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Pick 3: 5-7-6  
Pick 4: 6-2-5-9  
Cash 5: 11-17-28-30-33

**SATURDAY'S NIGHT DRAWING**

Pick 3: 3-7-7  
Pick 4: 9-8-5-7  
Cash 5: 3-20-23-25-34

**\$1 MILLION MONEY BALL**

2-6-13-20-33  
Money Ball = N

**POWERBALL**

13-22-23-29-31  
Powerball: 17

Go to [www.valottery.com](http://www.valottery.com) for all of yesterday's winning numbers.

**Online Poll**

Would you support a tax increase to fund Waynesboro schools?

- » Yes: 38.8%
- » No: 45.1%
- » It doesn't affect me: 16.1%

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**Waynesboro High School**



Waynesboro High School teacher Leonard Richards had his government class participate in a mock murder trial last week. This is the "crime scene."

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# Whodunit?

## Students conduct mock trial to learn about judicial system

Staff reports

Waynesboro High School social studies teacher Leonard Richards had his government class participate in a mock trial last week.

"This was a weeklong project that summed up our unit on the judicial branch," he said.

"When surveyed, the students

decided that they wanted to do a murder case.

"I asked the students for ideas for the case, and then I came up with a story and descriptions of different characters that would be involved in our case."

The students signed up for which characters they wanted to play.

Elements of the legal process

were incorporated, such as selecting a "jury," detective work at the "crime scene" and then appearing "in court."

Throughout last week, the "detectives" gathered evidence at the "crime scene," and students worked on developing alibis for their characters and details of the case.

On Friday, the trial was held

in the auditorium, as students dressed the part and presented the case.

In the end, one student was "charged" with accessory to murder, covering up the killing of her "husband" by her "daughter."

Students in the class called it enjoyable and unique and gave them an even better appreciation of the judicial system.



Matt Gordon and Clarence Williams were "detectives."



Mia Berry was the "judge."



Yaidel Rodriguez was the "defense attorney"



Kayla Garber was the "prosecutor."



Members of the "jury" took notes during testimony.