Grid operator's \$14 billion in costs mean higher bills for WV residents

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By Nadia Ramlagan

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Major electric grid operator PJM Interconnection estimates it'll cost more than \$14 billion to provide electricity for 2025-2026, up from \$2.2 billion last year.

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That price tag has advocates worried about rising utility bills and public health impacts, partly because of PJM's continued use of gas and coal.

Marcia Dinkins is the founder and executive director of the Black Appalachian Coalition and a member of Black Women for Change.

She said people in the company's 13-state region - including West Virginia and the Ohio Valley - have higher rates of cancer, developmental delays, premature birth, and death from the continued reliance on coal.

"We're seeing high rates of asthma and chronic illness," said Dinkins. "Families are already struggling with access to affordable health care."

PJM says increased usage, power plant shutdowns, and increased operation costs are all driving up the cost of electricity.

Mountain state ratepayers saw a 90% increase in average residential electricity bills between 2005 and 2020 - higher than all states except one, according to Conservation West Virginia.

Dinkins explained that grid operators use the capacity auction process to make sure there's enough power available to meet future demand.

"And so at the risk of the everyday citizen," said Dinkins, "this increase through their process becomes



a burden to the people living in West Virginia or along the Ohio Valley."

A Pew Research Center survey from last year found 67% of Americans say the U.S. should prioritize de-

veloping alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind

But just 31% say they are ready to phase out the use of oil, coal and natural gas completely.

Medicaid expansion critical for ensuring WV dental care access

By Nadia Ramlagan

West Virginia's adult Medicaid dental benefit plays a critical role in helping to reduce oral health disparities, experts said.

Expansion changes including the dental benefit went into effect in 2021.

Gina Sharps, executive director of the West Virginia Oral Health Coalition, said given the state's severe shortage of dental providers, it will take more time to see the benefit's effect. She added tooth decay and gum disease are linked to a host of chronic diseases.

"When we look at the science, there are clear associations between oral health in various systemic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease," Sharps pointed out. "Even down to 8% of cases of infective endocarditis are caused by oral infections."

According to a 2023 report, more than 24% of dental practices in West Virginia were no longer accepting new patients, or average wait times for the first available appointment were months away.

Sharps added before the Medicaid adult dental benefit, folks would resort to using the emergency room if they had a toothache and end up saddled with medical debt.

"You would go from a from an \$87 toothache to an \$1,800 toothache," Sharps observed.

Organizations like the West Virginia Dental Hygienist Association want to expand the scope of practice for hygienists to help fill care gaps as the state continues to lose providers. Sharps said policymakers could take action to increase the odds people with tooth trouble can see a dentist.

"Eight true out of our 55 counties are Dental

"Fifty-two out of our 55 counties are Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas," Sharps explained. "Which means they are areas designated as having shortages of dentists."

According to the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, in 2021, the nation's poorest households paid more than seven times more for dental care than higher-income and insured households.

\$22 million in WV Hope Scholarship spent on out of state schools, iPads, dance studios and more

By: Amelia Ferrell Knisely for West Virginia Watch

West Virginia's broad education savings account program, the Hope Scholarship, permitted families to spend \$22 million last school year on things like private school tuition, piano lessons, dance studio fees, iPads and water tables

The state Treasurer's Office, which oversees the program, shared its new 2023-24 school year report with West Virginia Watch through a public records request.

The Hope Scholarship, created by the Republican-led legislature in 2021, is the nation's broadest program of its kind. Lawmakers gave an additional \$27 million to the program in May due to its growing enrollment.

The program provides roughly \$4,900 per student to be used for private schooling, homeschooling, microschools, education services and more.

Total Hope Scholarship student spending increased from \$7.7 million to \$22.3 million in 2023-2024, according to the report. The state switched to a novice vendor, which will cost nearly \$10 million, to manage the voucher program this year.

"I want to express my sincere thanks to the Hope Scholarship Board, our staff and the families involved in this program for their hard work and patience as we worked diligently to operate this program and address the growing demand," said State Treasurer Riley Moore in the report. He serves as chairman of the Hope Schol-

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Panthers place second at the 2024 Bob Stover Duals



2024 CCHS wrestling team. Photo Michelle Casto

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

NICHOLAS COUNTY



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Hunter Lee Taylor Booked 12/28/24 Assault



CLAY COUNTY

Lilly Jane Hoover Booked 12/27/24 Domestic battery, possession of a controlled substance

November Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production during November 2024 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was down 8 percent from November 2023. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,566,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from November 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 86 pounds from the previous year, at 1,159 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 187,000 pounds live weight, down 30 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 309 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual opera-

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.56 billion pounds in November, down 3 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in November 2023. Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,425 pounds. Veal production totaled 3.1 million pounds, 28 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 15,500 head, down 36 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 338 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.33 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, down 3 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 289 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from November 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year

January to November 2024 commercial red meat production was 50.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent. November 2023 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2024 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

Puzzle Answers

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program

is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have

a working portable sewing machine that you no longer

need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist,

please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked

for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great

to have with the machine. Please, include your contact

information. In the case that the class is too small for

the number of machines that may be donated, leave a

note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in

The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main

Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday

Weekly SUDOKU

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Gov. Justice announces \$75M investment to support Nucor Corporation's investing an additional \$800M for its Mason County steelmaking facility



Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Economic Development Authority has approved \$75 million to support Nucor Corporation's additional \$800 million investment in its new Mason County sheet mill. This brings Nucor's total commitment to \$3.5 billion, marking the largest economic development investment in both state and company history.

The funding from the state will support several infrastructure upgrades, including port enhancements, water treatment systems, and other improvements, benefitting the Nucor project and potential partner companies looking to locate near the property.

The announcement further bolsters West Virginia's reputation as a leader in advanced manufacturing and

skilled labor. "I'm proud to continue building on our record-breaking investment with Nucor, because they've been rockstars in my book," Gov. Justice said. "Nucor has been everything you could want in an economic development partner, and this additional funding shows the confidence we have in them and the confidence they have in West Virginia. It's not just about building a new facility—it's about creating hope, opportunity, and a bright future for our people. We're no longer the diamond in the rough. Every single day, people are awakening to the fact that West Virginia, of all places, is the best state to work, live, and raise a family. We've come a long way in a short amount of time. These kinds of announcements weren't possible just a few years ago, but today, it has become the norm. This is another great day for our state and our people.'

Gov. Justice announced the company's decision to come to West Virginia in January 2022 and participated in the groundbreaking in October 2023.

In addition to the investment, Nucor committed to an additional 100 full-time jobs. To date, 300 teammates have been hired, and there are currently 1,000 contractors onsite building the sheet steel mill in Apple Grove. At peak construction, approximately 2,000 contractors will be required to complete the project.

"We could not be more thrilled about the progress we've made on building our new state-of-the-art sheet steel mill and our 300 teammates currently working in Mason County. Furthermore, we are incredibly grateful for the state's continued support and excited about the impact this project will have for generations to come, Johnny Jacobs, Vice President and General Manager of Nucor Steel West Virginia, said. "When we begin operations in the second half of 2026, Nucor Steel West Virginia will produce some of the cleanest and most advanced steels required to build out our modern economy, from automotive to construction, data centers, and all industrial applications. This greenfield project is the single largest investment in our company's history and largest manufacturing investment in state history – and as we have continued to grow our investment here, the state has been

with us every step of the way. They are a true partner." Nucor Corporation, which utilizes electric arc furnaces to recycle scrap metal into steel, is North America's largest steel producer and largest recycler of any material. Their steelmaking process makes Nucor one of the cleanest steel producers in the world and a leader in sustain-

able steel production. The new facility is designed to produce up to three million tons of sheet steel annually for the automotive, appliance, construction, and heavy equipment indus-

OBITUARY



James A. Ward, 83, Ivydale, WV, went to his heavenly home on December 23, 2024, surrounded by his fam-

Jim is survived by his wife, Barb, of 62 years, his daughters, Cindy Boggs (Jackie), Pam Ratliff (Dino), and Vickie Gency (Greg), Grandchildren, Anthony Boggs (Megan), Jennifer Gency (Russ) and Jonathan Gency, Great Granddaughters, Sophia and Adalyn Boggs and Kourtney and Kinslie Murphy. Jim is also survived by his sister, Myrna Jordan and Brother, Charles Ward. Special thanks to his cousin and lifelong friend Johnny

"Shag" Ward.

He was preceded in death by his Parents, Clarence and Victoria Ward and sister Barbara Jo Cummings.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Army, worked at FMC, Vecellio and Grogan, then retired from Majestic Mining in Widen, WV.

Jim enjoyed spending time with his family, riding his bicycle, sitting on his porch and spending time at Garden City

West Virgnia, at 11 am on Saturday, December 28, 2024. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Jim's memory to Ivydale Methodist Church, 9548

will be held at Ward's

Cemetery in Ivydale,

Ivydale Road, Ivydale, WV 25113. We would also like to thank Wilson Smith Funeral Home for all they have done for are family

during this time. Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the

Beach, South Carolina. Graveside service Ward family.

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The Warmth Within

By Joe Mazzella

With Winter entering a particularly brutal cold stretch with temperatures dropping into the low teens every night and only reaching the 20's during the day, our electric furnace stopped working. I spent all day trying to reach a repairman only to find that they were overwhelmed with people in similar circumstances and it would be 8 days before someone could arrive here. I quickly went to the local hardware store and bought two space heaters. By moving them from the living room during the day to the bedrooms at night we have stayed cool but comfortable so far. One thing this did do, however, was awaken some Winter memories of my own childhood.

I remembered as a boy waking up on winter days with the floor being ice cold, quickly pulling on thick socks, jeans, and a sweat shirt and going into the living room where a single wood stove heated the whole house. I remembered watching my dad add wood to the fire in it while we all huddled around it for warmth. I remembered walking outside in the bitter cold to grab an armful of wood from our shed and carrying it inside to refill our wood box with freezing fingers and frosty breath, shivering the whole way. It took so much more work just to stay warm back then, but somehow that made all of us appreciate the warmth even more.

I think maybe God took away my central heat for a bit to remind me of how precious warmth is not only in our homes but also in our hearts. This can be a very cold world at times and it is up to us to add our warmth to it. We need every day to build up our own warmth within so that we can warm the hearts of others around us as well.

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And Then It All Came To An End

By Dr. James Snyder

Time has a way of getting ahead of me. Just when I think I've caught up, I find out I was wrong.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were sitting down, relaxing after a wonderful Christmas activity with all the kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. It was a wonderful time, but with my age, I ran out of steam very quickly.

Once upon a time, I had enough steam to do just about anything. Now, that seems to have evaporated.

This year's Christmas celebration was a wonderful time, and as we sat around the table, I noticed that the people around us were a lot older than they were a year ago.

I was not going to tell anybody; I would just let them find out for themselves that they were getting old.

My bathroom mirror tells me every morning that I am an old goat and older than yesterday's goat. I could not help but reflect back when I was a teenager and we had family get-togethers, and looking around grandma's table, everybody seemed to be rather young. That isn't the case anymore.

Looking at me with a smirk, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Well, I guess this year's over." Then she let out one of her patented laughs

As always, she was right. This year will be over in a few days, and I can tuck it into bed and let it go to sleep.

It seems strange that when I'm getting used to something, it's over before I know it. Things go by so quickly these days.

As a young teenager, I just couldn't wait until I was

16 to get my driver's license. It took me four and a half years to get to the point where I was old enough. It seemed like an eternity.

Looking back, I have had my driver's license for over

50 years, and I'm not sure how much time has passed. I can remember wanting my driver's license, and now, all of a sudden, all of that is over.

I remember when I was teaching teenagers in our

church, and often told them when they visited their grandmother, asked her to show her wedding picture. Then compare that picture with what she looks like today. I wasn't finished. Then, look at your picture and just remember that one day you just might be as old as your grandmother.

Why is it that when you're young and have energy,

However, the older you get the faster things seem to go.
I guess I'll never figure that one out.
Then The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage mentioned the unmortionable "So have you worked on

things don't go very fast, no matter how hard you try?

tioned the unmentionable, "So, have you worked on your New Year's resolutions yet?"

That's the one question I don't want to hear.

When she brought that up, I looked back at her, smiled and said, "On the top of my list is that I will only eat one Apple Fritter at a time."

She did not laugh at that one.

When I was done chuckling, I looked at her and said, "Okay, have you made your New Year's resolution list yet?"

Then she began with her list, which was almost infinity. She had so many things that she wanted to get done in the next year that I got tired of listening to them. I did know that if she made a list of something, you can bet your bottom dollar that she's going to complete every one of them.

That's what made me a little alarmed.

I won't challenge that kind of thing with her. Whatever she wants to do, she can do it with my blessing. Of course, there is the idea that if she's as busy as that

list suggests she might be, I could sneak in an Apple Fritter occasionally without her knowing it. Now I'm smiling.

We were reflecting on what a great year we had. Sure, there were some bumps along the way. Despite those

things, we had an excellent year together. This year, we celebrated our 54th Christmas together. I can't believe it's been that long.

With a very curious look in her eyes, she looked at me and said, "Out of all those Christmases that we had

mas?"

I learned a lot from my father, so I responded, "Oh, my dear. My best Christmas is the one we're celebrating right now."

together, which one would you think is your best Christ-

You can get in trouble by saying something like that. Sure, we've had Christmases all the way back to 1970, and most of them I don't remember, so I believe the best Christmas I've ever had is the one I'm enjoying now.

Coming to the end of a year and the beginning of a new year, I couldn't help but think of a verse in the Bible.

Solomon wrote many years ago, "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" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

My experience is that the older I get the less things change. As a young person, I always hoped things would change and get better. Sometimes they did, but more often than not, things remain the same.

The only change in my life was when I surrendered my life unto the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

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HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

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arship Board. "I'm proud to help every family and child be able to obtain the educational opportunities they believe work best for them."

Out of 7,250 applicants during the 2023-24 school year, 5,443 scholarships were awarded to students in nearly every county. Kanawha and Berkeley, two of the state's most populous counties, had the highest numbers of scholarship recipients.

No student in McDowell County, the state's poorest county, used the program last school year or during the 2022-23 school year.

"They tout that this is supposed to be an equalizer for our poverty kids, and yet our highest poverty county had zero people taking the Hope Scholarship," said Dale Lee, president of the West Virginia Education Association. "It tells me that it's not doing what they tout it's supposed to do.

More than two dozen public schools could close or consolidate next year due to dwindling student population and financial issues because state funding is tied to student enrollment. County superintendents have said that the Hope Scholarship has worsened school funding issues, though most of the student enrollment decline has been due to the state's overall population decline.

Hope Scholarship spent in 12 other states

A little more than 77% of Hope funds were spent at nonpublic schools, according to the report. Most of the funds were spent at private, religious schools in- and out-of-state where Hope money may cover all or a large portion of the tuition.

While most of the money was spent in-state, the scholarship was used in 12 other states for schools and education services. According to the report, \$210,311.41 was used for non-public school payments in Virginia. More than \$20,000 was spent in Utah on education services. New Mexico received \$7,115 from the program, which included the New Mexico Military Institute.

Lee said that a number of the schools that received Hope money were unaccredited.

"They have little to no accountability," he said. "We want to stress accountability for our public schools, but we're giving tax payer dollars to non-public schools with almost no accountability."

Hope Scholarship funds were also spent on private music lessons as well as on football, cheerleading, jiujitsu, dance classes and other sports programs. The Clay Center, a children's museum in Charleston, also received money from the program.

Jason Huffman, state director for Americans for Prosperity's West Virginia chapter, said that the wide-ranging use of the funds showed that West Virginia had "distinguished itself as a leader in education innovation."

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"It highlights the positive impact that the scholar-ship is having for the families of West Virginia," he

said. "Traditional public schools have a myriad of programs for physical education and the arts. I don't know why individuals who are opposed to the program think students shouldn't have access to those same educational pathways."

Parents can also Hope funds to purchase textbooks, tutoring services, transportation and more. Items are purchased through the MyScholarship Shop, an ecommerce platform, where items have been approved by the Hope Scholarship board for purchase.

"I think [the Hope board] has done a really great job at striking a balance between giving parents a lot of flexibility while declining purchases that don't really make sense," Huffman said.

During the 2023-24 school year, families spent roughly \$608,000 on computers and laptops, and more than \$308,000 was spent on tablets and iPads. Hope funds were also used in the following ways: \$507,000 for curriculums, \$110,000 for art supplies; \$18,915 for PE supplies; \$16,000 for music equipment; and \$4,486 for water tables

According to the report, around \$3.1 million dollars remained in student accounts at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Any unspent balances in student accounts at the end of a school year carry over into the following school year.

Right now, there are some guardrails on who can use the program, which includes students who are incoming kindergarteners. There are eligibility requirements for other students, including that student must attend public school for 45 consecutive days in a school year before leaving to use the program.

The highest rate of students using the program during the 2023-24 school year were kindergarteners.

The program's eligibility will expand in the 2026-27 school year to be open to all school-aged children who reside in the state.

"Our efforts to expand the program don't stop there. Our Board recently approved a policy that will allow children of military service members who are required to temporarily relocate to another state to remain Hope Scholarship eligible when they return to West Virginia," Moore said in a statement.

More than 11,000 students are enrolled in the program this school year.

Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey, a Republican, has said expanding school choice in the state will be a priority during his tenure. He serves on the Hope Scholarship board.

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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 *e-WV*: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent episodes of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the Mc-Coy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.



music legend Hank Williams was found dead in his car in Oak Hill, Fayette County. He had been scheduled to perform in Charleston the previous night, but the concert was canceled due to bad weather.



Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the

Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain of Webster County was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime.

He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being





Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887. After the fire, a temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol." It burned in 1927.

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. Lamon was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln was assassinated when Lamon was away in Richmond on business.

Jan. 6, 1931: An un-

derground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County—eight years after another explosion had killed 27 at the same mine.



Jan. 6, 1937: Football coach Lou Holtz was born in Follansbee, Brooke County. At Notre Dame, he won his only national championship after defeating West Virginia University in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl.

Jan. 7, 1910: A fire

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destroyed everything on Main Street in Bramwell from the train depot to Block Street with the exception of two buildings. The town quickly rebuilt, creating many of the beautiful Victorian houses that stand today.



Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native



CATCHING SOME

WAVES

Jan. 1, 1953: Country BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS**

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- 93 Herb in pasta sauce
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- 107 Riddle's answer
- 116 Fall lawn tool
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- 121 One of the men waiting for Godot

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



April 1958

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STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH



RUDY LEE HOLCOMB

Miss Ruby Lee Holcomb, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holcomb of Widen, has been chosen from the Junior Class as student-of-the-month for April.

Ruby is on the "A" honor roll, President of the Junior Class and a member of the student council. She is Chairman of the Project Committee of National Honor Society. Ruby is also an Honorary member of Dramatics Club where she has held all offices of the club, in the past. She was a member of the girl scouts. In June of 1957, Ruby attended Camp Horseshoe.

Ruby has blond hair and green eyes, she is 5'3" tall and weighs 95 lbs. Ruby's favorite hobby is listening to the radio and usually nibbles on her favorite food, pop corn, as she listens to her two favorite songs "Twilight Time" by the Platters and "All I Have To Do Is Dream" by the Everly Brothers. Buby it very active in whatever she does whether she is at work or at play.

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For April High School Bailes Mitzie Sue Craft, Garland Gary Ellis, Carl Facemire, Lanty Delano Gibson Erie Belle Gibson, Pete Holcomb, Ruby Lee Holmes, Ronald McMillion, Nancy Lee Mullins James Rogers, Phyllis Esther Wilson, Lora Lou

Grade School

Brooks, Lorena Gay Brown, David Cottrell, Freda Faye Cottrell, Freeman Ray Davis, Curtis Edward Harris, Mary Ann Henderson, Connie Lynne Hickman, Nathan Bert Keen Dannny Lee Keen, Linda Joyce King, Brenda Karen Lane, Ira Joe Manning Sharon Marple, Gary Lynn Morris, Phillip Charles McKinney, Jimmie Lee McKinney, Sandra Julius Tinney, Charles Dale

Sutton's Blue and white Band played to a large assembly of students, teachers, and parents on April 9, in the Y.M.C.A. auditor-

The 44 piece band is under the direction of Jack Coffman, who is new to the Sutton school this

A wide variety of numbers, including marches, spirituals, and novelty pieces were presented in the forty-minute program. .

ATHELETIC CLUB NEWS

The atheletic club has been playing in the gym due to bad weather. We hope to be outside

The club is considering plans to buy equipment for fencing or some other type of sport. .

Mr. Pinney has been absent for sometime but is back now. He was at the Charleston General Hospital for a checkup.

"They couldn't operate, after all, because the rocks were in my head," said Mr. Pinney, with a wide grin.

Susie Belle Graham was the winner of the popularity contest which the P.T.A. sponsored in Widen Elementary School during the first two weeks of April..

Instead of choosing a King and Queen from the school the students decided to cast their votes for their favorite teacher.

The youngsters worked hard. They made and raffled many different items; they made and sold candy; they brought cakes to be used in cake walks; and they dropped all their spare pennies in teachers' funds.

The contest netted 136.73 and a a prize was awarded to the winner and ten dollars was given the room that sponsored her.

WIDEN STUDENTS TAKE WEST VIRGINIA TESTS

West Virginia History tests were given to all students from the fifth grade to the eighth grade inclusive, on Friday, April 11th.

These tests are given all over the county on the same day, and serve to pick candidates for the Golden Horseshoe test which will be given in Clay High School on Friday, April 18th.

GRADE CHILDREN TAKE ACHIEVEMENT TEST

Students in the first to eighth grades, inclusive, are in the process of taking Stanford Achievement Tests, which have been furnished by the County Board of Education. These tests are given in the spring of each school year to determine the childs progress during the year. Several elementary teachers have already administered these tests, and the rest will be given soon.

SIXTY-SIX MAKE GRADE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Semester.

First Period 1957-58

First Grade: Mrs. Butcher "A"

None

"B"

Sandra Frame Roger King Karen Marple Nancy Pinney

Second Grade:

Miss Graham

Mrs. Elliott

"A" Danny Keen "B"

Dawne Arbogast Bonita King Anna Sizemore Yvonne Hamilton

Julia Acree Janet Tinney Marilyn Rapp

Second Grade:

"A" Jimmie Dorsey

> Patsy Adkins Donna Gill Anita Woods Sandra McKinney Linda Adkins Jimmie Baughman Michael Triplett

Third Grade:

Miss Ashley

Judith Gibson Connie Henderson

Benry Connor Herby Gibson Johney Houghton Steven Taylor Sonja Eagle

Linda Hamrick Naomi Hamrick Teresa Potasnik Lois Gill Bethel Frame

Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Bragg

"A" Linda Baughman

Nancy Butcher Ella Ruth Frame Walter George Sharon Jo Manning Lynn Kay Mullins Roscoe Wilson

"B" Brenda Adkins Molly Dorsey Robert Dorsey Carol Miller Michael Truman Carol Workman

Fifth Grade:

Mr. Jackson

"A" Shirley Conner

Janet Eagle Pamela Brown

.. Sixth Grade: Mrs. Reynolds

"A"

Dianne Adkins Sharon Baughman Jeanne Dodrill Joyce Dorsey Carol Hamrick Brenda King Ronald Conner T. G. Griffith Keith Jones Charles Mullins Janice Triplett Sandra Williams

Albert Adkins Franklin Davis Luther Young Shirley McClain Corliss Miles

BENEFIT DANCE

A benefit dance for the Cancer Fund was held in the Legion Hall Saturday, April 26, 1958, under the direction of Miss Hazel Baughman, local chairman.

A door to door solicitation was not held this year, but anyone wishing to donate may still send donations to Miss Baughman until May 1.

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Sunday Night Services

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6:00 PM

BELL CREEK **COMMUNITY BAPTIST**

CHURCH NO Scheduled Services At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Tuesday Night 6:00 PM Thursday Night 6:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM PM Pastor: Lee Holiday (304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah. Preaching from K.J.V. Bible Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Morning 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 7:00 PM

Thursday Evening 7:00 PM BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road,

Bomont, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday evening services

7:00 PM Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

BIG OTTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVYDALE Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM Pastor:

BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Danny Richardson

Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM 2nd Sunday Communion Service 6:00 PM

Pastor: Pete Shaffer

BLUE KNOB CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Everyone

is Welcome! **BUFFALO VALLEY**

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM

Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville

Everyone Welcome Pastor: Doug Newell IV

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in Procious. Across Camp Creek

Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00 PM Pastor: Jerry Chandler

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF

Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00

Sunday School 10:00 AM Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

CHURCH OF GOD

BENTREE

Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Service

7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Come and worship the Lord

Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr. **CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service Wednesday Night Service 7:00

PM. Everyone welcome.

CLAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM. Everyone is Welcome! Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM – Preaching 6:00 PM Wednesday 7:30 PM

Pastor: Fred Walker **CLIO COMMUNITY**

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Preaching 7:00

Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome. Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Falling Rock, Clay County

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM

Sunday Evening Service Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM Teachings from the King

James Bible Everyone welcome! Pastor: Darris Barker

CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00

Wednesday Prayer Service/ Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM Pastor: Roy Huffman

ELK RIVER BAPTIST

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Saturday Night 7:00 PM Pastor: Brace Cook

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST

TEMPLE Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday 7:00 PM

Pastor: Bret Wiley FAITH MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH Dutch Ridge Laurel Road Sunday Service 6:00 PM Tuesday Service 6:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans Associate Pastor: Lee Roy Anderson

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bomont, WV Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Pastor: Nick Bird Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:30 AM

Pastor: Chris Johnson FOLA MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM Pastor: Daniel Tanner

GAULEY BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Junior BYF/Senior BYF

6:00 PM Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday Kids/Chilren/ Youth 7:00 PM **GOSPEL LIGHT**

COMMUNITY CHURCH Located on Rt. 119 at the

mouth of Gabe. All Sunday night services begin at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome. Pastor: Rev. David Smith

GROVES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday Service 10:00 AM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Friday Service 7:00 PM

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Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Wednesday Night Service

7:00 PM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service

Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

6:00 PM

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Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 PM Pastor: Joe Dawson

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Pastor: James R. Paxton

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Class 11:00-12:30 Preaching Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM Wednesday Service 6:30-7:30 PM Everyone welcome!

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Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 Everyone Welcome! 304-395-9990 Pastor: Freddie Elliott

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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

LEATHERWOOD FREEWILL BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

LIBERTY ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Night: Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and Youth Group 7:00 PM Pastor: John Barnhouse

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Wednesday 7:00 PM Come worship with us! Pastor: Herb Vance

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Mark Dudley Phone 304-286-5909

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Everyone Welcome! Pastor: David McLaughlin LIVING GOD WORSHIP

CENTER We invite you to come and worship with us. Thursday Evening 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Pastor: Cecil Lee LIZEMORE CHURCH

OF THE NAZARENE Sunday School 10-11:00 AM Church Service 11-12 Noon Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Pastor: Robert Thomas

MAYSEL COMMUNITY

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Night 6:00 PM Monday Night Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM Everyone welcome!

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Everyone Welcome

MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

Pastor: John Osborne MT. OLIVE **COMMUNITY** CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Everyone welcome!

MUD FORK CHURCH Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Night & Jr.

Church Service 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome! Pastor: Christopher Stout

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Sunday School 11:00 AM Preaching, Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 PM

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Please join us in Praise! Pastor: Gary Walker

NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching every Sunday

Pastor: Kenneth Boggs NEWTON BAPTIST **CHURCH**

11:00 AM

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ing & Bible Study 7:00PM Pastor: Darius Walker Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

GOSPEL CHURCH Thursday 7:00 PM Sunday 7:00 PM Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

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Pastors: Cindy & Roger

Bible Study Thursday 6:00 PM

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Pastor: Gene Copen OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching every Sunday, except 5th, 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting Tuesday

Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

Evening

PEOPLES COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Sunday Night Service 7:00

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PISGAH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM

PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM

Pastor: Dennis Vance

Wednesday night Bible Study 7:00 PM Saturday Night Preaching Pastor: Wayne Litton

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:30 PM Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

Everyone welcome. Pastor: Wayne Smith **PROCIOUS**

COMMUNITY CHURCH Welcomes You! Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:15 AM Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

Pastor: David Walker

QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C.

CHURCH Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Thursday Night 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Scott Means

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9:30 AM Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Father Matheus Ro

Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD ROGERS FORK BAPTIST

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Saturday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Sunday Worship 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome!

RUSH FORK COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday

Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday Singing or Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM Come see us in church.

Pastor: Harry Dobbins

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Everyone welcome! Pastor: Clifford Samples

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Pastor: Don Dobbins UNITY GOSPEL

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ning 7:00 PM Everyone welcome. Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell WALNUT GROVE

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Pastor: (304) 332-5503 Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

WALNUT MEMORIAL CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 AM

Thursday Evening Service 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Lester Tanner WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM

Pastor: Paul Coon WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Everyone welcome!

Sunday Night 6:30 PM Wednesday Night 6:30 PM Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall

WIDEN BAPTIST

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Service

Everyone welcome!

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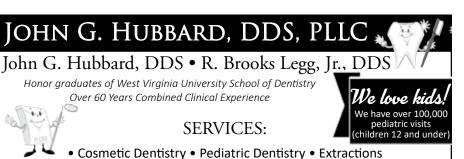
Gov. Justice announces plan to serve as Chief Executive until Governor-elect Morrisey assumes office

Gov. Jim Justice announced earlier this week that he will run across the finish line as West Virginia's Chief Executive and remain in office until Governor-elect Patrick Morrisey assumes office as the 37th Governor, ensuring a smooth transition process.

"I have always promised Toby and Edith that I would run through the finish line as their Governor. They placed their trust in me when they elected me,

and I owe it to them to see my term through. I've thought long and hard about this decision, and I feel it's the right thing to do. I don't believe that having four governors in ten days is necessary. Our state needs a smooth transition of power. With all my soul, I believe the people of West Virginia elected me to do right by them, and I believe that is what I'm doing right now. My job is to keep things steady and make sure West

Virginians get the leadership they deserve. I am wholeheartedly committed to finishing the job I started and ensuring the upcoming transition of government runs as it should. West Virginia is on the right path, and I pray we keep doing more and more goodness. Being Governor has been the greatest honor of my life, and I'm grateful to finish this journey with the people of West Virginia," Gov. Justice said.



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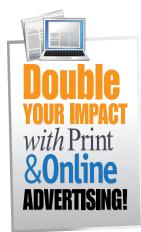
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Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025 Claim Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2025 APPOINTMENT DATE 03/11/2024

ESTATE NAME: SONJIE BROWN EXECUTRIX PAULAG MEADOWS 822 CANOE RUN RD GASSAWAY WV 26624-7860

ESTATE NAME: CHARLOTTE FAYE CAMPBELL EXECUTRIX RHONDA F. FRAME

APPOINTMENT DATE 11/21/2024

2206 WILSON RIDGE RD DUCK WV 25063-7712 APPOINTMENT DATE 11/14/2024 ESTATE NAME: WILLIAM ARCHIBALD DICKSON

APPOINTMENT DATE

Sheila Stone

County Clerk Clay County P.O. Box 190 246 Main Street Clay WV 25043-0190

EXECUTOR WILLIAM A DICKSON II 368 HENRY HOLLOW RD DUCK WV 25063-8411 11/22/2024 ESTATE NAME: ROBERT WAYNE O'DELL

CO EXECUTOR GARY WAYNE O'DELL 564 FREEDOM CIRCLE ST ALBANS WV 25177-2595

ESTATE NAME: DANNY JOE YOUNG

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/18/2024

CO EXECUTOR SARAH HARPER REED 2713 27TH ST NITRO WV 25143-1701 APPOINTMENT DATE 12/10/2024 EXECUTOR DANNY JOE YOUNG JR

8543 WIDEN RIDGE RD CLAY WV 25043-6044

NOTICE OF SALE

Please take notice that The Board of Education of the County of Clay ("Board") has determined that the below-described real estate is no longer needed for school purposes and that beginning at 11 o'clock a.m. on the 4th day of January, 2025, at the former H. E. White Elementary School building located at 501 Bomont Road, Bomont, Clay County, West Virginia 25030, the Board will proceed to sell WITHOUT WARRANTY at public auction, subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in this Notice of Sale, and subject to chapter 18, article 5, section 7 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended, all of its right, title and interest in and to that certain real estate lot containing approximately 4.87 acres ("Property"), situate in Union District, Clay County, West Virginia, more particular described as follows:

BEGINNING at stake on the northeast bank of said Porters Creek at the mouth of a small drain flowing into said Creek from the northeast, in a line of the tract of which the property hereby conveyed is a part, thence with a line thereof down said Porters Creek N. 22 - 06 minutes W., 1,000.5 feet to the two hemlocks, a corner to the Bomont Church property; thence up the hill with a line of said Church property S. 86 - 23 E., 261 feet to a stake near a 14 inch black oak; thence around the hill S. 21 - 47 E., 817.2 feet to a 12 inch white oak standing about 20 feet northwest of a small drain; thence S. 50 - 58 W., 241 feet to the place of

beginning, containing 4.87 acres, more or less, according to a survey made on the 15th day of February, 1950, by W. Herbert King, Engineer, and being a part of that certain tract of 85 acres, more or less, conveyed to Carl B. Young and C. M. Young by T. R. Hanson and wife by their deed dated the 29th day of May, 1946, and recorded in Deed Book 52, at page 261, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Clay County; the said C. M. Young having conveyed his interest therein to the said Carl B. Young by deed dated the 3rd day of July, 1947, recorded in Deed Book 55, at page 547, in said Clerk's office.

Being the same property conveyed to the Board by deed dated February 22, 1950, from Carl B. Young and Lela W. Young of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Clay County, West Virginia in Deed Book 63, page 239. The Property is designated for tax assessment purposes Tax Parcel 91, Tax Map 13, Union District, Clay County, West Virginia.

The Property will be sold and conveyed by quitclaim deed, WITHOUT WARRANTY, "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS" and subject to any and all validly continuing and existing rights of way, easements, reservations, exceptions, restrictions, covenants, conditions, conveyances, encumbrances, liens, agreements, leases and other matters affecting the Auction Property.

The sale will further be made subject to (a) such facts as might be revealed by an accurate survey and visual inspection of the Property, (b) the purchaser assuming and the quitclaim deed shall provide that the purchaser assumes all responsibility and liability for hazards associated with the Auction Property (whether past, present, future, known or unknown), including but not limited to, environmental, and (c) the purchaser indemnifying the Board for any loss, claims or demands arising out of or related to purchaser's use of the

Bidding on the Auction Property shall begin at One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). The Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to adjourn the sale from time to time without any other notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place of the sale or any continuance or adjournment thereof. The sale shall be to the highest responsible bidder, but all bids are conditioned upon (a) the acceptance thereof by the Board at its first regular meeting following the auction, which acceptance by the Board may be withheld for any reason or no reason whatsoever, and (b) the below terms and conditions regarding the sale and its consummation.

The sale shall be made upon the following additional terms: Ten (10%) percent of the sales price shall be paid to the Board by the high bidder in cash at the time of the auction and the balance in cash is due simultaneously with the tender by the Board of the quitclaim deed, and such other terms as may be ordered

In advance of the auction date, inquiries concerning the Property may be directed to Philip Dobbins, Superintendent of Clay County Schools, at (304) 587-1179. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE

By: Philip R. Dolben

place your **legals** Call us at (304)-**5724**

Panthers place second at the 2024 Bob Stover Duals

By Allen Hamrick

The annual Bob Stover Classic Duals was held this past Saturday, and what a tournament it was. Coach Stover has long been a legend in the world of wrestling coaching many young wrestlers to go beyond what is asked and become champions. His dedication to the sport will never be forgotten as long as the mats are rolled out on the floor.

With that being said, 15 of the best wrestling teams competed in the event. Wrestlers from all the schools represented brought their A game and put on a wrestling show. This being a duals tournament, teams competed against each other for the crown instead of just the individuals. If you come into the Panther's den to attempt to whip them out, you better bring lunch and a big one at that. This year's CCHS team is quick and full of good wrestlers. There were three pools each with five teams. Clay's team went 4-0 in their pool in the first rounds and sent their opponents home crying to Grandma with a big box of tissues. They defeated Robert C Byrd, Lincoln, Webster and Doddridge. Roane melted through their rounds, as well, beating Hurricane, Hoover Blue, South Harrison and Grafton. In the third pool, it was Hoover Red on top going undefeated while beating, Lewis, Logan, Phillip Barbour and the X team. In the end, however, when the points were tallied up, Hoover Red

took home the championship with Clay taking second and Roane County taking

Simply put, only the best team could handle the speed and power the Panther wrestlers have. If you were there, you got to see some of the best gut wrenching, heart thumping action. If you weren't there, you missed some great wresting that was probably some of the best around - all out bone crushing action. The Bob Stover Classic Duals was a great tournament, a great testament to unwavering will of the Clay County Panthers wrestling team. All in all, the Panther wrestling team is at the top of their game and are the top horses in the stable, for now. On Friday, January 3, they will travel to the WV Armory in Summersville for the WV Army National Guard Duals, a huge tournament that will test every muscle in each wrestler.

It also has to be said a big thanks goes out to all those who worked behind the scenes, from fixing the king's banquet in the cafeteria to cleaning up afterward - all was appreciated. Also, big thanks go out to Tim Casto and his wife Michelle for providing the mats and clocks for the event; without people such as these, there would be no events. Tim has been on the front lines of the wrestling and football worlds for a long time making sure local youth get the chance to compete. His good will is nearly unmatched for the youth of this county.



Blake Coleman gets the slam and eventual win.



Mason Jarvis on his way to a win.



Justin Nida sets up the pin.



Pierce Adkins gets some slam time and the win.



Local supporters were awarded plaques for their service to the wrestling community. L-R- Bryan Stewart, Michelle Casto, Tim Casto, Lori Suite and Jason Triplett