



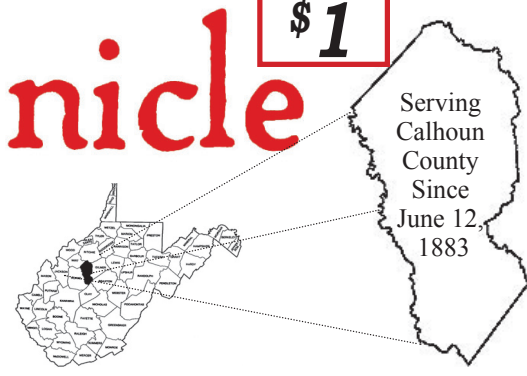
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Republicans Revive Lincoln Dinner

by Roger Propst

The Calhoun County Republican party’s annual Lincoln Day Dinner was revived in a big way on Saturday evening, February 25. The event was held upstairs at the Calhoun Park, Herb Smith Barn. It is believed that the last Lincoln Dinner occurred over 30 years ago. After months of planning, it was go-time.

Roger Propst, Vice-Chairman of the Calhoun County Republicans Committee presided over the program. The event was a smashing success with a great crowd of enthusiastic party members and invited guests in a great atmosphere. Ninety two people were registered for the event.

Elected officials present were West Virginia Secretary of State, and announced candidate for Governor in 2024, Mac Warner, W. Va. State Senator, representing Calhoun County, Ben Queen, Calhoun County Commissioner, Craig Arthur, Prosecuting Attorney, Nigel Jeffries, Sheriff, Warren Basnett, and Wirt County Commissioner John Griffin.

Keynote Speaker, Mac Warner, excited the crowd with an enthusiastic delivery of his plans for West Virginia if elected Governor in 2024. Even a not-so-look-alike version of our 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, made an appearance and delivered a powerful rendition of the “Gettysburg Address.”

A delicious grilled-onsite meal of Caesar Salad, grilled Tuscan Steak Filet, twice-baked potatoes, Crème Brulé, coffee, tea, and water was prepared by chefs Dennis, Shana and Aaron Spaur. Servers were Calhoun Middle School students, who did a fantastic job.

Tim Carter was the raffle winner, taking home a hand-crafted fire ring made by Mr. Carl Collins.

Attendees from Wirt and Roane counties joined us, and enjoyed the evening with friends and neighbors. The Republican Party is back in Calhoun County and is working diligently to improve the lives of all its citizens. Please join us. All are welcome.

Our next monthly meeting is March 21 (third Tuesday of each month), at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Courtroom.



Speakers at the Lincoln Day Dinner were; 1 to r; Ben Queen, Mac Warner, Craig Arthur and Eric Lupardus.

Fun Filled First Trivia Night Held at Library

The Calhoun Library’s first ever Trivia Night was a great success! Librarian Amy Norman said that the turnout for the event pretty much filled the library with trivia buffs. “If more people show up for the next trivia night, we may have to move the venue to a larger space” Said Norman.

There were five teams that competed, with “The Houners,” Kayla Williams and Cory Roberts, taking the win. Each member of the winning team was given a trophy and \$5 Foodland gift card. It was a perfect evening of sharing knowledge and laughter.

Thank you all for making Trivia Night so much fun! Our next trivia night is March 23 at 6pm.

Check our facebook page or give us a call at 304-354-6300 for more information and to sign up. Hope to see you there!



Trivia winners, Kayla Williams and Cory Roberts.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, March 9
Calhoun Historical Society meeting, History Center, Main St., Grantsville, 6 p.m.; public is welcome to attend.

Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Pleasant Hill Elem. 4:30-5:30

Friday, March 10
Pre-K registration fair, Pleasant Hill School; call Sierra McCormick, 354-6022, ext. 402, for an appointment; enrollment packets available.

Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary from 2-3

Saturday, March 11
Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Chloe, 7 p.m.
Bluegrass Music at Lions Club building. 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 12
Set clocks forward one hour to observe daylight saving time

Monday, March 13
Calhoun Commission meeting little courtroom at 9 am. and also virtually (using zoom), #5936021621, password, 1234; by phone, +13126266799 or +19292056099 (toll free).

Calhoun County board of education meeting, Mt. Zion board office, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14
Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Calhoun FRN on Tuesdays from 11-12.

Wednesday, March 15
Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Upper West Fork Park from 1-2

County Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Call To Order:
I. Pledge of Allegiance:

II. Approve Minutes: February 13, 2023 – Board of Equalization Minutes –

Feb. 1, 6, 9, 14, 17, 23, and 28, 2023.

III. Opening of Bids for Courthouse Facilities Grant Project.

IV. Delegations/Requests:

A. Crystal Mersh – Update on Community Center

B. Teresa Overton – Animal Shelter

C. Mark Whitley – Broadband Update

V. Reports

A. E-911, LEPC and OES

B. Ambulance

C. Wood Festival Committee

Foster Parents and Advocates React to DHHR Application for Reimbursement of Fees

Contact: Marissa Sanders by calling 304-993-2885 or email sandersmarissawv@gmail.com

On February 10, DHHR announced that payments for thousands of children living with kinship families and legal guardians would be delayed by one week due to problems with the conversion of data from the old FACTS data system to the new PATH data system. Almost three weeks later, the delays have impacted kinship, foster, and adoptive families and legal guardians. Many are still waiting to receive their children’s funds. These funds are provided by DHHR to assist in meeting the needs of children who have been separated from their birth families.

In a letter sent to lawmakers and DHHR on February 21, Marissa Sanders, Founder and Executive Director of the WV Foster Adoptive and Kinship Parents Network, an advocacy organization for families involved in the child welfare system, called for a \$1,000 supplemental payment to all impacted families to ensure they are made whole. This figure is based on average fees reported by families and an estimated average of the monthly funds sent to families. “I have been in constant communication with families impacted by delayed payments. People are facing overdraft fees, late fees, even disconnect and eviction notices as a result of these failures. I have connected some families with help acquiring food, gas, and assistance with bills after other community resources were unable to meet their needs,” Sanders said.

Many families had automatic payments set up in anticipation of receiving those funds on their normal schedule. When the funds did not arrive on time, their account quickly began accruing overdraft fees. As payments were returned, this led to cascading problems of late fees and additional overdrafts when bills were resubmitted to the bank. One adoptive family, speaking on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation from DHHR said, “I had so many overdraft fees that my mortgage company would no longer accept payments from that account. I had to close the account and open a new one. Now I have to change my direct deposit information, which will delay next month’s payment.”

Other families had to delay or cancel important sports registrations, school events, or therapies for their children. “When I finally received the funds for my children, nearly 75% went to overdraft fees. This meant that as the next round of bills came through, I became over-drawn again. As a result, I have been unable to pay for soccer fees and equine therapy

for my children,” said another family speaking on condition of anonymity.

Most families who have called DHHR for assistance report that multiple calls to different numbers left them without answers about when their payment would be received or how to get help for immediate needs caused by these delays. As one family said, “Unfortunately, you get the same message no matter who you call: ‘Sorry, can’t help, it’s someone else’s fault.’ I am satisfied that I left no stone unturned, but I still don’t know when the deposit will be made.”

On March 1, DHHR announced a process for families to apply for reimbursement of fees related to the delayed payments.

While impacted families appreciate this offer, most feel that a supplemental payment to all impacted families would be a more efficient and immediate way to provide relief, especially for families who are still struggling. Sanders said, “Families may not receive bills and statements that show fees until next month. By then they may have incurred more fees. Mailing documents and waiting for DHHR to process and reimburse these fees could take weeks that families can’t afford. This process creates more bureaucratic red tape for families who are already in distress.”

Network members felt the application process could be useful for families with unique or excessive losses beyond the \$1,000 supplemental payment. They said the process should be tweaked to allow for mail or digital submission of documents and to provide a toll-free number caregivers can call with questions. It should also be expanded to include fees incurred in March for families who have not yet received their full February payment.

Going forward, families and advocates hope DHHR will prepare for the possibility of more delays, improve communication and collaboration with families, and establish effective ways to meet immediate needs when crises arise.

About the Network: The WV Foster Adoptive and Kinship Parents Network, founded in 2018, represents and supports over 1,400 families caring for children who are or were involved in the child welfare system. The Network’s focus is on providing peer support, training and advocacy for these parents to help them meet the needs of the children they are caring for. The Network hosts support groups and runs a private Facebook group for families. They conduct ongoing advocacy to elevate the voices of caregivers and to work toward positive system reform in child welfare. To learn more about the Network visit www.wvfosterparents.org or find our private group for families on Facebook.

D. CRI	County Public Service	X. Financial Items:
E. County Park	Districts	A. In-House Trans-
G. FRN	VIII. Personnel	fer #6
H. Home Confinement Report	Items:	B. Budget Transfer
I. Sheriff’s Report	VI. Appointments to	#5
J. Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation	Boards and Authority:	XI. Invoices Paid
K. Water Expansion Update	A. Commissioner Appointment to Little Kanawha Resource Conservation and Development Board	Need to be Approved:
VI. New Business:	B. Resignation – Bruce Fitzwater – EMS Board	XII. Financial Statements:
A. Fiscal Agent – FRN Grant	VII. Grants and Resolutions	A. Financial Statement February 2023
B. Light and Sound Project – Deirdre Purdy	VIII. Erroneous Tax Assessments/Consolidations:	XIII. Bonds, Wills, Settlements and Orders:
C. Establish Dates for Budget Work Sessions	IX. Fiduciary Items:	XIV. Executive Session:
D. Discussion of Number of Meetings Per Month	A. Appointment of Fiduciary Commissioner – R.J. Knotts Sr.	XV. Adjournment - Next Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2023 (Approve Budget) Budget Work Session to Follow Commission Meeting

OBITUARIES

VERNER GOODRICH

Verner Goodrich, 82, of Rosedale, died February 27, 2023.

He worked as a timberman for 40+ years. All Verner's daughters were special to him and it made his day when they would call or visit him. He enjoyed sitting on the porch with his son, Rick, and his wife would bring them coffee to drink while they had father-son chats.

Verner enjoyed working with his son, Verner II, in the garage and teaching him how to fix motors. His family and friends would often come to him for advice on how to fix their vehicles, deeming him "The Oracle."

Hummingbird watching on his porch was his favorite pastime. Reading western books, watching westerns on the television and doing puzzle books in his mancave were also things he enjoyed.

Verner will be fondly remembered by his wife, Goldie, who he loved and cherished more than anyone in the world; sons, Rick Goodrich of Rosedale, Verner (Cindy) Goodrich II of Rosedale; daughters, Verna (Bobby) Fredrick, of Glenville, Deanna Miller of Grantsville, Diane (Charles) Stump of Frametown, Dana Recknagle of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Nancy (Greg) Turner of Orangeburg, SC, and Vonnie Goodrich of Rosedale; granddaughter, who he helped raise and loved like a daughter, Kristin (James) Cottrill of Rosedale; great grandson and best buddy, Daniel Wyatt Cottrill of Rosedale; sisters, Vae Cayton of Lorrain, Ohio, Vera (Jim) Johnson of Frametown, Vada Knicely of Burnsville; longtime friend, Rodney Greenleaf of Rosedale; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends and neighbors who will remember Verner with love.

In keeping with Verner's wishes there was a graveside service for him Thursday, March 2, at Rosedale Community Cemetery with Elder Larry Fisher officiating.

Arrangements were made by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.



ROY SLACK

Roy Slack, 73, of Elizabeth, WV, died Sunday, March 5, 2023, following an extended illness.

He was born to the late Brooks and Doris Valentine Slack in Elizabeth.

Roy was a 1968 graduate of Wirt County High School. He attended Parkersburg Community College, now WVU-P, and Mountain State College.

He worked as a printer and had projects in home construction around the area. Anyone who talked with Roy quickly found out he was a wealth of knowledge on just about any and all subjects. He was known for his kindness in helping anyone with anything.

He is survived by his children Penney (Scott) Simonton and Donivan (D'Nelle) Slack; grandchildren Alicia (Ezi) Washington, Wyatt Simonton and Shelby Simonton; great-granddaughter Amirah Washington; siblings Larry (Neth) Slack, Paul (Shirley) Slack, Karen (Duane) Savage, Margie (Roger) Allen, Joyce Kinemond, Lucy Sprouse and Kathy Gabriel; a brother-in-law Buzz Grimm and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Kimberly Grimm.

His wish to be cremated will be followed with no service at this time. The family would like to thank his sister Margie Allen who took him into her home and cared for him in his final days, his great-nephew Zach Allen who also helped care for his uncle and a special friend Ruth Siber.



ROGER LEE ALLEN

Roger Lee Allen, 73, of Grantsville, WV died March 6, 2023 at his residence.

He was born in Arnoldsburg, and was the son of the late William and Stacie McCune Allen.

Roger was a carpenter and enjoyed playing his guitar, woodworking and his dog "Gus."

Left behind to cherish his memory, is his wife, Agnes Wayne Allen of Grantsville; daughter, Amy Norman (Steve) of Grantsville; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by all of his siblings, James Blake, Rex, Lowell T. Allen, Nell Holt, Waneta Daggett, Ann Kinzey, Ressie King, Ethel Waldeck, Chloe Cover, Murlene Ferree, Kathleen Parsons and Wanda Cain.

Services will be 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, at Orma United Methodist Church 17663 South Calhoun Highway Orma, with Pastor Kevin Church officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Burial will follow at Orma Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer, WV. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com



DENNIS BROOKS TANNER

Dennis Brooks Tanner, 87, of Nebo, died Sunday, March 5, 2023 surrounded by his family.

He was the son of the late Samuel and Lyda Sampson Tanner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Steve Tanner; daughter, Dorma Tanner; brothers, Russell, Romie, Richard, Andy, Seldon, Spencer, Homer, and Harry Tanner; sisters, Myrtle Tanner Dickey and Lula Tanner Cutlip.

Dennis was a lifelong resident of Nebo and an original member of the Tanner Boys Quartet. He loved singing the gospel for Jesus.

He retired from the Clay County Department of Highways in 1996, after 21 years of service.

His pastimes included attending various churches, spending time with his family, hunting and visiting special friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of 67 years, Patricia Tucker Tanner, whom he married December 5, 1955 at Clay; sons, Larry (April) Tanner of Charleston and Jerry (Karla) Tanner of Nebo; daughter, Loretta (James) Brady also of Nebo; daughter-in-law, Sue Tanner of Charleston; six grandchildren, Stefanie (Casey) Stutler, Dennis (Greta) Conley, Jordan Tanner, Joseph Tanner, Emma Tanner and Luke Tanner; four great grandchildren, Graceyn Conley, Kamryn Stutler, Karter Brown and Peyton Nelson; many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the many special friends, neighbors, relatives, church family, nurses and Hospice for their prayers, love and support during his illness.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 8 at the Nebo Baptist Church, Nebo with the Rev. Kenneth Tanner and the Rev. Lester Tanner officiating. Burial was in the Nebo Cemetery.

Condolences may be shared at www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com

Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

Newton, our beloved editor, has been released from Camden Clark hospital but remains in Parkersburg at the home of his daughters, Penny and Joanie, while he is still undergoing tests and treatments.

He hopes to remove me from his editor's desk as soon as he can (I hope it is soon).

Everyone's kind thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated and they must be working well as he has been released from the hospital and is feeling some better at this time.

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Now that it is daylight before six o'clock in the morning it is time for us to swipe an hour of morning light and affix it to the evening hours. Yep, it is time to spring forward at 2am this coming Sunday, March 12.

I was explaining this to the squirrels and birds of the holler just the other morning, about how it was going to become light an hour later than usual and they all, without a hint of derision, pointed at their foreleg or wing to let me know that they are not really into time at all. They don't even wear a watch and couldn't care less what all of us crazy humans do, as long as we make certain that we feed them, on time.

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There have been more hootenannies in the holler in the last month than I have heard in the past 30 years, and I believe I may have found the reason behind it. Over the weekend I was outside, late at night, enjoying the holler in the bright moonlight when I heard a "hoo, hooo, hooo," from deeper down in the holler.

The owl that makes that sound is the great horned owl, a deadly enemy of the barred owls that live near our house. It is my guess that our barred owls have developed an early warning system to attempt to give themselves a "heads up" when it comes to defending their part of the holler from the much larger cousins.

MOVHD Schedule of Food Handler's Classes

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department will hold its Food Handler's class for the month Tuesday, March 21 at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department's Parkersburg office, 211 Sixth St. Classes are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., each lasting around two hours. Classes cost \$10 and there is no appointment needed. For more information, call 304-485-7374.

In addition, the Ritchie County office will hold its Food Handler's class for the month on Thursday, March 16 at 125 West Main St., Harrisville. Classes are at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. or 4 p.m. and cost \$10. For more information, call 304-643-2917.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information.

Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and at MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.

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. 11, Mark IV; Mar. 18, TBA; Mar. 25, Frank Conn & Partners.

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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Talk to someone who cares and can help.
Call the helpline via phone or text at 877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

Calhoun Middle School Boys Basketball Represent at CWVAC



Chase Schoolcraft (left) and Micah Allen (right).

Representing Calhoun Middle School Boys basketball at CWVAC on February 25th were Micah Allen, Josiah Wilson, Cooper Morris, Charter Cottrell, Chase Schoolcraft and Brennen Carpenter.

Brennen and Micah participated in the free throw shootout. Brennen placed 3rd out of 22, Micah placed 6th. Josiah and Cooper participated in the three point shootout, tying for 3rd.

Micah Allen and Chase Schoolcraft were named All-Conference and Chase Schoolcraft All-Tournament. Congratulations boys!

#CalhounBasketballFutureIsBright



Micah Allen, Josiah Wilson, Cooper Morris, Charter Cottrell, Chase Schoolcraft and Brennen Carpenter.

Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 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 in screening and assisting suicidal callers.

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.

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.

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to the age of five.

WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County.

To apply for the program or to receive information, call the local office, 354-6898.

The WIC clinic is located at 300 Mill St., Grantsville, and is available each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments by phone.

Call the office, 354-6898, if you have an appointment or a question about benefits.

Calhoun County M/HS Senior Softball

Schedule 2023

MARCH:

15 4:30 pm (H) Wirt
17 4:30 pm (H) Braxton
21 4:30 pm (H) Clay
23 4:30 pm (H) Gilmer
25 12:00 pm (A) Tygarts Valley M/Senior high
27 4:30 pm (A) Wirt
28 5:00 pm (A) South Harrison
30 4:30 pm (H) Doddridge
31 5:00 (A) Roane

APRIL:

4 4:30 pm (H) Webster
6 4:30 pm (A) Braxton
7 5:30 pm (A) Ritchie
11 4:30 pm (H) Roane
13 6:00 PM (A) Clay
14 4:30 pm (H) Ritchie
15 12:00 pm (H) Ravenswood
18 5:00 pm (A) Gilmer
20 4:45 pm (H) South Harrison
21 6:00 pm (A) Trinity Christian
24 5:00 pm (A) Webster
27 TBDPM (H) LKC
28 TBDPM (H) LKC
29 TBDPM (H) LKC
Rain

May:

1 TBDPM (H) Sectional

Governor Justice Signs Contract for New Veterans Nursing Facility in Beckley, W.Va

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice ceremonially signed a contract today that launches the design and engineering work on West Virginia's second veterans nursing home, a Southern West Virginia facility that state veterans have been seeking for longer than a decade.

The 120-bed facility will be built on a 12-acre plot of land adjacent to the Jackie Withrow Hospital, off Eisenhower Drive in east Beckley. The first state veterans nursing home, in Clarksburg, was opened 15 years ago and primarily serves veterans in North Central West Virginia.

"I've said more times than I can count that we owe everything we have to our veterans," Gov. Justice said. "We've got to take care of those who gave so much for us. This new nursing facility is going to mean the world to our veterans and their families who have needed this facility in Southern West Virginia for a long time."

The governor has been an outspoken advocate for the new nursing facility. The facility will be constructed through a combination of federal VA and State money. Gov. Justice, with the Legislature's full support, has earmarked funds in the State's budget to serve as a match for federal grant dollars.

A partnership of SFCS Architects and Thrasher Engineering will oversee the architectural and engineering work for the Beckley facility. Roanoke, Va.-based SFCS has designed more than a dozen high-profile, veterans-specific facilities across the United States. Thrasher Engineering, a West Virginia company, is one of the Mid-Atlantic region's largest and most versatile full-service architecture and engineering firms.

The Beckley nursing facility will be state-of-the-art. It will be designed around the Veterans Health Administration's Small House Model, which features clusters of 'neighborhood' housing areas with private rooms and community spaces that adjoin shared, fully accessible kitchens. The facility will also include a central common area that will house recreational and health care services.

The facility will offer 20 beds for veterans diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia.

"Under Governor Justice's support and leadership, this tremendous project is going to happen. The Beckley veterans nursing facility will give the families of Southern West Virginia veterans the ability to seek top-quality care for their senior loved ones, and the care will be closer to home," West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance Cabinet Secretary Edward Diaz said.

Girls Softball 2023 Roster

Head Coach: Argil Jones. Assistant Coach: Charlie Starcher. Team Manager: Summer Parsons.

Seniors: Chelsea McCumbers, Madison Westfall, Marlee Hall.

Juniors: Emily Dennison, Karlee Garrett, Nyla Warner, Lindsey Smith, Lauren Smith, Jordan Hall.

Sophomores: Lauren Lovejoy, Abi Waldron.

Freshmen: Emily Swisher, Brylie Wilson.



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- Job searching
- Interview skills & Job Readiness

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National March Holidays 2023

March 9: National Popcorn Lovers Days and National Meatball Day
March 10: National Ranch Day and National Pack Your Own Lunch Day.

March 11: World Plumbing Day and National No Smoking Day.

March 12: National Girl Scout Day and National Plant a Flower day.

March 13: National Commonwealth Day and National Jewel Day

March 14: National Organize Your Home Office Day and International Day of Mathematics.

March 15: World Contact Day (UFO) and True Confessions Day.
More fun Holidays in March go to www.daysoftheyear.com/

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.

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.



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

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 organdonor.gov/sign-up. For additional information, you may also visit: <https://www.donatelifewv.org>

You are Cordially Invited to Heartwood in the Hills

for Springtime on the Meadow 2023, a program of free weekend classes and workshops with Jude Binder and Patsy Kisner made possible by The National Endowment for the Arts and The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History.

Jude Binder co-founded Heartwood in the Hills with her partner Frank Venezia in 1982. Heartwood is where - "she's taught thousands of people how to move their bodies in tune with their hearts" - Douglas Impbrogno in Goldenseal 2020.

Jude is an award-winning artist, teacher, and dancer. Her unique approach to dance and movement education combines anatomy study with studio sessions to provide students with a personal understanding of their bodies that will allow them to achieve their goals safely and without injury.

Jude will be leading workshops in Movement for Health and Centering, Classical Ballet Technique, Movement for Actors, Visual and Performing Arts for Teens, and a Heartwood favorite Creative Arts for Children.

Patsy Kisner is a recognized and published West Virginia poet. Her workshop, The Songs Within Ourselves, "will focus on developing one's particular and unique poetic voice, whether a beginning poet or an experienced writer." More information about Patsy can be found on www.patsykisner.com.

Please visit our website, www.heartwoodinthehills.org, to find out more about Heartwood and this amazing opportunity.

Join us on the meadow! Maria Arnold, Organizational Director, Heartwood in the Hills. Phone 354-7874, 229 Heartwood Lane.

TREASURER MOORE ANNOUNCES HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS FOR UPCOMING 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - State Treasurer Riley Moore today announced applications to use the Hope Scholarship education savings account program for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year that starts this fall are now available online.

Applications are available online at www.HopeScholarshipWV.com. The application period will remain open from March 1 through May 15.

"We're excited to announce applications to use the Hope Scholarship are now open," Treasurer Moore said. "We saw tremendous interest in this program for the current school year, despite unfortunate legal delays in the program's implementation. We look forward to providing this program for the full school year that begins this fall."

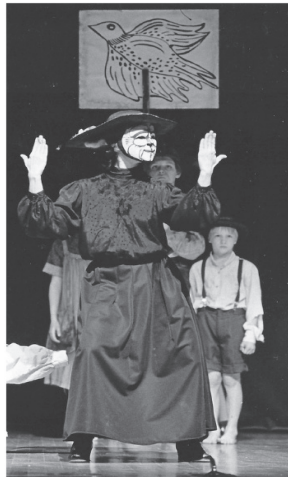
The Hope Scholarship is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

- Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.
- Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2022-2023) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.
- Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application.

In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice is also available online at HopeScholarshipWV.com.

Important Note: While members of the state Legislature have discussed bills that would expand or change eligibility requirements for the Hope Scholarship Program, none of those changes have yet to pass or become law. Should the Legislature pass any reforms, the Hope Scholarship Board would



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provide updates on the program once those changes are enacted and take effect.

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Albert's Chapel U.M.C.
Sand Ridge - 354-6217
Pastor: David Weaver
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11:15 p.m.

Arnoldsburg Community Church
Arnoldsburg
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

Beech U.M.C.
Arnoldsburg - 354-6277
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Thurs.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Beech Valley U.M.C.
Big Springs
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday

Bethlehem Baptist Church
East of Grantsville
Sandra McCumbers, Secy.
304-655-8141
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.

Brooksville Baptist Church
Big Bend - 354-6967
Pastor: Matt Sanders
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Chapel Baptist Church
Nobe - 354-6747
Interim Pastor: Harold Francis
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.
Dinner - 4th Sunday 6 p.m.

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church
White Pine Rd - Latonia
Pastor: Vane Bush
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

Community Baptist Church
Grantsville
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 p.m.

Cornerstone Praise & Worship
527 Highland St., Grantsville
Pastor: Kevin Church
Sun.: Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

Cremo Community Church
Rowels Run - 354-7394
Sunday 10 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Enon Baptist Church
Grantsville
Pastor: John Vannoy
Sun.: Worship 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.

Fairview Freewill Memorial Church
1182 Lower Nicut Rd., Chloe
Pastor: Tom Law - 354-6685
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church
High St., Grantsville - 354-7574
Pastor: Ron Chesser
Sun: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Freedom Baptist Church
Big Springs on Rt. 16
Campus Pastor: Steve Boggs
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Afternoon Service 1 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse
Big Bend
Pastor: Mike Doherty
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed: Worship 7 p.m.

Hur Community Church
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Available for Funerals and Weddings
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Knotts Church
Grantsville
Pastor: Tim Davis
Morning Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.
Thurs. Small Groups 6 p.m.
A Believers Led Church

Leatherbark Community Church
Leatherbark
Pastor: Phil Lawrence
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Louisa Chapel U.M.C.
Arnoldsburg - 655-8245
Pastor: Shelly Mace
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Milo Church
Milo
Pastor: John Meadows
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday
7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday

Minnora U.M.C.
Minnora
Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Mt. Zion U.M.C.
Mt. Zion
Pastor: David Weaver
Sun.: Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Mud Fork Church
Stinson - 655-7509
Pastor: John Fowler
Sun.: Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed.: Worship 7 p.m.

New Life Baptist Fellowship
Arnoldsburg - 655-8108
Pastor: Mark Dudley
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Orma U.M.C.
Orma - 354-7365
Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.

Pleasant Hill U.M.C.
Pleasant Hill - 354-6277
Pastor: Rick Metheny
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

Prosperity Baptist Church
Leading Creek Road
Pastor: Ken Heiney
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 p.m.

Rush Run Baptist Church
Stumptown
Pastor: John Vannoy
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

Spruce Hollow Church
Yellow Creek
Pastor: Carroll McCauley
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed.: Worship & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Stoney Point New Hope Church
Altizer Road
Pastor: Garry Bowen
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Sycamore Baptist Church
Mt. Zion - 655-7207
Pastor: Kenneth Gene Satterfield
Sun.: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 6 p.m.

Victory Baptist Church
2037 South Calhoun Hwy.
Grantsville - 354-7780
Pastor: Steven Carter
Sun.: Sun. School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth/Family Ministry

Walnut Grove Community Church
Barnes Run
Pastor: Rev. Clark Samples
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Thur: 7 p.m.

Walnut Memorial Church
Chloe
Pastor: Lester Tanner
Sun.: Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

Walker U.M.C.
Chloe
Pastor: Tim Hickman
Sun.: Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

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The Minnie Hamilton Long Term Care resident's and staff would like to thank everyone that contributed to make their Valentine's Day so special. The residents enjoy being able to have visitors after not being able to for so long due to covid. Left to right; Irene Conrad, Rosie Ailes, and Edna Radcliff.

Read With A Queen, Seuss Style

Worlds Mrs. Mountain State Tourism 2023 Melissa West and Worlds Mrs. Mid Atlantic States Tourism 2023 Emma Howell, Calhoun residents, participated in Read With A Queen Seuss Style at the Gauley Bridge Library on Saturday, February 25, 2023. They read Dr Seuss books to the children and afterwards assisted them with a craft based on the stories read. The library was kicking off Dr Seuss Week. There were Queens from different pageant systems from around the state. It was a fun filled day at the library. The host of the event Ashley Schintz is pictured below with her daughters Maggie and Kimber.

The library is currently asking for donations of any new or used books since it is brand new in the area. You can drop donations off at 108 Walnut Street Gauley Bridge.

The library is planning several activities in the upcoming months such as Mother/daughter Tea Time, Rootbeer float with dad, as well as a few weekly themed summer camps, movie nights and much more. Each time there is an activity planned each child will have the opportunity to create a craft based upon the book or theme of the day. Hope to see you there!

The library is operated by volunteers and donations from the public. Ashley Schintz wanted a library in the neighborhood where children and adults could have a place to enjoy reading.

Every child who signs up for a library card will receive their card in a lanyard made by her and can check out up to three books at a time.



Ashley Schintz with daughters Maggie and Kimber.



Worlds Mrs. Mid Atlantic States Tourism 2023, Emma Howell.

Music

Bluegrass, gospel and country music will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Sign-up at the door. Concessions and 50/50 drawing will be available. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 354-6085.

Save The Children Parent-Child Groups

by Debra R. Dawson-Smith

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Save the Children has an opportunity for children and families in Calhoun County! We offer weekly Parent Child Groups throughout the county. The focus of these groups will be Kindergarten Readiness Skills for children 3 to 5 years old, but all younger siblings are also welcomed to attend. Snacks will also be provided! One lucky parent/caregiver will win a small door prize.

During the weekly Parent Child Groups, we will be exploring the following Language, Literacy and Math Kindergarten Readiness skill areas: Knowing about the alphabet, books and print; talking and listening; understanding words and sounds; numbers, counting, patterns, sorting and classification; comparison, measurement and geometry. These are all critical skills that your child needs in order to be prepared for Preschool and Kindergarten. I look forward to meeting you and helping prepare your child for school success.

Group location and dates for March:

Pleasant Hill Elem. on Thurs from 4:30-5:30

Arnoldsburg Elementary on Fridays from 2-3

Here's a tip card to use with your little ones.

Use Your Words:

Does your child get upset and start to cry or whine? Gently remind them to use their words to say what is bothering them or what they want. If they're too upset to talk, try to guess what they want to say until they let you know you got it.

Brainy Background:

Helping your child learn to use words to share upset feelings is one of the best tools you can give them. This helps your child managing these feelings and express them in ways that others can understand and responded to. Ages 2 years - 3 years.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Pleasant Hill Elementary School at 304-354-6022 or Arnoldsburg Elementary School 304-655-8616, or email d.smith@k12.wv.us. Come and join the fun! Debra Smith, KRA



Worlds Mrs. Mountain State Tourism 2023, Melissa West.

W.Va. Spring Fire Season Began Mar. 1

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season on Wednesday, March 1 marks the return of burning restrictions. The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

Burning restrictions will remain in effect until the close of the spring fire season on May 31. The Division of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/fire-laws. Regulations include:

All fires must have a ring or safety strip.

The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.

Minnie Hamilton Health System
is sponsoring a community event in support of organ donation.

Color Run/Walk

Date: April 7, 2023
Time: 4:00pm sign in
5:00pm race begins
Location: CCMHS

Entry Fee:
Individual \$10
Family \$30
Family is considered 4-5 people
Cash Only

The first 50 people to register will get a free shirt for the race. Additional shirts will be available for \$10. All fees will be collected at sign in and will benefit CORE. Paper registration forms available at MHS registration desk.