



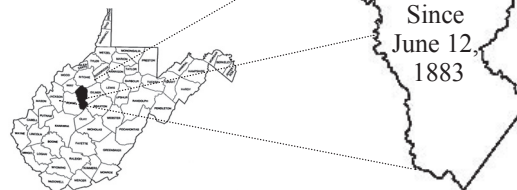
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W.Va. Department of Environmental Protection Issues Press Release on Ohio Train Derailment

CHARLESTON, WV—On the evening of February 3, 2023, the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) Watch Center was notified of the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Upon notification, WVEMD activated the State Emergency Operations Plan, alerting State agencies and local emergency managers of the incident.

Since the initial notification, and at the Governor’s direction, WVEMD, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and the Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) have closely monitored the situation for any impacts to West Virginia or its citizens.

Low levels of butyl acrylate reached the Ohio River through Little Beaver Creek, a small tributary located near the Ohio and Pennsylvania border. Upon learning of the spill, the WVDHHR’s Bureau for Public Health (BPH) immediately began contacting the five water systems along the Ohio River that could be impacted and recommended, out of an abundance of caution, to shut down all water intakes until additional information could be obtained. The Weirton PSD detected chemicals at their intake and the water source was quickly switched to an alternate supply out of an abundance of caution.

As the State agency charged with regulating drinking water safety, WVDHHR remains in close contact with all water systems in the state who source water from the Ohio River. Water sampling is ongoing and recent results have been non-detect for butyl acrylate in both the raw and finished water supplies. Water sampling will continue.

In addition, WVDEP is working with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), the Ohio EPA and the U.S. EPA on monitoring and tracking the chemical as it moves down the Ohio River.

As of Monday at 3 pm, the chemical plume was confirmed in the Ohio River at mile marker 199, approximately 22 miles upstream of Ravenswood and traveling at 1 mph. It is estimated that it is currently near the Ravenswood area.

The U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) developed Provisional Health Guidance Values for drinking water. The current detections in the river are well below the ATSDR health values and decreasing as the plume travels. Testing is being conducted approximately seven miles above the water intake for the City of Huntington. Additionally, West Virginia American Water is implementing an alternate water intake that pulls from the Guyandotte River as a precautionary measure. The WVDEP is coordinating with ORSANCO to continue daily monitoring of multiple sites along the Ohio River.

The WVDEP is also in contact with the Ohio EPA and the U.S. EPA regarding air quality monitoring. The U.S. EPA has conducted continuous air monitoring along the perimeter of the train derailment site in Ohio and has not detected any concentrations of contaminants above screening levels. WVDEP air monitoring stations located in the northern panhandle have not detected any impacts to air quality stemming from the derailment.

“EMD will continue 24/7 monitoring through the duration of this incident, notifying officials of any change to the situation,” said Dr. Matt Blackwood, EMD Deputy Director. “I’m proud that our team in the Justice Administration works together to immediately implement measures needed to protect the health and safety of our citizens.”

West Virginians with questions or concerns regarding water quality should contact the water utility serving their household. Please report any environmental issues, regardless of their cause, to the statewide spill line at 1-800-642-3074.

Please note that the water issues occurring in East Palestine and Fort Gay are not related as they are on separate water supplies being the Ohio River and Big Sandy River.

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Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24
Parent-Child Group, Arnoldsburg School, 2 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25
Lincoln Day Dinner, Herb Smith barn, Calhoun County Park, 6:30 p.m.; sponsored by Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27
Order of the Eastern Star will hold its monthly meeting at 7.30 pm. Dinner starts at 6.30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Representative of attorney general Patrick Morrissey’s office will be in the courthouse lobby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Parent-Child Group, CalhounFRN, Grantsville, 11 a.m to noon.

Morrissey Mobile

A consumer representative from Attorney General Patrick Morrissey’s office will meet one-on-one with residents on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to noon, in the courthouse lobby, Grantsville.

Brooke Albright, consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will discuss consumer-related issues and answer questions.

Reservations are not required. For information, call Albright, 777-9906.



Advocates Share Concerns About House of Delegates Homeschooling Bill

By Stephen Smoot

Supporters of homeschooling in West Virginia have raised concerns over a bill under consideration in the West Virginia House of Delegates. The bill in question is House Bill 3408, which purports “to clean up statutory provisions regarding the HOPE Scholarship program to better reflect the intent and operation of the program. The bill’s lead sponsor is House Education Chair Joe Ellington from Mercer County.

The HOPE Scholarship in West Virginia, according to its website, “is the state’s education savings account program that gives parents an opportunity to build an individual learning experience that best works for their child.” The program operates under the State Treasurer’s office. It survived a constitutional challenge in the West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals and sent out its first payments in January.

On that occasion Riley Moore, State Treasurer and chair of the HOPE Scholarship board announced “this a great day for school choice in West Virginia.”

The Christian Home Educators of West Virginia, or CHEW, stated that “reportedly the purpose of HB 3408 is to clarify that students who are educated under the HOPE scholarship program have the same legal rights as traditional homeschool students.” Their concern lies not with the stated intent, but how it would be enshrined in law. The bill would place all students who “receive instruction in their home” under one category under the law.”

The legislation also, according to the West Virginia Education Association, allows for students in learning pods and microschools be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. The bill has advanced to the House floor. CHEW does not oppose this.

According to CHEW, the problem lies in the potential for creeping government interference and regulation of the homeschool education process. Many families who use the HOPE Scholarship or go the traditional route of home education use “individualized instructional programs” to customize learning to fit the child’s needs. Since the state issues HOPE Scholarship funds, they could use them as leverage to coerce parents to incorporate undesirable elements into their curriculum plans.

Additionally, CHEW opposes how the bill “drastically increases the requirements for traditional homeschoolers.” Under the bill, they would have to meet the standards “designed for students who have a board-approved teacher come into their home to do the instruction.”

These requirements include potential restrictions on where instruction takes place, that the county school system can judge whether or not a home instructor is “qualified,” and that the letter of the law could allow a county board to deny a “family’s ‘request’ to homeschool.”

Advocates stressed that those behind the bill “have historically been very supportive of homeschooling. These delegates are not enemies of homeschooling.” Their argument is that the bill is badly written and has the potential for consequences unintended by its authors and supporters.

They also state that the bill’s authors “seem willing to fix” the issues, but “the bill is still alive, unchanged.”

CHEW’s position on the bill currently is “it’s a poorly written bill that needs to be stopped immediately.”



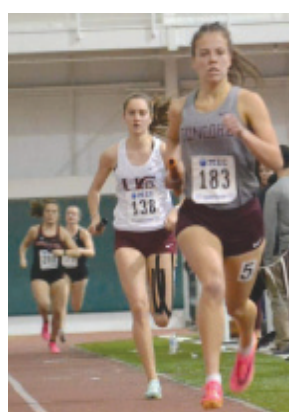
Local Residents Participate in 2023 WV Sweetheart Festival Pageant.

Emma Howell (shown above) received the 2023 Trorrie Atkinson Spirit Award, 4th runner up in the Golden division and was awarded W.Va. Sweetheart Festival Spirit Queen 2023.

Melissa West (shown below) was awarded 3rd Runner Up in the Mrs. Division.



Savannah Cunningham Helps Set School Track Record



Former Calhoun County High School star athlete, Savannah Cunningham leads the pack in her 1st indoor track season. Finished 11 in 400 meters. Cunningham also set a personal record in her leg of the 4x400 which took finished 7th place overall. For the DMR (Distance Medley Relay) finished 2nd, setting a Concord School record.



Cunningham is continuing her winning ways at Corcord College.

Family Treasures

by Melissa West

Do you have a special item that belonged to someone in your family? If so, we are looking for stories of family treasures. They hold special meaning to you; not to others, and the The Calhoun Chronicle would like to help you share your story behind why it is so special.

Here is the story behind this wonderful treasure from my past. When my dad was going to school at the one room school on Bear Run, along with his siblings, the school held a contest between the students.

Whoever sold the most flower seeds won a “Fabulous Prize,” the Weatherman.

The school paired siblings together and my dad was paired up with his younger sister, Maxine. Together they sold the most flower seeds of any other pair at the school and thus won the Weatherman Weather Forecaster.

Even though my dad and aunt have passed on, the Weatherman Weather Forecaster remains in the home they grew up in, a little torn and tattered from age (the Weatherman, not the house).

In 1981 my Grandpa

Simon Nicholas passed away. I was only 4 years old at the time. I can still remember my daddy sneaking myself and my older sister into Calhoun General Hospital to say our goodbyes.

It was in the same year that our dad acquired the Nicholas Family Farm previously owned by my grandparents.

Growing up I never really gave much thought to all the treasures from the past that could be found in the home. For example, in the kitchen hanging on the wall you could find a Weatherman Weather (Continued on Page 5)

OBITUARIES

EUPELL HOSKINS, Jr.

Euell Hoskins, Jr, 92, of Parkersburg, formerly of Grantsville, passed away on February 15, 2023, at Arcadia Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Coolville, Ohio.



Junior was born at home on Spring Run, Calhoun County, W.Va. He was the oldest of ten children of the late Euell, Sr. and Eunice Ethel Parsons Hoskins.

Junior is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary Imogene Fowler Hoskins; children, Karen June (Robert) Bonar and Roger Lee (Linda) Hoskins; grandchildren, Robert Franklin Bonar, Michael Andrew (Kelly) Bonar, Matthew Thomas (Liz) Bonar, and Benjamin Allen Hoskins; great grandchildren, Hannah Rachel Bonar, Emma Elizabeth Bonar, Clara Abigail Bonar, Kathleen Jane Bonar, and Annelise Laurel Bonar; sisters, Virginia Greathouse, Golda Hess, Tracie Kincaid, Marilyn Bostaph, and Laura Robinson; brothers, Harold Hoskins, and Richard Hoskins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Blanche Cox and Ruth Bartlett and one grandson, David Nelson Hoskins.

Junior graduated from Calhoun County High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict serving in Okinawa. He was a member of the VFW. Junior married Mary Imogene Fowler on April 27, 1952, at Enon Baptist Church near Grantsville, WV. He was a mechanic and body man working for several automotive businesses. Junior customized a 1957 Chevrolet, owned by Dr. Charles Toepfer that won second place in the 1959 Motor Life Magazine's top custom contest. He then went on to work for Cabot Oil and Gas Company until his retirement.

Junior was a member of the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department, Grantsville Town Council and member of the Grantsville Masonic Lodge. At Enon Baptist Church he was a deacon, Sunday school teacher, superintendent and treasurer. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church of Grantsville. At the time of death, he was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Mineral Wells.

Junior loved singing and could always be found in a choir. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, taking several trips to Canada. He always raised a large garden with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Junior was an accomplished craftsman, especially woodworking. He was indeed a "jack of

all trades."

Funeral services for Junior will take place 2:00 PM Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, South Parkersburg with Reverend Greg Swisher officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery with full Military Rites by American Legion Post #15. Visitation will be 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Friday, February 24, 2023 and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

MICHAEL E. COLLINS

Michael E Collins, 62, of Elizabeth, WV, died unexpectedly at his home Feb. 17, 2023. He is the son of Ruby Pearl Moroe Collins and the late Harley Ray Collins. In addition to his father, Michael was preceded in death by nephew Jared Collins.



He was a graduate of Calhoun County High School with the class of 1979 and worked for KPI Petroleum as a field operator. He was a member of Straight Creek Baptist Church and a deacon, trustee, Sunday school superintendent and moderator. An outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, berry picking, hiking, camping, riding his bicycle, riding the 4-wheeler and driving back roads with his family. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife Eva; his daughter Jamie; siblings Kenny Collins, Linda Friemier (Joe), Harley Paul Collins (Carol) and David Collins (Anna); nephews Kyle, Keith, Chris; nieces Amanda and Ashley and many cousins and friends. Visitation was Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 pm with the Rev Dobby Thrash officiating. Interment will follow at Saunders Cemetery, Calhoun County, WV. Matheny Whited Funeral Home was honored to assist the Collins family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to help with funeral expenses at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, PO Box 639, Elizabeth, WV 26143.

DAVID MERRILL CLARK

David Merrill Clark, 81 of Smithville, W.Va., passed away February 17, 2023 at The Willows.

A private cremation will take place at Mid-Ohio Valley Cremation Society.

Memorial Service

In Loving Memory of Emma Cooper on March 5, 2023.

The family of Emma would like to invite all family and friends to come and spend the afternoon with us. Starting at 11:00 AM at the Calhoun County Park Herbert Smith Building.

Life Long friend of the family Delmas Stutler will lead us in good memories and maybe some funny mishaps or maybe a secret or two at 1:00 PM.

Bring your favorite recipe and come spend the day with us. We will end the day with a covered dish dinner.

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee.

It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens.

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042.

Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Upper West Fork

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Scheduled events are as follows (Saturday sings are from 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.): Feb. 25, Dixie Highway; Mar. 4, Ruff Cut; Mar. 11, Mark IV; Mar. 18, TBA; Mar. 25, Frank Conn & Partners.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

For the last few weeks the editor of The Chronicle, Newton Nichols, has been under the weather and not his usual cheery self. He has been seeing a doctor in Parkersburg for a few weeks and last Tuesday afternoon his doctor had him go to the emergency room here in Grantsville.

Minnie Hamilton Health System then sent him on down the river to Camden Clark Hospital for evaluation and treatment and he remains there to this day. He is undergoing kidney dialysis treatment while the specialists continue to look for the cause of his malady. This is only the second time in decades that The Chronicle has not been entirely set and laid out by Newton, and I sincerely hope that the guy doing the paper this week (me) doesn't mess things up too badly.

Please bear with me while I muddle through this while trying to remember what I have seen Newton do from week to week to make The Chronicle the news source for Calhoun County.

Unfortunately for me, Newton makes working with our layout program, InDesign, look simple and easy. Let me assure you, it is anything BUT simple and easy. It seems that every software program that deals with text and type utilizes different command codes and shortcuts and my tiny little brain keeps getting all of them confused

which causes me so much frustration. Newton is hopeful that he may be back at his desk soon doing what he loves, making The Chronicle the newspaper that you love to read every week.

There was much talk late last week about storms moving across the country leaving mayhem in its wake. While it did do a number on other states around the nation, and hit parts of West Virginia really hard as well, pretty much what we got here in Calhoun County was record warmth, high winds and a good soaking rain. We will take it as brush fire season is upon us already.

Spring seems to be busting out all over. Our snowdrops are just about done for the year but the crocus just started blooming last Thursday. Daffodils are almost ready to bloom and our three tulips have poked their way through the soil to reach for the warmth of the sun.

I have heard of spring peepers already singing their love songs but as of yet I have heard none of them. If it turns cold again I guess they will all have to bury themselves in the mud again until the next war spell, which will probably be next week.

I would write more but I am out of time, I am already behind schedule and I must end this right now or I will miss my deadline.

Obituaries of local interest are free and subject to editing for space, conciseness, and content, which includes direct descendants, their spouses, if clearly stated as such and are local residents, number of grandchildren, etc. Information must come from a funeral home. Memorials and obituaries are available as a paid advertisement.

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Friday, March 10

Pre-K registration fair, Pleasant Hill School; call Sierra McCormick, 354-6022, ext. 402, for an appointment; enrollment packets available.

This Week In History

The following reports are taken from *The Calhoun Chronicle* archives:

1923, 100 years ago

Mrs. Sarah Kellar has been suffering with a terrible cold and sore throat.

Mrs. Carl Bowers and little sons Edward and Haden spent Sunday with Mrs. Harley Knight.

Austin Carpenter is quite ill with diphtheria.

Donald Stoneking is confined to his room with a light attack of "flu."

Miss Hazel Nix, teacher of the Big Bend school, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Creston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bower spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Maze of Industry. Mr. Maze is in very poor health.

Harry Gainer and Oma Cain returned to their home Wednesday from Charleston, where they have been working.

There will be a pie supper at the Henrietta school house Saturday night and the proceeds will be used for a library for the school. Everyone is invited to attend. Claude V. Osborne, teacher.

Hays and Roberts have begun spudding on their W. R. Bush well on Five Mile.

Mrs. Mary J. Kelley has been indisposed with rheumatism.

The Hope Gas Co. No. 1 on the Metz farm is through the salt sand with only a light show of oil.

Francis and Graham Stutler, two of Little Creek's prominent men, were in Grantsville Friday attending to business matters.

GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY – Mrs. Romie Harden, of Joker, died Wednesday morning at the Spencer city hospital where she had been under treatment for two weeks. She was 28 years of age and her death was caused by a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband and two small children and was a niece of Mrs. N. L. Fluharty, of Alvord. Burial was in the Spencer Cemetery. – Spencer Times Reporter.

1948, 75 years ago

'47 EGG OUTPUT TOPS '46 MARK – Egg production in West Virginia during 1947 was slightly over that of the previous year, the federal state crop reporting service said yesterday, with a total of 485,000,000 reported, as compared to 484,000,000 in 1946.

At the same time officials said production for December alone, 28,000,000 eggs, was slightly under the 29,000,000 produced in the same month of 1946.

Milk production averaged 10.5 pounds on Jan. 1, compared to 10.4 pounds a year earlier, and a 10-year average of 9.4 pounds.

Farmers were holding 8,225,000 bushels of corn at the first of the year, 25 percent higher than a year ago, and 11 percent above average, the service reported.

Wheat stocks were also above last year, with 846,000 bushels on farms this year, as compared to 614,000 last year, and oat stock continued with a total of 1,471,000 bushels, 100,000 over a year ago and 318,000 above the average.

On the other hand, officials say, hay stocks declined to 743,000 tons on Jan. 1 from the 847,000 tons reported at the same time last year. This decline was attributed to the short hay production of the year.

1973, 50 years ago

THREE MEN HURT IN DRILLING RIG FIRE – A spark from a drilling rig engine set off an explosion Saturday morning which sent three Spencer men to the hospital with burns to their hands and face.

Volunteer firemen from Grantsville and Elizabeth answered a call to the scene, in a remote area near the Calhoun-Wirt line, between Annamoriah and Creston. Because of the rugged terrain, the Grantsville firemen took a portable pump in a four-wheel drive vehicle, and even then they were unable to get to the well site by vehicle.

Gene Bowers, 38, Harold Bowers 32, and Ronford Clarkson, 42, all of Otto Rt., Spencer, were treated for burns at St. Joseph Hospital.

The operation was owned by the Stonestreet Lands Company, with Hank Pence as drilling contractor.

SR. CITIZENS OPEN CENTER HERE – A Senior Citizen Center is now open in Grantsville, in the J & B Drug Store building, occupying three rooms formerly that of offices of Cabot Corporation. Entrance is on Court Street. The center is open every day, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Orin Atkinson or Ella Boatright in attendance to welcome and aid all those who come to the center.

There is a television set in one room, also games, records and record player, plenty of chairs and tables, and coffee, cookies and doughnuts are served. There are two rest rooms in the spacious center, and lots of room to carry on various center activities. There will be a covered dish dinner in the center March 15 at 6 p.m.

One of the big uses of the center so far is as a place for informal meetings, and as a waiting room.

Donations from many persons and places have made the center opening possible. The Calhoun county court has made a grant of \$1,200 toward expenses.

Now it's open, and a warm welcome awaits all who stop in, at any time.

Children's Crisis

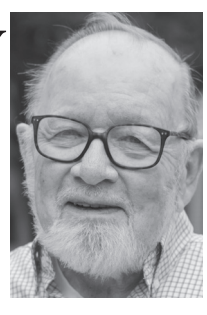
The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities.

The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

In crisis situations, the helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help deescalate by phone or respond in person.

CURIOSITY CORNER

by Dr. Jerry D. Wilson,
Emeritus Professor of Physics,
Lander University



Question: Why is a wiener in a bun called a hot dog? (Asked by a curious dog lover.)

Reply: Yes, a wiener or frank in a bun is our favorite hot dog. Both bun occupiers are sausages, either pork or beef, or a combination of the two. As the wiener and frank names imply, Vienna and Frankfurt in Europe lay claim to the creation of the sausages. Many German immigrants came to America in the 1880s, and street vendors sold these sausages, known as "dachshund sausages" because of their lengthy resemblance to the dog.

As the story goes, a sausage vendor in St. Louis sold his sausages so hot that he would supply gloves to his customers to help them hold the hot "dachshunds." One day, he ran out of gloves and began giving them out inside a white bun instead. This practice became popular, and from a "hot dachshund" in a bun, the hot dog was born.

There are several other variations to this story, but this one gives the general idea. Would you like mustard or ketchup with that?

Question: Why is a football field called the "gridiron?" (Asked by an Eagles fan who is still sore after last week's Super Bowl loss.)

Reply: First, let's consider the gridiron. This is the name given to a metal grid for cooking over a fire. Metal rods are placed at right angles to form a grid with squares that look much like a checkerboard.

In the early days, the lines of football fields were laid out in this checkerboard pattern and the field was likened to a gridiron. In the 1920s, this grid system was phased out and football fields Hot Diggity Dog! February 17, 2023 were instead marked with yard lines and hash marks that we still use today. However, the term "gridiron" is still used by some in reference to a football field.

Gridiron football evolved from English rugby and soccer. Unlike soccer, the players can touch, throw and carry the ball. Unlike rugby, each team controls the ball in alternating periods.

American gridiron football developed as we have it today, but there were different developments. In Canadian football, for example, the game is played on a 110-yard field, has only three downs, and has only 12 players per team.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Alright, everyone line up alphabetically according to your height." - Casey Stengel, baseball manager

Curious about something? Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at curiosity.corner@yahoo.com. Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Solid Waste Authority meets, Mom's Place Too, Grantsville, 4 p.m.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team hosts Ritchie County, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16

Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Parkersburg Catholic in Little Kanawha Conference placement game, TBA.

Friday, Feb. 17

CCHS wrestling team competes in regional qualifying tournament, Millwood, Jackson County, 10 a.m.

Board of Review and Equalization meets, courthouse little courtroom, 3 p.m., and meeting to appoint new Pleasant Hill Public Service District board meeting.

Fellowship meeting, Walnut Grove Community Church, 7 p.m.; Sam Dorsey, preaching; Dorsey Family, singing.

CCHS varsity boys basketball team hosts Meadow Bridge, 7 p.m.

CCHS varsity girls basketball team plays in sectional tourney, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Calhoun Youth basketball, CM/HS: 4th-6th grades start from 10:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.; 2nd-3rd grades start from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 p.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Calhoun Youth basketball, single elimination tournament, CM/HS: 4th-6th grades start from 1:30 to 4:50 p.m.; 2nd-3rd grades start from 1:30 to 3:10 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 20

PRESIDENTS' DAY.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Parent-Child Group, Calhoun FRN, Grantsville, 11 a.m. to noon.

Calhoun Republican Executive Committee meets, courthouse little courtroom, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments served.

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Thursday, Feb. 23

Board of Review and Equalization meets, courthouse little courtroom, 3 p.m., action on timberland.

Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

Parent-Child Group, Arnoldsburg School, 2 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

Lincoln Day Dinner, Herb Smith barn, Calhoun County Park, 6:30 p.m.; sponsored by Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.



This Week In West Virginia History



The following events happened from Feb. 23 - March 1 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished



himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo

Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: Summers County was established

from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

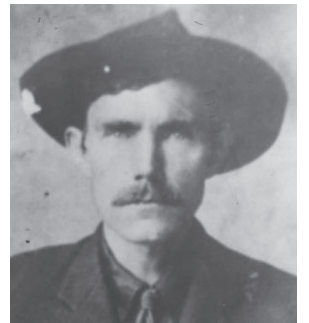
Feb. 27, 1871: The legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

Feb. 28, 1831: Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier, and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Feb. 28, 1858: McDowell County, the southernmost county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.



March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

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My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



I know that winter isn't officially over for a month yet, and that it is still February, but I think I am going to pack up all of my snowmen this week. It is starting to feel like I am torturing myself. Their sweet, smiling faces are just becoming reminders of what this winter has failed to produce. At this point, I am ready to admit defeat and welcome an early spring with open arms. Packing away my snowmen will be my final surrender.

I am hoping to get a little taste of winter on Monday, even though it will be the manmade type. School is closed for Presidents' Day, but I will be on a field trip to the Canaan Valley Ski Resort. This year's seniors chose to go tubing, skiing, and ice skating. This means I will have the chance to frolic in some snow, the fake kind, but still snow. I will have to settle for that and move on to spring. If by some chance, March turns out to be snowy, I will be pleasantly surprised.

This past week was a busy one at school. In fact, two days this week, I had meetings during lunch and didn't get to eat until my planning period. I was running around completing paperwork for the upcoming trip, hosting a National Honor Society meeting, and still trying to keep up with all of my usual daily responsibilities.

Thankfully, Friday was a Faculty Senate/Professional Development day, so there were no students in the building, and I had some time to catch up on anything that got pushed to the back burner.

I am usually in my classroom close to 7:00 on most school days. This gives almost an hour to prepare and get ready for the day. I set my alarm for 6:00 instead of 5:00 for Friday morning and got a little extra sleep. I still managed to clean my classroom and make copies for the upcoming week before my first meeting at 9:00. I was in meetings until 12:00, and then we broke for lunch. Because of scheduling conflicts, the English department wasn't able to meet at our regular time, so we held our PLC meeting while we ate lunch. I then had an hour to finish some paperwork in my classroom before I headed downstairs to take minutes at Faculty Senate. After this meeting, I completed a required online training and headed out the door at 3:30 to start my weekend.

I stopped in to check on the parents and Rascal on my way home. I was surprised by how high the river had risen in 24 hours, but the rain had stopped at that point, and the waters were supposed to start going down. I ate dinner with Mom and Dad, played a bit with Rascal, and then headed home to my pajamas and book. I was sound asleep by 10:00.

My sister Missy, brother-in-law Dave, and my nephew Michael arrived in Grantsville on Saturday morning.

Missy had let me know they were coming on Thursday, but they surprised my parents with the visit. They brought along Michael's beagle puppy Cletus, so I ran interference with Rascal who doesn't like to share his humans with other dogs. It was a good visit, and Missy made ham loaf, which is one of my favorites. It is always great to spend time with family. The only way it would have been better would have been if Hannah, my niece, could have been here too, but she works most weekends these days.

I forgot to mention earlier that I got a haircut this week. Maricia, Mom and I spent a little time with Crystal and all came out looking better than when we went in. My grey hairs are becoming plentiful, so in addition to my haircut, I got some blonde and red highlights to cover them up. I always enjoy this appointment. They say laughter is the best medicine, so that is probably why I always leave Crystal's shop feeling lighter in more ways than one.

This week, in addition to my trip to the mountains, I will be taking part in Trivia Night at the library. This is taking place on Thursday at 6:00 pm, and the library will be serving a taco bar. It should be a very entertaining evening, and I am looking forward to it. This week also begins Lent, which is the 40 days leading up to Easter.

I haven't decided what I am giving up this year, but I will need to make up my mind before Wednesday. I need to wrap this up now because I must head to bed soon. The bus is pulling out at 6:00 am tomorrow morning. I will be sure to write about all of our adventures in next week's article.

Letters to Mary and Other Communications

(This series is made possible through the efforts of Michael A. Ayers' descendants. The letters were preserved by Ayers' grandson Ashford Ayers and compiled into booklet form by Alice Ann Ayers Brown, great-granddaughter of Michael and Mary Ayers.)

Michael A. Ayers-- A Calhoun Native In the Civil War

(Continued from Last Week)

You can only imagine how supremely glad and happy I would be if it were so I could come home, and stay with you, but its out of my power now, and as you say we can only trust for the time to come when such will be the case, it is getting late, and I must write another letter to a dear friend of mine whose gentle spirit haunts my visions, and I sometimes think makes my hard couch more soft. But I am dreaming, good night. Write soon again, regards to friends, and love to you all.

Remaining your most affectionate son & brother, Michael.

This week, there is a journal entry concerning his commanders and a letter to "My Dear Girl.")

Head Quarters 11 Regt

Deep Bottom, Va.

January 24th., 1865

Brevett Brig Gent. Harris

Sir

Being placed temporary in command of the Regiment, I would respectfully ask if any recommondations has been made to have the required field officers appointed, and if not made I would recommond for your considerations Lieut M.A. Ayers. He being the best qualified officer in the regiment in every respect to fill one of the positions.

The Regiment for some time back has been some what demoralised but I am happy to say that there has been a great improvement in the last two weeks, and by the proper deciplin will in a short time come up to a stander with the other Regiments in this Division, by a request of Col Frost after he received his mortal wound, to do all I could to keep up the credit of the regiment, I feel it my duty to do all I can in my weak way to promote the interest of the regiment, I am in hopes that all this wire working that has been here to fore will cease, all the officers & men are trying at this time to make soldiers of them selves,

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

Dixon R. King

Capt. Com. Regiment

[On the back of this letter is a note from T.M. Harris, Brevet Brig. Gen Command. It reads as follows.]

at your brother Lieut. King and Lieut Collet have been recommended by Maj. Simpson the former for Lt. Col, the latter for Major. Col. Hall has recommended Lt. Ayers in lieu of Lt. Collet in which recommendation I have concurred.

Moses, Vashti, & Adolphus Ayers, I send you a pebble from "Dutch Gap Canal." Keep it.

January 24th., 1865

My Dear Girl:

I am engaged once more in the pleasant task of writing you another letter. It has been but a day or two since I have written but I know you will read this one too. I will say that I am yet in good health and most truly hoping this may find you enjoying the same good blessing of a kind Providence.

Enclosed I send you a keepsake in the form of a piece of pine wood, which is a sliver of a rebel gunboat or ram which was blown up last night just above Dutch Gap Canal. There was three of these rams started to come down the river last night to shell us out from our camp, but our Batteries opened on them, blowing this one the "Drury" all to smash, the other two got aground and were captured today.

I may add there was some pretty heavy artillery firing last night, but everything is quiet and still tonight. The names of the two rams captured were "Richmond" and "Fredericksburg." We were under arms nearly all day, and to be again tomorrow morning by five o'clock.

Oh! I wish this nasty fighting was at an end, and I do hope it may end soon.

Oh! My own angel Mary, where are you tonight? echo answers where? yet I imagine you are by the familiar old fireside, and trying to appear gay and happy to all around you, but I know you feel anxious, and your spirit wanders far away in search of that friend who is more to you than all the world beside, and who tonight is far, far away, surrounded by all the engineering of war. Oh! May the day hasten when I can be released from these shackles, and free as the deer that gallops through the wood return to claim the rich prize, so rarely drawn in the great lottery of the human family; a good wife.

Could I find language to express to you any new pledge of affection, I would do so, but I cannot. You know that you are my all, and that for your sake I would sacrifice anything I possess. May God protect and preserve up both, and bring the day to pass when we can meet to enjoy the love so freely bestowed by each of us.

You know dear Mary I write my feelings and nothing else on this subject, for how could I dare say anything to you but what came from my heart of hearts, the purest thoughts, the highest resolves, the noblest aspirations of my life is your true happiness.

I will write again soon if spared. Meanwhile good bye. Yes, good night, may angel spirits guard us both.

Ever your own true love,

Michael

(Continued Next Week)

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily):

(Dining hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 23: hamburger, ranch potatoes, banana pudding, whole wheat bun.

Friday, Feb. 24: pasta and chicken, vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Monday, Feb. 27: chcicken patty, french fries, vegetables, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Tues. Feb. 28: chili with meat and beans, crakers, peanut butter sandwich, whole wheat bread.

Wed. Mar. 1: creamed tomatoes, fried apples, potatoes, whole wheat

biscuit.

Thur. Mar. 2: pork chops, mushroom gravy, carrots, mashed potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Fri. Mar. 3: beef, whole wheat macaroni with tomato sauce, cole slaw, brussel sprouts, corn bread, juice.

Suggested donation scale for meals: Individual monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

From the PSC

by Charlotte Lane,

Chairman of Public Service Commission

West Virginia Ratepayers Are Not Paying for the Ohio Bribery Scandal

You may have heard about the FirstEnergy bribery scandal in Ohio. Federal prosecutors have accused the former speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives of leading a FirstEnergy supported effort to pass a billion dollar bailout of its nuclear plants.

As chairman of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, I want to assure you that expenses related to FirstEnergy's illegal lobbying activities in Ohio or anywhere else have not been passed on to Monongahela Power (Mon Power) or Potomac Edison's (PE) West Virginia customers. I am closely monitoring the Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania investigations.

The commission requires electric utilities to follow specific accounting rules that require that lobbying activities and image building advertising be recorded in accounts that are not included in expenses that are recoverable in rates.

Compliance with accounting rules is subject to multiple controls, including internal auditing, independent external auditing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reporting and reviews, Security and Exchange Commission reporting, and verification requirements,

PSC staff verification and reviews by other parties during rate cases. If an expense on a utility's books relates to illegal activities it would, of course, be excluded from rate recovery, without question.

Just as importantly, ratepayers should be aware that expenses related to lobbying for passage of legislation or image building activities are never allowed for ratemaking, even if they did not represent illegal activities.

As Mon Power and PE have not had a base rate case in West Virginia since 2014, there has been no opportunity for the utility to even attempt to pass on those questionable payments for legislative lobbying. Any reports to the contrary are unsupported speculation, or even worse, knowingly misleading and false.

It is noteworthy that Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the states that have identified disallowed expenses, have all recently completed base rate cases for FirstEnergy.

In those states, FirstEnergy had requested recovery in rates for those impermissible expenses.

Mon Power and PE are expected to file a base rate case here later this year. West Virginia ratepayers have my word, we will closely scrutinize all expenses to make sure that expenses for illegal activities, as well as expenses for legislative lobbying and image enhancement, either directly incurred or indirectly incurred through affiliated inter-corporate charges, are not passed on to you.

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National Census of Agriculture Response Deadline Extended

By Stephen Smoot
Last month, Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, urged state farmers to participate in the 2022 Census of Agriculture. The US Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, or NASS, says that although the deadline officially passed on Feb. 6, "NASS will still continue to accept completed questionnaires through the spring."
The extension will help "ensure all farmers and ranchers take advantage of this opportunity to be represented in the widely used data."
According to Alissa Cowell-Mytar, West Virginia state statistician for NASS, "the data is used by decision-makers to help them come up with state programs and county level data." Leonhardt stated in a release that "this is the only source of impartial, comprehensive state and county level agricultural data in the nation."
He added that, "the data collected is used when developing funding formulas for Farm Bills. It also helps local governments, extensions educators, and researchers make informed decisions that directly affect our state's farm operations, communities, and industries."

to keep all submissions confidential, use the information for statistical purposes only, and publish aggregate data to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation."
Census of Agriculture data has real life applications, including helping officials to ask questions about farming trends over time. For example, information from 2012 revealed that Calhoun County had 1,172 acres of farmland. That number by 2017 dipped to 702. Local agricultural and economic development authority officials can look at the discrepancy and investigate why. The "why" answers could either be easily explained or indicate a problem.
In many ways, as Cowell-Mytar stated, it is "an opportunity for West Virginia ag producers to make their voices heard. She added in Commissioner Leonhardt's release that NASS has worked hard to make the survey more convenient and efficient for respondents, allowing the online form to skip over questions that do not pertain to the respondent. For example, a produce farmer would not want to spend time sifting through questions on livestock if he or she own none.
Those who have not yet responded can go to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Respondent Portal at agcounts.usda.gov. Respondents choosing to go online can do so on their computer, phone, or tablet.
"We thank everyone who has completed their census to date," said NASS administrator Hubert Hamer in a release." He also stated that, "We want all producers to use their voices to help shape the future of American agriculture."

The survey resembles the US Census Bureau's County Business Patterns Data that is taken every year. That survey reports data on local business activity across all sectors except agriculture. In both the County Business Patterns Data and also the Census of Agriculture, data is presented in aggregate form. No individual personal or business details are shared.
Cowell-Mytar also said that data is "used for statewide programs only," and that "we don't sell information and don't share addresses with anyone." Federal law, according to the USDA "requires NASS

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Family Treasures

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Forecaster (Hygrometer). Anytime you wanted to know what the weather would be like all you had to do was look to see if the old witch was out or if the kids were out of the little wooden house.
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WIC Program

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WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898, or the main office in Parkersburg, 428-3688.
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Call the office, 354-6898, if you have an appointment or a question about benefits.

Calhoun Youth Basketball -- Week 5

Week 5 of Calhoun Youth basketball (4th-6th grades and 2nd-3rd grades) was played on Saturday.
The championships were played on Sunday, Feb. 19. This past week's results were as follows:

Feb. 18 4th-6th grade

Team Wilson 36: Eli Ferrell 15, Easton Boak 7, Brody Crislip 4, Bentley Snodgrass Braidyn Ferrell 2, Colby Wilson 2, Silas Cunningham 2, Koby Crislip Temperance Caldwell, Josiah Ferrell.

Team Lamp 10: Kyrian Mounts 6, Colin Grogg 4, Payton Lamp, Brenlyn Barr, Jayden Hall, Chiara Brenneman, Liam Staton, Elizabeth Collins.

Team Walker 18: Jude Walker 14, Keegan Sampson 9, Liam Yeager 4, Khloe Cobbett, Ava Bush, A.J. Stevens, Payden Yeager, Bella Staples, Alayna Wolford.

Team Church 17: Tyler Mayle 6, Mandy Johnson 7, Cohen Blankenship, Ellie Hall, Addie Caudill, Zeke Good, Logan Butler.

Team Frail 0: Brayden Hardway, Bristol Hoskins, Parker Hoskins, Emma Frail, Braylee McKown, Eliana White, Lydia Starcher, Danika Starcher, Mercy Starcher.

Team Lamp 9: Kyrian Mounts 6, Jayden Hall 2, Colin Grogg 1, Brenlyn Barr, Payton Lamp, Chiara Brenneman, Mason Cunningham, Liam Staton, Elizabeth Collins.

Team Walker 23: Jude Walker 12, Khloe Cobbett 4, Liam Yeager 4, A.J. Stevens 2, Payden Yeager 1, Ava Bush, Keegan Sampson, Bella Staples, Alayna Wolford.

Team Nicholas 7: Preston Sauer 4, Luke Strange-Paylor 2, Haley Nicholas 1, Kaley Nicholas, Mason Laughlin, Kallah Reip, Tyler Helmick, Cyrus Helmick.

Team Frail 16: Brayden Hardway 8, Bristol Hoskins 6, Eliana White 2, Lydia Starcher, Braylee McKown, Emma Frail, Parker Hoskins, Danika Starcher, Mercy Starcher.

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Team Nicholas 4: Preston Sauer, Luke Strange-Paylor, Haley Nicholas, Kaley Nicholas, Mason Laughlin, Kallah Reip, Tyler Helmick, Cyrus Helmick.

Team Wilson 24: Eli Ferrell 12, Easton Boak 5, Braidyn Ferrell 4, Bentley Snodgrass 2, Colby Wilson 1, Brody Crislip, Temperance Caldwell, Josiah Ferrell, Koby Crislip, Silas Cunningham,

Team Nicholas 13: Preston Sauer 9, Haley Nicholas 2, Kaley Nicholas 2, Mason Laughlin, Luke Strange-Paylor, Kallah Reip, Tyler Helmick.

4th-6th Standings

	won	loss
Walker	10	0
Frail	6	4
Wilson	7	3
Church	5	5
Lamp	2	8
Nicholas	0	10

Feb. 18 2nd-3rd grade

Team Heiney 8: Cruz Frymier 6, Haygen Houchin 2, Adam Eagle, Aerial Heiney, Kyla

Burrows, Brenton Slider, Hazel Winkler.

Team Cunningham 16: Jase Farley 10, Tori Cunningham 2, Nila Walker 2, Jackson Ingram 2, Kyle Shook, Savanna Sampson.

Team Helmick 15: Mason Sampson 13, Colton McCumbers 5, Annie Nelson 4, Colsyn Conley 2, Judd Helmick, Sophia Bartlet, Sophia Goodrich, Colton McCumbers, Annie Nelson.

Team Westfall 6: Bryson Cosner 4, Aubrie Daigle 2, Parker Roberts, Aaron Langford, Karleigh Daugherty, James Marks, Kinsley Parsons.

2nd-3rd Standings

	won	loss
Heiney	6	3
Cunningham	6	3
Helmick	6	3
Westfall	0	9

Sunday, Feb. 19 4th-6th grade

Team Church 27: Tyler Mayle 15, Cohen Blankenship 9, Addie Caudill 2, Grayson Hill 1, Mandy Johnson, Ellie Hall, Allianna Hill, Zeke Good, Logan Butler.

Team Lamp 12: Colin Grogg 6, Kyrian Mounts 6, Brenlyn Barr, Jayden Hall, Chiara Brenneman, Liam Staton, Elizabeth Collins, Audrey Johnson.

Team Frail 18: Parker Hoskins 6, Brayden Hardway 6, Braylee McKown 4, Bristol Hoskins 2, Emma Frail, Eliana White, Lydia Starcher, Danika Starcher, Mercy Starcher.

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Team Frail 12: Bristol Hoskins 8, Brayden Hardway 2, Braylee McKown 2, Emma Frail, Parker Hoskins, Eliana White, Lydia Starcher, Danika Starcher, Mercy Starcher.

Sunday, Feb. 19 Tournament Championship Game

Team Walker 19: Jude Walker 13, Chloe Cobbitt 2, Keegan Sampson 2, Bella Staples 2, Ava Bush, AJ Stevens, Liam Yeager, Payden Yeager, Alayna Wolford

Team Wilson 14: Easton Boak 5, Eli Ferrell 4, Brody Crislip 2, Braidyn Ferrell 2, Bentley Snodgrass 1, Koby Crislip, Colby Wilson, Silas Cunningham, Temperance Caldwell, Josiah Ferrell.

4th-6th Standings

	won	loss
Walker	12	0
Wilson	8	4
Frail	7	5
Church	6	6
Lamp	2	9
Nicholas	0	11

2nd-3rd regular games

Team Helmick 10: Mason Sampson 8, Judd Helmick 2, Sophia Bartlet, Sophia Goodrich, Colton McCumbers, Annie Nelson, Colsyn Conley.

Team Westfall 8: Aubrie Daigle 6, Bryson Cosner 2, James Marks, Parker Roberts, Aaron Langford, Kinsley Parsons, Karleigh Daugherty.

Team Cunningham 22: Jase Farley 8, Tori Cunningham 6, Kyle Shook, Nila Walker 2, Jason Ingram, Savanna Sampson.

Team Heiney 7: Cruz Frymier 3, Haygen Houchin 3, Adam Eagle 1, Aerial Heiney, Kyla Burrows, Brenton Slider, Hazel Winkler.

Championship Game

Team Helmick 12: Mason Sampson 5, Colton McCumbers 3, Judd Helmick 2, Sophia Goodrich 2, Sophia Bartlet, Annie Nelson, Colsyn Conley.

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2nd-3rd Standings

	won	loss
Helmick	8	3
Cunningham	7	4
Heiney	6	4
Westfall	0	10

Town Website

The Town of Grantsville has a new website for things going on in the town and county: townofgrantsville.municipality.squarespace.com.

Prevent Suicide

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Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste meets on the third Wednesday, each month at Mom's Place Too, in Grantsville.

Work4WV Initiative Pairs Jobseekers With Open State Positions

WorkForce West Virginia has launched the Work4WV Career Center that connects jobseekers to state government jobs.
The initiative is a collaborative effort with the Division of Personnel to aid in recruiting workers for numerous state agencies.
The collaboration pairs job seekers registered with WorkForce West Virginia with critical vacancies across West Virginia state agencies.
Participating agencies include Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Dept. of Homeland Security, and Division of Highways, and others.
"Work4WV is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate across agencies to best serve the citizens of our great state," said

Family Planning

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. has announced its upcoming Family Planning clinics in Roane and Wirt counties.

Family planning services include pregnancy testing; information for those trying to achieve pregnancy; medical history; physical, gynecological, breast and testicular exams; laboratory services; diagnosis and limited treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; education and counseling and referrals for medical issues and sterilization procedures; and contraceptive supplies.
Eligibility requirements are as follows:
--Female/male of child-bearing age.
--Women seeking pregnancy.

--Income is at or below 250% of the current Federal Poverty Level and uninsured or underinsured
--Fees assessed on gross monthly income and family size according to the Federal Poverty guidelines.
--Other programs available, if annual income is over income guidelines.

Roane County clinic will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 200 E. Main St., Spencer. Call 927-1480 for appointment.
Wirt County clinic will be on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 90 Senior Circle, Elizabeth. Call 275-3131 for appointment.

Mid Ohio Valley Health Dept.

Mid Ohio Valley Health Dept. 300 Mill Street, Grantsville WV 26147 304-354-6898 is open Mon-Thur 8:00-4:00 Closed on Fridays.

The Health Department has Clinic every other Tuesday for anyone wanting Adult Immunizations, Infant & Pre-school Immunizations. This coming Tuesday we will be at the Senior Center from 10-11:30 giving Hepatitis B immunizations for anyone needing the vaccine. Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 is the Wic Clinic for expecting mothers and children from birth to 5 years old. Food Handlers Class is also available to the public. For more information contact the Mid Ohio Valley Health Dept. @ 304-354-6898 or 304-354-6101

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Scott Adkins, acting commissioner.
"As part of this initiative, WorkForce is also thrilled to be able to provide space through our Work4WV Career Center, where agencies can work together to assemble ideas that will effectuate a more efficient and successful hiring process."
The Work4WV Career Center is open to the public at 5707 MacCorkle Ave., Charleston. Jobseekers are invited to take advantage of office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Toll-free assistance is available at 1-866-Work4WV from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.
For information, call 1-866-Work4WV or email Work4WV@wv.gov.

CALHOON REALTY TEAM

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Annamoriah Creek -- Affordable hunting property with easy ATV access, this is it! 94 acres on this property is perfect for the avid outdoorsman. Ideal for hunting or off-grid living. Access to the property via a lazy county road. The old well road to the top of the hill is easily accessible using an ATV. **Priced at \$94,900.**

3565 N. Calhoun Highway, Grantsville -- Perfect starter home with large back yard! 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home with around 1,000 sq.ft., sitting on just under 1 acre. Utilities connected are city water, electric, gas and septic. High speed internet through Shentel makes it perfect for working from home! The living room and dining room create an open concept with a small kitchen off of the dining room. The bathroom is on the main level, with a dry, full, unfinished basement below that could be finished for additional square footage. Outside there is a covered full length front porch that wraps around the left side of the home to the back door that is perfect to sit and listen to the small water fountain. The back yard is spacious with a small storage shed for equipment. Less than a mile from Pleasant Hill Elementary School and 3 miles from the Town of Grantsville. **\$72,900.**

Little Rowels Run, Creston -- CHEAP AND STEEP, YES YOU READ THAT CORRECTLY. This property has a small area to pull a camper on or build a tiny home. Other than that, the 46.10 (recently surveyed) acres has very extremely steep topography, all wooded, no utilities available, no neighbors within sight, and property is priced accordingly. Come make us an offer and figure out what you can do with this property. **\$44,900.**

57 Hicks Road, Chloe -- A truly must-see property. This beautiful 3 bed, 1 bath has just about everything you could wish for in a home. From its large 48x28 workshop with vehicle lift, to its own separate canning/meat processing 29x22 building with walk in cooler. Need additional storage??? How about three more storage buildings. With 6.3+/-acres, you have plenty of land for a garden. With reported free gas, you can save on those monthly heating/cooking expenses. So, if you have toys, this is the place for you. If you're into prepping and storing your own food, this is the place for you. The owner has thought of almost everything you would want in a property. Homes like this don't hit the market very often, so you owe it to yourself to come take a look. **\$340,000. SALE PENDING**

1085 Pond Run Road, Chloe -- Looking for that beautiful log home in the country? This spacious 3 bed, 2 bath on 4.89 acres has all the charm and seclusion you've been longing? From its amazing high beamed ceilings to the large wrap around porch, this home is made for entertaining and maximum relaxation. Small, fenced area for your pets, large shop space for farm equipment/toys and a 30x36 detached shop for all your storage needs. Owner reported FREE GAS with an emergency backup generator. After a long day's work, make sure you soak in the jacuzzi tub. If you've never witnessed a star lit night in West Virginia, you are in for a treat. This is a steal for this price. **\$265,500. SALE PENDING**

955 Vaughn Road, Grantsville -- 1 Acre +/- Great quiet neighborhood, just a few miles from the Town of Grantsville. This charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home is perfect for the first-time homebuyer or elderly couple looking for one-level living. The living area flows easily into the kitchen area with a breakfast bar. The bedrooms are on one end of the house. The Master Bedroom and Bathroom has central heating and air. The basement of this home is accessed from outside and has a garage door. The property has 1 acre of land. Bring your personal belongings and move into this VERY CLEAN home.

UNDER CONTRACT

435 High Street, Grantsville -- In the 1930s, they built them to last! This beautiful 4-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom brick home sits in downtown Grantsville. Original hardwood floors, oak steps/hand railings and 6 fireplaces! (Currently housing gas space heaters.) On the main level, you have a living room, family room, kitchen, dining room, sunroom, mud room, and half bath. Upstairs, you will find all 4 bedrooms and a full bathroom. Inside the main bedroom there is a huge walk-in closet and a normal closet with a window that overlooks the Koi Pond in the side yard. Almost all windows have been replaced with new vinyl windows. Washer and dryer are in the basement. Have children or animals? The private back yard has a brand-new privacy fence that was installed in 2021. This property is on street city parking or you can use one of the 2 off-street single car garages. If you are looking for that historic-style home, with a small-town feel, this is it! This home is conveniently located across the street from a 24/7 critical access hospital and within walking distance to a few stores, restaurants and more! **\$199,900. Price Reduced to \$189,900.**

256 Carroll Road, Big Bend -- 1.21 Acres +/- Looking for your very own fishing camp or mini-RV camp? This 1.21-acre lot with 30 amp hookups with water and septic in place may be what you're looking for. This river camp comes with a large storage shed to store all your camp necessities and toys. Site also has a metal carport that can be used for vehicle cover or picnic tables. So, if you're looking for a place to just get away or maybe a way to make some extra income, this camp has loads of potential. Also, with today's housing costs, you could live cheap with your own RV on this site. Located next to the property is a natural gas compressor that does make noise when turned on. **\$34,900. Make an Offer.**

CONTACT ONE OF OUR TEAM TODAY TO LIST YOUR PROPERTY.



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Notice

ANYONE wishing to take the Deputy Sheriff civil service exam and be placed in an employment pool for future employment needs to contact the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 304-354-6725 or email calhounclerk@gmail.com. 2tc/2/16-23

Help Wanted

NOTICE OF VACANCY
Position: Library Director, Gilmer Public Library; Employment Term: To begin June 1, 2023; Qualifications: Degree from accredited college/university (Negotiable); Responsibilities: Provide a broad range of administrative services in managing the Gilmer Public Library; Salary: \$36,000 (32 hours/week); Submit: Resume, 3 references and transcript(s), cover letter to include: Name, address, working phone number, current email address; Send these documents to: June Nonnenberg, President, Gilmer Public Library Board of Trustees, 214 Walnut St., Glenville, WV 26351. Application deadline: Friday, Mar. 17, 2023. The successful candidate will have a 90 day probation period. As required by federal laws and regulations, the Gilmer Public Library does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, marital status, disability, age and national origin in employment and in the administration of any of its programs or activities. 4tp/2/16-3/9

For Sale

SQUARE bales of hay for sale, \$4/bale; fresh chicken eggs, \$2.50/dozen. Call 304-354-9295. 2tc/2/16-23

Wanted

WANTED -- 5 H.P. gas wedge machine. Send free catalog on wedge machines and address to Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. Wedge machine dealers write only. Where are the places buying wooden wedges. 4tp/2/2-2/23

Snow Removal

NOW accepting bids for snow removal at the Calhoun DHHR Office parking lot. Anyone wishing to submit a bid, please send to: Calhoun Co. DHHR, Attn: Sheila Schoolcraft, P.O. Box 280, Grantsville, WV 26147. Please submit bids as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 304-354-6118. Please ask for Sheila Schoolcraft or Patricia Richards. rt/3/30

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 To: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EMMA M. BENNINGTON, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RHODA MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LYDA BENNINGTON, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DAISY SHARP, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RAYMOND MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUBY GUMONT, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JUSTIN FESSLER, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LORETTA FESSLER MICK, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OPAL MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CARL MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM MARTIN, JR., ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARNOLD CALVIN MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GARY MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ELIZABETH MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARLEN MARTIN, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RALPH FESSLER, JR., BRIGHT TIMBERLAND, LLC, ITS CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS., or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0005 2920
 You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000037, 40 AC OGM BEECH, located in LEE, which was returned delinquent in the name of BRIGHT TIMBERLANDS LLC, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 10, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 9, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 9, 2023.	\$ 109.73
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 9, 2023.	\$ 27.33
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 9, 2023.	\$ 251.24
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 9, 2023.	\$ 43.57
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$ 431.87
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before April 9, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 9, 2023.	\$ 100.13
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 9, 2023.	\$ 5.85
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Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$ 400.79
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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DISTRICT SHERIDAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 26703002
 You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000039, 1/30 53 COAL FORK OGM DOM 1/2 INT, located in SHERIDAN, which was returned delinquent in the name of COLLINS ROSS HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 10, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 9, 2023, will be as follows:

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Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 9, 2023.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$ 626.62
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 17th day of August 2021, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction, Friday, February 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., the following described personal property:

2011 FORD FOCUS
VIN #1FAHP3FN6BW162126

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville WV 26147 Terms of sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale. Calhoun County Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 430 Grantsville, WV 26147 304-354-6116

Monday, March 13

County commission meets in courthouse little courtroom and also virtually (using zoom), 9 a.m.; #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free).

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 To: GARY P. JONES, SHIRLEY J. JONES, SYLVESTOR STUMP, GORDON L. MCCOY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SHERMAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 1880
 You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000046, 1/10 205 STEER CREEK S STUMP SYLVESTOR STUMP W-57, located in SHERMAN, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCOY MARY E, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$ 99.27
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$ 5.80
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 364.29
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$ 469.36
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2021-S-00000035 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)
 To: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PHILLIP C. MARKS, BLACK GOLD GROUP, LTD, ITS CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS., or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0011 9550
 You will take notice that EDCO MINERALS LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000035, 1/7 66 ROAD RUN, located in LEE, which was returned delinquent in the name of MORRIS JOHN I, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Calhoun County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 19th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 10, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 9, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 9, 2023.	\$ 100.13
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 9, 2023.	\$ 5.85
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 9, 2023.	\$ 251.24
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 9, 2023.	\$ 133.57
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.	\$ 490.79
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Little Kanawha Transit Authority of 6162 South Calhoun Highway, Mt. Zion WV 26151 is applying for a grant under 49 U.S.C. Section 5311. A general description of the grant proposal is as follows:

1. Little Kanawha Transit Authority (LKTA) offers general transportation services via buses in Calhoun, Roane, Jackson and Gilmer Counties.
2. LKTA plans to continue its services in Calhoun, Roane, Jackson and Gilmer Counties.
3. The estimated cost of the project for FY 2024 will be \$879,021.90. Of the total cost 50% will be federal funds and 50% will be local funds.
4. No persons, families or businesses will be displaced by this project.
5. The proposed project will not have a significant environmental impact on the service area.
6. All buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts and drivers are trained to respond to the special needs of elderly persons and people with disabilities.

Notice is hereby given that under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under its program of transit service delivery and related benefits by the Little Kanawha Transit Authority. If translation services of any type, written or oral, are needed, please contact the Little Kanawha Transit Authority.

Should any 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 capital funds become available, purchased equipment may include, but not be limited to: buses, vans or other paratransit vehicles, radios and communications equipment, passenger shelters, wheelchair lifts and restraints, computer hardware/software, spare parts or components, and other durable goods. Persons interested in holding a public hearing regarding the possible procurement of capital equipment must submit a written request within 15 days from the date of this notice.

The purpose of this notice is to afford affected citizens, private transportation providers, and other interested agencies an early opportunity to examine the proposal and offer comments and/or recommendations on the overall scope of the proposed project. The grant proposal will be available for public inspection and comment for 15 days from the date of this notice between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the offices of the Little Kanawha Transit Authority.

For further information and/or submission of comments, please contact:
 Joseph Curry/Manager
 PO Box 387
 Grantsville, WV 26147
 Additionally, copies of comments may be submitted to the following:
 Executive Director
 West Virginia Division of Public Transit
 Building 5, Room 663
 1900 Kanawha Blvd., E.
 Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0432

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Spay/Neuter

The Calhoun County Commission will be accepting bids for a Courthouse Improvement project at the Calhoun County Courthouse located in Grantsville, West Virginia. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Calhoun County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office.

- The scope of the work will consist of:
- Bracing of the stone side walls of the exterior porch structure.
 - Removal of the damaged concrete steps on both sides of the porch structure.
 - Site preparation.
 - Building forms in preparation for pouring concrete. Rebar placement and tie-ins.
 - Pouring and finishing new concrete stairs.
 - Sealing seams between new stairs and the side of the courthouse and between the new stairs and the stone side walls of the porch structure to prevent water infiltration.
 - Removal of all sections of damaged sidewalk on the interior walkways and the removal of concrete on the handicapped ramp.
 - Building sidewalk forms and forms for the new handicapped ramp. Rebar placement and tie-ins.
 - Pouring and finishing new concrete sidewalks and handicapped ramp.
- There are no architectural plans or drawings. This is a design/build project doing exact replacement of existing structures. The Calhoun County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions may be directed to Jean Simers, County Clerk, at 304-354-6725.

Check Conditions

Travelers can check the forecast, traffic, and road conditions all along their route by visiting wv511.org before heading out.

Crema and Hur

Crema Community Church is holding services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Hur Community Church is only open for funerals and weddings. For information, call Hollie Murphy, 354-6971.

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee.

It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens.

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042.

Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville.

The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

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.

