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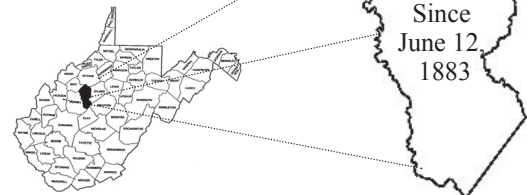
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Thursday, April 20, 2023

Calhoun Boys Baseball Make History at Clay



Front Row, L to R: Orion Swearingen, Reese Schoolcraft, Brennen Carpenter, Rome Riddel, and Charter Cottrell. Back Row, L to R: Chace Toney, Garrett Carpenter and Chase Schoolcraft. Not pictured but still very much part of this group are: Cooper Morris, Owen Hall, Evan Collins, Christian Rogers and Ruger Carder.

Submitted by: *Nikki Boatright*

Calhoun Middle Baseball battled for the win against Clay Middle on Monday. History being made with Calhoun Middle School's first ever home runs – one in the park by Chase Schoolcraft and one out of the park by Rome Riddle.

Calhoun took an early lead until errors in the third inning allowed Clay to tie, then take the lead.

In the first inning Brennen Carpenter took a base on balls, Garrett Carpenter sent a pitch flying for a double, scoring B. Carpenter.

The second inning was a battle of pitchers, Reese Schoolcraft for the Red Devils, J. Elliott for Clay. The top of the third brought an in the park home run for Chase Schoolcraft, bringing the score to 2-0.

The bottom of the third was riddled with errors allowing Clay to take the lead 2-3. The



Rome Riddle posing with his history-making, home-run baseball.

top of the fourth led with a walk for Charter Cottrell who steals second and third during Garrett Carpenter's at bat. Chase Schoolcraft hits a ground ball double scoring Cottrell, Chace Toney ground out, scoring C. Schoolcraft. Devils lead 4-3 but fell short stopping Clay from scoring, the 4th ends with a 4-5 score.

Reese Schoolcraft starts the 5th inning with a single, Orion Swearingen reaches first on a fielding error scoring R. Schoolcraft. Cottrell triples on a hard hit to centerfield, scoring Swearingen. G. Carpenter triples on a fly ball to center field

scoring Cottrell. C. Schoolcraft reaches first on fielding error, steals to third. Inning ends with the Red Devils up 8-5. In the 6th inning R. Schoolcraft steals home. Clay tries to get some momentum going but is unable to leaving their team trailing 9-7 in the bottom of the 6th.

The 7th inning is when Calhoun turned up the heat. Cottrell leads the batting order with a single fly ball to center followed by G. Carpenter with a double – scoring Cottrell. C. Schoolcraft hit a triple to left field scoring G. Carpenter. C. Schoolcraft, Riddle and Morris all steal home

The highlight of the 7th comes from Rome Riddle who smokes the ball out of the park on the left field side.

The Devils win with a score of 21-7 after scoring 12 runs in the 7th.

Pitching for the Devils were Reese Schoolcraft and Chase Schoolcraft. R. Schoolcraft pitched five innings, throwing 90 pitches, 68 strikes, 6 strikeouts. C. Schoolcraft pitched two innings, throwing 52 pitches, 30 strikes, 5 strikeouts.

Batting:
C. Cottrell – 4 hits – 3 singles, 1 triple – 1 BB – 1 RBI – 4 runs
G. Carpenter – 3 hits – 2 doubles, 1 triple – 3 RBI – 2 Runs

Rome Riddel – 3 hits – 2 single, 1 HR – 2 RBI – 2 Runs
Chase Schoolcraft – 3 hits – 1 double, 1 triple, 1 HR – 3 RBI – 4 Runs

Chace Toney – 2 hits – 2 singles – 1 RBI
Reese Schoolcraft – 1 hit – single – 1 BB – 2 runs

Brennen Carpenter – 1 hit – single, ROE – 1 BB – 2 RBI – 2 Runs
Orion Swearingen – 2 hits – 2 REO – 1 BB – 1 RBI – 2 runs

Evan Collins – 2 BB – 1 run
Cooper Morris – 1 BB – 1 Run
Owen Hall – 1 BB – 1 Run

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, April 20:
Calhoun Alumni Association Organizational Meeting at the 1982 Pavilion at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 21:
Drug Take Back and Resource Fair on Main Street 10 a.m. to Noon.

Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at Pleasant Hill Elementary School, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Calhoun County Performing Arts Showcase at CMHS Auditorium at 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 22:
Calhoun County Performing Arts Showcase at CMHS Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Gauley Bridge Library is having an Earth Event 108 Walnut St Gauley Bridge at 10 a.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Frank Conn & Partners, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25: Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at Calhoun FRN, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting, 413 High St. Grantsville at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26:
Taco Salad Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Calhoun County Livestock Property (AES Old Gym)

Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at the Upper West Fork Park, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority will hold their monthly meeting at Mom's Place April 26, 2023 at 4:00

Thursday, April 27: Calhoun County Library is having Trivia Night at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 28: Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at Pleasant Hill Elementary School, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29: Creston Poker Run, 340 Anns Run Road Creston, registration is 9 a.m. to noon.

Upper West Fork Park Ramp Dinner from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Car show and auction for Danny Maxwell, Main Street Grantsville. Car show registration is 9 a.m.; Show is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and auction is at 2 p.m.

Upper West Fork Park Sing at 6 p.m., Dixie Highway

Night Sky Event, Calhoun County Park Barn to celebrate International Astronomy Day. The presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. and viewing begins at 8:30 p.m. This is organized by Jasmyne, a Calhoun Girl Scout Cadet working on her Scout Silver Project.

Community Center Spring Fling Fun Times

Submitted by *Melissa West*

If you did not attend the Spring Fling April 14-15th at the Calhoun Community Center, you definitely missed out on a great event. The weather was perfect throughout Saturday. Crystal Mersh announced the Turkey fashion show was canceled, however she requested Clayton Barnhart to join her onstage and describe the outfit he was wearing. Mossy Oak Greenleaf was his choice. He received a new hunting vest for all of his contributions and help for the event.

Children of Calhoun opened the ceremony by leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer by Roger Carter.

Mersh gave a 1982 Foundation update for the Community Center and what it will look like in 24 months. She began with the green taped area in the football field which will consist of an 82x40 foot Junior Olympic size swimming pool with zero entry, will hold 200,000 gallons of water, six life guards, a bath house and beside the bath house will be the Tiki Taco Hut.

The ball field will be maintained for the youth to use for sports. The two main areas to the left of the stage will be the agriculture area and Recovery Zone. The open space beside the bus garage will be a covered patio with a back deck and fire pit.

The Recovery Zone

will host a safe place for individuals to meet and have meetings as they travel through their recovery journey.

The Recreation cooperative will house Adrenaline Adventures, which will rent rafts and kayaks and offer outdoor adventures.

The old weight-lifting building will be a greenhouse and the next building will be the agricultural center, which will be dedicated in the memory of a very special lady at the fall event. It will be called the Elva Lamont Agricultural Center and Goat Stable.

The Children's Center will be 18,000 square feet, house 50 kids (3 toddler rooms and a nursery), cafeteria and kitchen which will connect to the gym.

The gymnasium is 10,000 square feet and will be a fully functioning gym to house events. The facility will have four kitchens total. The main building bottom floor will house retail shops such as antique shops, artisan shops, crafts and specialty foods that will hopefully make our county a day trip destination spot. There will also be a commercial kitchen and café.

The second floor will house classrooms for summer camps, out of school camps and community meeting rooms. The steak house and micro-brewery will be housed in Mr. Stalnaker and Mr. McCartney's old classrooms.

The third floor will be the residential area that will house five, two bedroom residential apartments and the old library will be a two bedroom suite with a patio that will work as a hotel room.

Eric Lupardus spoke on his efforts to turn Calhoun into an outdoor recreational area. He is working with different groups who want to come and ride our roads and support our local businesses, in their Lamborghini's, Maserati's, Ferrari's, etc. He is also working with a group from southern W.Va. to incorporate Calhoun into Motorcycle routes. He encouraged everyone to attend a Boot Strap meeting and become a part of the Recreational Team.

W.Va. Speaker of the House, Roger Hanshaw spoke to the crowd, "It's a privilege to serve our communities in any capacity, but it's the best privilege of all to serve people working together and that's the thing I want to congratulate the community on because we are seeing people work together here in the county in ways that other communities around the state don't experience."



I was absolutely moved by speaker (Continued on Page 3)

Calhoun County Commissioners Meeting April 18th

The regular meeting of the county commission commenced at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Apr. 18, with Commissioners Matt Walker and Craig Arthur in attendance, Commissioner Kevin Helmick was present by telephone.

Commission president, Matt Walker, started the meeting by reading a statement from commissioner Kevin Helmick: "On March 20, 2023, I called Michelle Hodge at 304-559-2261 ext. 2411, with the State Fire Marshal's office. Grantsville fire department is supposed to have an audit every three to five years, but she couldn't find one.

March 20, 2023 I called Ethan Hamilton, 304-347-4880 with legislative state funding audit and he stated that the Grantsville fire

department is sending in bank receipts yearly and calling it an audit. He stated that they receive three tries to get the information correct. I asked if it took all three tries returning bank receipts, and Ethan said he did not want to divulge whether or not it took three tries. I then said, so if they are not turning in audits and just bank receipts, why are you giving them their funding, Ethan stated that he hated to shut down a small fire department."

Commissioner Craig Arthur gave an update on their trip to Charleston a little bit earlier this month to meet with W.Va. Speaker of the House, Roger Hanshaw, who they presented with a proposal that they had prepared with stage one and stage two of water

expansion projects in Calhoun County. Stage one would be the Munday Road and Annamoriah expansion along Route 5, and stage two which would expand water service along Route 16, south, from Oka to Stinson.

Arthur said, "It seems promising, from the talks with him, that there are some infrastructure funds available for this kind of work."

Arthur said that they also talked about upgrades to existing systems such as sewers, etc. Arthur also said that there needs to be more talk about securing the funding and establishing a timeline to get these improvements completed and acted on in the future.

Commissioner Walker spoke next on this

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OBITUARIES

DAVID MATTHEW BAILEY

David Matthew Bailey, 42, of St. Marys, WV, died on April 8, 2023, at Camden Clark Medical Center, following an extended illness.

He was born in Clarksburg, to the late John S. Bailey and Mary Kathryn Hartshorn Bailey.

He graduated from Lincoln High School Shinnston, and attended telecommunications school in KY. He worked building cellphone communications, was a delivery driver for Quality Bakery, worked at Merrick Hanger factory and Simonton Window factory.

He loved to go fishing and hunting, playing video games, and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father John S. Bailey, his grandparents Earnest and Mary Helen Hartshorn and Winfield Scott and Edith Gae Hoover Bailey.

He is survived by his mother Mary Kathryn Hartshorn Bailey, sisters Shanna Bailey (Lemuel) and Heather Rosier (Nathan), one niece Hennessey Fortney, and two nephews Gabriel and Jasper Rosier.

A graveside services was conducted on April 13, 2023 at Mt. Zion UMC Cemetery, Mt. Zion, WV.



RANDALL "REDBONE" WILLIAM DUNCAN

Randall "Redbone" William Duncan died on Friday, April 7th, 2023.

He was born to the late William "Bill" Duncan and Alice Maysel Jackson Duncan.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his two brothers, Thomas Duncan and Roger Duncan; wife, Betty



Brown; and one stepdaughter, Autumn Means. Survived by one sister, Susan (James) Woods of Nicut; two brothers, Everett Duncan of Nicut, Calvin (Bonnie) Duncan of Front Royal, Virginia. Nieces and nephews; William Duncan, Tracy Cottrell, Anna Duncan, Kimberly Duncan, Angela Lamb, Katherine Bennett, Kayla Andrews. Several great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews. Two stepchildren, Clinton Means and Jocelyn Sheares; and six grandchildren.

Redbone was an avid woodsman and flower collector. Despite being a loner, he had never met a stranger. His family was his most prized possession.

He will be cremated. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April the 15th at the Gip Church, Gip, WV.

RUSSELL LEE WILSON

Russell Lee Wilson, age 58, of North Webster, died at home in the early hours of Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Born in Grantsville, Russell was the son of the late David Wilson and Wuanita Richards. He attended Calhoun High School, playing football while studying there.

He was married to Janice Osburn on July 2, 1987; the pair shared more than 36 years together before his Saturday morning passing. Also surviving are two step-children: Jason Elijah of North Webster and Jamie Elijah of Fort Wayne; grandson, Riley Elijah of Mentone; two brothers, Ronnie Bonniphant of North Webster and Richard (Betty) Wilson of Milford; sister, Joyce Bonniphant of Milford and stepmother, Esther Wilson of Grantsville. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews who he loved as his own. He was preceded in passing by his parents and a son, Rusty Wilson.

Russell worked at Worthington Ag Parts for many years. He worked mostly in sales but was a skilled tractor mechanic - he could fix most anything. He also liked music of all kinds and enjoyed playing the guitar and singing. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman, though his health had limited those activities in recent years.

Titus Funeral Home of North Webster is trusted with care of the Wilson family. The family is grieving privately; no services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, gifts are appreciated to the family, 121 East Esterbrook Drive, North Webster, IN 46555 to assist with medical expenses.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

The Lyrid meteor shower returns this weekend, and will be visible each night - weather permitting - for the next two weeks, although not as many as when the shower peaks.

It's an annual event that we see each April, when earth runs into debris from the comet Thatcher.

NASA says the best time to look up is around 9 p.m., away from the city lights. The shower will peak this Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22.

The Lyrid meteor shower offers 10 to 15 meteors per hour at its peak on a moonless night like we will have this weekend, but are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring rates of up to 100 per hour.

Comet Thatcher will not be back until the year 2278, but the debris trail that it left behind will be here every April until then in the form of the Lyrids.

The Lyrid meteor shower also has the distinction of being among the oldest of known meteor showers. Records of this shower go back for some 2,700 years. Makes me wonder what our ancestors thought was going on when they saw stars falling from the heavens.

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The holler greened-up quite a bit over the weekend and soon I will not be able to watch the squirrels as they perform their marathons of running over the fallen logs in the woods, up and down the hills on both sides of the holler.

Jeanne, on the other hand, loves to watch the squirrels as they climb out to the end of a limb, barely hesitating before taking a leap across the gap separating the two trees.

I have to admit, I too find myself admiring both their bravery and ability.

Our guard dog, Brownie, will sit on the floor by my feet just as still as a statue watching the squirrels on the railing

as they chow down on sunflower seeds.

Once she has had more than she can stand of watching her nemeses ignore her, she begins to whine just a little. Soon she will whine a little bit louder and will look up at me as if she wants me to do something.

At this point either Jeanne or I will say the word "squirrel" and Brownie will jump up and bark while heading for the front door.

As soon as the door opens the squirrels will all beat a hasty retreat from our deck, leaping through the branches of trees while Brownie pretty much has the ground covered, hoping for one of them to fall, but they never do.

They might come close to losing their battle with gravity but they always manage to cling to a limb long enough to avoid falling into Brownie's bailiwick.

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I must say that, at least down in the holler, this has been a perfect spring so far. We have had to deal with very little of the soupy, thick mud like there usually is after winter has frozen the earth deeply, over and over, between thaws. I really appreciate that. I have never been much of a fan of mud.

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The 1982 Foundation's Spring Fling occurred last weekend and it was a big success. Look at the story and photos in this issue of The Chronicle and you will see that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

This light is coming from the hope being emitted by the generations that will live in the world that we leave behind for them, and that is the world they now must shape for their own future and the future of the generations that will follow after. All that we can do is to help them, not hinder them, and that is what we all are doing.

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Corrected Sand Ridge Cemetery Report

Submitted by Thelma Hall
Donations for Sand Ridge Cemetery for 2022
The Willard Garret Family, \$321; In memory of Arko and Eileen McKee, Hugh and Junita Wilson by Charles and Annlea Wilson, \$300; Justine Rogers, Ronnie and Paul Vannoy, and Thelma Hall, \$200; Chester and Tracie Kincaid, \$160; Bill J. Vannoy, \$150; Vonda Laughlin, Larry and Sheila Burns, Lenell Stanaker, Katheren Black, and William Davis, \$100; Pamela Breese, Earl and Rebeca Hall Richard and Rose McKown, \$50.
Total Donations were \$2,281 and total expenses were \$2,660. Expenses include expense for mowing every two weeks and removing of the flowers on the ground. Please remove your flowers off the ground and take them home with you, as there is no trash pick-up there.

If you have family or grave lots, make a donation. Checks can be payable to Sand Ridge Cemetery.
My late husband and I have taken care of this cemetery for 51 years, it is time I stop. Some one needs to step up. When the mowing season is over I will resign.
Thank you for your donations.
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This Week In History

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

1923

SUITS TAKE UP 44 PERCENT OF FEDERAL ATTORNEYS' TIME – The enforcement of national prohibition and the cost of preparation and trials of violators of this law, reached \$15,450,700 in the last fiscal year.

This is indicated by figures presented to the house appropriations committee.

It was also brought out that forty-four percent of the work of United States district attorneys was consumed in preparation and trials of offenders against prohibition.

Congress appropriated \$9,500,000 to the direct enforcement of prohibition. J. D. Harris of the department of justice testified that one-third of the department of justice appropriation of \$17,850,200 last year was used in the preparation and trial of prohibition cases.

The highest record in prohibition cases is in Southern Alabama, where 90 percent of the work of the United States district attorney was given to such cases. The lowest record comes from Kansas and is only five percent. The Pennsylvania figure is 42 percent.

Fines collected in dry cases leaped from \$507,482.70 in 1921 to \$2,377,152.15 in 1922.

Judgments imposed under the Volstead law increased from \$3,396.69 in 1920 to \$64,735.48 in 1921, and to \$120,255.29 in 1922. Fines imposed in this period went from \$605,314.42 to \$4,041,456.03.

Between 25,000 and 30,000 cases are now pending, it was said.

NO SPRING OR SUMMER TERM OF HIGH SCHOOL – Owing to the fact that an insufficient number of teachers demanded a spring or summer school, the board of directors decided that it would be inadvisable to have either a spring or summer school. This will likely be a disappointment to several teachers who expressed their intention of attending a spring term if organized in reply to a questionnaire I sent out a few days ago. However, the expense of maintaining a school would have been too great considering the few teachers who desire it. The school board desires to economize as much as possible and it is hoped that teachers will understand the situation.

Very truly yours, T. C. Cain, County Supt.

1948

THE TAP ROOT OF FREEDOM – There is only one basic difference between the American system of government and the governments of those countries suffering from varying degrees of dictatorship. That difference is the right, protected by law, of private ownership of property. Private property is the tap root of freedom.

It is impossible to abolish private ownership of property for some without ultimately destroying it for all. And once it has been destroyed, a central government becomes the boss for the simple reason that it is the sole employer and sole property owner.

Oppression follows auto-matically when a people, stripped of property, must rely blindly on a government run with a free rein by men who need no longer recognize antitrust laws, labor unions, or anything else—men who can abandon the constitutional trappings of a free country because they are bigger than the law by right of might.

1973

FOLLIES HERE FOR TWO NIGHT STAND – Step right up, show time is 8 p.m. This Friday and Saturday the annual Calhoun Follies will be presented in the high school gym by more than 130 music students.

Bill Rinehart, master of entertainment, will be introduced by the 7th grade boy trumpeteers: John Virden, Brent Reed, Arthur Spring, Duke Hardway, Scott Dettman and Mickey Kinder.

Some of the 46 music numbers that will be presented include: "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long," by Ron Lynch, Rick Nicholas, Bob Morris and Chuck Smith of the Freshman Quartet. Dwayne McCormick, Robert Vaughn and Kevin Church will sing "The Gang That Sang Heart of my Heart." "I Gotta Crow" will feature Pier Zannoni as Peter Pan and Angela Johnson as Tinker Bell.

Three songs from "Oklahoma" will be presented by several from the A Cappella choir, with soloists Richard Hardway, Jeff Carpenter, Robert Vaughn, Roger Hoskins, Karen Jarvis, Greta Wilson, Chick Smith, Cathy Jones, Nancy Sims, Jim Sullivan, Peggy Sampson and Vicki Grass.

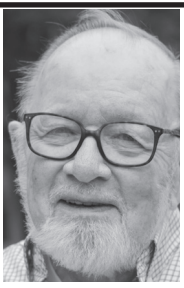
Nalani Vaughn will be dressed as a Shirley Temple doll as she sings "On the Good Ship Lollipop." The Senior High boys will sing "That Good Old Mountain Dew," accompanied by Kennie Kendall on the bass fiddle.

Kim Heiney and Vicki Grass will do the soft shoe dance as the choir sings "Tea for Two." Nanette Cadle, Barbara Hicks and Cathy Jones are in a creative dance, "Aquarius."

Alfie Hickman and Jeanie Snider team up for "Sixteen Goin' on Seventeen." There are lots of numbers for the full evening's entertainment.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: We live in the country and every fall, we notice spider webs strung across the road, tree to tree, 10-15 feet off the ground, and 10-15 feet apart. Given the height and distance, how do spiders connect these webs from point A to point B? (Asked by a web-curious reader.)

Reply: One of the first and most important lines or strands in the weaving of a spider web is a (more or less) horizontal bridge on which the whole web is hung. This may be done in one of two ways. A thread may be emitted and floated in the air until it catches on some object, and then pulled taut. Alternatively, the spider may fix a line, drop or walk down one side of the bridge area of the web, across and up the other side while holding the line free of entanglements. In either case, it starts with a little bridge building.

Here's a little more insight on spiders, so you'll appreciate the critters more. In Greek mythology, a maiden was so skillful at weaving that she challenged the goddess Athene to a contest. The maiden wove such a beautiful tapestry that Athene became furious and destroyed the work. So humiliated was the maiden that she tried to hang herself, but the gods changed the noose to a web and the maiden to a spider to spend the rest of her days spinning. The maiden's name was Arachne, the Greek word for spider. From that, we get "Arachnid," which is the technical name for spiders and their relatives.

That's enough for now, but tune in next week for "Spiders, Part II."

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf." -Anonymous

Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at Curious about something? Send your questions to Dr. Jerry D. Wilson, College of Science and Mathematics, Lander University, Greenwood, SC 29649, or email jerry@curiosity-corner.net. Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

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Trevor Lynch. He is an inspiration to everyone. The love this young man has for God and Jesus is truly visible. His words of encouragement were amazing. I had to seek him out at the end of the day to tell him how amazing he was and that he made a difference in the lives of others.

The Chili cook off winners received a new crock pot and gift card from the FRN/FSC along with a wooden plaque made by David Gerlach.

Jim Sullivan took first, Spaur Family took second and Natasha McCumbers took third.



The Youth Turkey Hunt results are as follows: Christian Rogers, 1st; Charter Cottrell, 2nd; Steven Rogers, 3rd; Kaylee Cottrell, 4th; and Sam Paxton, 5th.

Kenny Arnold won the Muskey Tournament.

There were several speakers going through recovery who spoke to the crowd about their addictions and how they are overcoming them. Kara Prunty gave a presentation explaining what the WRAP program is about. The presentation was very informative. The Wellness Recovery Action Plan or WRAP is a self-designed prevention and wellness process that anyone can use to get well, stay well and make their life the way they wish it to be. If you are interested in this program, please contact the Calhoun FRN/FSC.



The final event of the day was the dedication of the swimming pool. Representatives from Hope Gas presented a deed to adjoining land to the 1982 Foundation.

The pool is named in memory of the late Sandra Johnson, former mayor and fixture at the old town pool. Her children Shawn Johnson-Burns and Steve Johnson were present and spoke fondly of their late mother and what an honor it was for the pool to be named after. Her daughter Kari Johnson-Cupp was unable to attend, The Johnson kids served as life guards at the old pool and have made contributions to the pool becoming a reality. The Johnson kids each took a shovel and joined the children of Calhoun County to break ground on the swimming pool.



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from April 20-26, in West Virginia history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

April 20, 1823: General Jesse Lee Reno was born in Wheeling. He graduated from West Point in 1846, with another cadet from western Virginia, Thomas J. Jackson, later known as "Stonewall." Reno was the highest-ranking officer from present West Virginia killed in the Civil War.

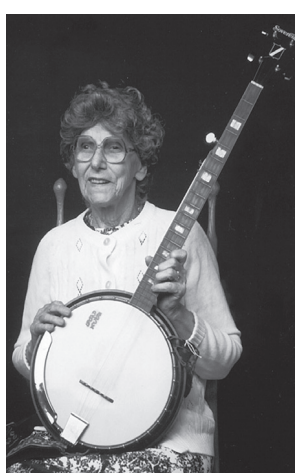
April 20, 1863: President Lincoln issued a proclamation that in 60 days, West Virginia would become a state. This occasion was marked 100 years later during the state's Centennial celebration with a special ceremonial session of the West Virginia legislature on April 20, 1963, in Wheeling.

April 20, 1909: Fiddler Melvin Wine was born near Burnsville. A favorite of old-time music enthusiasts nationally, he was chosen as a National Heritage Fellow in 1991 by the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest recognition given to a folk artist in the United States.



April 20, 1939: Poet Irene McKinney was born in Belington, Barbour County. Governor Gaston Caperton appointed her state poet laureate in 1993, and she served in that capacity until her death in 2012.

April 21, 1908: Traditional musician Phoebe Cottrell Parsons was born in Calhoun County. Parsons's traditional clawhammer banjo style, unaccompanied ballad singing, riddles and storytelling have influenced countless numbers of younger musicians.



April 21, 1936: President Franklin Roosevelt established the Jefferson National Forest. The West Virginia portion of this forest includes 18,530 acres in Monroe County.

April 22, 1908: Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn was born in

Elkins. Glenn coached basketball at West Virginia University from 1934 to 1938 and football from 1937 to 1940. He was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

April 22, 2003: Activist Judy Bonds, a Raleigh County native, received the Goldman Environmental Prize for her fight against mountaintop removal mining. Her efforts inspired thousands and turned a local issue in West Virginia into a national cause.



April 23, 1857: Andrew S. Rowan was born in Gap Mills, Monroe County. During the Spanish-American War, Rowan, a military officer, was chosen to deliver an important message to Cuban General Calixto Garcia. The 1899 pamphlet *A Message to Garcia* made the incident famous.

April 24, 1865: McNeill's Rangers surrendered to Union troops at New Creek (now Keyser). The Confederate guerrilla force probably never numbered more than 100 men at any time but managed to inflict regular damage on Union operations.

April 25, 1863: About 1,500 Confederate soldiers under Gen. William "Grumble" Jones advanced through Greenland Gap, a deep pass through New Creek Mountain in present Grant county. The Confederates encountered 87 Union soldiers who held off several assaults before finally surrendering.

April 25, 1923: Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Leewood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972 he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers.

April 26, 1816: General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate armies. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, which ruled Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.

April 26, 1900: Baseball great Lewis Robert "Hack" Wilson, whose 1930 single season runs-batted-in record still stands today, was born in Pennsylvania. He started his pro career with the Martinsburg Blue Sox. He returned there after his retirement and is buried at Rosedale Cemetery.

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Calhoun Middle/High School Jr Baseball Schedule

Submitted By Nikki Boatright

CALHOUN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Mid/Jr Baseball Schedule Events
 1 03/22/23 6:00PM A - GEORGE WASHINGTON.....0 - 2 L
 2 03/27/23 5:00PM H - CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE..... 23 - 0 W
 3 03/29/23 5:00PM H - BRAXTON COUNTY MIDDLE..... 6 - 1 W
 4 04/01/23 2:00PM A - SPENCER MIDDLE -
 5 04/03/23 6:00PM H - DODDRIDGE COUNTY MIDDLE..... 16 - 2 W
 6 04/05/23 5:00PM A - BRAXTON COUNTY MIDDLE..... 15 - 3 W
 7 04/10/23 6:00PM A - CLAY COUNTY MIDDLE..... 21 - 7 W
 8 04/19/23 5:00PM H - RAVENSWOOD MIDDLE -
 9 04/21/23 5:30PM H - GEORGE WASHINGTON -
 10 04/24/23 6:00PM A - RAVENSWOOD MIDDLE -
 11 04/29/23 12:00PM A - GILMER COUNTY -
 12 05/08/23 6:00PM A - DODDRIDGE COUNTY MIDDLE -
 wins: 5 lost: 1 ties: 0

Roster:

- #2 Evan Collins - 7th grade
- #3 Charter Cottrell - 8th grade
- #4 Owen Hall - 8th grade
- #5 Chase Schoolcraft - 8th grade
- #7 Christian Rogers - 7th grade
- #8 Reese Schoolcraft - 8th grade
- #9 Evan Burch - 7th grade
- #10 Brennen Carpenter - 8th grade
- #11 Orion Swearingen - 8th grade
- #12 Ruger Carder - 7th grade
- #13 Cooper Morris - 8th grade
- #16 Garrett Carpenter - 8th grade
- #17 Rome Riddel - 8th grade
- #18 Chace Toney - 8th grade

Calhoun Girls Softball News

Calhoun Middle School Softball lost the lead late in the last inning in a 9-5 defeat to Clay MS on Monday, April 10th. Calhoun led down the stretch until Clay batted in the bottom of the sixth when they tripled on a 3-2 count, scoring two runs. Lady Devils played a great game and fought hard till the very end, just coming up short.

Calhoun Softball fired up the offense in the second inning, when Remedy Riddel singled on a 2-2 count, scoring two runs.

Kendall Snodgrass led Calhoun Softball with two hits in three at bats, scoring a run. Paislee Perkins had a triple, scoring one run. Raylee Cunningham also had a hit to score a run for the Lady Devils. Calhoun tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases. Raylee Cunningham led the way with four.

Remedy Riddel led in the circle for Calhoun. The righthander surrendered nine runs on 11 hits over six innings, striking out seven and only walking one batter. She threw 89 pitches, with 63 being strikes. She faced 31 batters.

Calhoun returns to action on Wednesday and Thursday this week as they host GW and Summersville. Game time is scheduled for 5:30 for both nights. Please come out and support Calhoun Middle School Softball.

Calhoun FFA Compete in Stockman's Contest at W.Va. Beef Expo April 7

Submitted by Annie Fox Jones, Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor, Calhoun County Middle High School

On Friday, April 7th, members of the Calhoun FFA chapter traveled to Jackson's Mill to compete in the Stockmen's Contest hosted during the West Virginia Beef Expo. The Beef Expo is hosted by the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association and is known for high quality cattle. Beef Expo attendees have a front row seat to excellent show classes and cattle sales.

The Stockmen's Contest is open to 4-H and FFA youth and attracts a large crowd of participants. Calhoun FFA members who competed in the Stockmen's Contest tested their ability to identify common forages and meat cuts, answer quality assurance questions on proper cattle care, grade feeder cattle, read EPDs and make management decisions based on them, and correctly place classes of live cattle.

This competition encompasses a lot of knowledge about the beef industry and is a real challenge for competitors.

There were over 200 senior individuals competing in the Stockmen's Contest, and Calhoun FFA members held their own. Members who competed were Jaelyn Jett, Faith McClain, Hallie Mace, Lindsey Schoolcraft, Camron Jarvis, Trista Arnold, Levi Stump, Lauren Lovejoy, and Whitney Nettles. Jaelyn Jett led Calhoun FFA members in scoring at the contest. Lauren Lovejoy, Levi Stump, and Camron Jarvis boosted their teams with a near perfect score on live heifer placement classes. Six Calhoun FFA members also claimed perfect scores on the quality assurance section of the contest. Trista Arnold aided her team by scoring a perfect 50 on a live Angus heifer placement class. Overall, FFA members had a great opportunity to test their skills and gain new knowledge and had a wonderful time!



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LKVCS Agriculture Poster Winner

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater



What a tremendous blessing to announce that this young lady's W.Va. Agriculture poster (entered in Calhoun County's 4th grade Farm Bureau competition this past week) placed first among all the entries.

Her poster will be entered in the state competition next week where she will be competing against all the other county winners in the state.

Congratulations, Jayci Rose Barr!!!!

LKVCS Spelling Bee Winners

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater

Congratulations to our three young folks, (pictured below L to R) MiKenna Wease, Braidin Ferrell, and Klynn Keith, who placed in the WVCEA spelling bee this past month and have the opportunity to compete at the next level at Grace Christian School in Huntington. We are so very proud of the hard work it takes to use their talents the Lord has given.



Congratulations Calhoun Middle/High School Band

Huge congratulations to the middle school band! The band performed in Parkersburg at our regional band festival on April 13th.

The judges awarded the performance a superior rating unanimously.

A superior rating represents the finest conceivable performance for the event and the class of participants being judged: worthy of the distinction of being recognized as among the very best!

This group will be performing as part of the CMHS annual Performing Arts Showcase Friday, April 21 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m..

Please plan to come show your support for all of the hardworking students next weekend!



Local Girls Scouts Troup 38205 News!!!!

Submitted by Amy Nicholas

We had a wonderful visit with Gracie and Quad, Calhoun's very own search and rescue dogs. Cadette Bella Nicholas scheduled Carl and Chris Ballengee to share the amazing jobs these working dogs do. Scouts learned how the dogs are trained, certifications earned, successful rescues the dogs have completed, and then they were able to watch the dogs find a couple of lost scouts (just for the exercise).

We were also excited to learn that Gracie and Quad may be representing Calhoun on the National Geographic Wild show as part of the top 10, out of 300 working dogs. They may get the opportunity to win \$10,000 for the Jimmy Rice Foundation (a foundation set up to help purchase and train search and rescue dogs). We would like to thank Carl and Chris for sharing this experience with the Girl Scouts! -Troup 38205



Front Row (left to right): Gracie (bloodhound), Ember Sterling, Elizabeth Wade, Martha Bixman, Elizabeth Collins, Mackenzie Tingler, Brooke Tingler. Back Row (left to right): Chris Ballengee, Makenna Cunningham, Jasmyne Tingler, Bailey Metz, Carissa Sands, Bella Nicholas, Carl Ballengee, Quad (bloodhound).

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Students Represent at State Social Studies Fair

Submitted by Amy Nicholas



Pictured L to R: Luke Strange-Paylor, Brady Miller, Brooke Tingler, Jaelyn Jett, Eliana White, Reagan Morgan and Bristol Hawkins. (Eliana White and Reagan Morgan Placed 2nd, Jaelyn Jett was 3rd.

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W. Va. Treasurer Riley Moore Office News

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore visited Parkersburg Thursday, April 13, to present an unclaimed property check worth over \$30,000 to the Parkersburg Police Department – proceeds from the Treasurer's Office's recent record-breaking unclaimed property firearms auction.

"I'm proud my Office partners with local law enforcement agencies from across the state," Treasurer Moore said. "This year's auction raised a record amount of funds that police departments can use to invest in new equipment, facilities and training programs they need to protect our communities."

Treasurer Moore presented a check worth \$30,342.76 to the department during a presentation attended by Parkersburg Police Chief Matthew Board, Lieutenant Jim Stalnaker, Parkersburg Mayor Tom Joyce, Delegate Scot Heckert and Parkersburg Police Officers.

"It's a great opportunity to partner with the Treasurer's Office to be able to turn something negative into a positive," Parkersburg Police Chief Matthew Board said. "Through the firearms auction program, we are able to take firearms out of the hands of criminals and turn them into funds to purchase resources we need to keep Parkersburg safe."

The firearms auction, which occurred March 16 in Charleston, raised a record total of more than \$141,000 to benefit the 15 law enforcement agencies that participated in the auction. The auction raises funds by selling outdated, unclaimed or old firearms, ammunition and related accessories in police inventory to qualified bidders.

This year's event raised a record amount of funds due to having its largest inventory up for bid – approximately 600 firearms lots and 47 accessories and ammunition lots available at the auction.

Under West Virginia's Unclaimed Property Code (Chapter 36, Article 8A), state and local law enforcement agencies are allowed to turn over any unclaimed, seized or outdated firearms in their possession to the State Treasurer's Office for auction.

These include weapons that are older and no longer used by a department, or that have been seized as evidence and sitting in storage rooms for an extended amount of time following the disposition of a case. They can also include weapons taken from individuals who are not legally allowed to own firearms.

Once law enforcement certifies they cannot find a lawful owner of the firearms, they can be turned over to the Treasurer's Office for auction.

The proceeds from the auction are then returned to the submitting agency for use.

Capito Introduces Ally's Act

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April 14, 2023

Legislation would require insurance providers to cover critical and life-altering hearing devices

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) recently reintroduced Ally's Act, bipartisan legislation that would ensure private insurance companies provide coverage for osseointegrated hearing devices (OIDs), including bone anchored hearing aids (BAHAs) and cochlear implants. OIDs are a type of hearing aid that benefit a wide range of hearing loss victims and are often the only hearing device that can restore hearing for individuals born with hearing loss. Senator Capito most recently introduced Ally's Act in January 2021.

"Auditory implant devices and external sound processors can be life-changing for individuals who suffer from severe hearing loss. That's why I'm proud to reintroduce Ally's Act, legislation that would ensure insurance companies cover these hearing aids and provide relief to those born with hearing loss and their families. Our senses are something we too often take for granted, and I will continue to work to establish better access to these critical hearing devices," Senator Capito said.

In addition to Senator Capito, Ally's Act is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.). A companion bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressmen Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), and Mike Thompson (D-Calif.).

BACKGROUND: The legislation is named after thirteen-year old Colorado-native, Ally Tumblin, who was born without a right ear or hearing canal and therefore requires the use of a BAHA. Following a denial for her hearing device, Ally and her mother formed the organization, "Ear Community" to help advocate for insurance coverage of these hearing devices to ensure no person is left unable to hear because of private insurance companies' refusal to cover OIDs.

W. Va. Attorney General News

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Attorney General Morrisey Wins Preliminary Injunction on Water Rule

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota on Wednesday issued a preliminary injunction against the Biden administration's Environmental Protection Agency from implementing its final rule redefining Waters of the United States (WOTUS).

"This is a victory for the states because this rule, if allowed to be implemented, will upset the balance of power between the states and the federal government without clear statement from Congress," Attorney General Morrisey said. "It's a decades-long effort by the EPA to regulate purely intrastate waters without the explicit consent of lawmakers. It creates unneeded delays and costs for farmers, contractors, ranchers and anyone who cares about economic activity."

"You cannot regulate a puddle as you do a river and doing so will never give us cleaner water, which is what we all want," Attorney General Morrisey added. "This rule would harm jobs and economic growth by taking jurisdiction from states and asserting federal authority over nearly any body of water, including roadside ditches, short-lived streams and many other areas where water may flow only once every 100 years."

"We're glad the court saw the case the way we did: this is an attempt from unelected bureaucrats to expand their own authority by broadly defining Waters of the United States."

In February, Attorney General Morrisey co-led a coalition of 24 states in a lawsuit against the EPA, asking a federal court to vacate the newly published final rule redefining WOTUS and declare it unlawful—West Virginia, Georgia, Iowa and North Dakota were joined in the lawsuit by Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

The Attorney General also pointed out the EPA, through the rule, is violating the major questions doctrine (decided by the U.S. Supreme Court last year in West Virginia v. EPA) by imposing a major expansion of its jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act without consent from Congress.

Read a copy of Wednesday's order at: <https://bit.ly/41pZYVp>.

W. Va. DHHR Accepting Nominations for the 2023

Ronald Nestor Award to Honor Elder Abuse Advocates

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) is accepting nominations for the 2023 Ronald Nestor Award. Created in recognition of Ronald Nestor, DHHR's first Adult Services Director and an advocate for social work for more than 45 years, the award recognizes an individual from any field of practice who has raised awareness and advocated to end elder abuse.

To be eligible, an individual must have worked to end elder abuse or promoted awareness of the issue in West Virginia and be a resident or native of West Virginia. Individuals or organizations in West Virginia may submit nominations by completing the online nomination form by May 1, 2023.

For the purposes of this award, "elder abuse" includes mental, physical, and verbal abuse, financial exploitation, and neglect of a person who is at least 60 years old and is vulnerable or a facility resident.

The 2023 Ronald Nestor Award will be presented during the virtual West Virginia Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WVEAAD) Seminar on June 15, 2023. The WVEAAD Seminar is designed to provide quality education about elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation for both novice and experienced professionals. Seminar participants will build capacity of the resources available to combat abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation, promote intervention and prevention, and raise public awareness. Click here to register.

To report suspected abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults or children, call DHHR's Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect (24/7): 1-800-352-6513. To view and apply for careers in the social work field, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

Capito: The Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act

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April 13, 2023

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) joined 19 of her Republican colleagues to reintroduced the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act – legislation led by U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) – that would allow local law enforcement to cooperate with federal immigration authorities and would pull taxpayer-funded grants to sanctuary cities.

"Our country welcomes individuals from around the world who want to be a part of our country, but we expect everyone to follow the rule of law and obtain residency or citizenship through the legal process. Our laws must be enforced as written, and any city that chooses not to enforce federal immigration laws should not be allowed to use federal funds to support their liberal activist efforts to undermine law and order," Senator Capito said.

In addition to Senators Capito and Cruz, the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), and Deb Fischer (R-Neb.).

W. Va. DEP Adopt -A-Highway April 29

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CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now accepting registrations for the Adopt-A-Highway Spring Statewide Cleanup set for Saturday, April 29.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies and communities can register to pick up trash on almost any state-maintained road, back road or main route. Private roads and interstate highways cannot be adopted.


The Adopt-A-Highway program provides garbage bags, work gloves and safety vests to volunteers, and takes care of disposing of collected trash. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. One-time cleanups are encouraged but must be registered.

Groups must register in advance by April 21st and inform their county DOH garage if they need supplies. To register, call 1-800-322-5530 or send an email to dep.aah@wv.gov. If you reach the REAP voicemail, please leave your name, phone number, group name, date of cleanup, number of participants, and the county where your adopted road is located.

The 2022 Adopt-A-Highway spring clean up saw over 2,700 volunteers from over 300 groups remove 68,350 pounds of litter from over 800 miles of roadway.

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

For more WVDEP news and information, go to <https://dep.wv.gov>. Also, connect with the agency on all social media platforms. Follow @DEPWV on Twitter, Like us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/depwv/>, and find us on YouTube at Environment Matters.



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State Of Preparedness Remains in Effect since March 23

CHARLESTON, WV – On March 23, 2023, Gov. Jim Justice declared a State of Preparedness for all 55 counties in response to forecasted hazardous weather.

The State of Preparedness remains in place for 30 days, and as such, State agencies, external partners, and resources remain on standby to respond quickly should help be needed.

Currently, severe storms, heavy rainfall, and strong winds are forecast for the entire state, and a High Wind Watch has been issued for many Northern West Virginia counties.

The State Emergency Operations Center at the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) continues at Partial Activation. The WVEMD will closely monitor weather threats, stream levels, and remain in close contact with local emergency managers across the state for the duration of this event.

Legislation to Restore Mission of National Coal Council

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April 13, 2023

Capito, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Restore Mission of National Coal Council

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) recently helped reintroduce the Coal Council Certainty Act – legislation authored by U.S. Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.) – to restore the mission of the National Coal Council (NCC), a federal advisory committee that previously provided advice, recommendations, and insights to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues related to the coal industry.

“West Virginians know all too well the damage anti-coal policies from bureaucrats in D.C. can inflict on our communities,” Senator Capito said. “The National Coal Council should be providing important policy recommendations and perspectives to the Department of Energy on innovative uses of coal, not shifting focus towards rules that dismantle baseload energy and shatter coal communities. The Coal Council Certainty Act would provide a voice to energy-producing states like West Virginia when it comes to coal policy, technology, and markets.”

In addition to Senators Capito and Hoeven, the Coal Council Certainty Act is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), and Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.).

BACKGROUND: The NCC was originally established in 1984 and was comprised of coal producers and consumers, carbon researchers, academics, environmentalists, and policy experts. The council’s core mission was to advance innovation and technological development, enabling the U.S. to continue utilizing its abundant coal resources while improving environmental stewardship.

However, the Biden administration allowed the NCC’s charter to expire in November 2021 and re-chartered the agency last year, changing its focus away from the responsible development and more innovative uses of coal. In response, the Coal Council Certainty Act would permanently extend the NCC’s charter as it existed prior to its expiration, preserving the council’s core mission.

Capito: \$1.2 Million for W.Va. Tobacco Control Program

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April 17, 2023

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, today announced \$1,229,006 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the West Virginia State Tobacco Control Program.

“The HHS funding announced today allows us to address tobacco use in our state and improve the health of West Virginians. This funding will help support individuals looking to quit the usage of tobacco products, and provide resources to prevent our youth from using tobacco and nicotine alternatives in the first place. As a nation, we have seen success in reducing tobacco use, and I look forward to seeing similar results in West Virginia thanks to funding like this,” Ranking Member Capito said.

Gov. Jim Justice Issues Outdoor Burn Ban April 17th

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Monday, April 17, 2023

CHARLESTON, WV – To reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires due to drought, Gov. Jim Justice has issued a proclamation that bans all outdoor burning throughout West Virginia, effective today, April 17, 2023.

The ban, which is necessary due to dry and windy weather conditions expected in the coming days and an increasing potential for forest fires, will be in effect until conditions improve and the Governor rescinds the order by further proclamation.

Today, the National Weather Service - Charleston issued a Special Weather Statement for High Fire Danger Threat.

The Governor’s order makes it unlawful for any person in the state to engage in outdoor burning, including fires built for camping, the burning of debris, or warming.

The following items are excluded from the restrictions:

Fires for the purpose of chemical production, where fire is essential to operation.

Fires for commercial land-clearing, such as mining, highway construction, and development: Provided, that a permit is obtained from the Division of Forestry prior to burning.

Training fires conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors at a training facility operated by a fire department or government entity: Provided, that a permit for such training fires is obtained from the Division of Forestry prior to burning.

Fires for outdoor cooking conducted for fund-raising events and charitable organizations: Provided, that a water source capable of extinguishing the fire must be present and a permit is obtained from the Division of Forestry prior to the operation.

Liquid fueled gas grills, lanterns or liquid-fueled gas fire stoves.

The Governor has instructed the Division of Forestry to enact a forest fire readiness plan and to enforce the ban on burning as outlined in W.Va. Code §20-1-1, et seq.

“This year, we have experienced a significant period of low humidity and below average rainfall,” Acting West Virginia Division of Forestry Director and State Forester Tony Evans said. “Since January 1, we have experienced 654 different fires in the state, and a current total of 4,121 acres burned. This ban helps ensure we are doing everything we can to protect the public, our forests, and private property from the damage that can occur from a forest fire.”

The proclamation orders the Division of Forestry and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to provide continuous information to the Governor and the public regarding forest conditions.

Additionally, the proclamation orders the Division of Natural Resources, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Homeland Security, and the State Police to cooperate in the enforcement of this ban.

DHHR Announces Energy Assistance for Low Income

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted beginning Monday, April 24, 2023, and ending at the close of business on Friday, April 28, 2023, or until funds are exhausted.

The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size, and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines, which include an applicant’s annual income being at or below 60 percent of the State Median Income. In situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for LIEAP Fiscal Year 2023 are listed below:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income Limit
1	\$2,049
2	\$2,680
3	\$3,310
4	\$3,941
5	\$4,571
6	\$5,201
7	\$5,829
8	\$6,419
9	\$7,009
10	\$7,599

For each additional person, add \$590. Households whose countable income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded from LIEAP.

Applications may be obtained at local DHHR offices, community action agencies, or senior centers operated by an Area Agency on Aging. Applications are also available online at www.wvpath.wv.gov.

All applications must be received by DHHR or postmarked by April 28, 2023. Completed applications should be delivered or mailed to the DHHR office located in the applicant’s county of residence.

A list of local offices may be found at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Pages/MapList.aspx> or by calling 304-356-4619. Mailing the application to any other office or a utility company may delay the receipt by DHHR and prohibit the processing of the application.

Calhoun County DHHR can be contacted for more information at 304-354-6118.

Capito Introduces Bill to Help Find Missing Foster Kids

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) joined a bipartisan group of colleagues to introduce the Find and Protect Foster Youth Act – legislation led by U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas). This bill would create a feedback loop between states and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Administration of Children and Families (ACF) to provide better care and information-sharing for missing and runaway foster youth.

“In West Virginia, our children are our future, and we must make certain that our youth in foster care are safe and protected,” Senator Capito said. “This legislation will strengthen the coordination of information sharing between the state and federal level, and improve our ability to quickly locate missing and runaway foster youth. We must do all we can to protect our most vulnerable children and keep them safe, and this legislation is a step in the right direction in achieving that goal.”

In addition to Senators Capito and Cornyn, the Find and Protect Foster Youth Act is co-sponsored by Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa).

BACKGROUND: States are currently required by law to implement plans to prevent, mitigate, and find cases of missing foster youth, but tens of thousands of foster children have gone missing in the last two decades.

Increasing communication between states and the ACF would allow them to use real-life experiences to inform the assistance they provide to child protective service agencies.

The legislation would require ACF to report to Congress on progress being made to find missing foster youth and prevent runaways.

In addition, it would establish screenings for children who return to foster care after running away or otherwise being absent to determine if the children were victims of sex trafficking during their absence.

This legislation is endorsed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

News from West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice

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Gov. Justice: West Virginia exports increase by over 20% in 2022, WV delivers second-largest amount of coal in United States

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that West Virginia’s export market grew for the third consecutive year in 2022 to a value of \$7.6 billion, according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s recent trade statistics. This marks a 20% increase over 2021, with an additional \$1.4 billion in exports.

“Our continued growth in exports showcases the incredible strength of West Virginia’s economy,” Gov. Justice said. “West Virginia businesses delivered quality products and services to 140 countries around the world last year which is proof that we are not only competitive in global markets, but GROWING year after year. Way to go West Virginia!”

Coal was the most significant export, totaling \$3.8 billion. The Netherlands, India, and Brazil were among the countries that received coal from West Virginia, making it the United States’ second-largest coal exporter. Despite this, more than half of West Virginia’s exports were products other than coal.

Plastic exports were the second most significant export product, with a value of \$1.1 billion, sent to destinations such as China, Belgium, and Japan.

The top five export sectors were machinery and automotive products (\$916 million), chemicals (\$657 million), and metals (\$261 million). West Virginia also exported hardwood lumber, agricultural goods, and manufactured items to the aerospace and defense sectors.

“Exports are an integral part of West Virginia’s economy and the Department of Economic Development is encouraged by the continued success of our State’s exporters,” Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael said. “We are excited to continue our promotion of the State’s products and services to all corners of the world and also to promote West Virginia as a strategic location for global businesses looking to grow and expand their access to new markets.”

Canada was the largest market for West Virginia exports, with \$1.5 billion in products sold, followed by the Netherlands, India, Brazil, and China. According to the International Trade Administration, small businesses that export typically grow their sales faster, create more jobs and offer higher wages than non-exporting businesses.

The Export Promotion Program is available to West Virginia small businesses interested in exporting or expanding their international presence. Interested businesses can contact the Department of Economic Development to learn more about the services and support available to them.

“Every successful person in the world is a hustler one way or another. We all hustle to get where we need to be. Only a fool would sit around and wait on another man to feed him.” —K’wan

West Fork Senior Center Decorate Easter Hats

Submitted by: Marty Park

Fun times were had by all as everyone decorated a crazy Easter hat at the West Fork Senior Center. The West Fork Center is currently holding their activities at the Upper West Fork Park. They are hoping to be back at their original site after June 1st. Current hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. They play card games, bingo, line dancing and more. Come out and join everyone for friendship and lots of fun times.



L to R: Alice Cottrell, Diane Bernier, Betty Ellison, Colleen McKown, Karen Badgett, Pat Murphy, and Roger Bailey.



Colleen McKown



Karen Badgett



Pat Murphy

Calhoun Homes Celebrates Easter!

Submitted by Robin Hughes

On Friday, April 7th, Calhoun Homes organized and held an Easter Egg Hunt for the children who reside at Calhoun Homes.

The event started out with the kids coloring Easter eggs which were hidden for the Easter Egg Hunt, with 460 eggs being hidden.

Prizes were given to the most eggs found and some eggs had numbers in them making them eligible for other prizes.

Calhoun Homes provided the hotdogs, pop and chips, while some residents provided other foods and snacks. We want to say thank you to The Sandwich Shoppe in Arnoldsburg who provided a free ice cream to each child and gave \$25 for supplies needed. It was a fun day for all who participated.



Calhoun Homes News and Activities

Submitted by Robin Hughes

Thanks to Ronnie and Josh who live at Calhoun Homes for providing their time to make this happen today.

Next to be added there are ceramic flower pots with brightly colored flowers. Future Activities include a movie night and cookouts.

A grant in the amount of \$250,000 has been submitted for new siding, windows, shutters, and storm doors for the homes.

Calhoun Homes is currently working on estimates for new commercial washers and dryers in order to submit a grant for those items needed.



Front Row: Calhoun Homes Board Members, Robin Hughes, Linda Staton, and Lisa Cooper. Back Row: Felicia Cronin and Carol Sloane.



**CALHOUN COUNTY
PERFORMING ARTS
SHOWCASE**

April 21, at 6pm,
April 22, at 3pm,
In the CMHS
Auditorium

2023

NIGHT SKY EVENT
CALHOUN COUNTY PARK

Come Celebrate International Astronomy Day

SATURDAY, April 29, 2023, at the
Calhoun County Park Barn
Presentations 6:30-8:30
Viewing 8:30-10:00

Calhoun County Park is a place where stargazers from all over come to view the stars. Come to learn why they come. If you want to learn more about the stars this is the perfect place for you. Want to learn about light pollution's impact on our night sky? This is the event for you. So waste no time. Come out for an evening of fun and learning.



“What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.” —Ralph Waldo Emerson

MAY 25th Community **HEALTH FAIR**

7am-10am
Location: CCCOA
103 Market Street
Grantsville, WV 26147
In the DINING HALL!

This is a community event, designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, prevent and manage disease and connect you to resources.

Minnie Hamilton Health System will be providing blood work at a very low cost. Vendors will be giving out information on Cholesterol, Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Weight and BMI, Hearing and Vision, Behavioral Health, Dental and much more.

The Community Health Fair is Sponsored by:
Calhoun County Committee on Aging
In collaboration with the following:
Minnie Hamilton Health System
The WV Bureau of Senior Services (BOSS)

What is this blood work?

COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL (CMP)
Evaluates organ function and checks for conditions such as diabetes, liver disease and kidney disease.
Checks blood sugar (glucose) levels. Proteins, albumin and total protein.
Electrolytes, sodium potassium, CO2 and chloride.
Kidney, BUN and creatinine
Liver, ALP, ALT, AST, and Bilirubin
CBC– Complete blood count. This test is used to determine general health status and screens for a variety of disorders, such as anemia and infection.
Lipid Panel– Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides.
Lipid profile is a group of tests used to determine risk of coronary heart disease.
HDL– good cholesterol LDL– bad cholesterol
Triglycerides– are the most common type of fat in your body.
TSH– Thyroid
To screen for and help diagnose thyroid disorders; to monitor the treatment of...
Hypothyroidism– under active thyroid
Hyperthyroidism– overactive thyroid
A1c– Measures the amount of glucose chemically attached to your red blood cells. It tells your average glucose for the last 6 to 8 weeks. Test should be used when first diagnosed with diabetes and then 2 to 4 times per year.
PSA– Screens men for prostate cancer, can be used to determine the necessity for a biopsy of the prostate, to monitor the effectiveness of treatment for prostate cancer and detect recurrence of the cancer.

The lab work results will be mailed to the address you provide. Test results are fairly easy to read. However, we strongly suggest you consult with your physician and show them your results for a better understanding.

MHHS Lab Work Prices:

Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	\$10.00
CBC (Complete Blood Count)	\$7.00
Lipid Panel	\$12.00
TSH (Thyroid Testing)	\$15.00
Hgb-A1c	\$10.00
Complete Lab Testing for Women	\$54.00
PSA (Prostate)	\$15.00
Complete Lab Testing for Men	\$69.00

Make Checks Payable to MHHS