

Brooklyn Bridge

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County Office Welcomes New Employees



Meet Mr. Darren L. Cook, Assistant Superintendent

Darren L. Cook is married to Desi Cook and they have two children, Jill Jackson and Russell Cook. They have one grandchild, Darren "Jackson" Cook. Throughout Mr. Cook's career, he has been involved in many facets of education. Darren started his career as a teacher at Frontier for five years and then became an administrator for Switzerland of Ohio. He has been a Principal at Sardis and Hannibal Elementary and Beallsville High School. He has also worked at the Central Office as the Director of Student Services, Maintenance & Transportation and in charge of facilities. He was the Director of the Swiss Hills Career Center and Superintendent of Caldwell Exempted Villiage Local Schools. While working in the school system, Mr. Cook was also serving in the United States Marine Corp. Reserve. He served in Iraq in 2005 for a 6-month tour and in 2009 Sergeant Major Cook served an 8-month tour in Afghanistan.

Before accepting his current position, Mr. Cook helped start a new facility and was the Jail Administrator in Woodsfield, Ohio. Mr. Cook's educational background:

Magnolia High School—1983—Graduated

Glenville—1989—BA-Education

WVU-1992—MS—Safety Management

WVU—1997—MA— Educational Leadership

Meet Mrs. Teena L. Bates, Coordinator of Attendance and Public Relations

Teena Bates is married to Chris Bates and they have three children; Cody, Collin and Savanna. She is a proud "MiMi" to three grandchildren; Maria, Paxton and Berkley. She graduated from Valley High School in 1989 and attended Northern Community College. She has an Associate Degree in Business Administration and Computer Information Systems. Before accepting her current position, Teena has been Magnolia's secretary for the last seven years. Teena stated that she is excited and is looking forward to a new learning opportunity. Mrs. Bates is excited for the public relations aspect of the position. "Social media has quickly become the major source of communication today and my job will allow me to share all the good things happening in Wetzel County Schools with the students, parents, staff and community members." She hopes that sharing on social media will have a positive effect on the staff and it allow us to show how proud we are of the job that everyone is doing in our school system.



WCTEC Continues to Expand

Over the past few months, WCS maintenance has been working hard to prepare the new rooms for the Health Science: Diagnostic Services and Electrical programs for 2019-2020.

The Health Science: Diagnostic Services will provide students who have an interest in the medical field the opportunity to take courses such as Medical Terminology, Phlebotomy Skills, and Electrocardiograph Technician. Partnered with courses from WVNCC, students could graduate with their Patient Care Technician Certificate through WVNCC. After graduation, students can then enroll in any number of medical fields. This program is available to Juniors and Seniors. ***This year only*** Any Senior who is interested in going into the medical field can attend WCTEC in the afternoon.

The Electrical Technician Program focuses on careers that will build a knowledge base and technical skills in all aspects of the Electrical Trades industry. Ultimately, Electrical Technician students will be preparing to take the Journeyman Electrician Exam. Opportunities through WVNCC are also available with this program. The Electrical Technician Lab will be equipped with 12 student booths, as shown in the photo. ***This year only*** Any Senior who is interested in going into the Electrical industry can attend WCTEC in the afternoon.



If you or someone you know is interested in attending WCTEC for Electrical Technician, Health Science: Diagnostic Services, or Welding, please contact Amanda McPherson at 455-2441 ext.141.



WCS Mobile Meals- Bringing Summer Meals to Children!

Throughout the summer, WCS has been running three Mobile Meals routes in addition to our school-based summer food locations. These locations are chosen based on where children could gather during the summer. Many sites have playgrounds, or a covered eating area.

The Hundred Route stops at Littleton Church of Christ, Hundred Pool, Hundred Library, and Burton Park.

The Short Line Route stops at Reader Park, Reader Methodist Church, VHS, Pine Grove Library, Jacksonburg VFD, Smithfield Park, and Quinn's Ol' Barn General Store.

The Riverfront Route stops at Lewis Wetzel Park, Magnolia High School, Paden City High School, and Paden City Library.

Mobile Meals will continue through August 9.



Wetzel County Schools
website

Trainings

Don't forget to use the ERO system to register and check for updates!

[http://
ero5.eschoolsolutions.com](http://ero5.eschoolsolutions.com)

District ID: 26155





The annual **KidStrong** conference was held in mid-June in Charleston. Some of our school counselors, school social workers, school resource officers, school nurses, teachers, and administrators attended. This conference is highly regarded across the state. There are a variety of learning tracks and resources offered for a multitude of job classifications within the school system. It is held at the newly renovated Charleston Civic Center and is attended by many hundreds of school employees across the state each school year.



2018-19 End-of-Year Student Data

As we prepare to begin the 2019-20 school year, here is some data for the school year which just ended. Our end of the year enrollment was 2,531. Attendance rate for the county was 93%. Paden City Elementary had the highest rate for the elementary/middle schools, whereas Paden City High School had the highest rate of the high schools, and the county as a whole. Graduation rate always runs a year behind and is not finalized until the middle of the next school year. However, our graduation rate has been over 90% each year since 2012. Our highest was over 96% in the 2017-18 school year. Additionally, our county graduation rate has been 5-10% higher than the state average in the same time period, while our drop-out rate has been less than 1% for eight consecutive school years.



Summer Staff Development Schedule

For Elementary/Middle School

Monday, July 8, 2019	6-8 Novel Unit Planning	WCTEC Training Room
Thursday, July 11, 2019	Math4Life	WCTEC Training Room
Monday, July 22, 2019	6-8 Novel Unit Planning	WCTEC Training Room
Monday, July 29, 2019	Small Group Instruction	WCTEC Training Room
Tuesday, July 30, 2019	Pre-K Training	WCTEC Training Room
Wednesday, July 31, 2019	Pre-K Training	WCTEC Training Room
Thursday, August 1, 2019	Pre-K Training	WCTEC Training Room
Monday, August 5, 2019	Kinder Planning Day	WCTEC Training Room
Tuesday, August 6, 2019	1 st and 2 nd Planning Day	WCTEC Training Room
Wednesday, August 7, 2019	3 rd and 4 th Planning Day	WCTEC Training Room
Thursday, August 8, 2019	5 th and 6 th Planning Day	WCTEC Training Room
Friday, August 9, 2019	7 th and 8 th Planning Day	WCTEC Training Room
Monday, August 12, 2019	Math4Life	WCTEC Training Room

~~~~~You can follow our JASON Argonaut's—Mr. Drew Schmalz and Cameron Rikkenbach's journey in Costa Rica on the following social media sites: **Twitter**— @ Cieestudyabroad **Facebook**— CIEE Costa Rica **Instagram** —ciee ~~~~~





## -FFA Chapters Attend State Convention-

Students from the Hundred, Magnolia, and Pine Grove FFA Chapters attended the 91<sup>st</sup> WV State FFA Convention, held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, July 10-13<sup>th</sup>. This year marked a banner year for the FFA, as membership within the state hit a record mark of 6,469, surpassing the old record set last year of 5,360. Several Wetzel County Students competed at this year's Convention

### Hundred

**Regional Winners of Parliamentary Procedure, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State.**

4 State Degree Recipients – **Victoria Hawkins, Savannah Horner, Jocelyn Prado, Cody Soles**

**Katherine Henderson** won the state proficiency winner for Sheep Production

**Katherine** and **Tori Hawkins** – recipients of the WV FFA Alumni Scholarship

### Long Drain Middle School

**Janna Huggins** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Middle School Prepared Public Speaking

### Magnolia

**State Runner-up in Land Judging – Qualified for the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma (Spring 2020)** Team: **Cameron Stillwagoner, Tyler White, Noah Wade, Woodson London**

**Garrett Fox** won the zero turn tractor driving contest

5 State Degree Recipients – **Jarod Durig, Garrett Fox, Morgan Moore, Olivia Yeater, Bailie Fayad**

**Clayton Young** will receive his American FFA Degree at National Convention.

**Olivia Yeater** won the state proficiency winner for Goat Production.

As our reporter, **Olivia Yeater** won second place in the chapter scrapbook contest.

### Pine Grove

**Placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the State Land Judging Competition**

**Samantha Morris** received her State Degree

**Marisa Shannon** will receive her American Degree at National Convention

