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Red Cross: says blood shortage may delay procedures

Donors urged to give now as nation faces lowest number of blood donors in decades. Donors have the chance to help save lives, win trip to Super Bowl LVIII

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.

The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels across the country, and blood donors are urged to make a donation appointment to help alleviate the shortage and help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold.

Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40%. When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions to blood donations – such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year’s Day alone – can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion.

Blood products are currently going to hospitals faster than blood donations are coming in, and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products – among the most transfused blood types – to hospitals.

“Small changes in blood donor turnout can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of an emergency blood transfusion,” said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross.

Donors of all types –

BLOOD cont. on page 6

Big Otter Star Readers named



Big Otter Elementary has lots of Star Readers! Kindergarten students get to read to the principal, Mr. Boggs, once they reach the highest level book. Students are then awarded a Star Reading trophy. Congratulations to all of the Star Readers! Pictured are (back row, l to r) Case Titus, Harper Nutter, Rylan Whittington, (front row) Solomon James, and Jackson Jones.

Free mobile food pantry in Duck

There will be a free mobile food pantry held on January 12 at the O’Brion Christian Church at 2038 O’Brion Road in Duck from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be food, cleaning supplies, personal care, diapers and baby items available. Our goal is to reach those that may not be able to reach us at our regular location in downtown Clay. We do not require proof of income.

For more information, call 304-587-4389.

SNHU Fall 2023 Dean’s List announced Three local students get high marks

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 Dean’s List.

The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Area students named are:

- Elizabeth Cullum of Bickmore
- Janae Grose of Ivydale
- Andrew Adamson of Spencer

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

Recognized as one of the “Most Innovative” regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

West Virginia Symphony presents Musical Sweets & Treats Jan. 20

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) continues its 2023-24 season in the New Year with a Pay What You Wish concert, Musical Sweets and Treats on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Charleston.

Music Director Maurice Cohn leads the WVSO in an eclectic program that includes Brahms’ Tragic Overture, a piece from contemporary composer Jessica Hunt, Haydn’s Symphony No. 104, and will feature Concerto for Bandoneon with Astral Artist Iwo Jedynecki on accordion.

The concert also showcases the return of the WVSO’s popular “Pay

What You Wish” promotion where patrons can choose their price for any available seat.

This Pay What You Wish offer is only accessible by visiting the Clay Center Box Office in person or calling (304) 561-3570.

Online ticket orders are processed at standard concert pricing.

This concert weekend also includes another session of the Maier Foundation’s A Look Behind the Curtain.

The music preparedness program is open to current undergraduate and graduate college students studying music and/or arts administration who plan

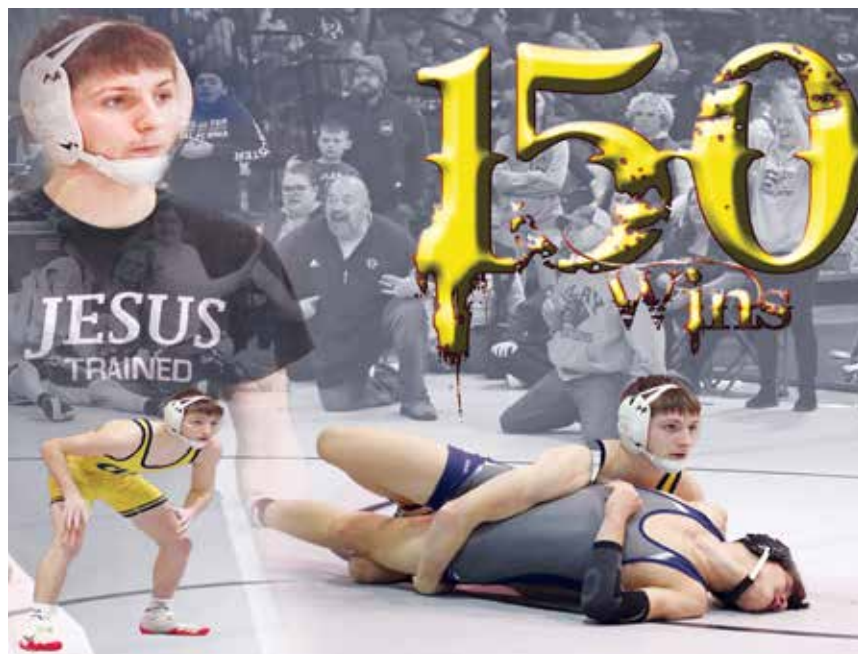
on pursuing a career in performance, conducting, arts management, etc.

High school juniors and seniors interested in these career paths are also welcome to attend.

Please visit <https://forms.gle/ub8YycNXZ-8mnoCk8> to register for this session before the deadline on Thursday, Jan. 18 at midnight.

For more information on this program and all sessions, please visit wvsymphony.org/maierfoundationalookbehindthecurtain, or contact Education Manager Maddie Helbling directly by calling 304-957-9871 or via email at mhelbling@wvsymphony.org.

Minger gets his 150th win



Soon to be legend is Zane Minger. Allen Hamrick photo.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Dustin Lee McClung
Booked 1/2/24
Destruction of property, domestic assault



James Ray McCraw
Booked 1/4/24
Refuse to fingerprint, DOR/DUI, failure to maintain control of vehicle



Jereme Todd Cadle
Booked 1/4/24
Capias



Brandon Joe Stone
Booked 1/2/24
Capias (family court)



Ashley Ranae Adkins
Booked 1/5/24
Capias (family court)



Nicholas Ray Davis
Booked 1/5/24
Grand larceny, conspiracy to commit a felony

CLAY COUNTY



Randall Scott Musselman Jr.
Booked 1/4/24
Domestic battery, DOP, unlawful restraint



Laura Ruth Neff
Booked 1/2/24
Court order



Tabiatha Renee Knight
Booked 1/1/24
Possession with intent



Brandon Doyle McCourt
Booked 1/4/24
Fleeing from officer, accident with unattended vehicle

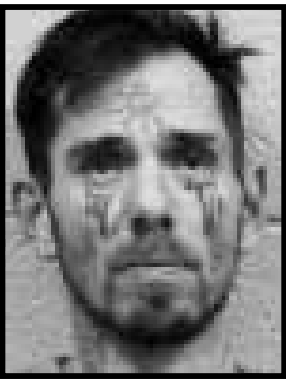


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Booked 1/5/24
Capias



Dusty Wade Pritt
Booked 1/5/24
Enter building other than dwelling, petit larceny

BRAXTON COUNTY



Melvin Garrell Thomas
Booked 1/5/24
Capias



Michael William Kiser
Booked 1/7/24
Family court Capias



Daniel Jordan Lane
Booked 1/5/24
Possession of a controlled substance, Capias



Brandon Lee Wilford
Booked 1/6/24
Battery on officer, public intoxication, obstructing an officer

Courthouse News

Tuesday, January 23, Docket Schedule for Magistrate: Rider, Charles "Jeff"
09:00 AM, State v. Allen Dale Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving while license suspended or revoked
09:00 AM, State v. Allen Dale Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, operation without certification of inspection or failure to produce certificate
09:00 AM, State v. Allen Dale Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Seat belt violation, Improper use of evidences of registration
09:00 AM, State v. Allen Dale Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing Operators license - Driving while suspended or revoked for DUI
09:30 AM, State v. Kristian Stacy Staples, Pre-Trial Hearing, Domestic assault or Domestic battery - 2nd Offense
10:00 AM, State v. Aric Jason Nicholson, Preliminary Hearing, Driving un-

der the influence - 3rd or Subsequent Offense
10:30 AM, State v. Samuel Todd Murphy, Pre-Trial Hearing, Fleeing from officer; penalties; definitions
10:30 AM, State v. Samuel Todd Murphy, - Fleeing from officer; penalties; definitions
11:00 AM, State v. John Jacob Foster, Pre-Trial Hearing, Possession of controlled substance without valid prescription
11:30 AM, State v. Danny Ray Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles
11:30 AM, State v. Danny Ray Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing Seat belt violation, Improper use of evidences of registration
11:30 AM, State v. Danny Ray Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, Expired motor vehicle registration
11:30 AM, State v. Danny Ray Johnson, Pre-Trial

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Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

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What's New About A New Year

By: Dr. James Snyder



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On New Year's Eve, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were celebrating in our living room with some hot apple cider.

We wanted to end the year together. At our age, with so many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, that's a tough agenda. We love all our family, but sometimes it is just good to be by ourselves.

As we were sipping our hot apple cider, we heard the roar of firecrackers around our neighborhood. We listened to it and chuckled as we leaned back in our chairs, enjoying the time together.

I must confess that this past year was filled with all kinds of things. It is hard to define what a "thing" is these days. Time, however, has a way of bouncing along without any indication of stopping.

As we were coming to the end of our hot apple cider, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked over at me and said, "Happy New Year." How she said it caused me to believe she was anticipating a "New Year."

Even though it's another year, I still am who I am, so I looked at her and said very seriously, "What's so new about this coming New Year?"

I surprised her, and she did not understand what I was saying. She looked at me and said, "Well, it will be 2024 and not 2023. I'm sure you can see how that's new?"

I took a deep sip of my hot apple cider, looked at her and said, "I've looked at the calendar for the year 2024 and all of the months are the same as they were in 2023. Every month has the same seven week days and each of those days have 24 hours. What in the world is new about that?"

She looked at me as though I was a bit crazy, and I must say, she is never wrong.

Of course, she did know how to respond to my question.

"Maybe, just maybe this New Year will be the year that you get a little bit mature."

I was a little confused because I didn't quite know what she was talking about. I thought about what she said and responded, "I'm as mature as I ever want to be."

I couldn't help but think of the time we went out to a restaurant to celebrate my last birthday.

As we finished our meal, she looked at me and said, "So, how does it feel to be old?"

Without thinking, which is my MO, I reached across the table, took hold of her upper arm, gently squeezed it, looked at her, and said, "Old is feeling just fine."

As I remember that incident, she wasn't laughing.

Then, I did one of the dumbest things

I have done throughout my life. I looked at her and said, "What do you think I need to do to improve my maturity?"

I think she set me up for that question. "Well," she said with one of her infamous grins, "maybe you could improve your listening ability this New Year. You just don't listen when I say things and I have to repeat them over and over again."

"What did you say?" I asked.

"That's exactly what I mean. You may hear what I'm saying but you don't listen to what I am saying. Maybe this year you could practice listening a little more."

I almost asked, but I didn't, what she would recommend that I do to practice listening. I'm sure she had an agenda there.

She was not finished.

"Also, you could improve your memory. You forget so many things and I have to remind you of them all the time. Maybe you could do something to improve that part of your maturity."

Those two things would take up my whole year, and I would have no time to do anything else. I was so afraid she would have a number three on her list.

Then it came, "And thirdly, maybe you could do something about your snoring at night. You snore so loud every night that sometimes it wakes me up."

I'm not sure how I can do all three things in one year, but that was the recommendation from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

As I sat in my chair sipping some hot apple cider, I thought about these things, and then, she had something else to say.

"And there's another thing you could do," she said with a very serious perspective in her voice, "you could tell me some things I need to do to improve my maturity."

That caught me by surprise, I didn't see it coming. How I respond to her statement will determine how happy my life will be in this next New Year.

I just looked at her, smiled, and said, "My dear, you are the most perfect person I know, and I could never think of anything that you need to do that would improve your maturity."

She just looked at me and smiled.

It's not very often that I get out of a mess, but I think I got out of this one. Let's see how long this lasts.

Thinking on this, I thought of Ecclesiastes 1:9, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

What more can be said?

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Greek and Roman culture produced many religious and secular mystery cults where the benefits of the religion or the society were only received by the initiate who was brought into the group and given the secret knowledge that only that group possessed. There is a natural appeal to be in on the secret that only a few can see.

For millennia, there was an ancient hidden mystery that men puzzled over but could not solve. Some of the greatest minds the world has ever known were unable to solve it. How can a man stand just before God? Natural theology can only take a person so far in knowing there is a God, some things about Him, and some about ourselves. But it doesn't answer the big questions of who, how, and why. God revealed Himself in different ways, first to individuals, then to a small nation. Progressively, the Lord told these people more and more about Himself, which is now written in the books we call the Old Testament. But not everything.

Paul was called by God to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ and was given the mission of making known this great mystery which had been hidden for generations (Colossians 1:22-29). The Lord Jesus Christ is the revelation of God. These days, God has spoken to us by His Son (Hebrews 1:1-3). The mystery was made manifest in Christ to His saints. It

is the will of the Lord that this knowledge would make known the "riches of the glory of this mystery" to all people, not just Israel. The mystery is not a quest to conquer or a work to complete. The mystery is revealed in a person, and that is who Paul preached – Christ Jesus. Christ in you, the hope of glory. Paul's mission was to make Christ known, not only to the initiates, but Paul told anyone who would listen, that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into this world to save sinners.

How can one be made right with God? How can unholy people approach a holy God? How can lawbreakers be forgiven? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, assumed a human nature, and lived among us. He was born under the law and kept it perfectly. He lived as a representative and lived perfectly under the law because this was God's plan of redemption. Jesus was a substitute. The Godman bore the sins of His people and offered His life in their place as a propitiation. He shed His blood and gave His life, dying in our place, and rose from the dead, sitting now at the right hand of the Father. Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose from the dead in history. The gospel is that you turn from all other hope to Christ and have faith in what He accomplished was for you. By grace, you'll be united to Jesus, and in Christ, you have the hope of glory.

Home Country

By: Slim Randles

Dud was awfully quiet all through the daily dissemination of anything on page one of the Valley Weekly Miracle, which wasn't like him at all. Just sucked down caffeine and silently shook his head now and then.

"Anita okay, Dud?"

"Oh ... sure, Doc."

"You okay?"

He nodded, then looked up with a wistful, philosophical look that our guys don't usually get until after the buttered toast. "Sometimes," he said, "I think it's pearls before swine, that's all."

We waited.

"Music, I mean. You know how you practice and practice and then you get good enough to actually *do* something? Well, I took the accordion and went to the accordion festival to compete ... well, you know I'm not really that bad any more..."

"You're getting pretty darn good on that thing, Dud."

"Thanks, Steve. Well, we drove down

to the capital and I got in the competition and did okay. Placed third in polka. I played that new piece. It's kinda hard because it has those minor bass buttons in it and it took me forever to learn not to miss them.

"It was after that. You see, I put the accordion back in the car and we went in for a lunch they gave everyone."

"What's wrong with that?"

"I forgot to lock the car. We were halfway through lunch when Anita asked me if I'd locked the car and then it hit me that I might not have locked it. She insisted I run right out and check and that's what I did. And that's when I lost my faith in human beings."

"Oh, Dud," Doc said, "someone stole your accordion?"

"No, it was still there in the back seat. But someone had put two more in there with it."

He shook his head. "Pearls before swine."

My Next Door Neighbors

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

My next door neighbors are a quiet lot. They are the most peaceful neighbors I have ever had. In 30 years living here they have never had a party, or played loud music, or had a nasty argument. They have never bothered me or caused me a single problem. When I go out my back door every morning to walk my dogs I greet them with a smile and soak in their serenity and their silence. You see, I live next to a graveyard.

Now I have talked to a lot of people who think it is creepy to live 20 feet from a graveyard, but I have never been bothered by it a bit. I always get a sense of peace when I walk outside and see it. It always

seems beautiful to me too, whether it is seeing the freshly fallen snow on top of the gravestones in the winter and watching the rising sun shine down on them in the summer. My next door neighbors have never once filled me with fear or a sense of dread.

Instead they have always served as a reminder that one day my body too will wear down and surrender to the grave. Yet, my soul will continue on to the greater life to come, a life full of never-ending joy, love, and light.

My next door neighbors also remind me each morning when I see them that every day in this life here is precious. Not a one should

be wasted. They all should be lived fully, completely, and wonderfully. They all should be lived with love for God, ourselves, and each other. They should be filled with kindness for everyone we meet. They should be overflowing with gratitude to God and giving to others. They should be a glorious sharing of joy between all of us.

I hope that one day we see this whole world as our neighbors and that we spend each day sharing our love with them. I hope that we see each day here as precious and live it accordingly. And I hope that we never fear the grave but instead look forward to the greater life to come.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper of McDowell County to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first Black woman to serve in a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies but found no additional miners alive.

Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces under General Thomas Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge



builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73.

Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.

Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great

Seal of West Virginia.

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 fe-



male 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.



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Mr. Davis of the Acme Company is here to see you.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

ICEVAT	Mobile
GREATY	Riddle
ELUDED	Trick
SCORNE	Ban

TODAY'S WORD

Scramblers answers on Page 8

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

LEGAL THRILLERS

ACROSS

- Highest roll of a single die
- Peak in Thessaly
- Freaks out
- Subjective paper piece
- Never dying
- Kind of cherry named for its shape
- sci. (coll. major)
- Scaled-down symphony group [1994]
- Mallorca, por ejemplo
- "King" primate
- Writer Ferber
- Anti-bias job agcy.
- Gown fabric
- Program interacting with a remote server [1993]
- Bygone times
- Nurtured
- Kids' song with French lyrics
- to go (gung-ho)
- "It's ch-chilly!"
- Whimpered like a baby
- Place to disclose sins [2010]
- Coinage for something with no name
- Beginning on
- "To — much is given ..."
- Nantes' river
- Sets of points on graphs
- Shallowest Great Lake
- Waltz or tango [1997]
- Itinerant band member, say
- State after wedlock
- Having more seepage
- Panels that may reverse decisions [2008]
- Melody
- Jungle roarer
- Ouzo
- Exact lookalike
- Brand of rodent killer
- Horse-man of myth
- Greeting act conveying confidence [1991]
- First-rate
- Flub it up
- Actress Shire
- Plant snugly
- -cone
- Junk email sender
- Samoan
- peak famous for trapping clouds [1995]
- Italian port
- Exactly
- Money won in a game of dreidel
- Claudius I's successor
- Getting the job done
- What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by "The"
- Stun with a charge
- Canceled by crossing off
- Revising, as text
- Bishops' jurisdictions
- Prescription amounts
- Berlin article
- Meadow
- Ailing
- Texter's "If you ask me"
- Mutant Marvel superhero
- Celestial ball
- Like a cold, hard gaze
- Manhattan eatery since 1927
- Isolated
- Ad — committee
- Hatchet part
- Ram or ewe
- "The Fox and the Crow" storyteller
- Tabby's scratcher
- Bobby of hockey
- Venus Williams' org.
- Sedative drug
- Sticky little sheet
- "Mama" Cass
- Actress Wiest
- Texter's "Yikes!"
- Bolted to escape
- Riyadh native
- Sugar source
- Shore flier
- "Not yet sure what my answer is"
- Director Joel or Ethan
- Killer whale
- Neighbor of Myanmar
- Early James Bond foe
- Not similar
- Dust jacket write-up
- Demi and Dudley
- Departs
- Cupcake flourish
- That lady
- Less spicy
- Honey-coated Easter entree
- Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- Cicero's "Lo!"
- Cake layer
- ICU workers
- Actor Stephen
- Iran's former name
- Ball-shaped
- Put on, as an outfit
- After-bath powder
- Andy Taylor's boy
- Sitting atop
- Suffix with ball
- Innocent types
- President before Donald
- Shallow pan
- Swarms
- Huge conflict
- Sedate
- Steinbeck migrant
- Close
- In — (more than sleeping)
- Arm bone
- Eatery list
- Baseballer Musial
- Is really mad
- Grain fungi
- "Watch Me (Whip/—)" (2015 hit)
- "Apollo 13" actor Gary
- Bills worth 100 bucks
- "You got that right!"
- Meat in a sub
- Coal-mining guys
- MMA fighter Rousey
- Armageddon nation
- Little laugh
- Silent "yes"
- Like villains
- Russo of film
- Gymnast Korbut
- Elly May Clampett's pa
- Good Grips kitchen brand
- "— a trap!"
- Ark.-to-Ill. dir.

DOWN

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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 1957

Dundon Couple Hosts To Grand Chapter Officers



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boggs of Dundon are pictured here (right) with Worthy Grand Patron W. C. "Pappy" Mullins of Beckley, and Worthy Grand Matron Olive H. Bowyer formerly of Dundon, now a Charleston resident, during the reception given to WGM Bowyer on November 3rd in the Masonic Hall, Clay, by the officers of Francis Chapter No. 28, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Boggs is manager of the Dundon Clubhouse and her husband is a car inspector on the B. C. & G. Railroad operating between Dundon and Widen. They are Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron respectively of the Francis Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

State Federation Women's Clubs President Addresses Local Club

Mrs. Phares E. Reeder of Dunbar, president of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs was the guest speaker at the annual Widen Woman's Club Husbands' Night held at the Widen Clubhouse on last Saturday night.

Miss Hazel Baughman, club president presided at the colorful affair and presented to Mrs. Reeder a beautiful floral corsage which also contained \$50.00 in currency for the purchase of plastic mattress covers for Camp Gallahad, the diabetic camp for children which is a project of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. The Widen Club gave the sum of \$100.00 towards the cost of a double cabin built at the camp last summer.

The husband's were welcomed by Miss Baughman and the guests introduced including state and local officers; past and present Capitol District officers who are members of the club; and the one charter member still residing in Widen.

Mr. H. L. Beattie, vice president in charge of operations of the Elk River Coal & Lumber Company at Widen, made an appropriate response on behalf of the husband's who had been showered with attentions and gifts. Mr. Reeder, who is the Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Education Association, was a guest.

The annual dinner was under the management of Mrs. Carmel Ramsey, Mrs. Edward Mullins, Mrs. Melvin Conner and Mrs. Triplett. The late fall motif was combined with the Thanksgiving spirit in

decorations of bowls of mixed flowers, cornucopias of fresh fruits, yellow and dark brown candles and hand painted place cards. The delicious four course dinner was prepared and served by chef Harry Taka and his associates.

Enjoying the fellowship and wonderful food were the following members and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Phares E. Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Craft, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Potasnik, Mr. and Mrs. William Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Joe LaCorte, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lykins, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McMillion, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Triplett, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Onas Bailes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorrill, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dagle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Napier, Mesdames D. L. McMillion and J. I. Dunlap and Misses Hazel Baughman, Emma Jo Sigman and Leola Mick.

girls are welcome, and the auditorium doors are open at 2:30 sharp. Parents and teachers are cordially invited to see and hear these modern teaching tools in actual use, regularly.

The same program is repeated each week on Mondays at both Dundon and Swandale schools. Parents and friends are also invited to these sessions, particularly through December. Subjects of the four programs are as follows:

December 1 — "The World That Needed Jesus," showing the hardships and sufferings of the early Jewish people and their search for the coming Messiah just before He was born. (December 1) was born.

December 8 — "The Enrollment At Bethlehem," presents the events that took place in Palestine at the time Caesar ordered the census, and the arrival of Mary and Joseph at the inn.

December 15 — "Shepherds Out In The Field," depicts the way of life of the shepherds of Palestine, the announcement to them of Jesus' birth, and the finding of the Babe in the manger.

December 22 — "Good News For All People," tells what the good news of Jesus' coming has meant to the world, through the years, and what it means to us today.

A big weiner roast will be held for all boys and girls who maintain a perfect attendance for the next six weeks. Let your children enroll in this worth-while Sunday Afternoon Club. They will find something to do, something to enjoy, with a view always to Christian Character development. Admission is always free, but a free-will offering is usually taken.

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Loss Baby Son

The Lewis Dorrills, II, (Miss Mavalene Waggoner) buried their baby son just born October 31 in the Walnut Grove Cemetery last Monday.

YMCA Boys and Girls Sunday Afternoon Club

In order that more boys and girls may be able to see and hear the visual-educational program of Bible stories and special travelogue and animal life films, a "Sunday Afternoon Club" has been organized to meet at the YMCA building promptly at 3 p.m. every week.

December programs will feature a series of four film strip stories on "The Meaning of Christmas." Each story is a full color, sound on record story with 40 frames or scenes each week, beginning Sunday, December 1st. All boys and

Widen Schools Report Jr. Red Cross Contributions

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Grade 6	Mrs. Reynolds 2.10
Grade 4	Mrs. Bragg 2.02
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Grade 7	Mr. Reynolds 1.61
Grade 10	Mr. Pinney 1.54
Grade 9	Mr. Matheny 1.15
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Grade 2	Miss Graham .45
Grade 8	Mr. Boggs .45
Grade 12	Miss Woods .33
Total \$17.67	

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Courthouse News

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Hearing, Failure to maintain motor vehicle insurance

11:30 AM, State v. Danny Ray Johnson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Operators license - Driving while license suspended or revoked, Operator's License - No license in possession

01:00 PM, State v. Stephen Lawson, Bench Trial, Speeding, Drivers must be licensed; motorcycle licenses, state id

01:00 PM, State v. Stephen Lawson, Bench Trial, No vehicle insurance, No Proof of Reg

01:00 PM, State v. Stephen Lawson, Bench Trial, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor, False certificates

01:00 PM, State v. Stephen Lawson, Bench Trial, Driving while license suspended or revoked; General

01:30 PM, State v. Larry Dale Stevenson JR, Bench Trial, Driving under the influence - 2nd Offense; No vehicle insurance; Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor; Driving too fast for road-way conditions;

Expiration of registration and certificates of title; Commercial drivers prohibited from blood alcohol concentration of .04% or more; criminal penalties

02:00 PM, State v. Ronald Lee Payne, Pre-Trial Hearing, Driving while license revoked - DUI; Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdemeanor; Expiration of registration and certificates of title

02:30 PM, State v. Anna Marie Moore, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unlawful remov-

al, injury to or destruction of property

02:30 PM, State v. Anna Marie Moore, Pre-Trial Hearing, Obstruct law-enforcement, probation, parole, court security, corrections officer w/ threats of harm

03:00 PM, State v. Randy Lee Hall, Bench

Trial, Domestic Battery- Unlawful physical contact

of insulting/provoking nature, Interference, prevention, or deprivation of access to emergency services

03:30 PM, State v. John Morgan Gibson, Pre-Trial Hearing, Unlawful Disposal of Litter

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR CAREGIVERS

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

No. 23-CIG-10
IN THE MATTER OF: Z.X.K., Minor under the age of 18 years
NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING
TO THE UNKNOWN FATHER:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 6, 2023, a PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN was filed relating to the above-named IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA by Vonda Keener.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on this Petition is scheduled for January 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., at the Clay County Circuit Court, Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, before Honorable Judge Michael W. Asbury, Jr., at which time and place you may appear and make any objections known or otherwise protect your interest.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay, West Virginia.

Christina Henshaw
Circuit Clerk

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Public Meeting Notice

The Clay County Board of Education will hold 2 public hearings allow interested parties to discuss and provide input for the 2024-20 school calendar. The first hearing will be held at Clay Elementary - Tuesday, January 23rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The second hearing will be conducted at Clay County High School on Tuesday, February 13th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in addressing the Clay County Board of Education, at one or both meetings, should contact Mr. Philip Dobbins, Superintendent, at 304-587-4266, to have your name placed on the agenda or sign up in person 15 minutes prior to the start of the hearing.

There will also be a public comment period on the two calendar options posted at claycountyschools.org for students, parents, and staff to provide input to the Clay County Board of Education. If you have a comment question about the calendar options, please email them to Mr. Dobbins claycountyschoolsystem@gmail.com.

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IN RE: NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2024

Notice is hereby given that the County Commission of Clay County West Virginia will meet as a Board of Review and Equalization on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commission Courthouse located at 246 Main Street, Clay, WV and will continue session thereafter from time to time until the work of the review and equalization is deemed by said Board of Review to be completed.

All persons having business before said Board of Review pertain to equalization of taxpayer's property taxes are respectfully invited to attend said session. You may call 304-587-4259 between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for an appointment or the schedule of meetings.

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Wendy Schick
PRESIDENT
CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until February 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
015	2022810003	S381-REC/AL-24 00	STBG-2024(002)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-1 RECALL STRIPING 2024 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: BOONE, CLAY, KANAWHA, MASON, PUTNAM

DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0843-G-PC
HOPE GAS, INC., STANDARD GAS COMPANY
and BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.
Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Standard Gas Company and Bazzle Gas Company, Inc.

NOTICE OF FILING

On October 27, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), Standard Gas Company (Standard), and Bazzle Gas Company (Bazzle) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire certain assets of Standard and Bazzle used to provide gas utility service. Standard and Bazzle currently provide natural gas sales service to approximately 460 customers in Lewis and Braxton Counties, West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Hope, Standard, and Bazzle assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on their customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the assets acquired will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission's continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the Customers will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, the Standard customers will continue to pay Standard's existing base rates, purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope's pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) rate increment, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	(\$) Increase/(Decrease)	(%) Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$13.35	21.37%
Commercial	\$25.87	17.23%

The Bazzle customers will pay Hope's existing rates, PGA rate and the Legacy Surcharge, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Bazzle customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	(\$) Increase/(Decrease)	(%) Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$60.60	170.56%

Hope proposes that the Standard customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Standard customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

Type of Customer	(\$) Increase/(Decrease)	(%) Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$28.79	46.08%
Commercial	\$64.85	43.19%

The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on February 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. and continuing to February 22, 2024, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. In lieu of an in-person public comment hearing, the Commission will receive public comments online and by mail or hand delivery to the Executive Secretary's Office. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast."

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Executive Secretary at the address listed above.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission's review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.
STANDARD GAS COMPANY, and
BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Successor Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of that certain Deed of Trust, dated August 29, 2003, made by Steve Morris, and Daniel R. Grindo, as Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 107, at page 1066 (the "Deed of Trust"), to secure indebtedness described therein payable to Bank of Gassaway, in the amount of \$65,000.00, as evidenced by that certain Promissory Note dated August 29, 2003, made payable by Steve Morris to the order of Bank of Gassaway (along with any renewals, adjustments, extensions, or modifications, the "Note"), which Deed of Trust covers certain real estate situate in Clay County, West Virginia, more particularly described herein;

WHEREAS, Peoples Bank, as successor by merger, is the owner and holder of the Note and Deed of Trust. Pursuant to authority granted in the Deed of Trust, Peoples Bank, the owner and holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, appointed Zachary J. Rosencrance, a resident of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to serve as Successor Trustee, by that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee, dated December 6, 2023, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Miscellaneous Book 36, at page 815.

Peoples Bank, the owner and holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, has notified the Successor Trustee that Steve Morris is in default under the terms of the Note and the terms of the Deed of Trust, and has requested, in writing, that the Successor Trustee sell the real property described in the Deed of Trust at public auction, in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and applicable law.

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned Successor Trustee will offer for sale at public auction on the 8th day of February, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern time, at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia, all those certain lots, tracts, or parcels of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, easements, rights of way, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Clay County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows (hereinafter, the "Real Property"):

The surface only of that certain tract or parcel of land, situate on the north side of Elk River and bordering on State Route Nos. 4 and 16, bordering on the northern right of way line of said State routes a short distance above the State Garage, in Henry District, Clay County, West Virginia, and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in said State Routes rights of way line, which stake is the upper corner to the land conveyed to Jennings P. Martin and which stake stands 275 feet upstream from the Williams line where same crosses said State Routes right of way line, and running thence up the hill with a line of the said Jennings P. Martin tract to a stake in the back line of the J.B. Wheeler 100-acre tract of land of which this is a part; thence up the ridge with said Wheeler's line 275 feet to a stake in said Wheeler's line; thence a straight line down the hill to a stake in the Carrie Reed heirs land; thence with the said Lower line of said Carrie Reed land to a stake in said State Routes light of way line; thence downstream with said right of way line 275 feet to the place of beginning, containing 7.5 acres, more or less.

BEING the same property conveyed to Steve Morris and Jeannie Morris, his wife, from Cecil L. Butcher and Wanda E. Butcher, his wife, by that certain deed dated the 11th day of July, 1985, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 140, at page 189. Further being the same property conveyed by Jennie Morris to Steve Morris, by that certain deed dated the 26th day of August 1992, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 158, at page 521.

TERMS OF SALE

The Real Property will be sold for cash in hand on the date of sale, or under any different, other, or additional sale terms as the Successor Trustee, in his or her reasonable discretion, determines to be appropriate or advisable. The sale shall be further subject to the following:

1. Real estate taxes delinquent, due or payable or to become due and payable, all of which shall be the responsibility of the purchaser;
2. Any statutory lien or liens that may affect the subject property;
3. All covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record in the chain of title to the property, or which may be visible from a physical inspection of the subject property;
4. All liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges, having priority over the deeds of trust referred to herein.
5. The purchaser at the sale shall be responsible for paying the costs of recording the Successor Trustee's Deed and the tax imposed by the State of West Virginia on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamps to be affixed to the Deed).
6. All of the property to be sold will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" in the present condition and with all faults and defects, if any, and without any warranty or representation, express or implied. The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Real Property to vacate said property. The Successor Trustee will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W.Va. Code § 38-1-6. The Successor Trustee makes no representations and warranties about the title to the real estate to be conveyed. If the Successor Trustee is unable to convey insurable or marketable title to the purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.
7. In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.
8. The undersigned Successor Trustee expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and the right to adjourn the sale from time to time without notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for the sale. Such adjournment may be for a period of time deemed expedient by the beneficial owner and shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right to make the sale contemplated by this Notice.
9. The beneficiary of the Deeds of Trust and holder of the Note thereby secured reserves the right to submit a bid for the Real Property at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid.
10. The successful bidder will be required to execute a memorandum of sale upon the acceptance of the successful bid by the Successor Trustee.
11. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that none of the grantors filed for bankruptcy protection before the conclusion of bidding, in which case the sale will be null and void and the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or in equity, will be return of deposit without interest.
12. The trustee's sale shall be open to online bidders.
13. A 10% buyer's premium will be added to the high bid for the Real Property. The high bidder shall pay the buyer's premium plus an additional 10% of its bid on the day of the sale (the "Good Faith Deposit"), with the balance to be paid in cash at closing within 14 days after the date of sale.

Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

Any inquiries regarding this sale may be directed to Zachary J. Rosencrance, Successor Trustee, 600 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, telephone (304) 347-1100.

DATED: January 2, 2024

/s/ Zachary J. Rosencrance
Zachary J. Rosencrance, Successor Trustee



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Landon Delwarte provided some of Saturday's best wrestling.



Logan Hobbs works towards a win.

Panthers place 9th overall

By Allen Hamrick

The CCHS wrestling team participated in one of the biggest tournaments in the state this past weekend - the 2024 West Virginia National Guard Duals held at the Summersville Armory. The Panthers, under head coach Jamie McDonough, have done a great job getting their team in butt kicking shape. The Panthers have proven their worth on the mats throughout this season at different tournaments. This tournament has some of the best AAA, AA, and A schools participating, not only in West Virginia but from other states, to come and grit it out for wrestling fans. The CCHS team was down some wrestlers to start the tournament, but their presence was known, none the less. The Panther team started out points down due to that lack of wrestlers, but that didn't alter the fact that when the boys hit the mat, they came to wrestle. The tournament started on Friday afternoon with the Panthers going 2-2 on the night.



Coaching mothers get in some mat time.

In the match against Greenbrier East, Zane Minger crossed over into legendary wrestler status with his 150th win. This accomplishment has only been mastered by a select few individuals across the wrestling spectrum. His dedication to the sport has never been limited to just

getting by but to be the best in his weight class, and he has proven this every since he put on the uniform. He is a senior this season, and it will be his last on the mats at CCHS as a Panther. We wish him the best as he wrestles to be at the top of the podium at the state tournament; congratulations to Zane Minger.

This was a duals tournament so it is a team event. Saturday rolled around, and with the threatening storm holding off the buckets of snow, the Panthers went to work once again and butted heads with some tough teams like Richland and Roane County. By the end of

the day, the Panther team did a good job holding their own, went 4-4 for the whole meet, and placed 9th over all. Not bad for a team down three wrestlers.

The Panthers will be in Fairmont this weekend bringing the thunder and will be in Huntington for the WSAZ tournament in a couple of weeks. The Mustang wrestling team will also be on the road sweeping the mats in Chapmanville on January 9th, at Logan on the 11th and at Calhoun on the 13th. If you get the chance, get out and catch a match; you will be glad you did. Come out and support your local teams.



Dawson Chandler looks for the cradle.



Cameron Nelson gets in a rough cross face.

Lady Panthers return to the winner's circle

Back in action at home Tuesday

By Allen Hamrick

The Lady Panthers finally got to put on the winner's wreath at Calhoun just after Christmas as they went hoop with the Lady Red Devils and put out their pitchfork fire.

The Lady Panthers came out firing, not missing the hoop and finding plenty of net time. Olivia Witt and Ilyauna Evans were adding salt to the Lady Red Devils wounds in the 1st period by scoring a combined 13 points.

The Lady Red Devils couldn't muster much holiday cheer as their offense struggled to grease the net scoring just nine in the 1st.

Thank goodness for free throws,

12 of the Lady Panthers 1st half 28 points came from the cheat line. The Lady Red Devils were having a hard time keeping their fouls under control.

By the half, the Lady Panthers had a full sail and were in full throttle taking this game to the open seas with the score at 28-15. The Lady Red Devils tried a comeback in the 3rd but just couldn't get beyond bucket for bucket with the Lady Panthers. By the end, it was the Lady Panthers over the lady Red Devils 56-35. Top shot in the game was Ilyauna Evans with 29 points.

The Lady Eagles of Braxton were up next and the bulbs blew on the shooting percentage for the Lady

Panthers. They struggled to wipe any icing on the rim until the 4th period, hitting for double digits with 12 points. The Lady Panthers had a hard time reliving the glory shots they had in the previous game at Calhoun.

When the smoke cleared, it was the Lady Eagles over the Lady Panthers 46-34. Top shot once again was Ilyauna Evans with 14 points. Hopefully, the Lady Panthers will have worked out the bugs and will be ready to burn some hoops at their next game. They will be in action on Tuesday night at home against Midland Trail and at home again with Doddridge on Friday night. Come out and catch some basketball!



Ilyauna Evans hits for 3 points.

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