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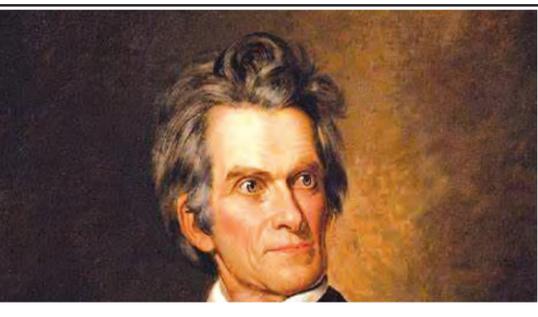


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Whole Number 7007

Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

Thursday, March 16, 2023



### Happy Belated 167th Birthday to Calhoun County.

Our county turned 167 years old on March 5th and no one celebrated. Calhoun County was formed from parts of Gilmer County. Calhoun is approximately 280 square miles and located on the Allegheny Plateau.

Our beloved county was named in honor of John C. Calhoun, an eminent South Carolina statesman who championed slavery and southern causes in the senate and later served as United States Secretary of State.

Grantsville became the county seat in 1869, but only after a bitter struggle with Arnoldsburg, where the county offices were located at that time. When Simon P. Stump platted the city in 1866 he personally named it for Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War general and later president of the United States.

For more information on historical facts visit [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

### Students Take Second Place at Invitational



On stage receiving their award: Mistaguia Dalrymple, Daisy Snyder.

ProStart students from programs across the state competed in the 2023 WV Hospitality Cup and ProStart Invitational, a rigorous "Top Chef" style culinary arts competition, held March 7-8 at the Marriott Waterfront Place in Morgantown,

West Virginia. Students on teams placing first, second, or third receive scholarships totaling over \$400,000, and the first place team earns the opportunity to compete against the very best teams from other states at the National ProStart Invitational to be held in May in Washington, DC.

Using two butane burners and no electricity or running water, the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center team comprised of only TWO students, Mistaguia Dalrymple from Calhoun County High School and Daisy Snyder from Gilmer County High School prepared a three-course meal consisting of a gazpacho martini appetizer, English-style rare roast beef with squished home fries, a fascas of asparagus, and a traditional Yorkshire pudding topped with a rich pan sauce entrée, and a tart lemon tartlet in a crisp and crumbly short pastry for dessert; all prepared and plated within 60 minutes. During the competition, the team was evaluated on skill, teamwork, safety and sanitation. At the end of their 60-minute time period, the students gave an oral presentation about their menu and presented their meal to a panel of nine industry experts who scored the food on taste, texture, and presentation taking into account difficulty and uniqueness of food.

Winners were announced on March 8th, and this team of two high school students excitedly received 2nd place. Later it was revealed that the team missed 1st place by 0.18 of a point!

Congratulations to Daisy, Mistaguia, Chef Instructor Liljon McCormick, and team mentor, Pepper McCormick. The team appreciates the support it has received from the school, community and especially the parents.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday, March 16**  
Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Pleasant Hill Elem. 4:30-5:30

**Friday, March 17**  
Grantsville CCCOA St. Patricks Day Celebration 10:30, lunch at 11:30, music 12-1.  
Registration for Preschool at Arnoldsburg Elementary by appt.

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

**Saturday, March 18**  
Creston Community Building Baked Steak Dinner 11-3.  
Calhoun County Park Astronomy Evening with Park Telescopes.

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

**Tuesday, March 21**  
Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Calhoun FRN on Tuesdays from 11-12.  
Republican Party monthly meeting in the Little Courtroom 6:30.

**Wednesday, March 22**  
Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Upper West Fork Park from 1-2

**Thursday, March 23**  
Trivia Night at Calhoun Library at 6.

### Mix It Up BINGO

The students, staff, and volunteer board of the Grantsville Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts present Mix it Up Bingo on March 25, 2023 at the Arnoldsburg Community Building. Doors will open at 5:00pm with concessions and raffle. Bingo begins at 6pm with the amazing Jason Nettles. 20 Games = 1 Card for \$20

The community is invited to join the fun and win big with each basket valued at a \$50 minimum with multiple cash prizes.

Tickets are available for purchase prior to March 25th at Alice's Attic, 350 Main Street Grantsville. All pre-purchased tickets will be entered into a special drawing.

Proceeds will benefit students by allowing them to pursue their musical passion with expert instruction and showcase their talents for years to come. The Conservatory provides access to enrichment and a life-long appreciation of music by mastering a variety of instruments, vocal training, and music theory.

## Calhoun/Gilmer Career Center's McCormick Recieves Excellence Award

Chef Liljon McCormick selected as the 2023 West Virginia ProStart Educator of Excellence.

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) ProStart National Educator of Excellence Award (EEA) recognizes educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom. These educators demonstrate passion, commitment, and creativity in all aspects of the ProStart program and help their students make the most of the opportunities that ProStart offers. Their stories inspire ProStart educators and supporters across the globe.

On Wednesday, March 8, at the 2023 WV Hospitality Cup and ProStart Invitational Awards Banquet, Mr. Jonathan McCormick, or as most call him, Chef Liljon, was selected as the 2023 West Virginia ProStart Educator of Excellence.

Chef Liljon has been the Culinary Instructor at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center since 2018 and before that he was the Network Technology Instructor at CGCC. Liljon has been an integral part of CGCC and the Hospitality and Tourism pathway across the state.

Before coming to West Virginia, Liljon worked as a chef internationally. Chef Liljon trained in London, apprenticing before traveling the world to increase his culinary knowledge. He settled down in West Virginia in 2003 when he met his lovely wife, Gini. His daughter Pepper, was part of the 2022 Hospitality Cup Championship team that was 14th in the ProStart National Invitational Championship last year in Washington, DC. His love of culinary and his passion for education is shown in the many hours that he spends working with his students. His proudest accomplishments are the successes of his current and former students. He believes that Calhoun and Gilmer Counties have some of the greatest students anywhere, and works daily to help them achieve their own success.

Congratulations, Chef Liljon, for being selected as the 2023 West Virginia ProStart Educator of Excellence.



Chef Liljon McCormick on stage with the 2023 West Virginia ProStart Educator of Excellence plaque.

## County Commission Meeting Lasts For Three Hours

by Bill Bailey  
The regular meeting of the county commission commenced at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March. 13, with all three commissioners in attendance. The meeting was held in the circuit court room on the third floor due to the attendance being more than the little courtroom could hold.

Commission president, Matt Walker, started the meeting with some announcements.

Walker announced that there will be a county clean-up day April 1, sponsored by Cabot Recycling Center. Walker reminded everyone that the more volunteers that show up, the more work that can be accomplished. All items needed for the project (bags, etc.) will be provided. Assembly of work parties will be in the morning (no actual time to start was available at press time) at Mom's Place Too on Main Street Grantsville.

Walker also reported that the audit of the Calhoun EMS has concluded along with the county audit. It was also reported that the county prosecutor found nothing criminal when he looked for malfeasance with the previous EMS director.

Walker reminded the public in attendance that this is a meeting held in the public and not so much a public meeting where Robert's Rules of Order do not apply. Robert's rules should always apply although they are often ignored (the rules were ignored on this day as well).

Commission President, Matt Walker, opened the only bid that was received for the courthouse improvement grant project (repairing steps and sidewalks on the north side of the courthouse) the bid was for \$72,000 submitted by M and S Concrete, of Parkersburg, Michael Leggett owner.

The grant is for \$62,000, based upon the best estimate at the time the grant was applied for. The commission voted to pay the additional \$10,000. Commissioner Helmick remarked that the last time there was work needed at the courthouse, he remembered it being around \$15,000, my how times have

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# OBITUARIES

## EARNEST BALL

Earnest Ball, 88, of Big Bend, died on Monday, March 6, 2023.

He was a son of the late Fred and Ethel Snider Ball.

After graduating Calhoun County High School in 1952, Earnest served overseas in the United States Army. He was a member of the Linden Lodge 83. He attended Five Forks Community Church. He was retired from the WV Dept. of Highways, where he worked for 25 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years Medeta Ball, one son Randy and his wife Brenda, grandson Caleb and his wife Lindsey of Spencer, WV, granddaughter Chelsey and her husband Matthew Robinson of Slate, WV, six great-grandchildren Case, Sydney, and Colt Ball and Job, Arlene, and Maelynn Robinson, and one sister Freda Whysell. In addition to his parents, rejoicing with him in heaven are his brothers Freddie, Jr., Adrian, and Wilford Ball and sisters Erma, Ernestine, and Deloris.

A funeral service was held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, Saturday, March 11, 2023, with Rev. Alfred Hickman officiating. Visitation was held Saturday. Interment was in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com)

## THOMAS LEE LEWIS

Thomas Lee Lewis, 82, of Loris, SC, formerly of Pettyville, died Sunday, March 5, 2023 in Loris.

He was a son of the late Marvin W. and Mildred Britton Lewis.

Thomas was retired after 29 years of service from E.I. DuPont and was a member of Sharon Baptist Church in Longs, SC. He enjoyed riding horses and camping.

Thomas is survived by his sons, Robert "Tom" Lewis of Grantsville, WV, Mark W. Lewis (Annette) of Washington, WV and Jeffrey L. Lewis (Sherralyn) of Loris, SC; brother-in-law, Daniel Heiney of Grantsville, grandchildren, Jonathan Lewis (Amanda), Dustin Lewis (Sara), Sundance Lewis, Levi Gibson, Sailor Gibson, Courtney Lewis, LeeAnn Lewis, Mary Connell, Seth Connell and Sean Connell; great-grandchildren, Paige Lewis, Allison Lewis, Isabelle Lewis, Kendall Richards



and Dusty Lewis.

In addition to his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Carol A. Lewis; brother, Robert M. Lewis and sister, Carolyn Heiney.

Funeral services were held March 10, 2023 at the Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Pike Street, south Parkersburg with Pastor Greg Swisher officiating. Interment followed at the Evergreen South Cemetery.

## WANDA MAE (McFEE) BROGDON

Wanda Mae (McFee) Brogdon, 79 died March 9, 2023.

She was born in Parkersburg, a daughter of the late Warren and Julia Anyce (Salmons) McFee.

She attended the one room Two Ripple School and Wirt County High School where she graduated at age 17 as Valedictorian of the Class of 1961. She worked at Public Debt, but because of health problems, she transferred to Luke AFB, Arizona. There she met and married A/IC Kenneth Brogdon of the USAF. They traveled and lived in many states including Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, Georgia and Japan.

Wanda worked most of her 20 years as a military wife for Civil Service. She was a former EMT with the Wirt Co. Emergency Squad, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, WVEA, Adult Literacy volunteer, secretary at Elizabeth Elementary School for 10 years and secretary at the Wirt County Board of Education office for a short time before her disability retirement. She was a long member of Two Ripple Baptist Church. She was an accomplished seamstress, enjoyed flower gardens, gardening, quilt making, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas celebrations at her home, and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She and her husband Kenneth had cared for more than 100 children over the last 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth; her parents Warren and Julia Anyce Salmons McFee; a son Steven Brett Brogdon; brothers Warren "Buzzy" McFee, Robert Daniel McFee, Ronald McFee; sister-in-law Virginia McFee; her grandparents and many other relatives and friends.

Wanda's memory lives on in her children Gregory (Patricia) Brogdon I, Angela Shears and Douglas (Andrea) Brogdon; sister Anyce Luella (James) Grubbs; sister-in-law Lana McFee; grandchildren Gregory II (Brooke), Adam (Corena), Warren (Jasmine) and Patrick Brogdon, Dylan (Rebekah) and Kaylie Shears, Riley and Ryan Brogdon; great-grandchildren Gregory III, Vincent, Waylon, Chase and Summer Brogdon, Harper and Addison Shears, Caitlyn, Ryan and Kenneth Brogdon and Jensyn Fouty and Jaxton Workman.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 15, with the Rev. James Bruce officiating. Interment followed at Knights of Pythias Cemetery in Elizabeth.

## EDWARD "ED" GLENN SUTTLE

Edward "Ed" Glenn Suttle, 68, of Beverly, Ohio, formerly of Calhoun County died at Muskingham Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, on Friday, March 10, 2023.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a son of the late Virgle E. and Helen G. Bennett Suttle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Stella Suttle Sparks.

He was a graduate of Euclid Senior High School. He was drafted into the US Marine Corps in 1973, serving his country for four years. He held many jobs throughout his life. He spent any free time enjoying the great outdoors, hunting or fishing.

He is survived by his loving children,



# Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

It seems that we have a reversal of what weather has been so far, days of warmth followed by a short period of colder temperatures. Now it seems that we have days of cold followed by a day or two of warmth. That's okay though, March has always been a somewhat fickle month when it comes to weather. After all, the highest flood crest of the Little Kanawha in Grantsville was 43.9 feet on March 7, 1967.

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I remember it well as I went to sleep with my brother, father and step-mother in our little southside cellar-top, just in case the river kept on rising through the night, my father felt we would remain safe up in the cellar-top. He was right.

When I woke up and opened the door so that I could run down the steps and go down by the high school to see how high the river had managed to climb, I was shocked to find that our little cellar-top was completely surrounded by the Little Kanawha River.

I sat on the top step and watched some neighbors try to navigate the cross currents of the river flowing over the Grantsville park and pool and on down through everyone's yard and home. I saw a large fish in our kitchen. The water left a high water mark three feet up on the walls of our house, destroying everything.

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As I sat there I heard the sound of a motorboat coming up River Road after going over the fence at the both ends of the football field. The motorboat was being driven by Leon "Big" Yoke, and he was coming to rescue me and my family.

My father and step-mother stayed put in the cellar-top after Yoke told him that the river was cresting, but would take a day or two to drop back

*Smile, your face will not break, I promise. 😊*

into its banks.

Yoke took my brother and I over to the grass at the end of Liberty Street where Ruth Gainer lived as she had volunteered to put both of us up at her house for the duration of the flood.

The river actually rose to a level that even covered the sidewalks in by the road at the high school and was up almost over the roof of the little store down in front of the school.

The intersection in front of the high school was underwater and Yoke was running a water taxi to cross the backwater so that folks could still get over to town for food and medicine.

If I remember correctly there were jonboats tied up to the front porch of the recently demolished Rainbow Hotel and Restaurant picking up food to deliver to folks who were sheltering in place on Mill and River Streets.

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Of course, the Great Flood of March 1967 was a follow-up disaster from the Great Fire of January 1966, which pretty much wiped out the block of old frame buildings along Main Street between J & B Drugs and the History Center. That fire got so hot that it melted the glass in the windows of nearby buildings.

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So, can you tell how tired I am? I have resorted to a life history of events I lived through here in good old Grantsville. I do hope that you may have enjoyed this lesson at least a little bit.

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Newton is still staying with his daughters in Parkersburg as he is still undergoing dialysis treatments while the doctors look for the cause of the problem. Please keep him in your thoughts and if you pray send him your prayers.



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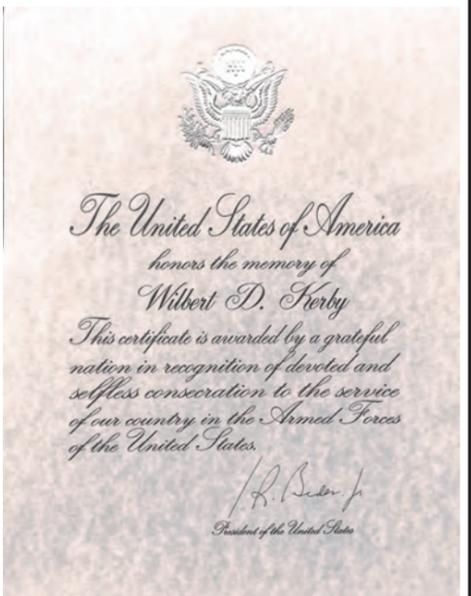


*Happy 77th*  
*Birthday in*  
*Heaven,*  
*Wilbert.*

*March 16, 1946*

*We miss you*  
*and love you*  
*dearly.*

*Your Wife and*  
*Family*



## Emotion Helpline

Are you or your loved ones feeling anxious, overwhelmed or emotionally exhausted?

First Choice Services has launched a 24/7 emotional strength help-line called HELP304 to help navigate these uncertain and unprecedented times.

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Call the helpline via phone or text at 877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at [www.help304.com](http://www.help304.com).

## Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Maintain social distancing when visiting library. If you feel sick, please stay home.

# This Week In History

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

## 1923

Myrtle Lorena Parsons, the little daughter of Mella and Minda Parsons was born January 23, and died February 12, aged 20 days. Funeral services were conducted by L. C. Hersman after which she was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery.

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

Mrs. Cam Bell has returned to her home, from Ohio where she has been visiting for the past three weeks.

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

Mrs. Bernard Ayers spent last week with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Johnson.

Mrs. Merritt Bell spent last week with her brother, Mr. Jim Wyer, on Straight Creek.

Mrs. Lona Peninger and daughter, Madge, are suffering with severe colds this week.

Rev. Smith Dye preached a very interesting sermon at Enon last Sunday, several were there.

Scott Steward has been working near Creston this week.

Thomas Johnson, a successful farmer and oil worker of Big Springs, was attending to business in Grantsville Saturday.

We received a letter containing local news from Fairview and disposed of it as waste paper on account of the writer having failed to sign his or her name.

Uncle John Cooper, of Little Creek, was attending to business matters here Saturday.

Lewis Little, a prominent citizen of Mt. Zion, was looking after business matters here Saturday.

Mrs. Mollie Knight, of Lemuels Run, was visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Weaver of Grantsville, this week.

## 1948

F. L. Armstrong, county forest protector, charged with the control of forest fires in the counties of Calhoun, Wirt, and Wood gave us the following statistical statement of the number of acres of forest land burned, the cost to suppress these fires and the estimated damage done by them, for the year 1947.

This statement, Mr. Armstrong states, brings to our mind a realization of the money loss to citizens of our county, as well as the loss of the trees for the future generation, your children and mine.

The representative of the conservation commission points out that the recent forest fires in Maine and other New England states have dramatically brought to the attention of the people of the country the potential destructive force of uncontrolled fire.

Mr. Armstrong says that men interested in fire control work want to know how these fires start, why they get so big and why they are not stopped.

The most common cause of forest fires, says the county forest protector, is carelessness in smoking or with camp fires, in burning brush and in setting grass fires. It is unlawful to set grass or slash fires so that they get out of control, even the obtaining of a brush burning permit does not free the person doing the burning from the responsibility for the damage that may be caused to others property.

Calhoun had 283 forest acres burned at a suppression cost of \$162.96 with estimated damage to forest lands of \$1,415.

The above statement does not include the damage done to grassland or any property other than the forest.

## 1973

Senior Girl Scout Troop 263 will take part in a trip to Wyoming this summer. The eight Grantsville girls, with 16 other Senior Scouts from the Four Rivers Council, will leave Parkersburg on a chartered bus June 22 at 7 p.m., and arrive at Ten Sleep, Wyoming, Sunday morning thereafter.

In this area the Girl Scouts of America own an eight square mile section of some of the west's most beautiful land. Here Scouts from all 50 states journey for a new experience.

The Grantsville troop had been working toward a trip to Canada. Two recent happenings were responsible for the 100 percent vote of the group to change directions. One was the gift of \$600 to the troop by the Scout Council to help finance this more expensive venture. The other was a recent get together, at the Harold Wilson home, of the troop and ten other girls who will be making the trip. One of the visiting Scouts had previously camped at Ten Sleep and brought slides and pictures.

Troop 263 now has \$1,100 of the necessary \$1,400. The girls are now working to raise the additional \$300. The troop tries to raise funds for any event they plan so that troop membership is not based on a girl's economic status but rather on her own willingness to work for what she wants.

Grantsville girls registered for Wyoming are: Debbie Gherke, Toni Himes, Connie Fowler, Barbara A. Wilson, Debbie Jones, Karen Cain, Sue Stephenson and Cheryl Stump.

The Senior Scout Troop is sponsored by the Calhoun Jaycees. The sponsoring group recently gave the troop \$25 to buy a uniform.

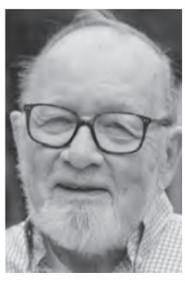
## Republican Party will hold their Monthly Meeting Mar. 21 at 6:30 pm.

(Picture courtesy of Roger Propst from the Feb. 25 Lincln Dinner.) 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 3/21/23 (third Tuesday of each month) at 6:30, in the Little Courtroom.



# 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: A friend held the bottom edge of a dollar bill between my thumb and my forefinger and said if I caught the bill when he dropped it, I could have it. I tried several times, but I never got it. Why not? (Asked by a not-so-slow column reader.)

REPLY: This is a popular party trick based on reaction time. You don't know when the person is going to drop the bill, so you have to first see it move. This optic signal is sent to the brain and it in turn sends word to the muscles of your hand to "pinch" the bill, but it is too late. Although the process is quick, it still takes a finite amount of time. During this time, the dollar bill falls a greater distance than its length. So, it's gone.

If you try dropping the bill yourself, you may catch it every once in a while. Here, there's a bit of malice of forethought, because you give yourself an indication of when the drop will be made and the reaction isn't spontaneous.

In one of my textbooks, I have an exercise for students to measure their reaction times. Maybe you'd like to try it. Here's how! First, substitute a ruler for a dollar bill. This will make you feel good because you will be able to catch the ruler. Have someone hold the zero end of the ruler just at the top of and between your fingers and thumb and drop it. Use a ruler that has a centimeter scale, as it's easier to read.

Make five drops and record their distances. Then, add them up and compute the average distance of fall. (In an experiment, it's always better to take an average value to minimize error.)

### Reaction Times

Okay, now for some simple math. The time the ruler fell, or your reaction time, is given as follows: multiply the average fall distance in centimeters by two. Divide this result by 980, and take the square root. Use your calculator. For example, suppose the average fall distance was 16 centimeters, which is just longer than a dollar bill.  $(2 \cdot 16) / 980 = 0.0326$ . Taking the square root of 0.0326 gives a time of fall of  $t = 0.18$  seconds.

This may not seem like much, but reaction time can make a difference. Let's use a school zone as an example. Suppose your car is going 60 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone. In just the (reaction) time it takes the driver to put on the breaks, say 0.20 seconds using round numbers, a car traveling at 60 mph would travel 16 feet. This is twice as far if it were going 30 mph.

Once the brakes are applied, there is still a substantial braking distance before the car comes to a stop. This involves work and energy principles, but in general if you double the speed, the braking distance increases by a factor of four. Suppose a car going 30 mph traveled five yards before coming to a stop after the brakes were applied. Then, under the same conditions, it would take the car going 60 mph a distance of 20 yards to come to a stop. That's on top of the 16 feet (or 5.3 yards) traveled during the reaction time before the brakes were applied... for a total of 25.3 yards!

So, be alert and be careful in school zones when children are present. Oh, yes, one thing I forgot to tell you about dropping the bill: it makes no difference whether it is a \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, or even a \$100 bill. You won't get any faster as the denomination goes up, but you'll probably try harder.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "For every complicated problem, there is a simple, easy to understand wrong answer." -Anonymous.

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

## Cemetery Report

The Mt. Zion U. M. Church Cemeteries Report for the Year 2022.

Donations received for the Mt. Zion Church Cemeteries for 2022 were as follows: James E. and Dixie Hathaway Gregg, \$2,000; Smith, Sayre and Pollack, \$300; Mark and Linda Shock, Raymond and Carol Baker, Hays and Martha Haymaker, \$200; Barbara Hathaway, \$150; James and Lorene Hathaway, \$125, David and Janet Suddock, Larry and Garnet Hersman, Terry and Cheryl Hersman, Deborah Siers, Bud Propst Family, Irene Lynch, \$100; Dick and Linda Shaffer, \$75; Roger and Wilma Smith, John and Kathy Wood, Hersman Cemetery Fund, Dixie Sturm, Clark and Marie Wilson, Robyn Johnson, Chip and Janice Westfall, Alice Falls, Earl and Rebecca Hall, Chet and Nellie Dowell, Judy Jarvis, \$50; Linda Husk, \$40; Jeane Linderman, James and Martha Johnson, \$30; Bonel Zakarian, Shera Ferrell, Janet L. Davis, John R. and Donna Poling, \$25; J. M. Morgan Heirs, \$15.20; Allie Moran Gunn Fund, Virgie Walker Fund, \$2.50; Umstead and Ball Fund, \$0.43.

Total donations are \$4,620.63; Expenditures totaled for the year 2022 were in the amount of \$4,795.13 including mowing (\$4,200), removal of tree and flowers (\$150), Stihl blower and battery (\$319.98) and Trash (Waste Management \$125.15).

We mow the cemeteries every two weeks.

THANK YOU to all that donated in the year 2022. If you have family buried or own lots in the cemeteries, PLEASE make a donation. Please send or give donations to Anita West, 171 Orchard Lane, Mt. Zion, WV 26151.

## Upper West Fork

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

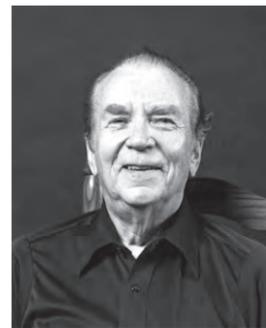
Scheduled events are as follows (Saturday sings are from 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.): Mar. 18, Kowboyz; Mar. 25, Frank Conn & Partners. April 1, Retro Country; April 8, Ruff Cut.



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from March 9 - March 15 in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.



March 17, 1837: Mercer County was created from parts of Giles and Tazewell counties and named for Hugh Mercer, a Revolutionary War general.

March 17, 1858: William Edwin Chilton was born in Coalsmouth, now St. Albans. A lawyer, U.S. Senator and businessman, Chilton expanded Charleston's electric streetcar system and was publisher and editor of the Charleston Gazette.

March 17, 1891: West Virginia State University was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute by the legislature. It was one of 17 Black land-grant colleges established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890.

March 17, 1912: Athlete Joe Stydahar was born in Pennsylvania. A star in football and basketball at WVU, he was the first-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the first NFL draft of college players in 1936.

March 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.

March 18, 1922: Athlete Frank "Gunner" Gatski was born in Farmington. Gatski played 11 years for the Cleveland Browns (1946-56) and one for Detroit Lions (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side.

March 18, 1950: Actor Brad Dourif was born in Huntington. He is best known for his portrayal of offbeat characters, including Billy Bibbitt in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and Grima Wormtongue in Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.



March 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 African-American high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament.

Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while it was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.

March 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.

March 20, 1897: Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped instill a blues strain into modern country music, and was influential among coalfield musicians.

March 20, 1936: Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Potomac River, hitting record levels at Harpers Ferry. The Ohio River at Parkersburg reached 10 feet above flood stage.

March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had West Virginia's largest and finest gymnasium.

March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born in 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Dept. of Mental Health.



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# My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn

My Home Among the Hills



As I sit to write this article, I am looking out my living room window and watching it snow. I told you all last week that March is a roller coaster ride, and boy did it prove me right. We have gone from weather in the upper 70's to snow and lows in the 20's. The trees, flowers, and plants are just as confused as we are, and my feathery friends are emptying my feeders almost daily.

Add a full moon and the end of the third nine weeks to this crazy weather, and you can begin to imagine what my week at school was like. I kept telling myself to hold on; Friday would arrive eventually. I just needed to keep my head down and keep moving. This too would pass, and it did. When the bell rang on Friday afternoon, I packed my bag and headed home for some much-needed rest. Of course, I took home work to do, but at least I could grade papers in quiet on my couch under my favorite blanket.

I was also ready for my couch and blanket because I was barely at home in the evenings this past week as well.

After stopping at the grocery store on Monday, I headed home to make a cake. I had signed up to take part in the Cookbook Club at the library, and my contribution was going to be a chocolate cake from the Pioneer Woman cookbook. It was called the 11Carton Cake because you use the 6-ounce vanilla yogurt carton to measure most of the other ingredients. I was wary about this process, but it worked, and the cake was pretty good.

On Tuesday evening, I picked up Maricia, and we headed to the library for dinner. This was my first time attending the Cookbook Club, so I had no idea what to expect. I had nothing to fear. The food was great, and the company lovely. We ate a delicious variety of foods and had great conversations. I will be returning for the next meeting in April and bringing a quiche this time.

Wednesday night I eat dinner with my parents and the Mlyneks. Dad usually goes to Grinders in the afternoon and picks up the food for us. This is a win-win because I don't have to cook, and I get to eat Grinders' delicious food. After dinner, I hung out with Mom and Maricia, and we watched a new show called True Lies. This new tv show is based on the movie that came out in the 90's, and the show did a good job of converting the premise to a weekly series. I will definitely watch it again.

On Wednesday afternoon my family received a text from my nephew Michael. It was a picture of him asking his girlfriend Sarah to marry him. He was happy to report she said yes. Later that evening, my dad called to tell me the happy couple would be coming through Grantsville on their way back to Wheeling to have dinner with us on Thursday evening. This meant the evening would be packed since I already had an historical society meeting at 6:00. We spent an enjoyable hour with Michael and Sarah, and then Maricia and I headed to the history museum. You can read about what happened there in my historical society article.

On Friday, as I reported earlier, I was more than ready to call it a week and head home. I dropped by there quickly to change my clothes and head back out again. My dad really wanted to go watch the Glenville Women's Basketball team play, and his neighbor Roger had agreed to go with him. Maricia and I were going to hang out with Mom and Rascal while he was gone. I curled up on their couch with a blanket and watched an old movie. I managed to stay awake for the whole thing, which is quite an accomplishment on Friday night.

I slept in on Saturday and didn't feel a bit guilty about it. I knew the clock would be jumping forward an hour that night, so I was savoring each minute of sleep. I did a little cleaning, paid some bills, and did a little grading before heading over to the Mlyneks' to taste test a new pizza made in the pizza oven. I'm always willing to be a taste tester. They made three different pizzas, and all three were delicious.

After my snowy Sunday morning and church, I returned home to dust and put out my spring/Easter decorations.

Then I settled into write my articles and finish my grading. My laundry was running while I worked. The plan was to spend my evening reading a good book once that was all finished and to enjoy the extra daylight.

# 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)

This week, there are letters to Mary from Michael and from her cousin.

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols  
Chapins Farm Va.  
Feb, 5, 1865

My Dear Father and Mother,

I received your kind letter with brothers of 31st last month, and was very glad to hear from you again, and that you were all well, and getting along so well.

I am still in good health and doing very well. I have written you or rather to Adolphus last evening in answer to his of 29th. which received yesterday.

You can not write too many letters while I am away down here. I will look for that long letter you are a going to write. I am glad to hear of Kights getting back to Virginia again, and hope they will get some place where they will get along very well.

You will probably be anxious to know if we are all right here yet. I can say that since last night every thing has been very quiet, not a gun has been fired that I have heard, except discharging of arms about camp to clean them.

I am strongly of the opinion that peace will be made before long. I see old "Abe" is down at "Fortress Monroe" also Seward in consultation with the rebel peace commissioners and I would not be at all surprised if some arrangement was brought about. I feel more confidence that some thing will be done now than I have ever before, since the war commenced.

The weather is freezing pretty sharp to night. The day was clear and cold. We had Inspection to day. Have Dress Parade every day. Have to drill next week nearly all the time. So we are busy all the time.

Nothing further yet about the field officers. Think it will be decided in a few days. I hope you may meet with good success in your enterprise.

Nothing more to night.

Regards to Mrs. McHenries family and all other friends.

Love to you all,  
Affectionately your son,  
Michael

Camp Frunte of richmon  
February 7th. 1865

Dear cuzen it is with the grates of plasure that itak this present opurtunity to in form you that recive your Welcorn leter An was glad to hear from you the bois is all well As com on i have nothing importing to rite we have move our camp again We have move upe to the Frunte of Richmon All is quite along the liens today I recive a leter from M Martin he stated that he had froze his feete vary bad Well Mary i wood like to com oute in Richie Co an pay all of you anjels We wood lik to hav the privlig of se you At home when dis charg. well I have nothing im portens to rite. Well we are exspect to com back to West Va. I hope it ma be. Well, I am in hope that tha will mak peas soon.

Well ite is ver nise day we have had no snow hear this winter worth mention. Well will close fore this presente time so no more rite son

Benjamin F Collins to  
Miss Mary Smith  
Direct to Burma Hundred  
Captain Stradded, Co. F. 11  
Army of West Va.  
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Head Quarters, 11th WVa Vols  
Chapins Farm, Va.  
Feb 12th, 1865

My own dear girl:

I avail myself of this opportunity of answering your last communications. I rec' a letter from you on Friday, and another to day dated 5 inst. I can assure you that it has afforded me much satisfaction to read your kind and interesting letters, and will answer both in this one; indeed I can scarcely find words to express the depth of devotion, and love I owe you. I see you would willingly sacrifice all for one, and this is the strongest proof I could desire on your part, of your true devotion, and let me assure you that you need never fear that I will do any thing wrong.

I have entirely abandoned the idea of what I had written to you about, circumstances have changed since then, and I find it best for me to act right and honorable under all circumstances, and as I have always tried to do so, I will still continue to act like a man.

My prospects are more promising than I could reasonably expect, and I am resolved to do the best I can. Since writing to you I have received very reliable information that I have been commissioned Major, and we are daily expecting its arrival.

(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.)

Mon. Mar. 20: Chicken patty with mayo, rice caserole, beets, broccoli, pudding, whole wheat bun.

Tues. Mar. 21: chili with meat and beans, fruit salad, whole wheat crackers, brownie.

Wed. Mar. 22: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and fruit.

Thur. Mar. 23: fish sandwich with bun, peas and carrots, fruit.

Fri. Mar. 24: pork bbq, brussel sprouts, fruit, whole wheat bun, carrots.

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.

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## National Poison Prevention Week

CHARLESTON, WV – The W.Va. Poison Center (WVPC) joins with poison centers and poison prevention partners across the country in celebrating National Poison Prevention Week March 19 through 25, 2023. Since 1962, the President of the United States has proclaimed the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week to raise awareness about the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them.

The West Virginia Poison Center has medical experts available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help those with poisoning emergencies or questions.

The WVPC can answer questions about:

- Accidental poisonings of children and adults
- Drug overdoses
- Bites and stings
- Reactions to drugs and chemicals
- Potential poisonings from plants or mushrooms
- Poisonings from drugs or abuse of drugs

In addition to the public, health care professionals rely on the West Virginia Poison Center experts to assist in poisoning exposures. In fact, about 25% of calls come from health care providers.

Remember: fast, free, individualized, expert help is only a phone call away. 1-800-222-1222.

About the West Virginia Poison Center: The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the West Virginia University-Charleston Division. You call Toll-free: 1-800-222-1222. Website: www.wvpoisoncenter.org information, please call Carissa McBurney at (304) 552-6338.

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## Creston Community Building

The Creston Community Building will serve a baked steak dinner Saturday, March 18 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Carryout or dine-in meals will be available. The menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert for \$12. for more information please contact Linda Buchanan, Creston Community Building 304-354-7506.

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# Attorney General Morrisey Takes Fight for Fairness in Women's Sports to U.S. Supreme Court

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is taking the fight for fairness in women's sports all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Attorney General made the announcement during a livestreamed news conference Thursday—his office is filing an application at the Supreme Court to vacate the injunction pending appeal against the state's Save Women's Sports Act. An attorney from Alliance Defending Freedom also spoke during the conference.

"This simple law (Save Women's Sports Act) demands that girls and women get their fair share of opportunities in sports," Attorney General Morrisey said. "The recent injunction decision from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit is a minor setback, but we remain confident in the merits of our defense. We are resolute in protecting opportunities for women and girls in sports because when biological males win in a women's event—as has happened time and again—female athletes lose their opportunity to shine.

"That's why we're taking this case to the Supreme Court," Morrisey said.

In a recent 2-1 ruling, the appeals court reinstated a preliminary injunction the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia had initially issued against the Act in July 2021. In a later ruling this past January, the same district court dissolved that preliminary injunction, holding that the state legislature's definition of "girl" and "woman" in the context of HB 3293 (Save Women's Sports Act) is "constitutionally permissible"—and that the law complies with Title IX.

Attorney General Morrisey argued in his Supreme Court filing Thursday that the injunction "harms biologically female athletes, too, who will continue to be displaced as long as biological males join women's sports teams. In that way, the majority's cursory decision undermines equal protection—it doesn't advance it."

Under HB 3293, all biological males, including those who identify as transgender girls, are ineligible for participation on girls' sports teams.

The challenge to that law came from a student at Bridgeport Middle School identified in court papers as "BPJ," who is a biological male identifying as a female. Attorneys for BPJ argued that HB 3293 violates BPJ's rights under Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Attorney General Morrisey, on behalf of the state, intervened and asserted the law protects female athletes' safety and keeps female sports competitive for female athletes, consistent with Title IX and the Constitution. Title IX was signed into law on June 23, 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government.

Before Title IX, just one in 27 young women played sports. Today, that figure is two in five—the result of a law that demands that girls and women get their fair share of opportunities in sports.

"We will keep on fighting so female athletes can compete on a level playing field," Attorney General Morrisey said. "The Act protects fairness and safety for female athletes across West Virginia. We will vigorously defend the Act because we think we are clearly correct on the law."

"Some will claim this is simply discrimination, but nothing could be further from the truth."

In case you missed it, here's a video of the news conference: <http://bit.ly/3T51hGe>.

## 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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## 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.

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## County Commission - (Continued from Page 1)

changed. Craig Arthur reported that there has been a snag in the water project for Norman Ridge. Although some funding has been received for this project, it is being held back basically for two main reasons; we need a binding commitment which relates to an 80% lack of rights-of-way so the Public Service Commission has hired a new attorney for this (the old one retired), but at least there is progress being made on this front.

The state auditor has denied funding until all audits are up to date. They have looked back and the last audit was 2017. He said that they are allowing us to do the last six years to catch up but the audit firm will only do three years at a time. So without the binding agreement the project cannot move forward at this time. Arthur wanted the public to know what was happening with that project.

Charlotte Blair reported that ongoing troubles to provide city water to the Annamoriah area of the county are still causing grief to the residents there.

Commissioner Arthur said that he had spoken with our representative in Charleston, Roger Hanshaw about a preliminary engineering report with a cost analysis for the Annamoriah project. The cost reported was for \$2,560,000. Hanshaw said that he thought this was doable.

Arthur said that he thinks that there might be funding available for that project in the future.

Arthur said that he was unable to find a preliminary engineering report for Route 16 at the southern end of the county so he was unable to get a cost analysis for that.

Commissioner Arthur said that, even if he had to go to Charleston five days a week, he would do it if it would help.

All three commissioners said that a preliminary engineering cost analysis for the West Fork end of the county and all areas of the county which are situated along the main roads, Routes 5, 33/119 and 16, along with estimates of the number of customers to be served is needed.

Shari Johnson spoke concerning the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department and comments that were made earlier in the meeting about a possible loss of funding for the fire department.

Lucas Morford of the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Dept. reported that the fire department has no loss of funding as of today, although there has been some confusion recently.

Eric Lupardus spoke next concerning a newly formed group of concerned citizens calling for accountability of elected officials. These citizens feel that their concerns and voices are not being heard and that their questions continue to be unanswered.

Graham Knight spoke to the commission concerning who the 9-11 director, or EMS director, are supposed to report to. Knight was told that those entities report to their advisory board and the advisory board reports to the commission.

Former Judge Larry Whited asked for a clarification of a line item on the county's financial report, specifically line item #7, the E-911 Fund, and who administers this fund. Whited was reminded that the commission does not handle the emergency services, all that the commission can do is appoint the board.

Crystal Mersh gave an update on the progress being made at the Calhoun Community Center at the old high school.

Mersh reported that as of April of this year they will be fully funded. She introduced the team of experts that are involved in the projects.

"The project as of this moment," said Mersh, "is coming in at around \$6.5 million. As of last week we've heard that the National Park Service is also interested in the gym being historic."

Mersh said that she wished all of this could have happened quicker but having a national landmark located here in the county is a really big deal for the county. It is something that we can all take pride in.

Mersh then showed her plans for the center and all of the good things that the community center can provide to the county such as a children's learning center, child care, head-start, cafeteria, as well as an entrepreneurship program and a business incubator. There is still much to do and discuss before these projects come to completion but it is in the works and much progress will be made before the end of this year. All in all it all sounds good for the county.

Teresa Overton reported on projects for the 1982 Foundation's bootstrap program. They have the four projects that they are currently working on, and they have added two new ones. Beautification of the county and an animal shelter.

Currently there is no animal shelter in Calhoun and we have an agreement with Ritchie and Roane counties to take unwanted animals for rescue.

At the moment the 1982 Foundation is utilizing a grant writer to see if funding is available to help pay for the project, including a building for the shelter.

If anyone knows of a building or structure that can be used for this project please contact Overton with details. Overton also wanted to promote and congratulate Calhoun County's WAG group which has so far spayed or neutered over 4,000 of Calhoun's animals at no cost to citizens.

Mark Whitley gave an update on broadband, specifically the Gig-Ready project which is a joint project with nine counties participating.

In order for the matching funds to be available, the engineering must be completed by December 31, 2024. In order for all of this project to be fully funded it must be completed by December 31, 2026.

Whitley said that he hopes to have the engineering portion completed by the end of 2023 and begin actual construction in the spring of 2024.

Shelia Burch gave the LKADC report and was very excited about a non-profit summit which will be held March 23, at the Little Kanawha Transit facility at Mt. Zion. This non-profit summit will be a combination of people from Marshall University and WVU who can help with writing grants, and to help understand what grants can be used for.

Jason Wilson, EMS director, gave the ambulance report and gave an explanation of how a new CAD program at the Mt. Zion EMS center caused a problem by posting two things for every run call. This caused severe confusion by making it appear that almost half of the ambulance runs were not being billed during 2022 up until the time that Calhoun EMS lost their certification in August and Minnie Hamilton Health Service took over the program. It took time to figure out exactly what was happening and Wilson demonstrated how the problem manifested itself.

Wilson apologized for the time it took for him to figure out the problem since there were many in the county who thought that billings were not made for runs. The billings were made as they should have been otherwise the loan that was taken out when the ambulance service began.

Commissioner Walker gave the Calhoun Park report and reported that progress is being made with the projects to renovate the Herb Smith Barn.

Commissioner Arthur reported that Calhoun FRN is getting ready for Easter gifts for children 18 and under, so if you know of a child or family that needs help procuring Easter baskets they should contact FRN at 354-7177.

He said that FRN is also sponsoring the Farmacy program again this summer. This program helps provide free fruits and vegetables along with health related lessons.

The FRN also is working on a fiscal grant to acquire The Red Devil Inn on Main Street, Grantsville, as a recovery center and needs the county commission to be a "pass through" for the grant monies. Commissioners voted to approve the request.

Deirdre Purdy told the commission about a Light and Sound project she is associated with, which is raising funds to replace the lights and sound units at the auditorium in the middle/high school which were destroyed by a lightning strike in August 2021.

The school system received a bid for all new lights and sound which was \$227,000, of which \$167,000 was only the lights. Looking into the situation showed that for the sound all that needs replaced is an amplifier and lighting console which the lightning fried.

Looking at this situation, and getting estimates for a new amplifier and a LED lighting system that can be run from a software application in a laptop shows that this can be fixed for around \$60,000.

Purdy said that there have been donors in the county already and that they have a Go Fund Me project underway for any and all citizens to help by donating to this worthwhile cause.

Purdy asked the commissioners if they would help out by providing a grant of \$10,000 and the commission agreed.

The commissioners scheduled budget meetings for March 16 at 2 p.m., as well as March 21, March 23, and March 28, these last three are scheduled for 4 p.m.

Commissioner Arthur proposed that the commission meetings expand to more than one per month. He said that in his talks with some of the other counties in the state he found that some of them do meet more than once per month regularly.

This was deemed unnecessary as the commission already has the ability to schedule meetings with proper notification to the public.

Resignations accepted were Bruce Fitzwater from the EMS Board, and Dale Cunningham from Pleasant Hill Public Service District Board.

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## 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](http://www.help4wv.com/ccl).

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

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**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 view of the bedrooms. The bedrooms are on one end of the house. The Master Bedroom and Bathroom has central heating and air. The basement of this home is accessed from outside and has a garage door. The property has 1 acre of land. Bring your personal belongings and move into this VERY CLEAN home.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

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

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

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## 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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The family of Earnest Ball would like to send our sincere appreciation to all who paid their condolences during the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Thank you to Rev. Alfred Hickman for the thoughtful, nice service, The Hickman Family for the special music, the honorary Masonic pall bearers, the Five Forks Community Church for the delicious meal after the service. Thank you to all that sent flowers, food, cards, visited and made personal calls. Also, thanks to Stump's Funeral Home for providing funeral services.  
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**NOTICE TO REDEEM**

(2021-S-00000041 - Calhoun County - EDCO MINERALS LLC)

To: HELEN W. CALLAGHAN C/O HELEN KAY CALLAGHAN, HELEN KAY CALLAGHAN, 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 0001 37703003

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-00000041, 119 BIG ROOT ES-310 1/3 INT, located in SHERIDAN, which was returned delinquent in the name of CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY, 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:

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.	\$ 487.95
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 <b>The Honorable Warren Basnett, Sheriff and Treasurer of Calhoun County.</b>	\$ 593.93
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before April 17, 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  
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 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2**

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**Williamson Shriver Architects Project  
 2022-056**

The Administrative Council Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, Grantsville, WV will receive bids for **Roof Replacement at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center** until 1:00 p.m. prevailing time on April 10, 2023 at the Council Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, 5260 East Little Kanawha Hwy, Grantsville, WV 26147, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference, for General Construction, has been scheduled for March 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, 5260 East Little Kanawha Hwy, Grantsville, WV 26147. A site visit will be conducted following the meeting.

The contract documents are available only from the architect's electronic distribution system. Login credentials will be sent to all prospective contractors and subcontractors after the request is made to biddocs@wsgarch.com. Addenda will be only distributed electronically from the Architects electronic distribution system to bidders registered in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

All bidders are required to be license to perform work in the State prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

A satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, in an amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount of bid, payable to the Calhoun-Gilmer Administrative Council shall be submitted with each Bid.

Each (The) successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and the fee for same shall be included in their bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least thirty (30) days. The Administrative Council Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, Grantsville WV reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL CALHOUN-GILMER CAREER CENTER  
 Mr. Bryan Sterns, Director

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**Tariff Form No. 8  
 (RULE 23)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 7.08	% 7.85
Commercial	\$ 10.26	% 2.68
Large Commercial	\$ 747.47	% 0.70
Industrial	\$ 293.54	% 0.40
Resale	\$ 100.00	% 1.70
Other	\$ -	% -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative Investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

# WAG Trap-Neuter-Return March 26, Orma and Chloe Areas

WAG is committed to notifying area residents for two weeks prior to a Trap-Neuter-Return of community cats activity so they can contain their personal pets.

On Sunday, March 26, 2023, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Orma and Chloe areas to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

We would appreciate it if you would not put food out for them on Saturday, March 25 as we will be trapping on Sunday morning.

Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting.

Thank you for your cooperation. So far we have spayed and neutered 746 community cats (413 females and 333 males).

If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to county residents at no cost to the caretaker.

Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard McDonough Foundation, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission.

Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Sunday the 26th. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 304-354-7506.

# Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition Feb. 1 to Feb. 28

Magistrates : RP, Richard Postalwait, or LD, Lora Davis (Agency, Leading Officer).

Case Type: Misdemeanor

Case 22-M07M-00210, Megan Louise Hartz, 61-02-09(a): Animal Cruelty; No Contest per plea agreement; RP (C.J. Myers)

Case 22-M07M-00328, Carla Metheny, 17D-2A-3: No Insurance; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre; LD (WV State Police-Grantsville, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00328, Carla Metheny, 17C-15-37c: Studded Tire Violation; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre; LD (WV State Police Grantsville, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 22-M07M-00362, Titus Elijah McIntyre, 17C-5-3: Reckless Driving; No Contest per plea agreement; RP (DNR Law Enforcement, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 22-M07M-00362, Titus Elijah McIntyre, 17c-7-6: left of Center; No Contest per plea agreement; RP (DNR Law Enforcement, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 23-M07M-00004, Shannon Marie Miller, 61-6-20: Falsely reporting an emergency incident; No contest plea/Nolo Contendre; RP (Brian E. Young).

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Case 23-M07M-00007, Grant Walter Clark, 17C-5-2(e): DUI 1st; No contest plea/Nolo Contendre; LD (WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards and Jeffrey B Hunt).

Case 23-M07M-00022, Brandon Joseph Brock, 22C-04-10 (a) (2): Mandatory disposal – Provide proper proof of proper disposal; Guilty Plea; LD (DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 23-M07M-00022, Brandon Joseph Brock, 22-15-10 (e): Prohibitions – Solid Waste Disposal; Guilty Plea; LD (DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 23-M07M-00023, Wesley Kerby, 17C-6-1: Speeding; No Contest plea/Nolo Contendre; LD (WV State Police – Grantsville, TFC David C. Moore).

Case 23-M07M-00027, Tammy Lynette Jett, 22-15-05 (a): Solid Waste Management-Administrative Violation; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre; LD (DNR Law Enforcement Division, Jonathan Neal Holcomb).

Case 23-M07M-00029, Bradley C. Rogers, 17C-06-01: Speeding; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre; LD (WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards)

Case 23-M07M-00033, Brandon Burdette, 61-10-31: Conspiracy; construction of section; penalties; Guilty Plea; LD

# From the PSC

## PSC Files Complaint at FERC against PJM

CHARLESTON, WV – The Public Service Commission of West Virginia filed a complaint at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) against PJM Interconnection for failing to comply with its Tariffs and denying the PSC access to observe Member Liaison Committee meetings with PJM's Board of Managers. PJM is an abbreviation of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland after the territories where the first utilities joined together and is a regional transmission organization for the regional grid, which includes 13 states and the District of Columbia. It administers the wholesale electric markets and conducts regional transmission planning.

"PJM's refusal to allow the PSC access to discussions with the PJM Board that can be observed by electricity producers, transmission companies and other market participants is wrong," said PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane. These discussions allow market participants that stand to gain from PJM Board decisions to advocate for particular market designs and rules that may

not be in the best interest of West Virginia. "This compromises the PSC's ability to understand the full range of underlying factors and special interests driving PJM decisions so that it can be fully armed to protect the West Virginia electric customers in grid decisions, as well as in decisions we make in regulating West Virginia electric utilities," said Lane.

While a state regulatory Commission is not a market participant, the PSC became an ex officio, nonvoting member of PJM for the purpose of attending these meetings. The PJM complaint explains why it believes that the PJM rules, as well as FERC rulings on transparency, specifically require that even ex officio, nonvoting members of PJM must be allowed to observe the Member Liaison Committee meetings with the PJM Board. The PSC contends that by denying the PSC access to these meetings with the PJM Board and other members, PJM is violating its FERC-approved Tariff, which contains the rules that PJM is obliged by FERC to follow.

PJM-related costs, which affect power supply and transmission costs, comprise about two-thirds of a West Virginian's electric bill. PJM's action in denying the PSC access to the information discussed in these closed door meetings compromises the PSC's ability to act in the interests of West Virginia.

"We are disappointed that PJM has required the PSC to take this extraordinary step in filing a complaint to access information needed to protect West Virginia electric customers," Lane said.

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Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until March 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
002	2021000696R1	S383-STR/IP-23 00	STP-2023(102)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: CALHOUN, JACKSON, WIRT, WOOD

**DBE GOAL:** 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

**REMARKS:**  
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.  
\*These are projects on which any contractor with a Category "W" Prequalification Rating may be eligible to bid.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

# Creston News

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Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. The crowd was thin since some have yet to adjust to the government mandated "fast time" which was instituted during WW II so there would be more daylight hours for workers to make war material to fight the nation's enemies. Now, it would seem the changes, which fouls up folks biological clocks, is to allow the elite more time on the golf course.

There will be a baked steak dinner Saturday March 18 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Creston is noted for having good cooks, so stop by to visit and eat or get meals to go.

Creston had a little snow both Saturday & Sunday mornings but it all went away. Violets are blooming as are many trees and the birds are singing their little hearts out.

Debbie Griffin has been on the sick list and other residents seem to be unable to shake coughing and other respiratory ailments.

TransCanada / Columbia Gas Transmission now has a major slip where their big pipeline crosses W. Va. 5 between Creston & Burning Springs. While their road is "gone" it seems that the pipe is still OK. There are several monitors in the area that are checked by out of state folks.

The other day the Calhoun road crew was cutting young trees along W. Va. 16 just north of Grantsville. It was noted that five new men were hired for the crew and the spokesman, when asked if all the potholes were patched replied, "Oh no, but those are repaired by contractors. We have to cut down these trees because they fall and kill people." At the time

a witch hazel bush was being removed before anyone was injured. He noted that all the trees had to be cut down as there was to be a paving job and the equipment could not get in to do the work. Someone might sell this fellow a bridge.

The Creston Neighborhood Watch will have a litter pickup on Saturday, March 25. To help, come to the Creston Community Building at 9 a.m. There will be food provided for the workers.

The Creston Easter Party will be Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the community Building. There will be a covered dish dinner. Contact Barb or Wilma about what food to bring.

The Creston area is scheduled for planned power interruptions. PJM Interconnection runs the power grid that covers 13 states including Creston. A study by the firm noted that the projections indicated that the current pace of new entry (of power producers) would be insufficient to keep up with expected retirement of power plants and demand growth by 2030. The firm also noted that the move to solar and wind is at "an asymmetrical pace."

It was also noted that during the cold snap at Christmas time solar contribution to electric dropped to zero and wind fell drastically. Natural gas filled the void and kept many from freezing in the dark. Probably the moral is keep kerosene on hand for grandma's lamps and firewood for when the electrically controlled furnace stops working.

It was reported that the W. Va. legislature wound up their session but not before Sen. president Baldy Blair kicked out Sen. Karnes. Seems there is "bad blood" down in paradise.

At the Ohio Oil & Gas meeting in Columbus it was noted that because of the spectacular wells drilled in the Marcellus and Utica formations, if W. Va., Pennsylvania

and Ohio were a separate country it would be number three worldwide after the USA and Russia. Iran is number four. One of the overwhelming messages of the meeting was "produce it here and use it here." The dimbulbs down at the Mouth of the Elk seem to think that it all should be exported to generate wealth elsewhere. It was noted that Ohio has landed some huge industrial plants that are not directly related to oil and gas but it was noted that after all the window dressing about "green energy," ESG, equity and such is said to be "proper" and woke, the bottom line is having reliable reasonably priced energy. The Marcellus and Utica has made that a reality for this whole area.

Some local folks drove to East Palestine Ohio to see firsthand the disaster that hit that town that is about twice the size of Spencer. While obviously a working class community it is well maintained with civic pride and with obviously several small manufacturing or maintenance facilities. The community is surrounded by rolling woods and farms and at least what were described as "wild rivers." Crews were still working, digging up dirt which is now piled in huge mounds as the EPA won't allow it to be moved. The workers were not using any sort of protective gear in spite of the obvious contamination of dioxins and other toxins as a result of the fire that, apparently, the government man ordered. There were new top of the line vacuum trucks with licenses from all over the nation. No birds were observed in the area.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$75.68/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, fetching just \$59.68/bbl. while Marcellus & Utica light brought \$66.68 & medium \$75.68/bbl. Henry Hub natural gas was \$2.43/mmbtu [dekatherm].

## DHHR: NON-TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training (E&T), a job placement and training program within the W. Va. Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Family Assistance, is partnering with W. Va. Women Work (WVWW) and local employers to create career pathways for women in non-traditional career paths. Companies that SNAP E&T and WVWW are working with currently include the W. Va. Rural Water Association and Buzz Meats.

The goal of this partnership is to help women explore, train, and secure employment in non-traditional occupations, especially skilled trades. The WVWW Step Up program is a tuition-free, employment-based skilled trade training program designed to prepare women for entry-level industry positions and registered apprenticeships.

"We are thrilled to partner with WVWW to promote training and employment opportunities for our female clients," said Janie Cole, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. "It is our hope that the exciting opportunities created by this partnership and our collaborations with W. Va. companies will help our clients feel the pride of making a meaningful difference for themselves and their families."

This partnership with the W. Va. Rural Water Association will promote women's access to its apprenticeship program and help more women find employment in the water treatment sector. The participants will attend site visits, and water education, experience the day-to-day duties of water and wastewater treatment professions.

Buzz Meats offers stable, high paying, and consistent employment, with brand recognition throughout the greater Kanawha Valley. In 2022, of the estimated 146,000 butchers and meat processing workers in the United States, approximately 25% were women. WVWW is currently researching how best to prepare women for this occupation, and Buzz Meats has agreed to interview WVWW Step Up graduates for full-time employment following successful completion of the program.

"Women and girls are often encouraged to explore careers in traditional roles, such as caregiving or service industry positions," said WVWW Executive Director Carol Phillips. "By providing creative education paths that provide the skills necessary to obtain high paying careers and a support system for those early in their career, our programs can move women from unemployment or underemployment to a living wage in a short period of time. With partners like DHHR and their SNAP E&T Program, we can support women in their pursuit of these high paying careers and economic independence."

The WVWW Step Up class cohort begins August 2023 at the Charleston and Morgantown locations. Women can apply online for Step Up for Women Construction class at <https://westvirginiawomenwork.org/step-up-construction> and Step Up for Women Advanced Manufacturing class at <https://westvirginiawomenwork.org/step-up-manufacturing>.

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—Aimee Morris,  
South Parkersburg



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Tire collections will be held on the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, located west of Grantsville on Rt. 5. Tires are accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, will be accepted, with a limit of 10 tires per person accepted, residents of Calhoun County only. Bring valid W.Va. ID (drivers license, etc.). Sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.



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