



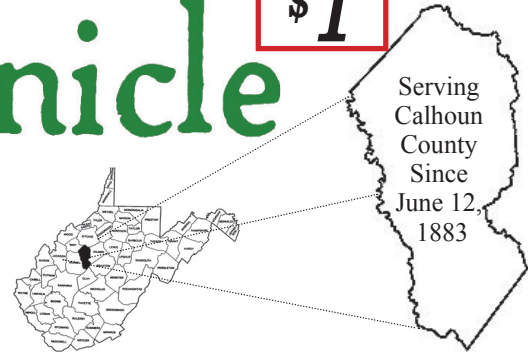
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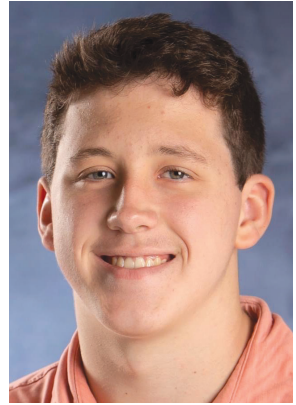
Little Kanawha Valley Christian School Announces Academic Accolades

Brodyn Rowe, the sixth-grade son of Doug and Jodi Rowe, earned the honor of placing second at the Region V Math Field Day held in Vienna, WV, on February 13, 2023. He was among 24 students from the eight-county conference who competed in four different categories in math: written computation, mental math exact and estimation, and physical estimation. He will move on to the state level on April 22nd in Shepherdstown, WV.



Brodyn Rowe

Jared Mason, sophomore son of Roger and Sharon Mason, and Brylee Rowe, junior daughter of Doug and Jodi Rowe, have earned the privilege of competing in the WVCEA Spelling Bee at Appalachian Bible College in Beckley, WV, on March 9th. These students are among the top 15 high school students from various WV Christian schools who will be competing that day to vie for the opportunity to compete at the national level in April at Bob Jones University.



Jared Mason



Brylee Rowe

Young Writers Earn Honors From W.Va. Young Writers Contest

For over 35 years, the West Virginia Young Writers Contest (YWC) has celebrated student writing in the state. The YWC grows out of a deep commitment to writing in all subjects, and to the publishing, displaying, and celebrating of student writing. The contest is an initiative of the Central West Virginia Writing Project at Marshall University and the West Virginia Department of Education. LKVCS students participated in this year's county contest in the grade categories of 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

We are blessed to announce the winners of the county level WV Young Writers in two of those categories. Miss Vada Barnhart won in the 3-4th grade category while Miss Olivia McCroskey won in the 11-12th grade group. In early April, state winners from each category will be notified. These girls have been invited to the WV Young Writers Day at the University of Charleston on May 5, 2023. Vada Barnhart, 4th grade daughter of Clayton and Erin Barnhart. Olivia McCroskey, senior daughter of Chuck and Michelle McCroskey.

LKVCS will be opening their enrollment up to new families, at the end of March. The Hope Scholarship will be available, starting March 1, for new applicants. The website for that can be found at <https://www.hopescholarshipwv.com>

Anyone interested may call us at 304-354-6436 or email at lvchristianschool.com.



Vada Barnhart



Olivia McCroskey

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, Mar.3

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Fur Auction and Rendezvous at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV. Vendors will be present throughout the weekend. Consignment for finished fur will begin at 9am.

Food giveaway at Brohard Community Building. 3 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Fur Auction and Rendezvous continues at the Gilmer County Recreation Center. Consignment for finished fur will begin at 9am.

Bingo, Grantsville Lions Club, 103 Stump St., 6 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 5

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Fur Auction and Rendezvous at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road. Free Admission and everyone welcome to attend.

Monday, March 6

Town council meeting, Main St. office, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

Calhoun Historical Society meeting, History Center, Main St., Grantsville, 6 p.m.; public is welcome to attend.

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

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

Project to Fix M/HS Auditorium

In August 2021, a lightning strike blasted the sound and light systems in the Calhoun M/HS auditorium. The auditorium that has served the school and the community so well for 23 years was quiet and dark.

Since then Music Director, Michael McHenry, has worked with what was available to create a rudimentary system providing some light and some sound.

But to purchase full sound and working stage, concert and house lights is not cheap. The cost of total upgrade was included in the November 2022 levy, which failed by 37 votes.

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$36.2 Million to W.Va. for Water Infrastructure Upgrades

PHILADELPHIA (Feb. 27, 2023) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is awarding \$36.2 million to West Virginia from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that communities can use to upgrade essential water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure that protects public health and treasured water bodies.

Nearly half of the funding, which comes through this year's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), will be available as grants or principal forgiveness loans helping underserved communities across America invest in water infrastructure, while creating good-paying jobs.

“President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering an unprecedented investment in America that will revitalize essential water and wastewater infrastructure across the country,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. “Not only will these funds expand access to clean water and safeguard the environment, but more underserved communities that have been left behind for far too long will be able to access them.”

Town of Ellenboro, in Ritchie County, WV received \$1.5 million from the CWSRF-BIL funding. The project addresses aging infrastructure, installs a new ultraviolet disinfection system, and provides a new covered sludge press which processes sludge for landfill application.

The Town of Iaeger, in McDowell County, WV is targeted to receive \$1.5 million CWSRF-BIL- funding to eliminate 118 failing septic systems.

Today's announcement is part of the \$2.4 billion announced as part of the second wave of funding made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to invest in America. In May 2022, EPA announced the initial allotment of \$1.9 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to states, Tribes and territories through the CWSRF. That money is supporting hundreds of critical water infrastructure projects around the country.

“The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program is a powerful partnership between EPA and the states,” said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz. “West Virginia communities can use this additional funding to make a difference with water infrastructure projects that protect public health, ecosystems and waterways throughout the state.”

Governor Announces Largest Tax Cut in State History

State turning onto the home stretch of major tax cuts, relief for hardworking West Virginians

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement today:

“I am extremely happy that after weeks of negotiations with all parties we've been able to reach a deal with the House and Senate that will be the largest tax cut in West Virginia history,” Gov. Justice said. “This deal returns over \$750 million to hardworking West Virginians through a major cut to our personal income tax, rebate of the car tax, a 50% rebate of the property tax on machinery and inventory to small businesses, and tax credits to West Virginia Veterans. It also puts us on a pathway toward the complete elimination of our personal income tax. It's a win-win for all West Virginians and I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome.”

“I applaud the House and Senate for all their hard work. I am hopeful that both bodies pass it quickly, so that we can all celebrate its signing together very soon.”



New Business in Grantsville

There is a new business in Grantsville. It is Circle S Farmers Market & More, located in the old Bodies restaurant across from Dollar General. They will be carrying fresh frozen beef and pork and a nice selection of Amish Foods. They held their grand opening on February 17, 2023.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes over \$50 billion available for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements across the country between FY2022 and FY2026. EPA is committed to ensuring every community has access to this historic investment and has centralized increasing investment in disadvantaged communities within its implementation.

“Every West Virginian deserves clean water to drink and fresh air to breathe. I fought to include funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to deliver critical resources to communities like West Virginia, and I am pleased the EPA is investing more than \$35 million in promoting access to clean drinking water across the state,” said Senator Joe Manchin. “The funding announced today will also upgrade and improve wastewater and stormwater infrastructure throughout West Virginia, and I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of the investments for years to come. As Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to protect the health and wellbeing of”

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OBITUARIES

SHARON K. BELL HUTCHINSON

Sharon K Bell "Peachie" Hutchinson passed away unexpectedly at her home Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023. She was the daughter of the late Chester and Clover Valentine Bell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Chester "Butch" Hutchinson; her brothers Billy Bell and Carl Bell and sisters Betty Layfield, Dorothy Ash and Alma Lee Morris.



She attended Wirt County High School. She worked at Wirt Inflatables and then Mustang Survival and many years as a home health care provider through Wirt County Senior Citizens. She attended Pine Twist Baptist Church and Pleasant View Baptist Church. She loved taking care of everybody and her great-granddaughter was her pride and joy.

Mrs. Hutchinson is survived by her son and his wife Chester and Marlene Hutchinson; grandchildren Tyler Hutchinson and Amber (Joshua) Hornbeck and great-granddaughter Lydia Hornbeck.

Interment was at Pine Twist Cemetery, located off of State Route 53, between Parrish Fork and Big Island Run, Wirt County, WV.

JOSEPH A. TAYLOR

Joseph A. Taylor, 52, of Elizabeth, WV, passed away Sunday, February 19, 2023 at WVU Camden Clark Medical Center.



He was born to MaryAnn LaDeaux Taylor and the late Rodney Taylor. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his uncle George LaDeaux.

A graduate of Calhoun County High School, he was a school bus driver for Calhoun County Board of Education for 17 years. He enjoyed watching football on television.

He is survived by his mother MaryAnn Taylor; brother John Taylor; step-children he loved as his own Christopher Kirkland, Madison Allman, Preston Allman, KateLynn Allman and Johnathan Allman and many uncles, aunts cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are pending at Matheny Whited Funeral Home in Elizabeth, WV.

WILADEAN RUTH KNOPP HALL CARTER

Wiladean Ruth Knopp Hall Carter, age 86, died on February 8, 2023, after a period of declining health.



She was born in Roane County, a daughter of the late William and Eula Nichols Knopp.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Hall and oldest son, Scott Hall.

Wiladean was a 1955 graduate of Calhoun County High School. She worked as a laborer for Kellwood Sweater Factory in Spencer, WV for 35 years.

She resided in Rittman, OH with her loving husband of 31 years, Jerry Dale Carter. Wiladean was a member of the Canaan Free Will Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, decorating, gardening, and canning. Wiladean was a loving, dedicated mother, wife and grandmother, who will be missed greatly.

In addition to her husband, Dale, she is survived by her two children, Curt Hall (Anita Herron) of Sand Ridge, WV and Bruce (Rebecca) Hall of Spencer, WV; four grandchildren, Jessica Hall of Arnoldsburg, S. Nikki Hall (Robert Rhodes) of Spencer, Tiffany (Chad) Smith of Winfield and Tyler (Carreghan) Hall of Sand Ridge; six great-grandchildren, Albany, Baron, Kelbie, Aubree, Journee and Finn; step children and other extended family who loved her.

Visitation was held on February 15, 2023, at the John H. Taylor Funeral with graveside service at Alberts Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Sand Ridge, with Rev. Roger Carter officiating.

ELSIE WYONEMA LYNCH

Elsie Wyonema Lynch of Elizabeth, WV, passed away Friday, February 24, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at WVU Medicine Camden Clark.

Born in Parkersburg, WV, she was the daughter of the late Willie Oren and Mary L. Patterson Lynch. She cared for her home and family working within the home and babysitting. Mrs. Lynch was a member of New Home Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Carl Junior Lynch, sisters Betty Trembly and Helen Lynch and her grandmother who raised her, Lavinia Lockhart Lynch.

She is survived by her children Carla Miller of Waverly, Mark (Margie) Lynch of Elizabeth, and Gregory (Deadra) Lynch of Palestine, grandchildren Angel (Joe) Aronhalt, Gregory (Angela) Lynch, Ashley (Jamie) Smith, Matthew (Renee) Lynch, Brandi (Jeff) Arnold; 20 great-grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 4, 2023, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Matheny Whited Funeral Home and Sunday, March 5, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am until time of the service. Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 5, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mayberry Cemetery.

WANDA MARGARET KERBY

Wanda Margaret Kerby, 88, of Elizabeth, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Marietta Memorial Hospital, Marietta, Ohio. She was born in Calhoun County to the late Orde C. and Nellie Husk Starcher.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Holly Richard "Jack" Kerby; her daughter Marsha Y. Kerby; sister Murline J. Coon and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Kerby attended Calhoun County Schools. Her life was dedicated to taking care of her family in her home and as a foster grandmother for Wirt County Primary School. A Christian, she attended Island Run Community Church, she enjoyed watching kids, working puzzles, cooking, canning and going to Amish country.

She is survived by her children Rhonda (Dennis) Deem, Lyle (Judy) Kerby, Justin (Becky) Kerby and John (Debbie) Kerby; grandchildren Katherine (Kurt) Starcher, Amy (Wayne) Harvey, Brianne (Time) Higgins, Jayme Kerby, Alicia Stephens, Kenny (Jaime) Kerby, Sarah (Jerod) McCloy and Seth (Jalyn) Kerby; great-grandchildren Jeremy (Abbie) Kerby, Remington, Waylon, Griffin, Dylan, Chloe, Kylee, Jacob, Kolten, Jacksen, Landen, Allie, Abbie and Tyler and great-great grandchildren Analiegh and Emberly; a sister-in-law Betty Kerby and a special sister Eula Starcher.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment will be at Bryner Chapel, Joker, W.Va.

OLEDA WRIGHT BOYCE

Oleda Boyce, 88, of Parkersburg, WV, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Marietta Memorial Hospital. She was born in Grantsville, a daughter of the late John Wright and Scottie (Plant) Wright.

Oleda was a member of the Stephenson United Methodist Church. She enjoyed attending church and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Oleda is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Kellis Cleon Boyce; one daughter, Christine Harshbarger of Parkersburg; two sons, Keith Boyce (Janet) of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Rick Boyce (Shelly) of Parkersburg; three sisters, Pat Pickens of Williamstown, Jeannie Crispin (Ardell) of Georgia, and Gwen Lesley (Carl) of NC; grandchildren, Justin (Jenny) and their children, Evelyn and Alex, Christopher (Adriana) and their children, Lucia, Nico, and baby Sammy on the way, Joee (Jacob), Stacey (Steve) and their children, Sterling and Stella, Kellye (Nathan) and their children, Brynley and Hayden, Jessica and her child, Logan and her brother Jacob.

In addition to her parents, Oleda is preceded in death by three sisters; one brother; and a great grandchild, Gabriel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, South Parkersburg with Pastor Gene Full officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Memory Gardens.

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

First off I have an update on Newton, our beloved editor, health crisis. He has been in Camden Clark Hospital at Parkersburg for two weeks now, but the last time that we spoke with him (Tuesday), he was feeling some better and now has hopes of returning to Grantsville within a week or so.

I cannot wait for him to be sitting back in the Editor's seat. That chair makes me feel quite anxious and uneducated.

Perhaps next week's Chronicle will be back to the way it is supposed to look.

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Once again there is terrible weather around the nation while we here in Sunny Calhoun seem to live in a sweet spot that funnels the Bad weather around us. That is all right and all good until that one particular storm refuses to be deflected and slams us head on. March is a month well known for its epic storms; let's hope that this March has nothing in store for us.

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It seems that Fox News is just about to be sued into extinction. I would find that to be a good thing since the word "News" has absolutely nothing to do with "Fox News."

Back when the world was saner, if you even told a lie on the news programs you were summarily fired and banned from broadcasting.

Apparently Fox News made the ability to tell lie after lie, day after day, year after year a requirement for employment. If you make up what you are calling "news" you should not be allowed to call yourself a "news" show. You are simply an entertainment show that no one should ever watch.

May they rot in a place that requires no outside heat and always provides torment for their everlasting life.

Spring is a couple of weeks early around these parts. Flowers are blooming and trees are popping open their leaf buds. Multi flora roses are showing green leaves already and ramps have only begun to show some green poking up through the detritus of leaves in the woods.

It won't be long until the morel mushrooms and tulip poplars wake up from their winter's nap to entice us all to hike around in the woods in search of tasty little tidbits of morels fried in real butter with a little garlic.

I found an old tee shirt of mine that has artwork of morels on it that I have been wearing around the house on weekends just to help get me in the mood for an expedition.

Sunday night I let our dog, Brownie, out around 3 a.m. for her perimeter check to keep the denizens of the holler off of our deck, and I walked out onto the deck into a full blown barred owl hootenanny. There were at least three of them surrounding our house, and they were situated above, below and south of our house and they carried on for almost 10 minutes. It was great!

Sometimes I try to join in with them but this time they were so close to the house (within 200 feet) I was afraid I might say something that might make them mad enough to fly down to the deck to make me take it back. My silence was golden as I stood there on the deck, head back looking at the sky and taking it all in.

Oh yeah, while I was listening to the owls Brownie killed another possum for the, I don't know, twelfth time. She has yet to figure out that possums die quick so that they can avoid all of the pain that Brownie can dish out. I believe that she thinks that I dispose of the possums, not that they wake up and waddle off.

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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W.Va. Trappers Association

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Fur Auction and Rendezvous March 3-5, 2023, at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV. Vendors will be present throughout the weekend. Consignment for finished fur will begin at 9am Friday March 3rd and continues through Saturday March 4th. No raw fur or ginseng will be consigned. Fur Auction will be Sunday March 5th at 1pm. Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday, March 3rd at 7pm. Free Admission and everyone are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jeremiah Whitlatch at 304-916-3329 or log onto www.wvtrappers.com.

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.): Mar. 4, Ruff Cut; Mar. 11, Mark IV; Mar. 18, TBA; Mar. 25, Frank Conn & Partners.

This Week In History

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

1923, 100 years ago

BRYAN TO TALK TO W.VA. SOLONS – William Jennings Bryan will address the West Virginia legislature on the subject of “evolution” early in April, Rev. O. W. Baylor, pastor of Spruce Street Christian Church announce tonight. He added that Mr. Bryan will probably speak in several other cities of this state during his visit.

Mr. Bryan’s address here last year on “evolution” started a controversy which has been credited with resulting in the introduction of a bill in the legislature to abolish teaching of the subject in the schools of the state. In his letter to the Rev. Mr. Baylor, Bryan stated he had written Representative Hatton that he will come to West Virginia early in April from Miami, Florida, where he is spending the winter. Plans are underway to have him make addresses in Morgantown, Fairmont, Parkersburg and Huntington before appearing before the legislature. – *The Parkersburg News* Mr. Parker Hosey is still working at Hartley for the Rictor Oil and Gas Co.

Mr. Troea Morrison started for Big Root Wednesday but on account of the weather he was detained.

Miss Ruth Hosey is suffering with a boil on her arm.

Miss Ona Hosey met with a very alarming accident last Thursday when she fell off of the foot bridge opposite the Big Root school house. She sunk twice and was sinking the third time when rescued by a school mate, Hollie Davis.

The angel of death has visited and taken from among us Rachel Wright, aged 47 years, 9 months and two days. The deceased was the wife of C. D. Wright and the mother of eight children. She was the daughter of Mary and Anderson Elliott. Mrs. Wright accepted Christ as her savior in early girlhood, lived a constant Christian life and was kind to others.

1948, 75 years ago

‘WHY THE DELAY?’ –

During the early days of World War II, the people of the United States suffered the dismaying experience of a succession of military and naval defeats administered by a nation with a greatly inferior capacity for war. The wealthiest country in the world, and the most powerful, had to endure months of military and naval disaster simply because it lacked the ships, the planes and the trained manpower to meet its enemies on anything approaching equal terms.

Why is this so? Was it because the United States government lacked the funds to wage a war? Everyone knows this was not the case. We had the money from the start—enough to deluge our enemies, but we had to swallow so much of the salt of defeat simply because of the necessary delay in converting dollars into planes, warships and big guns. In short, our war effort, though virtually immune from financial limitations, still had to submit to the limitations imposed by the physical facts of production.

And these limitations cost us precious lives and irreplaceable treasures. The story of our position in the early months of World War II is recalled here because it parallels in many respects the situation which prevails today in highway construction. We have the money right now to engage in a highway program of awesome magnitude. We have the means to build more roads than we dreamed of possessing a few years ago. But still construction seems to lag.

Why? Not because of any lack of funds, but because highway construction is being held down by the same physical limitations that hampered the American war effort in the early days after Pearl Harbor. We are delayed in converting these vast funds of ours into construction machinery, into man-power and into road material.

The chairman of the Roads subcommittee of the House Public Works committee recently summed up the reasons why Congress extended for an additional year the period in which the states may obligate their annual apportionments under this act. He said: “We discovered that because of work stoppages and the high cost of materials, many of the states would be handicapped, and many of the contractors would be unable, because of shortage of equipment, to complete the work they had started within even the original grace period of 12 months.” Indeed, so severely has this program been stymied by the inability of the states to spend their highway funds that Congress has thus far found it necessary to appropriate less than one-third of the \$1,500,000,000 of federal grants authorized for the fiscal years 1946, 1947 and 1948. That is to say, although the program has entered its third year, the first year’s funds have not yet been entirely used.

Our war effort never suffered from lack of funds. Neither does our road program. But we shall have to wait now, as we waited then, until the bottlenecks are broken and the continuing stream of highway dollars can be converted into highway mileage

1973, 50 years ago

Deward Offutt, of Millstone, was named as county commissioner to fill a vacancy on the commission

Children’s Crisis

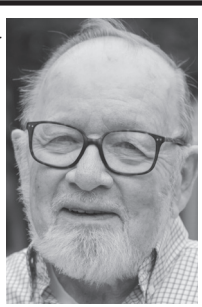
The Children’s Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities.

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



This week’s question comes from a fly-conscious column reader.

QUESTION: How do biting flies locate their prey? It seems that sometimes moving away a few feet will lose them.

REPLY: One might think that the prey’s motion would alert the fly. After all, flies do have two compound eyes with 3000-6000 simple eyes in each. Yet, their vision is not very sharp; they’re eyesighted, I suppose. Instead, they rely more on their acute sense of smell to locate food. So, I would speculate that when you move a few feet away, you are likely both out-of-sight and out-of-smell (particularly if you are downwind).

Let’s take a closer look at these pesky critters. Flies are known to be the carriers of disease, as female flies love to lay their eggs in garbage and manure. Furthermore, their reproduction rate is incredible. From April to August, one female could have 190 quintillion (18 zeros) descendants. Of course, that’s assuming that all of her female offspring survive long enough to reproduce. Luckily for us, those breaks in the chain allow provide slight liberation so that we are not totally inundated by so many flies.

The common housefly has no equipment for biting, but sucks up liquid foods. However, sand flies and stable flies are both biting flies which closely resemble the housefly. Sand flies are usually found in wet, warm regions and some even transmit disease by biting. While they are most common in southern Asia, they do have relatives here in the United States. Fortunately, our domestic varieties do not carry disease. The stable fly sucks blood from mammals, making the species more abundant in places where cattle are kept—hence the name. It can, however, enter the home, which is why it is sometimes referred to as the “biting housefly.”

The horsefly (also known as the gadfly) is about three times the size of the housefly. You might be familiar with this fly’s green head. Its cousin, the deer fly, is slightly smaller. Only the female horsefly is bloodsucking. Meanwhile, the male horsefly feeds on nectar and plant sap.

My main experience with biting flies was in upstate New York some years ago, where they have black flies. These little critters are more affectionately known as “no-see-ums,” or “all-jaws.” You probably won’t feel their bite at first, but if you’re wearing shorts on the golf course, you may notice small specs of blood on your legs. These bite marks can also be excruciatingly itchy, as well.

Re-Run: Biting Flies February 23, 2023

In fairness, I must report that there are some useful flies. Some species destroy plant lice, some eat decaying vegetable matter, and some consume other insects. But biting or otherwise, the main thing to remember is to never get a fly in your ointment!

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): “The only reason people get lost in thought is because it’s unfamiliar territory.” –Paul Fix

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

created by the death of Mrs. Julia Holbert.

He took office Saturday morning, March 3, at a commission meeting. Offutt will serve until the next general election. The commission held a lengthy session concerning ambulance services in the county, hearing representatives from the Governor’s Highway Safety Commission, and Health, Inc., explain what services for emergency conditions should be offered. Training of personnel to operate the emergency vehicles and give proper aid to accident victims was also discussed.

The commission selected some persons to work on a committee to further plan for emergency medical services. On this committee are Victor Hamilton, Ira C. Stump, Dave Stephenson, Elva Vaughan, M. S. Allen, George Lambiotte, Chester Fluharty, W. B. Morrison, Park Richards and the three commission members.

Budget requests were considered, and a further budget meeting was set for Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m. to continue budget planning. It was reported that a sheriff’s cruiser had been ordered and would probably arrive within the next few days. The vehicle was ordered after investigation of the cost of providing a vehicle or paying mileage to the sheriff to use his own car. State law now provides for a standard type vehicle for the use of the county sheriff, even calling for specific colors, black with silver gray top, and with insignia. State law also requires the sheriff to appear at all times in a uniform, except when on special duties. This regulation, in Section 6, Article 8, Chapter 15, of the West Virginia Code, went into effect Jan. 1, 1973, requiring all sheriffs and deputies to comply with a designated dress uniform. The commission also considered application of an extension of the Pleasant Hill Public Service District to include the Cabot Station area, and will take formal action after a map of the area is submitted.

CHRONICLE SOLD TO GILMER GRAPHICS—Robert Arnold, president of Gilmer Graphics, Inc., and Olin J. Barrows, owner of The Calhoun Chronicle, announced today the sale of The Calhoun Chronicle to the Gilmer County publishing firm. The transaction, effective March 1, was for an undisclosed amount. Gilmer Graphics, Inc., incorporated August 24, 1971, purchased the assets and business of The Glenville Democrat and The Gilmer Pathfinder from Linn B. Hickman on Sept. 1 of that year.

The firm, in addition to newspaper publishing, does commercial printing and maintains an office and school supply business. Mary Ann Barrows, business manager and editor of The Chronicle, will remain as editor. The Calhoun County paper will continue to be published and printed in Grantsville, according to Arnold.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from March 2 - March 8 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia’s people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

March 2, 1840: The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.



March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the “pasteboard capitol” was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

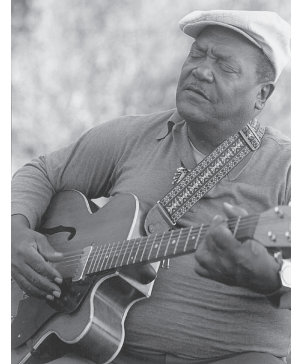
March 3, 1843: Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and named for the distinguished Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of Wheeling’s most successful industrialists and generous benefactors.

March 4, 1893: Governor William MacCorkle gave his inaugural address in which he warned that West Virginia was “passing under the control of foreign and non-resident landowners.”

March 4, 1924: Blues musician Nathaniel H. “Nat” Reese was born in



Salem, Virginia.

Growing up in Princeton, Reese learned and played blues, jazz, country and dance music throughout the southern coalfields. He is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

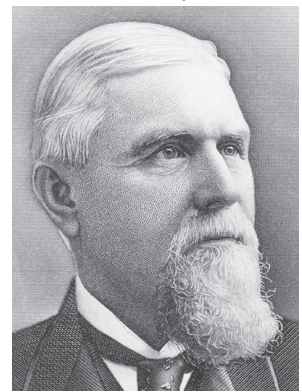
March 5, 1856: Calhoun County was created from neighboring

Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state’s first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state’s first oil wells, in Wirt



County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men.

It was the state’s first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state’s coat of arms is



emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered “State of West Virginia,” and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor’s office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and “old gold” were adopted by the legislature. WV : The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the W. Va. Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304-346-8500 or www.wvencyclopedia.org

My Home Among the Hills



by Mellody Walburn

My Home Among the Hills

Although the calendar says we have a few more weeks of winter, I have officially declared the season over at my home among the hills. This weekend I packed away all of my snowmen and took the white candles out of my windows. This week I will put out my St. Patrick's Day decorations and locate the bin with my spring and Easter decorations to have them ready to go up later in the month.

After traveling to Canaan Valley on the ski trip and hearing that it had been too warm there to make snow, I knew my dreams of any type of real winter were over. Thankfully, there was still enough snow left over from earlier in the season for the seniors to have a great time.

They started the day with a two-hour tubing session that ended with them all coming down the hill together.

After a quick lunch, the kids hit the ski slopes while the other chaperones and I waited at the bottom and prayed for safety for all. Our prayers were answered, and we finished the day with a little bit of ice skating and dinner at a buffet. A good time was had by all, and I was thrilled to check that event off my list.

I was dragging a bit on Tuesday after such a long day, but it helped to know that I would be having dinner with friends that evening. Last Tuesday was what is called Fat Tuesday; this is the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. It is traditional to eat pancakes, and the Mlynks were making homemade Belgian waffles. They were delicious, and it was so nice to spend an evening eating and laughing with family and friends.

After a good night's sleep, I was feeling more like myself on Wednesday. After school, I headed to my parents' house to spend some time with them and Rascal. Dad had picked up food from Grinder's for dinner. Maricia and Andy joined us, and we ate a delicious meal together. The Mlynks and Dad went to Bible study at our church while Mom and I settled in for the evening. Rascal curled up at my feet, and I worked on my lesson plans for the upcoming week. They were mostly finished when Dad returned. It was a good evening.

Since I had made such progress on my lesson plans the night before, I was able to finish them up on Thursday and even get the copies I would need for the week made. This meant I could use my planning period on Friday to grade papers, which would make a big dent in the work I had to do at home over the weekend. This put me in a great mood as I headed home on Thursday. I wouldn't be there long though; I was heading to the library for Trivia Night. My team did a great job, even if we came in second, and the taco bar was fantastic. We will definitely be back for the next night of trivia.

When Friday afternoon rolled around, I really needed to spend some time at my house. I hadn't been there hardly at all, except to shower and sleep. I knew I would be on the go for most of the weekend, so I had a list of chores I needed to accomplish before I let myself relax. This included packing away my winter decorations, doing laundry, paying bills, and emptying and filling the dishwasher. I made a quick stop at the parents', walked Rascal, and then headed home. I was motivated to finish in time to do a little pleasure reading before bed, and I was successful.

The weekend started out cold and sleety but eventually cleared up and became beautiful. I have been meaning to fill my bird feeders, and I finally got around to that on Sunday afternoon. I had been to church with the family and then to lunch at the Little Kanawha Valley Christian School. Our friend Erin had invited us to come to a Soup for the Soul fundraiser. Boy, were we glad we did. There were so many different types of soups to try as well as homemade bread and cornbread, and a variety of cookies. It was hard to choose a favorite soup for the contest, but I went with the chicken gnocchi.

Thankfully, this week is a much quieter one; I might actually get to spend some time at home in the evenings. I do know that I will be at the history center on Friday night because we are extending the hours until 6:00 pm to hopefully encourage people to come in and check out the local art before it comes down. Be sure to stop by.

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)

Head Quarters 11th Regt
WV Vols
Camp 24A.C.
Chapins Farm, Va.
January 29th 1865
My Dear Girl,

Your very kind letter of 18th inst' was received on Friday 27th, but I have not till this morning, had time to answer it; the opportunity for which I now embrace.

I am happy to say that my health still continues good, and I sincerely hope that this may find you enjoying the same great and good blessing.

Your letter was very satisfactory and afforded me much pleasure to read it, and I do assure you that a letter from a true and devoted friend as you are, is one of the greatest pleasures that I am permitted to enjoy in my present situation.

Well I must tell you that we moved our camp again yesterday (28th.) up to the breastworks on the front. We now occupy the old encampment where Gen'l Terry's troops, which went to Wilmington a few weeks since, left. We have first rate quarters here, can see the rebel lines from where we are; the weather is very cold and windy, indeed I almost froze yesterday as we came up. We are about 2 miles from Deep Bottom, this is known as "Chapins Farm"

This is Sunday, and everything is quiet, thoughts of happy Sundays and pleasant society flit through my mind, as I sit here writing. Yes of the time when the sound of the warriors bugle was not heard in our land, when we could assemble, at the homes of our friends and pass a pleasant and happy day, but how changed now, we are engaged in a deadly civil war, among our selves, thousands of once happy family circles in both sections of the country are to day broken and friends left to mourn the loss of some noble son, brother, husband or lover.

How many more such must fall, before this struggle will end, is beyond the power of human vision. God only knows. I hope though that the time is not far distant when the war will stop and peace once more smile upon us. I do believe that every thing at present indicates that the end is nigh at hand.

Well I would like to come home and see you again, but fear it will be impossible for me to do yet awhile; changes are about to take place here that will compel me to remain for some time, but will not lengthen my time any. If I was to do as I proposed to you, I fear it would ruin my character forever, and I will come back honorable if I can. Though I know you would remain true to your promise it would be a stigma on me, hard to get shut off, therefore I will wait a little longer, and trust to that good being to whom I owe so much, believing that if I do my duty He will bring me safely through.

You will probably hear of some thing in my next letter, that will surprise you, and if it occurs, I know you will say I have acted for the best. Now don't be too anxious to know what that "something" is, for fear it would be a failure. I will write you a full account when the affair is decided; give my regards to Martin & Alfred and all the family, and to yourself I give all the love I possess, which I believe you already possess.

Write again soon, direct as before, except to "Chapins Farm". Remaining most affectionately your own true and devoted, Michael

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols
Chapins Farm., Va. Feb 2, 1865
My Dearest Mary:

It has been several days since I have heard from you, and nothing would afford me more pleasure (except I could come back to you) than to get another letter from you. I have written very often, and have no doubt but you get all my letters yet I can not expect an answer to every one I write, for I know you can not do so, but I do think there will be one here for me in a day or two.

I am still in good health, and getting along very well, and do most fondly hope this note may find you in the same good state of health, and enjoying yourself excellent.

Every thing is quiet here yet, and I begin to think the war is soon to close, peace is talked of very much and the general opinion is that it will be declared in the course of a month at least. I hope such may be the case. Commissioners from Richmond went down the James River Tuesday on their way to Washington, to make some propositions, looking toward a settlement of the trouble and every person here thinks it will be a success.

Of course, this is news and the most important news that we can expect, and may they be entirely successful is my most ardent wish, then would come the happy day of general rejoicing in our country, our great armies would be disbanded, and the soldiers come home, and the day of our union come after so long a time of faithful waiting and constancy.

(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.)

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.

Mon. Mar. 6: northern beans with ham, onions, spinach, applesauce, whole wheat cornbread.

Tues. Mar. 7: chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, kale, juice, whole wheat bread.

Wed. Mar. 8: meatloaf

with ketchup, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, juice, whole wheat roll.

Thur. Mar. 9: Italian suausage, kraut, potatoes, mixed greens, whole wheat cornbread, fruit.

Fri. Mar. 10: fish, potatoes, whole wheat bu, corn, slaw.

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

Utility Bill Payment Assistance

Sadly, many people in West Virginia have a hard time making ends meet. Utility bills are a necessity that everyone must fit into the budget. If you struggle, there are resources that can help.

One of the first things to consider is budget billing. Many utilities offer this as a way to avoid sharp spikes or dips in your bill from month to month. Knowing how much your bill will be each month makes it easier to plan your budget.

If you receive financial assistance through the Department of Health and Human Resources, you may qualify for a 20% discount on your heating and water bills. The Special Reduced Residential Service Rate Program is administered by DHHR and is available from all natural gas and electric utilities, except municipal or cooperative service providers. West Virginia American Water also participates in the program.

If you receive assistance from Social Security Supplemental Security Income, WV WORKS, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, or if you are at least 60 years old and receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program assistance, ask DHHR if you qualify for the utility discount program.

Another source of possible assistance is United Way's 211 program. Simply dial 2-1-1 to get contact information for agencies throughout the state that can help with utility bills and other household needs.

If you fall behind on utility bills, ask your utility about a deferred payment plan. The Public Service Commission requires that customers who have been notified their service is scheduled to be terminated for non-payment be given an opportunity to enter into a deferred payment agreement. Customers who have accrued an uncontested outstanding balance they are unable to pay may qualify for a deferred payment plan that allows them up to 12 months to catch up on their bill. However, you must request the plan before the utility discontinues your service, and current monthly bills must be paid in addition to the plan amount. Once service is disconnected the company is not required to honor the request for a 12-month payment plan and may require a substantial portion of the balance due be paid in order to restore service.

Contact the Public Service Commission prior to a scheduled service termination if you need assistance in establishing a deferred payment agreement with your utility company. Our staff will work with you and your service provider to try to resolve the situation.

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communities across the Mountain State.”

This investment in water infrastructure is creating jobs while addressing key challenges, including climate change and emerging contaminants like per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law calls for strong collaboration, and EPA continues to work in partnership with states, Tribes, and territories to ensure that communities see the full benefits of this investment.

“Aging water and wastewater systems pose multiple challenges to local communities throughout the United States, including those in West Virginia,” said EPW Committee Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) “When writing the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act in the EPW Committee, which was a key pillar of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, we wanted to ensure our states, cities, and towns could make needed upgrades to their core infrastructure systems. The funding announced today will provide West Virginia the flexibility to meet these needs and help maintain affordable, efficient, and safe water and wastewater infrastructure across our great state.”

In addition to today’s announcement, the 2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund allocations and program updates are forthcoming, pending the release of the seventh Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment. EPA anticipates releasing the information in the coming weeks.

The CWSRFs have been the foundation of water infrastructure investments for more than 30 years, providing low-cost financing for local projects across America. For more information, including state-by-state allocation of 2023 funding, and a breakdown of EPA CWSRF funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/cwsrf>.

Waste Not/Want Not

by Judy Wolfram

Since it’s supposed to be winter, and people are in the house more than they are outside, I have a few hints for inside smells.

1. If you don’t smoke but you have some company, friends, or relatives who do; here is what you do. Place fresh sliced apple wedges on a plate and set them where each ashtray was placed. Throw the wedge away after its porous flesh absorbs the tobacco scent, unless of course you don’t mind baking apples that taste like smoke.

2. How about a basement that smells musty? I do wish that I had a basement and if it smelled musty; here’s what I would do. I would place a shallow box filled with kitty litter in a corner; the litter draws moisture from the air eliminating damp, strong odors. If the smell is really bad, use two boxes.

3. Have a funky bathroom smell? Well, before you place a new roll of toilet paper on the holder, dab or mist the inside of the cardboard with your favorite perfume or aftershave, as the case may be, to release a bit of fragrance with each and every spin.

4. Burn something in the oven? Try this old chef’s trick; wrap some cinnamon sticks in aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Within minutes, the burnt odor will be replaced by the spice’s sweet scent

5. Okay, what about a stale closet? Place some white sidewalk chalk in a clean mesh bag (you can simply reuse the kind potatoes and onions come in) and hang the bag in your closet without using up closet space. The mini-odor eraser will suck moisture from the air while keeping your clothes fresh.

I hope these hints help keep you un-smelly.

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.

Solid Waste

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

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.

Calhoun Wrestlers Compete in Qualifier

by Newton Nichols, Jr.

The Calhoun County High School wrestling team competed in the AA/A Region IV Championships on February 17, 2023.

Calhoun had five wrestlers place in the top four of their respective weight class and earn the right to compete in the 2023 AA/A WVSSAC State Championship in Huntington, WV March 2-4.

Isaiah Boggs (126 lbs.) led the way for Calhoun, finishing in 2nd place with a 2-1 record and 2 pins.

Haiden Staton (144) finished in 4th place with a 2-2 record and 1 pin.

Ian Persinger (150) finished in 4th place with a record of 2-2.

Sam Elmore (175) finished in 4th place with a record of 4-2 with 3 pins.

Levi Stump (215) finished in 4th place with a record of 4-2 with 4 pins.

Calhoun placed two wrestlers in 5th place, Wyatt Nichols (157) and Trevor Collins (285).

Other wrestlers participating were Joe Nelson (132), Hunter Thacker (165) and Jobe Loudin.

The Red Devils wrestled to a seventh-place finish amongst the seventeen teams competing, scoring a total of 112.5 points.

Calhoun Sends Five Wrestlers To State Tournament

by Newton Nichols, Jr.

The 2023 West Virginia State Wrestling Tournament kicks off with the 1st session on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm. As of the publication of this story, Calhoun athletes have the following matchups;

126 lbs: Isaiah Boggs vs. Luke Boram, Lewis County, 36-21 record.

144: Haiden Staton vs. Blayne Jarvis, Braxton County, 51-1 record.

150: Ian Persinger vs. Judah Price, Independence, 45-2 record.

175: Sam Elmore vs. Colten Caron, Independence, 29-3 record.

215: Levi Stump vs. Noah Casto, Clay County, 49-4 record.

In Search of “Hidden Gems” for the PACF’s Diamond Anniversary

by Julie Posey

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A region made up of “thriving communities whose residents are welcoming, engaged and resilient;” that’s the vision that the leaders and supporters of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates (PACF) seek to fulfill through their work.

As the PACF opens its 60th Anniversary year, the traditional “diamond anniversary,” it is offering a special recognition program to showcase local residents who exemplify the Foundation’s core values, and through whose efforts, are building better communities every day for all of us.

To accomplish its vision, the PACF incorporates five core values:

Partnering – cultivating connections and working with others to accomplish our shared goal of a better community;

Learning – being open to new ideas, to embracing innovation, by seeking to grow in our thinking;

Generosity – encouraging everyone to give what they can of their time, talent and/or resources to improve our region for generations to come;

Inclusiveness – demonstrating compassion and regard for all people;

Integrity – being good stewards; making efficient, effective use of human, financial and material resources.

To commemorate its “diamond” Anniversary, the PACF seeks nominations from the public of those special people who are the “hidden gems” of our region who personify the Foundation’s values. These are the persons whose behavior or whose actions support the Foundation’s vision of a “thriving community whose residents are welcoming, engaged and resilient” and who are actively demonstrating one or more of the PACF’s core values.

Perhaps it’s a next-door neighbor who is always helping other neighbors by generously sharing time, taking them to doctor’s appointments or picking up groceries; perhaps it’s a work or school colleague who is always making it a point to reach out to make sure that everyone is included; or maybe it’s someone encountered during every day errands, or who is in a service club, who always acts with integrity.

While the Foundation realizes that many people have done great things in our past that merit recognition; this honor is intended for those in our midst who,

CHS Baseball 2023 Game Schedule

The following schedule was provided to The Chronicle by Coach Johnson:

March:
3-15 Wirt Co 4:30
3-18 @ Wahama 2:00
3-21 Clay 4:30
3-23 Gilmer 4:30
3-25 @ Tygarts Valley
12:00 Double Header
3-27 @ Wirt 4:30
3-28 @ South Harrison 5:00
3-30 Doddridge 4:30
3-31 @ Roane 5:00

April:
4-4 Webster 4:30
4-6 @ Braxton 4:30
4-8 Elk Valley
Christian 1:00 -- Double Header
4-10 Van 4:30
4-11 Roane 4:30
4-13 @ Clay 6:00
4-18 @ Gilmer 5:00
4-20 South Harrison
4:30
4-22 St. Mary’s 12:00 -- Double Header
4-25 @ Doddridge 5:00
4-27 @ Webster 5:00
4-28 @ Van 5:30
4-29 Wahama 12:00

May:
5-2 Braxton 4:30
5-4 thru 5-6 LKC
Tournament TBD
5-8 thru 5-12
Sectional Tournament
TBD Additional games may be added

Town Website

The Town of Grantsville has a website for events in the town: townofgrantsvillemunicipality.squarespace.com.

in the very present tense, are doing things every day that make life better for others in ways that are often modest but that add up.

“National politicians and social media have done their best to divide citizens at the local level,” said the Foundation’s Executive Director, Judy Sjostedt Ritchie, who has led the PACF since 1999.

Sjostedt Ritchie said, “We think that it’s high time that the good people locally who are helping to weave our community together through their caring and sometimes quiet actions, receive recognition for the strong examples that they set for all of us and for our next generation. We need to rise above divisiveness so that we can do better for our families here at home.”

From now until April 15, 2023, the PACF is seeking nominations, both online and in written form. All nominees will be recognized with a Certificate and a local gift honoring PACF’s 60th Anniversary. A select number of nominees will be chosen from among the nominations to identify several 60th Anniversary Gems who will be identified to represent the Foundation’s values. In addition to the Certificate and local gift, those identified as Anniversary Gems will also receive a gift certificate redeemable at select PACF partner locations and the ability to direct a mini-grant to one of the PACF funds of their choice. A PACF subcommittee of past Board members will serve as the selection committee.

“This is a great way to honor those people in our community who are working hard every day to make a positive difference in our lives in some way,” said Sjostedt Ritchie. “It takes just a few minutes to submit a nomination which could in turn provide these special people with the honor of a lifetime. The deadline of April 15th is easy to remember but it will come quickly so I encourage folks to take a few minutes this week to submit a nomination. It’s easy, the form is online at www.pacfw.com/60.” Persons who do not have Internet access may stop by the Foundation Office at 1620 Park Avenue during regular business hours to pick up a print form for use.

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 much 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 greatly 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, and W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture.



Minnie Hamilton Health System

Minnie Hamilton Health System is taking part in the Give 5 Save Lives challenge, as part of DoNation—a campaign to increase organ, eye, and tissue donor registrations across the country! It only takes 5 minutes to sign up as an organ, eye, and tissue donor. Will you join us? Sign up at organonor.gov/sign-up. For additional information, you may also visit: <https://www.donatellife.net> or <https://www.donatellifewv.org>.

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After the levy failed, a group of people formed the Sound & Light Project, Inc., to repair and replace the sound and light systems in the auditorium. Director of the project is Deidre Purdy. Board members are Loren Howley, Chip Westfall, MG Gainer, and Paul Brown.

The project is working with the county Board of Education and has their full support for the project.

Sound & Light is developing a basic budget to provide in grant requests, and so that donors will know how their money will be used.

The plan is to upgrade the sound system with new amplifiers, subwoofers, and hand-held microphones. For Lighting, the goal is to replace all lights in the auditorium with LEDs. They are more expensive to install, but use 80% less power, last 5 times longer, and can be controlled from a laptop program with no need for an expensive console. This would be a modern system that should last for decades.

The current working goal is to raise \$60,000. The estimated time for completion of the project is the fall of 2023.

You can donate to GoFundMe on the Sound & Light Project’s Facebook page. You can donate at <http://gofund.me/fe78dc01> or you can send checks to: Sound & Light, 138 Lost Road Grantsville, WV 26147. The Project is a West Virginia 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

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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 room flows easily into the kitchen area with a breakfast bar. The bedrooms are on one end of the house. The master bedroom has a walk-in closet and a full bathroom. The master bedroom 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.

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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.**

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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

Personal Ad

WANTED - Small lady, size 12W with nice figure for relationship. Send photo, phone number and address to Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136. Ladies write only.
4tp/3/2-3/23

WANTED - Older retired man seeks help with household chores; possible longer term plans. Please write PO Box 61, Arnoldsburg, WV 25234.
4tp/2/16-3/9

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.
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WANTED

WANTED - Make pallets at home, for Ohio pallet company. Send photo, pallet length and address to: Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, WV 26136 Pallet companies write only, that's paying good price, each wooden pallet.
4tp/3/2-4/6

WANTED - Mowing crew for the Mt. Zion Methodist Church cemetery. Mow every other week and weedat around grave markers. Contact 304-354-6424
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2021-S-00000037 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

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:

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| 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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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2021-S-00000036 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

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DISTRICT LEE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0005 2900

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-00000036, 13 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:

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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 |
| 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. | \$ 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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(2021-S-00000039 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: ROSS COLLINS HEIRS C/O JOSEPH COLLING, JOSEPH COLLINS, ROSS COLLINS HEIRS C/O JOSEPH COLLINS, JOSEPH COLLINS, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HARLEY MAXWELL COLLINS, 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 SHERIDAN MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 26703002

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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 |
| 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. | \$ 520.64 |
| 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 |
| 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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NOTICE TO REDEEM

(2021-S-00000056 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: MAE POLING C/O NANCY POLING, NANCY POLING, 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 WASHINGTON MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 3660

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-00000056, 1/5 64 BEECH, located in WASHINGTON, which was returned delinquent in the name of POLING MRS THOMAS, 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 18, 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 17, 2023, will be as follows:

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| Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 17, 2023. | \$ 100.13 |
| Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 17, 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 17, 2023. | \$ 403.95 |
| Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 17, 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. | \$ 509.93 |
| 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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(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:

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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 |
| 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

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.

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.

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Check Conditions

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

Cremo and Hur

Cremo 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.



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Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Life-line, 1-800-273-TALK, is partnering with First Choice Services, a non-profit organization based in Charleston, to answer calls from West Virginians and offer assistance during their time of need.

Calls to 1-800-273-TALK will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All call line staff have received training in applied suicide intervention skills, the gold standard

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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CLASS II

The Calhoun County Park will be accepting bids for a Herb Smith community building improvement project. The project is located 4 miles South of Grantsville on Rt. 16. Physical address is 380 Park Place, Grantsville, WV, 26147.

Bids will be accepted until 9:00 AM, Monday, March 27th. Bids will be opened at the Herb Smith community building at 10:00 AM, on Monday, March 27th.

The scope of work will consist of the following:

1. Provide all materials and labor to replace two (2) existing HVAC units. Heating units will be sized appropriately by contractor and be natural gas. BTU rating of gas at building is 1446.2. Air conditioning units should be the largest units suitable for existing ductwork, (minimum 3 ton).
2. Alternate #1. Add two (2) additional ducts from existing trunk duct to kitchen.
3. Alternate #2. Add one (1) two (2) ton ductless heat pump to serve kitchen.
4. Alternate #3. Add two (2) three (3) ton ductless heat pumps to serve upstairs area of community building. One at each end of the building.
5. Alternate #4. Install new temperature averaging digital thermostats for downstairs HVAC units.

Decisions to accept or reject primary bid and alternate bids will be made at bid opening, and Calhoun County Park reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Contractors may arrange for inspection by calling Donald Pitts at (304) 532-0854.

100% payment will be made at project completion and inspection.

BIDDING GUIDELINES

1. Bids will be opened Monday, March 27th at 10:00 AM at the Herb Smith community building, at the Calhoun County Park. Bids may be mailed to Calhoun County Park, PO Box 276, Grantsville WV, 26147. Please mark envelope "sealed bid."
2. Bid shall be provided on Company letterhead and include current valid West Virginia Contractor's License.
3. Bid will be valid a minimum of sixty (60) days from date of bid opening.
4. Successful contractor will be required to provide certificate of insurance adequate to cover total project cost and adequate liability coverage.
5. This project does not require payment of prevailing wages.
6. Project completion period will be thirty (30) days from start date.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia:

| Decedent | Personal Representative | Address |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Danny Ray Walker | Kenneth Mark Walker | 1051 Munday Rd., Munday, WV 26152 |
| Ireta A. Roberts | William E. Adwell | P.O. Box 185, Grantsville, WV 26147 |
| Harry Merrion | Mark Merrion | 450 Jacobstown-Cookstown Rd., Wrightstown, NJ 08562 |

MARCH 1, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **MAY 1, 2023**. Otherwise they may be lawfully excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

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

Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission
Class II Legal

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

| Decedent | Decedent's Address | Date of Death | Date of Will |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Betty J. Keller | 6374 Hwy. 460 W. West Liberty, KY 41472 | September 29, 2018 | January 30, 2006 |

| Name of Person Filing Affidavit | Address | Relation to Decedent | Date of First Publication |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Timothy Keller | 6374 Hwy. 460 W. West Liberty, KY 41472 | Son | March 1, 2023 |

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Enter this 1st day of March, 2023.

Jean Simers
Clerk of the County Commission
Class II Legal

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church and served Holy Communion.

Linda Wright did not get a good report on her cancer. She is to start treatments. The St. Valentine's Day steak special at Shade Tree was a wild success. The meat was tasty like a good steak should be and many local folks had a great time.

Mousey Jackson who has a place in Creston passed away down in North Carolina. He had been sick for quite some time, Carl and Donna Ferrell went down there and Melissa came to help with the grandchildren.

Eli Ferrell, a scholar at the Christian school at Brooksville, led the Wirt County delegation Saturday evening for the gala Lincoln Day dinner held at the Calhoun County Park. Eli is to be a page for Speaker Roger Hanshaw in the legislature on Monday.

The meal included Calhoun County grown steak that was cooked just before the dinner by men who knew how to cook tasty food. Puts down a marker for future Lincoln Day dinners, for sure.

Sec. of State and gubernatorial candidate Mac Warner gave an excellent talk to the substantial crowd.

It was noted that a good time was had by all and the enthusiasm for the future of Calhoun County was only positive. Quite a bit was said about the 1982 Foundation and all that is being accomplished.

The spring flowers, crocuses, jonquils and daffodils continue to brighten the neighborhood and the amphibians continue to provide musical accompaniment to the spring gala event which seems to be a little early. Ramps should soon be coming up as well.

Some local folks continue to have problems concerning breathing, coughing, likely viruses, etc. ans that the DNA has been modified to allow continued production of the "new product". Also it was ascertained that there were some "bad batches" [about 5%] of vaccine and all of those were sent to "red states." This was confirmed by the much higher rates of death in Kentucky, Arkansas, North Dakota, West Virginia, etc. These were referred to as "rapid kill lots," a part of the UN Agency 2030 project.

Obviously, one cannot believe a word the government man says and now the ruling junta has said that the nation's health has been turned over to WHO [World Health Organization] which has been answering only to Dictator Xi of China. This means mandates, edicts, vaccine passports and all the government intervention in the lives of formerly free citizens.

Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan, who by all rights should be the speaker, will be at the Judge Black Annex to the Wood County Court House on March 10 from 6:30 until 9 p. m. He is there on behalf of Alex Mooney who hopes to retire Broadway Joe 9(or Maserati Joe as he is known as the DC swamps.)

The late Tom Quick from Wirt County was a member of the duPont Haz Mat team, a crew known for knowing their stuff. He noted that there was a "rule of thumb" when dealing with incidents involving "methyl ethyl bad stuff." It worked like this, for if one held out one's thumb and you could still see the incident then you were too close.

The disaster in Ohio only continues to worsen and there is no doubt as to who to blame. Now when snow melts in Ontario there is a rainbow sheen. Next time when one is near a train listen for the "clunk, clunk, clunk". That is the sign of a worn out bearing that needs fixed. That is what caused the hopper car loaded with plastic pellets to jump the track start getting hot.

Instead of working to get the cars back on the tracks someone said, "well just burn them all up."

After an incident in Nitro, W. Va. in 1949 it has been known that the results of explosions and fires with plastics make dioxins. For decades the EPA has noted that is why you should not burn plastics in one's burn barrels as the dioxins contaminate the vegetation, the critters eat the contaminated food and the toxins build up (and do not break down). Seems these things last "forever." Thus, it is clear that the area of the burn and the area where the smoke cloud moved is now all contaminated perhaps for an extended period of time.

A black buzzard was seen at Annamoriah. Perhaps he came over from the flock at Spencer. Obviously, all the Spencer boys failed triggerometry class but locally Dead Eye Dick and Sure Shot Jones can resolve the problem. The invasive black buzzards like to pick out the eyes of young calves.

The loss of Newsmax TV and One American TV has impacted local folks ability to obtain news without bias. The official government radio, NPR, is said now to be laying off staff as the "alphabets" have picked up the slack and spout only the official dogma. A recent example is the senile man walking in Kiev with air raid sirens going off when the ruling junta had called Vladimir to tell him what was happening and to not do anything to endanger the fictional president. Back when he had more of his marbles he made more than a dozen visits to Ukraine where the family had many investments including the research labs.

Henry Hub natural gas rose to \$2.45/MMBTU [dekatherm] while local Pennsylvania grade crude fetched \$76.32/bbl. Condensate, formerly known as Appalachian light sweet was \$59.32/bbl. with Marcellus and Utica light bringing \$66.32 and medium \$75.32/bbl.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The WV Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and Mt. Zion PSD have proposed a settlement of Administrative Consent Order No. 8770 which resolves violation(s) of the WV Water Pollution Control Act which occurred in Calhoun County, WV. In accordance with the proposed Consent Order, Mt. Zion PSD has agreed to pay administrative penalties and to comply with the Act. Final settlement is subject to comments received during the thirty (30) day period following this publication. Further information about this Administrative Consent Order is available by contacting the Chief Inspector, WVDEP/Environmental Enforcement, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0470 or by accessing WV Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.dep.wv.gov/pio/Pages/Settlements.Ordersouttopublicnotice.aspx>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Calhoun County Board of Education will be holding a public hearing for Levy Rates for FY23-24 on Monday, March 13, 2023, to determine Levy Rates and again on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to Lay the Levy at the Calhoun County Board of Education Central Office.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Maintain social distancing when visiting library. If you feel sick, please stay home.

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It's easier to fool people than convince them they have been fooled - Mark Twain

When in doubt tell the truth - Mark Twain

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—BOB ROMEO
Cardiac Bypass Patient
Ravenswood, WV



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