archery

. The archery team had its first practice on September 20th. Tournaments will start after the beginning of the New Year. The coaches this year are Mrs. Tiffner, Mrs. Parsons, and Jonn Parsons. There are

seventeen archers on the team so far.

The track team is starting back as well, however there will not be a cross country team this year. Due to the resignation of the past coach, Mrs. Albright, the track team will have a new coach, Mrs. Davis. The track team has many activities that members

can compete in. These are hurdles, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter dash, 1200 meter dash, 3200 meter dash, discus, long jump, and shot-put.

By: Chad Tiffner and Britney Bond



Maid Silvia visits Pickens School

On October 3, 2016, Maid Silvia of the 80th Mountain State Forest Festival and her Maids of Honor visited Pickens School. Maid Silvia is Kara D'Ann Alvarez. The Maids of Honor are Legacy Scout Barger and Amelia Dawn Preusch. Kara's parents and other Forest Festival officials attended the visit as well. The guests stayed for about half an hour and talked with every student in the school. The guests also gave Pickens School a signed Forest Festival Program and glow in the dark wrist bands. The

Elementary Students made Maid Silvia cards and Pickens School gave her Maple Syrup and honey, both made locally.



By: Danny Bond