



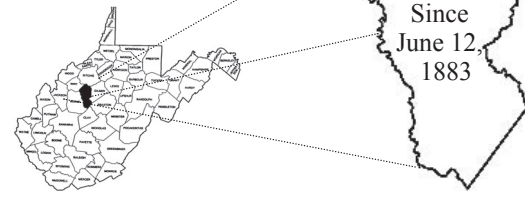
The Calhoun Chronicle

\$1



and The Grantsville News

“Good Government, Pure Homes and Godly Hearts”



Whole Number 6987

Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

Thursday, October 27, 2022



Calhoun's Owen Grose blocks the first of two extra point kicks by No. 6 ranked Wahama on Friday night. See story on Page 5.



Marlee Hall (19), one of four Calhoun seniors playing their last home match, returns a volley on Monday night. Teammate is Mia Houchin (15).



Chelsea McCumbers, with Tony McCumbers and Julie Brenneman.

WorkForce Virtual Job Fair, Nov. 2

WorkForce West Virginia has announced that the next date in a series of Statewide Virtual Job fairs will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from noon to 3 p.m.

Both employers and job seekers are invited to participate.

“We had a wonderful kickoff to our Statewide Virtual Job Fair series last month,” said Scott Adkins, WorkForce acting commissioner.

“The October event paired the more than 200 registered jobseekers with organizations from all across the state, resulting in nearly 50 submitted resumes.

“We are excited to see this series continue to grow as we provide a free, virtual space for West Virginia jobseekers.”
(Continued on Page 6)

Halloween Events

Haunted

The public is invited to join paranormal author and ghosthunter, Sherri Brake, as she takes you across the Mountain State, viewing photos and hearing the stories behind Mothman, Greenbrier Ghost, Flatwoods Green Monster, and more.

The event will be held during “Haunted West Virginia” at Calhoun County Library on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

See haunted locations, such as West Virginia Penitentiary, Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, and Lake Shawnee Amusement Park, all from the safety of your library seat.

Brake is the author of “The Haunted History of Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum,” “Ghosthunters Guide to the West Virginia Penitentiary,” and the four-part series, “Fire-side Folklore of West Virginia.”

Her website is www.HauntedHistory.net.

Haunted House

Upper West Fork Park will sponsor a Halloween Haunted House on Friday, Oct. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., as well as trick or treat for all ages.

The park will sponsor an adult Halloween costume party during a music event on Saturday, Oct. 29.

There will be prizes for ugliest, prettiest, and scariest. Judging will be at 6:30 p.m.

You can wear your costume all evening or change into street clothes for the music.

Everyone is welcome.

For information, call 655-8111 or 655-8625.

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat on Rowels Run will be held on Friday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lions Club Candy

Grantsville Lions Club will give out candy on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in front of the Lions Club building, behind the Senior Citizens Center.

There will also be Halloween Bingo at 6 p.m. Come dressed up for an evening of fun.

Halloween

Creston Community Building will host a Halloween family event for all ages on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m.

It will include costume contests, pumpkin decorating, and games (possibly a hay ride).

Those attending are invited to bring finger foods to share. The community building will provide drinks.

Costume judging will start promptly at 5 p.m.

Costume age groups are newborn to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, 10 to 12, 13 to adult.

There will be costume prizes given for prettiest, funniest, scariest, best homemade, cutest, silliest/craziest, most colorful, and most unique/original.

Donations for candy or items for the kids' treat bags will be appreciated.

Call 275-3202 or 354-7506 if you have a hay wagon that we can borrow.

Trunk and Treat

Brooksville Baptist Church will host Trunk and Treat on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Anyone who wants to bring their treats and join in for the fun are welcome.

Halloween Party

The 10th annual Calhoun County Halloween Party will be held at West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg, on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m.

There will be inflatables, hay rides, costume contests, and Trunk or Treat.



Sally Hashman is congratulated by Steve Whited, MHHS CEO.

Hashman Recognized For Volunteer Service

Friends of Minnie Hamilton honored long-time volunteer Phyllis “Sally” Hashman with a special recognition in the MHHS cafeteria earlier this month.

Sally and her late husband Darrill began volunteering at Calhoun General Hospital in the 1980s and continued with Minnie Hamilton Health System until she was no longer able to drive.

Minnie Hamilton CEO Steve Whited said, “Sally loved to work in the gift shop, greeting customers with a huge smile and a witty tale.

After Darrill died in 2010, an educational scholarship was established in his name.

Friends of Minnie Hamilton has awarded



Sally Hashman presents Carol Sloane, Friends of Minnie Hamilton president, with a check for \$1,000.

numerous scholarships to high school seniors and MHHS employees to further their education.

During the recognition, Sally donated \$1,000 to the fund to honor her late husband. Sally and friends enjoyed cake, coffee and reminiscing.



Marlee Hall, with Roger and Cathy Hall.

CCHS Volleyball Team Honors Seniors



Joselynn Yeager, with Kevin and Shauna Yeager.

Varsity begins Sectionals next week. See Volleyball story on Page 12



Christee Craddock, with Cathy Craddock (Craig Craddock, not pictured).

No. 6 Wahama Maintains 58-Pt. Average With 62-6 Win Over the Red Devils

Last Friday night at Mt. Zion, Calhoun County hosted Class A No. 6 ranked Wahama White Falcons in the final home game of the season. The visitors aptly demonstrated how they had rolled to an 8-0 record by defeating Calhoun, 62-6.

Calhoun received the opening kickoff and took the ball to midfield before being forced to punt.

Wahama scored on its first play from scrimmage -- a 51-yard pass. The visitors added a safety and two more touchdowns in the first quarter, three TDs in the second, and another trio in the third.

The Red Devils tallied in the fourth quarter on a drive that began near the end of the third period of play.

Following a nice kick-off return by Ian Persinger, Calhoun began the drive by earning three consecutive first downs: a 14-yard run by Persinger, a 20-yard pass play from Owen Taylor to Cole Lane, and a 13-yard rush by Persinger.

Three plays later, Taylor tossed a 16-yard pass to Lane to place the ball at Wahama's four. Persinger, who carried 21 times for 139 yards, crossed the goal line to set the final score.

Although the Red Devils were kept out of the end zone most of the night, the offense did manage some highlight plays. Midway through the first quarter, Taylor fired a pass down the middle of the field, and Persinger made a fantastic one-handed grab for a 16-yard gain.

This placed the ball at Wahama's 15, but unfortunately the drive



Adam Hughes (0) gets to the Wahama quarterback just as he releases the football.

TEAM STATISTICS		Calhoun	Wahama
15	First Downs	9	
41-133	Rush-Yds.	21-339	
120	Pass Yds.	177	
8-21-0	PC-PA-Int.	8-10-0	
0	Return Yds.	38	
5-28.6	Punts-Avg.	0-0-0	
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1	
2-28	Pen.-Yds.	2-19	

stalled there, and Calhoun turned the ball over on downs.

Early in the second, Taylor rolled left and threw the ball just before going out of bounds. Logan Tingler, waiting by the sideline, snagged the ball just inside the field of play for a 29-yard gain.

The defense provided some sparkling plays as well. Tyler Nelson fell on a loose backwards pass to give Calhoun the only turnover of the game in the second quarter. In the third, Owen Grose blocked two of Wahama's extra point attempts.

Calhoun (1-7) travels to Blacksville on Friday to play Clay-Battelle Cee-Bees (5-2). Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Wahama 23 18 21 0--62
Calhoun 0 0 0 6-- 6
W--Aaron Henry, 51 pass from Sawyer Vanmeter (Matthew Barr kick),

DEFENSE	
Calhoun tackles (solo-assist-total), furnished by coaches -- Owen Taylor 6-1-7, Adam Hughes 3-4-7, Ian Persinger 4-0-4, Logan Tingler 1-2-3, Trevor Collins 1-1-2, Tyler Nelson, 1-1-2, Hunter Thacker 0-1-1. Total 16-10-26.	
Interceptions-yds. returned -- None.	
Fumble recoveries-yds. returned -- Tyler Nelson 1-0.	
Blocked extra points -- Owen Grose 2.	

7:39, 1st
W--Safety, receiver tackled in end zone, 6:34, 1st
W--Kase Stewart, 16 pass from Vanmeter (Barr kick), 5:25, 1st
W--Connor Lambert, 83 run (Barr kick), 1:24, 1st
W--Henry, 18 pass from Vanmeter (kick blocked), 10:21, 2nd
W--Vanmeter, 3 run (pass failed), 2:43, 2nd
W--Lambert, 23 pass from Vanmeter (kick blocked), 0:59, 2nd
W--Stewart, 51 run (Barr kick), 11:48, 3rd
W--Vannmeter, 3 run (Barr kick), 5:29, 3rd
W--Dillian Fields, 1 run (Barr kick), 1:29, 3rd
C--Jan Persinger, 1 run (kick failed), 6:49, 4th

This Week In Red Devil Football History "Celebrating 100 Years"

by Robert F. Bonar
Oct. 27, 1923: Calhoun County hosts Elizabeth in Grantsville at what will later become Wayne Underwood Field. Like Calhoun, Elizabeth is fielding a football team for the first time, and this is the visitor's first game.

Elizabeth plays like a team that has never taken the field before and Calhoun rolls to an easy 57-0 win. The game is significant for Calhoun: It is the first home game in Calhoun history and the team's first victory. Unfortunately, scoring details of the game are not reported to the local newspapers.

Oct. 26, 1934: Pennsboro and Calhoun meet at Harrisville High School's athletic field for a Friday night game. The game was originally scheduled for Pennsboro's field, but both schools agree to hold the game in Harrisville to take advantage of the Gator's lights.

Rue Schoolcraft rushes for a touchdown, while Clifford Lamp connects with Bill Cramer for both a touchdown pass and a conversion. Kenneth Stump kicks an extra point to give the Red Raiders a 14-0 victory. The game is such a success that the two teams will meet in Harrisville every year through the 1943 season.

Oct. 26, 1938: Ripley visits Grantsville for a rare Wednesday afternoon game, played before the CCHS student body. The Red Raiders put on a terrific show for their classmates and overwhelm the Vikings, 35-0.

Star halfback Orman

Ewing rushes for two touchdowns, while his brother Raymond and teammates James Hall and Glen Fowler each add another score. Ewing also throws for three extra points, two to Clyde Sampson and another to Leon Gibson.

The game is the first meeting between Calhoun and Ripley, and Ripley, which is a very small school at this time, will play in front of the CCHS student body three more times in the early 1940s.

Oct. 29, 1948: Harrisville hosts Calhoun, owner of a perfect 7-0 record heading into the game. The Gators are no match for the Red Devils, and the visitors build up a 32-0 lead by the third quarter.

Ronald Godfrey (2), Lennis Johnson, Jimmy White and Sonny Wilson score touchdowns for the Red Devils, while Johnson and Cleon Boyce add extra points. With the game safely in hand, Coach Wayne Underwood removes his starters from the game.

Harrisville manages to score three times against the Calhoun junior varsity, but the game ends as a 32-20 Red Devil victory.

The following day's Parkersburg News article about the game paints the second half as a valiant comeback effort by Harrisville, incurring the wrath of numerous Red Devil fans, prompting letters to the editor and considerable criticism of Underwood for not keeping the starters in the game.

In the middle of the

following week, Harrisville High's principal writes his own letter to the Parkersburg News, setting the record straight about the nature of Harrisville's "comeback" and terming Underwood's wholesale player substitution as "the finest act of sportsmanship" he had witnessed.

Oct. 27, 1967: The Red Devils postpone their game at Pennsboro due to the untimely death of Wayne Underwood from a heart attack.

Oct. 28, 1988: Braxton County visits Wayne Underwood Field in the final game of the season for both schools. Braxton is 1-8, having dropped eight straight since a week one victory over Gilmer, while Calhoun has lost all nine games.

The Red Devils jump to an early lead and give up a touchdown to the Eagles in the final quarter to take a 22-6 victory and avoid a winless season. Dan Gordon leads the team with two touchdowns, while Brian Evans, who joined the team week eight after the conclusion of the freshmen team's season, adds a touchdown and a pair of 2-point conversions.

Oct. 26, 2007: The Red Devils defeat Braxton, 17-0, in Flatwoods. Matt Houchin throws a touchdown pass to Roman Rader, Caleb Hart rushes for a score, and Nick Whytsell adds a field goal and two extra points.

Jeff Goodrich rushes for 105 yards and Houchin passes for 110. Randy Fluharty blocks a punt and Zac Yeager leads with 16 tackles. The win increases Calhoun's record to 8-1, and the team is ranked #4 in the state in Class A, its highest ranking this late in the season.

FOOTBALL Prognostication CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

Circle the winning teams on the entry printed below. Persons playing the FOOTBALL PROGNOSTICATION CONTEST must submit their entries on the official entry form only. No other entry forms will be accepted. Entries will be judged by members of the newspaper staff who are ineligible to enter the contest. All decisions are final. A tie breaker is used only in the event of a tie. Weekly entries must be submitted to Grantsville Foodland Deli or the Chronicle office by 4 p.m. Friday. Only one entry per person.

A PROGNOSTICATION PRIZE of \$25 gift certificate will be awarded for the best entry each week. \$50 gift certificate will be awarded at the end of the season to the person who earns the most bonus points after 10 weeks. Bonus points will be awarded as follows:

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st place	20	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	40
2nd place	10	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	20
3rd place	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	12
4th place	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	8

Games played after Sunday will not count.

- Calhoun -- Clay-Battelle
- Gilmer -- Ritchie
- South Harrison -- Braxton
- Kentucky -- Tennessee
- Oklahoma State -- Kansas State
- Ohio State -- Penn State
- Notre Dame -- Syracuse
- W.Va. State -- GSC
- Coastal -- Marshall
- TCU -- WVU
- Denver -- Jacksonville
- Las Vegas -- New Orleans
- Pittsburgh -- Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Scores

Florida _____ Georgia _____

Michigan St. _____ Michigan _____

Name _____

Phone _____

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Pick the most winners each week and win a **\$25** gift certificate

Season champion wins a **\$50** gift certificate

Drop off your entry at

FOODLAND
Deli

or

The Calhoun

Chronicle

Entry Deadline is
4 p.m. Friday

- Last Week's Winners
1st Place
Mike Propst
30 bonus points
\$25 gift certificate
- 2nd Place
Jim Erlewine
15 bonus points
- 3rd Place
Shara Arison
8 bonus points
- 4th Place
Brenton Slider
5 bonus points

- Wahama -- Calhoun
 - Doddridge -- ~~Roane~~
 - Ritchie -- Wirt
 - Syracuse -- ~~Clemson~~
 - Ole Miss -- ~~LSU~~
 - UCLA -- ~~Oregon~~
 - Texas -- ~~Oklahoma State~~
 - Glennville State -- ~~Notre Dame (Ohio)~~
 - ~~Marshall -- John Marshall~~
 - WVU -- ~~Texas Tech~~
 - Cleveland -- ~~Baltimore~~
 - Atlanta -- ~~Cincinnati~~
 - Pittsburgh -- ~~Miami~~
- Tie Breaker Score
UT Martin 24 Tennessee 65

Eye and Vision Care

- Treatment of Eye Disease
- Examination for Glasses and Contacts
- Cataract and Glaucoma

We accept IUOE, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare, Davis Vision, BCBS, VSP, Superior Vision, UMR, Medicare Advantage Plans, and more.



Dr. Brett K Radow
Optometric Physician

304-927-5112
149 Main Street, Spencer

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association is in need of updated contact information to keep all alumni up-to-date on current events. Return the following information to CCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11, Grantsville, WV 26147, or email to nikkiboatright@gmail.com.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Class _____

PLEASE VOTE YES

FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

This Special Excess Levy does not change your taxes.

The same percentage levy is already in place. It just raises more money because our tax base has grown.

Without the Levy, there can be no ambulance service in Calhoun County. WE CANNOT LET THAT HAPPEN.

The Levy Also Provides:

- For Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Department: \$80,602.89
- For Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department: \$89,425.10
- For Upper West Fork Volunteer Fire Department: \$80,602.89

Thanks to all of the volunteer firefighters, EMTs & drivers who keep these critical services working for us.

DON'T LET THEM DOWN - KEEP THEM WORKING FOR ALL OF US

VOTE YES for the SPECIAL EXCESS LEVY

Paid for by the Calhoun County Democratic Executive Committee, Deirdre Purdy responsible party

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2

They call it the "Property Tax Modernization Amendment," But there's nothing "modern" about it.

Amendment 2 really is just an OLD FASHIONED POWER GRAB by the Legislature

- Currently these property taxes are assessed and collected by our county and they stay in the county to fund Calhoun County Government, county schools and county services.
- The Constitution requires this tax program to ensure every county has a secure tax base.
- The Legislature wants you to give up this security, a sure thing, for an empty promise. They say *maybe* they will pay counties out of the general fund - or *maybe* not.
- Don't let the Legislature steal our local taxing power in exchange for a pig in a poke.

KEEP OUR COUNTY REVENUE IN OUR COUNTY

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2

Paid for by the Calhoun County Democratic Executive Committee, Deirdre Purdy responsible party

The only candidates for the job are the one's who show up



DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN DEBATE OCTOBER 20, 2022 NO DEMOCRATS PRESENT

MAKE SURE YOU'RE REPRESENTED

SHOW UP TO VOTE

ELECT CANDIDATES THAT HOLD THEMSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE.

VOTE

HUGHES
CALHOUN COUNTY CLERK

ARTHUR
CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION

PAID FOR BY THE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AMANDA WHITE, TREASURER

Senior Updates

Deb Miller, JD, W.Va. Senior Legal Aid Volunteer

Many shrug their shoulders about estate planning. They feel that they don't have an estate because they are not wealthy. They also think probate, whatever that is, sounds too complex.

An estate consists of all the property (real estate, personal property, financial accounts, etc.) owned on the day a person dies. Whether such property is worth \$10 billion or \$10, it is still an estate.

Advance planning can eliminate or lessen the need for estate administration by naming a recipient for an account, property or asset through payable on death or transfer on death arrangements.

The age-old probate process involves the legal steps needed to resolve who will become the next owner(s) of the estate's assets and to pay any debts.

An estate is likely to include both probate property and non-probate property.

Probate property, also referred to as the probate estate, is controlled by the deceased person's will or by state intestacy law (WV Code sec. 42-1-3 and -3A) to determine which family members will inherit, when there is no will.

Non-probate property is governed by deeds, account forms, contracts, etc., that determine what happens next with that property or asset.

Probate property and non-probate property are broken down into real property and personal property categories.

The probate process starts with listing the estate's assets, property and debts, then formally appointing a person or financial institution at the courthouse to handle the process, and later distributing the remaining assets as appropriate.

If no will is available, the legal requirement is to distribute the assets to family members under the state intestacy law.

A relatively new law, WV Code sec. 44-1A-1

et seq., deals with small estates, providing simpler procedures and lower probate costs. Also, no final report to close the estate; the initial report is all that's required to be filed.

There are certain requirements for the new probate procedures, including that the person handling the estate must be a state resident. There are also property limits and time restrictions.

The first consideration is whether the deceased person owned a total of \$50,000 or less of personal property, with no specific beneficiary listed for the property, such as financial accounts, vehicles, furniture, jewelry and life insurance. That makes each includible in the probate estate for appropriate handling.

When a beneficiary is listed for the insurance or account, it is non-probate property and is not included in the personal property total for probate purposes. Claiming those funds involves contacting the appropriate company.

Next is whether the decedent owned \$100,000 or less in real estate in West Virginia. The real estate must be owned solely by the deceased individual or is otherwise subject to the probate process to transfer ownership.

For example, real estate owned with another person as joint tenants with rights of survivorship is non-probate real estate after one of the owners dies and will not be included in the \$100,000 calculation.

To open a small estate, a special form called the Affidavit for Small Estate must be filled out. It lists the real and personal probate property (non-probate property is not included) and the

beneficiaries of the estate. Some counties have such affidavits available online, while others provide them at the courthouse.

The next consideration is whether the decedent left a will. The possessor of a will is required to present it to the county clerk within 30 days of the death.

The person named as executor in it can choose either the full probate process, the new small estate administration process, or not to handle the estate at all.

A person who is not named as executor in the will can file to administer the estate after waiting at least 30 days following the decedent's death, if the named executor has not filed to handle the estate.

The executor or personal representative, now called an authorized successor, must present the will, a certified death certificate, and the Affidavit for Small Estate in order to start the process.

If the decedent did not leave a will, any family member who will inherit from the estate under West Virginia's intestacy law is eligible to open the small estate 60 or more days after the person's death, as long as no one else has done so.

Documents needed are a certified death certificate and the Affidavit for Small Estate, which will include the potential heirs as governed by intestacy law.

Once all appropriate documents have been presented, the authorized successor will receive a certificate of administration to handle estate matters for six months.

No further reporting is needed, though the authorized successor is still required to distribute the estate assets properly to the creditors and heirs.

(Continued on Page 10)

The Calhoun Chronicle
Serving Calhoun County Since 1883

Read your newspaper online



Visit

calhounchronicle.com

and receive much more!

State & National News

14 additional newspapers in WV & VA



Over 40 editors, reporters & writers



ELECT MITCH MORGAN

Calhoun County Board of Education

I am a life-long resident of Calhoun County and I am the fourth generation of the Morgan family living on our farm along the West Fork River near Arnoldsburg.

I began driving a school bus when I was 20 years old. I had always wanted to drive a bus and I loved every minute of it for 38 years.

I feel that with my 38 years of experience in the school system I could help with the decisions that will affect our children and grandchildren here in Calhoun County for years to come.

- ▶ Graduate of the Calhoun County School System
- ▶ Always use good common sense and experience in making decisions
- ▶ Retired school bus driver
- ▶ Currently delivers meals for Committee on Aging

Goals

- Provide up-to-date educational needs
- Promote harmony in the school system
- Rebuild our athletic, band, and music programs
- Always do what is in the best interest of our children

**I pledge to work *with* you if you will
vote for me on November 8**

Paid for by Candidate, Mitch Morgan

Seniors--

(Continued from Page 8)

A special option that doesn't involve any activity at the courthouse or reporting is available when an estate is owed amounts of \$5,000 or less from an employer, government benefits, or a financial account.

If the estate has not been opened 120 days after the person's death, a private affidavit, as authorized in WV Code sec. 44-1-28, may be submitted directly to the person or company holding the decedent's funds.

The amount will be paid to surviving spouse, if any. If none, the intestacy heirs will receive the funds.

Small estates will not be listed with other probate estates in local newspapers to give 90 days' legal notice to creditors. Instead, creditors have two years from the decedent's death to file a claim against the small estate or its heirs.

With or without a will, as the funds are collected, and after all estate debts are paid off, distributions can be made to the appropriate recipients called distributees.

In the next article, examples of small estates and the ways they are handled will be discussed.

For legal questions on estate planning or estate administration or other legal issues, state residents age 60 and over may contact West Virginia Senior Legal Aid, 800-229-5068, for free assistance from the staff attorney.

Food Pantry

CRI operates a food pantry, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court St., Grantsville.

WAG To Be In Grantsville Area

Last week's trapping was postponed.

Welfare of Animals Group will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Grantsville area on Thursday, Oct. 27, to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

According to the news release, "We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Wednesday, Oct. 26, as we will trap on Oct. 27."

"Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours), we will return them to

their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting.

"So far, we have spayed and neutered 709 community cats (394 females and 315 males).

"Keep personal cats indoors or put a collar on them Thursday. If you have questions, call Linda Buchanan, 354-7506.

"If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only five or six cats. There is no cost to the county resident caretaker."

Self-Attestation: Select Your Sex

Kilolo Kijakazi, Social Security acting commissioner, has announced that the agency now offers people the choice to self-select their sex on their Social Security Number (SSN) record. The agency has implemented this policy change.

"The Social Security Administration's Equity Action Plan includes a commitment to decrease administrative burdens

and ensure people who identify as gender diverse or transgender have options in the Social Security Number card application process," said Kijakazi.

"This new policy allows people to self-select their sex in our records without needing to provide documentation of their sex designation."

People who update their sex marker in Social Security's records will need to apply for a replacement SSN card.

They will still need to show a current document to prove their identity, but they will no longer need to provide medical or legal documentation of their sex designation, now that the policy change is in place.

The agency will accept the applicant's self-identified sex designation of either male or female, even if it is different from the sex designation shown on identity documents, such as a passport or state-issued driver's license or identity card.

SSN cards do not include sex markers. Currently, Social Security's record systems are unable to include a non-binary or unspecified sex designation.

The agency is exploring possible future policy and systems updates to support an "X" sex designation for the SSN card application process.

President Needed

Upper West Fork Park is looking for a leader to be president of the park.

To become eligible, the person must attend two meetings to be a voting member and either live in Washington District or at least have volunteered at the park in the past, but still lives in the county.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Election will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10. The park needs volunteers.

October events include the following (Saturday sings are from 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.):

Friday, Oct. 28: Halloween Haunted House and Trick or Treat, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29: sing, Retro Country (costume party with judging at 6:30 p.m.), 7 to 10 p.m.

WHO WILL FIX THE ISSUES WITH CALHOUN'S FINANCIAL MATTERS?

Whose Job?

From July 2021 to Feb 2022, the financial reports of the County were not available from the county clerk as required by WV code 7-5-2.

Whose Revenue?

When the commission was asked what the revenue from the White Oak Compressor station was, the county clerk said it was not possible to know how much revenue to expect. Why wouldn't we know?

Whose Information?

It has taken months to provide the monthly financial records which is a responsibility of the County Clerk that cannot be ignored. The people deserve the truth that only transparency can bring.

Whose Money?

For 4 of the last 10 years the county had a deficit at year end and 5 of those 10 years, they spent more money than was taken in.

Who's Accountable?

The County's real financial situation will always be a mystery without accurate and understandable financial records from the office of County Clerk.

**24 hrs. a day
7 days a week**

Crisis Hotline
1-800-579-5844

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

**LOOKING FOR A
UNIQUE GIFT IDEA?**

**Why Not Give A
New Gift Every Week!**



Your gift of a subscription to The Calhoun Chronicle is something a family member or friend will enjoy each and every week!

Starting at \$35 for in county, \$40 for in state and only \$45 to send it anywhere in the United States! That is a price that cannot be beat for 52 unique gifts, delivered each week right into the hands of your loved ones!

Read it online each week for just \$29.00 per year!

Bundle print and online starting at \$5.75 a month.

(see page 2 for subscription form)
Send name & address along with check or money order to:
Calhoun Publishing
PO Box 429
Lewisburg, WV 24901-0429



**VOTE FOR
JIM HUGHES
FOR CALHOUN COUNTY CLERK**

*He'll Make it His Job to take care of your County
with Transparency, Accountability & Action*

PAID FOR BY THE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AMANDA WHITE, TREASURER

Have A Safe Halloween

Halloween has quickly become the most decorated holiday next to Christmas, with the National Retail Federation reporting that consumers spend more than \$10 billion annually to cover their homes inside and out with lights, candles and festive displays.

While celebrating the fall season is fun, it's also a time to pay extra attention to fire safety. According to National Fire Protection Association statistics, each year home decorations contribute to an average of 1,000 house fires, 53 injuries, six deaths and more than \$16 million in property damage.

Electrical safety experts offer a few simple ways to prevent home décor from becoming home devastation during October's National Fire Prevention Month:

- Ensure that light bulbs are screwed in tightly.
- Avoid placing furniture on cords, and replace damaged extension cords.
- Don't overload circuits.
- Use flashlights or flameless candles, instead of open flames decorating your home.
- Check extension cords, appliances and lights for any damage before plugging into an outlet.
- Make sure your home

is protected with arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), devices designed to detect and stop dangerous arcing before an electrical fire can start.

"Thankfully, technologies like arc fault circuit interrupters exist to help prevent electrical fires from occurring in homes, but as an added

level of safety we urge homeowners to also keep their eyes open to other preventable issues while they are decorating," said David Kendall, director of industry affairs at ABB, Inc., and member of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association Task Force.

Scare Away Poisons

Halloween is a time for fun and treats, not poisons. The medical experts at the West Virginia Poison Center recommend using caution and keeping safety in mind throughout the trick-or-treat season.

Candy Safety:
 --Store Halloween candy away from all medicines. Medicine may easily be mistaken for candy, especially if kept in the same area.

--Keep all edibles up, away, and out-of-sight of children, pets, and unknowing guests. These items can easily be mistaken for candy or snacks.

--Throw away all candy with wrappers that are faded, torn, unwrapped, or partially wrapped.

--Homemade treats may be made with the best intention; however, only eat homemade treats from people you know.

--Be sure to keep treats,

especially chocolate and sugar-free gum, away from pets.

Costume Safety:
 --Only paint faces with paint labeled as being non-toxic and for use on the face.

--Glowsticks, bracelets, and necklaces are popular costume additions, but do not allow children to put these items in their mouth, chew on them, or break them open.

Medical experts at the West Virginia Poison Center are available 24/7/365. Call 1-800-222-1222 for any potential poisoning concerns.

Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.



The Family Crisis Intervention Center
Domestic Abuse Response Team
 (304) 354-9254
HOTLINE 1-800-794-2335
 P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147



Re-Elect Jean Simers, Calhoun County Clerk

My campaign has been focused on the positive. I love Calhoun County and I love my job as County Clerk.

I know and trust that the people of Calhoun County will look at the candidates that have proven themselves. I have been a public servant all of my career - from the school system, after-school programs, and Saturday Fun Days, to the Family Resource Network where we started the Thrift Store, Car Seat Program, and Wally's Wardrobe just to name a few; and now I serve as County Clerk.

There has been lots of misinformation spread lately about audits and the sheriff's monthly financial reports. I **welcome anyone to come in to my office, call, email, or text me with ANY questions about ANYTHING. My door is always open, or you can reach me on my cell phone at (304) 488-3938.**

I have been dedicated my whole life to giving back to my community through activities such as Christmas Connection, Relay for Life, and Road to Recovery. I also serve on boards such as Minnie Hamilton Health System, Little Kanawha Bus, and Parkersburg Community Foundation (Little Kanawha Affiliate).

Along with the citizens, we work with many other professional people such as attorneys. Timothy Butcher, of Glenville, was kind enough to offer the following quote:

"I have practiced law for over 42 years in Central West Virginia. In that time period, I have worked with a lot of County Clerks. Jean Simers is one of the most knowledgeable and helpful County Clerks I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Calhoun County is fortunate to have such a hardworking County Clerk. Jean is always there to help my clients. She has always handled my requests in a professional and timely manner. Jean is a wonderful person as well."

Timothy B. "Tim" Butcher, Butcher & Butcher, Attorneys at Law, Glenville, W.Va.

I will appreciate your vote and support on November 8

Paid for by Candidate, Jean Simers



Thanks-For-Giving...

A Subscription To The
Calhoun Chronicle

Makes A Wonderful Gift 52 Times Per Year!

Call Us For More Information!
 304-647-5724

Are you at risk?
 Get Screened for Risks of Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease
5 Screening Package for \$149
 Call 855-915-3562

LIFE LINE SCREENING
 The Power of Prevention

REGISTERED, LICENSED AND INSURED
PRECISION MOUNTAIN
 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Commercial and residential exterior cleaning

Precision Mountain is proud to be a local and veteran-owned company striving to improve the overall appearance of our communities here in the beautiful mountain state. We take tremendous pride in our quality of work and attention to detail in order to provide our customers with their desired outcome.

Sidewalks	Awnings	Roof washing
Entry ways	Canopies	Painting
Commons areas	Gutters	Sealing/Staining

We specialize in exterior cleaning in the form of both pressure and soft washing - a cleaning method that uses low-pressure water to safely clean exterior surfaces of a house or commercial building. Cleans and removes all organic growth such as mold, mildew, moss, bacteria, and other microorganisms.

We also offer parking lot striping, interior and exterior painting, stain/seal of all wooden surfaces, concrete sealing, holiday light installation, and so much more!

Call to schedule a free estimate
 304-440-0105 or 681-945-0629
 precisionmountainproperty@gmail.com

A Helpful Guide to West Virginia's Voter Identification Law

West Virginia voters must show an approved form of identification at the polls during early voting or on election day. All forms of ID must be valid and not expired. This law does not apply to absentee-by-mail voting, or any person who falls under an exception listed on this card. However, first-time voters who did not present an ID at the time of registering must provide one of the forms of ID outlined in the First Time Voters ID Requirements section below.

Acceptable Forms of Non-Photo ID:

- Voter registration card
- Medicare card or Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card
- WV TANF program ID card
- WV Medicaid ID card
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill or bank statement issued within six months of the date of the election
- Health insurance card issued to the voter
- Any document issued by the WV or US government that displays the voter's name
- Any document issued by the state of WV or U.S. government containing voter's name, including a WV driver's license, passport, U.S. or WV government employee ID or military ID

Acceptable Forms of Photo ID:

- Driver's license issued by another state
- Student ID card
- A concealed carry (pistol/revolver) permit

First-Time Voters ID Requirements:

If you registered to vote for the first time in West Virginia or your county, and you have not voted in a federal election in this state, you must show a valid ID with your voter registration application or the first time you vote.

- **My first time voting will be in person:** You must show one of the forms of valid ID listed below at the polling place.
- **My first time voting will be absentee by mail:** You must send a copy of one of the forms of valid ID listed below with your ballot. Important: Be sure to place the copy of your ID in your return envelope, "Absent Voter's Ballot Envelope No. 2," outside of the secrecy envelope that contains your ballot.

Valid ID for First Time Voters: only the following documents that show your current name and address can be accepted:

- **Valid photo identification**
- **Utility bill**
- **Bank statement**
- **Government check**
- **Paycheck**
- **Any other official government document**

If a first-time voter does not provide one of the forms of valid ID listed above when voting for the first time in West Virginia or a county, then the ballot will be made provisional. Provisional ballots are not included in the Election Day results, but will be considered by the Board of Canvassers at canvass.

To view the law on first-time voting ID requirements, please refer to W. Va. Code § 3-2-10(g) and (h).

There are three (3) exceptions to the voter ID requirement:

Exception 1: Signed, Sworn Statement by an Adult who has Known the Voter for 6 Months or More.
 A voter does not have to show an ID to vote if the voter is accompanied by an adult who: Has known the voter for at least 6 months; Shows a photo ID with his or her name and address; and Signs an affidavit at the polling place confirming the voter's identity.

Exception 2: A Poll Worker Knows the Voter.
 A voter does not have to show ID to vote if a poll worker has known the voter for at least 6 months. No additional affidavit or ID is required.

Exception 3: Residents of State Care Facilities.
 Residents of licensed WV state care facilities do not have to show ID to vote if: The voter is a resident of the care facility; The care facility is a polling place; and The resident's polling place is located at the care facility.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What if a voter cannot obtain any of the forms of ID?
A: Registered voters can apply for a free Voter ID Card from their county clerk. Applications must be submitted in person at the county clerk's office, and voters can choose to be mailed their Voter ID Card or pick them up at the county clerk's office.

Q: What if a voter shows up to vote, does not have an ID, and does not fall under any of the exemptions?
A: The voter will vote a provisional ballot. Before canvass, the provisional ballot signature is compared to the voter's registration signature. If the signatures match, the vote should count.

*Alternate forms are available upon request.

More info available at GoVoteWV.com or by calling WVSOS office at 304-558-6000

Be Registered & Be Ready To Vote!



Christee Craddock (22) is ready to back-set to Joselynn Yeager (left). Their other teammate is Mia Houchin (15).



Marlee Hall (19) tips the ball over the net for a winning point against Lewis County on Monday.

Volleyball Team Begins Sectionals Monday

The CCHS varsity volleyball team will begin sectionals next week.

The tournament will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Ravenswood.

Results since last report are as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 15
Calhoun loses to St. Marys, 25-19, 25-14
 Calhoun individual scoring: Christee Craddock 6 points (3 aces, 4 kills, 8 digs, 8 assists); Joselynn Yeager 6 (1 ace, 4 kills, 13 digs), Karlee Garrett 6 (6 digs, 1 assist), Chelsea McCumbers 6 (3 kills, 2 digs), Lauren Lovejoy 5 (1 ace, 5 digs), Marlee Hall 4 (2 kills, 2 digs), Mia

Houchin (1 kill, 6 digs, 1 assist), Abi Waldron (3 digs, 4 assists).

Calhoun loses to Ritchie, 25-9, 25-17
 Calhoun individual scoring: Christee Craddock 9 points (3 aces, 4 kills, 6 digs, 3 assists), Joselynn Yeager 5 (2 kills, 1 block, 8 digs, 1 assist), Chelsea McCumbers 4 (3 kills, 4 digs), Karlee Garrett 3 (6 digs, 1 assist), Abi Waldron 3 (2 digs, 4 assists), Lauren Lovejoy 2 (1 assist), Mia Houchin (3 digs), Marlee Hall (1 kill, 1 dig).

Calhoun loses to Liberty, 25-22, 25-14
 Calhoun individual scoring: Chelsea McCumbers 8 points (3 aces, 2 kills, 6

digs, 3 assists), Joselynn Yeager 7 (1 ace, 1 kill, 7 digs), Karlee Garrett 6 (11 digs, 1 assist), Abi Waldron 6 (1 ace, 4 digs, 2 assists), Christee Craddock 5 (1 ace, 6 kills, 5 digs, 7 assists), Lauren Lovejoy 4 (1 kill, 1 block, 1 dig), Mia Houchin (2 kills), Marlee Hall (1 kill).

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Calhoun defeats Webster, 25-8, 25-6, 25-16
 Calhoun individual scoring: Chelsea McCumbers 23 points (7 aces, 4 kills, 4 digs), Christee Craddock 18 (9 aces, 8 kills, 14 assists, 11 digs), Joselynn Yeager 15 (4 aces, 5 kills, 4 assists, 2 digs), Abi Waldron 10 (3 aces, 7 assists, 6 digs), Karlee Garrett 6 (2 assists, 8

digs), Lauren Lovejoy 3 (1 kill, 1 assist, 1 dig), Marlee Hall (10 kills, 1 dig), Mia Houchin (1 kill, 2 assists, 3 digs), Ashlyn Boak (1 kill), Maycee Carter (1 dig).

LKC Placement CCHS 6th of 16 teams.
Calhoun loses to Wirt, 25-22, 25-16, 25-21
 Calhoun individual scoring: Christee Craddock 18 points (6 aces, 4 kills, 7 assists, 16 digs), Joselynn Yeager 13 (1 ace, 4 kills, 8 digs), Lauren Lovejoy 8 (1 ace, 1 block), Chelsea McCumbers 6 (2 kills, 3 assists, 8 digs), Abi Waldron 6 (2 aces, 5 assists, 5 digs), Karlee Garrett 6 (9 digs), Marlee Hall 2 (9 kills, 1 block), Mia Houchin (4 assists, 7 digs).

Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten Readiness Group will have parent-child groups on Friday, Oct. 28, at Pleasant Hill School, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and at Arnoldsburg Elementary School, 2 to 3 p.m.

Program activities include:
 --Parent-child activities, developmental screening, support and connections to community resources.
 --Parent-child groups and story book hours, book bag exchange program for children, brain building tips for everyday moments,
 --Free early childhood education services to children ages three to five, support for parents and caregivers, and assist children with early language, literacy, math, social, and emotional development.

According to Debra Smith, Kindergarten Readiness ambassador, the result will be a strong foundation of learning for the child that will prepare him/her for success in school.

For information, call PHS, 354-6022, or AES, 655-8616, or email d.smith@k12.wv.us.

Calhoun Youth B In Championship

Calhoun Little Red County. The semi-final playoff win earned Calhoun B a berth in the championship game on Sunday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m., at Tyler Consolidated High School.

According to Kevin Cunningham, "The semi-final game with Tyler was low scoring and back and forth in the first half."

"The Calhoun defense played tough the whole game and was able to step up and make big stops when they needed to, and kept Tyler out of the end zone."

"Calhoun's offense got into a rhythm the second half and was able to pull away with a 26-0 victory."

Calhoun B offense: rushing, Bentley Snodgrass, 13 carries, 258 yards (TDs, 2, 69, 99), Tyler Mayle, 9-36 (2 EPs), Grayson Laughlin, 1-12 (TD, 12); passing, Liam Yeager, 2 completions, 36 yards; receiving, Tyler Mayle, 2 catches, 36 yards.

Calhoun B defense: tackles, Josh Hardbarger 11, Grayson Laughlin 10 (interception), Chandler Cottrell 6, Liam Yeager 5, Bentley Snodgrass 3, Tristan Rogers 3, Carter Thompson 2, Silas Cunningham 2, Tyler Mayle 1, Jase Farley 1 (fumble recovery), Koby Crislip 1.

JV Results

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Calhoun JV defeats Webster JV, 25-12, 25-3
 Calhoun JV individual scoring: Tiara Rogers 22 points (11 aces), Emily Dennison 10 (4 aces), Brylie Wilson 7 (1 ace), Faith McClain 4 (1 ace), Nyla Warner 3, Ashlyn Boak 2, Maycee Carter 2 points (1 ace).

Thursday, Oct. 20
Calhoun JV defeats Wirt, 25-21, 25-16
 Calhoun JV individual scoring: Tiara Rogers 13 points (3 aces), Brylie Wilson 13 (2 aces), Nyla Warner 8 (2 aces), Faith McClain 6, Ashlyn Boak 5 (2 aces), Emily Dennison 3, Maycee Carter 2.

Calhoun Varsity Volleyball Results

August
 27 Ravenswood 2-0 W
 Sherman 2-1 W
 Ripley 1-2 L
 September
 3 Greenbrier West 0-2 . L
 Webster Co. 2-0 W
 Ritchie Co. 0-2 L
 Roane Co. 0-2 L
 7 So. Harrison 3-1 W
 13 Roane Co. 1-3 L
 14 Ritchie Co. 0-2 L
 Liberty-Harrison 0-2 L
 19 Lewis Co. 1-2 L
 Liberty-H 0-2 L
 20 Ritchie Co. 0-2 L
 RCB 0-2 L
 21 Wirt Co. 0-3 L
 22 Doddridge 3-0 W
 26 St. Marys 0-3 L
 28 Wirt Co. 1-3 L
 October
 3 Webster Co. 3-0 W
 8 Paw Paw 2-0 W
 Clay Co. 2-0 W
 12 Gilmer Co. 0-3 L
 13 Braxton Co. 3-0 W
 15 St. Marys 0-2 L
 Gilmer 0-2 L
 Roane 0-2 L
 18 Webster 3-0 W
 20 LKC Placement (6th)
 Wirt 0-3 L
 24 Lewis Co. ... H 6 p.m.
 Senior Night

JV Results
 at South Harrison 2-0 ... W
 at Roane Co. 0-2 L
 at Wirt Co. 2-1 L
 vs. Doddridge Co. 2-1 .. W
 at St. Marys 2-0 L
 vs. Wirt Co. 2-0 L
 at Webster Co. 2-0 W
 vs. Braxton Co. 2-0 W
 vs. Webster Co. 2-0 W
 vs. Wirt Co. 2-0 W

New at Library

The Calhoun County Library has the following new items:
 Adult Fiction: A Place to Land, by Lauren K. Denton; The Furies, by John Connolly; Our Missing Hearts, by Celeste Ng; Mad Money, by Jodi Picoult; The Witch in the Well, by Camilla Bruce; House of Hunger, by Alexis Henderson; Before I Go, by Brian Charles; Hester, by Laurie Lico Albanese; Endless Summer, by Elin Hilderbrand; Distant Thunder, by Stuart Woods; Long Shadows, by David Baldacci; Righteous Prey, by John Sandford; Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver; Verity, by Colleen Hoover; It Starts With Us, by Colleen Hoover; Signal Fires, by Dani Shapiro; The Boys from Biloxi, by John Grisham; Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, by Gabrielle Zevin; All That's Left Unsaid, by Tracey Lien; The Guest House, by Robin Morgan-Bentley; Thief of Fate, by Jude Deveraux; No Plan B, by Child.
 Adult Non-Fiction: The Cat Behavior Answer Book, by Arden Moore.
 Inspirational: Under the Starry Skies, by Tracie Peterson; An Amish Christmas Star; An Amish Barn Raising; The Orchard, by Beverly Lewis; Anything But Plain, by Suzanne Woods Fisher.
 Juvenile Fiction: Disney Mulan, by Rudnick; The Fowl Twins, by Eoin Colfer.

IF IT WASN'T FOR THE CARDIAC CARE I RECEIVED AT CAMDEN CLARK I MIGHT NOT BE HERE TODAY.

"I was having a heart attack when we arrived at the Camden Clark ER and I was taken straight back to the Cath Lab—to Dr. Goddard. No wonder they're award-winning because they had the right people in the right place and immediately I knew this was where I needed to be. They told me I needed a stent to open the blockage that was causing my trouble and everyone caring for me was calm and kind. I think because of that I wasn't scared. When I started cardiac rehab I realized that not only are they great in an emergency but that level of care continued after I left the hospital. That day we didn't have any margin for error. I'm glad I trusted my heart to Camden Clark."

—Bill Wright
 Mineral Wells, WV

See Bill Wright's story. **WVU Medicine** CAMDEN CLARK MEDICAL CENTER

HARDMAN'S Since 1907
 Invites you
NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS
 Saturday, October 29
 2-4 PM
CANDY - GAMES - PRIZES
 Ages 5-12. Parent/guardian must be present
 See our Facebook page for more info! 558 S. Calhoun Hwy | 304-354-6132
 hardmans.com |