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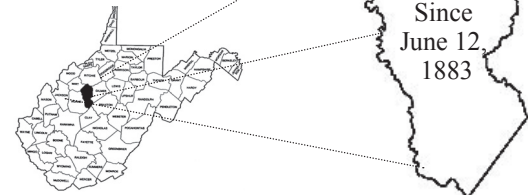
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Calhoun County Awarded Federal Funds Under The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board

Submitted by Janet Gherke

Calhoun County has been chosen to receive \$2,800 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the American Red cross; Catholic Charities; National Council of Churches of Christ; The Jewish Federations; The Salvation Army; United Way Worldwide. The local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriately by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of local service agencies in the area will determine how the funds awarded to Calhoun County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelters. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds

available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Calhoun County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Community Resources, Inc. participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Community Resources, Inc., PO Box 309 Grantsville, WV 26147, or call 304-354-9265 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is May 8, 2023.

Calhoun County Library Hosts Cupcake Class

Submitted by Caitlin Weaver

Calhoun County Public Library hosted a Cupcake Class Tuesday, April 18th. Library staff instructed and assisted participants to create cupcakes that looked like Cheeseburgers and Fries.

“We appreciate those that came out for our cupcake class. We had a great time, and everyone’s creations looked wonderful!”



Pictured L to R: Shannon Davis, Agnes Allen, Josie Whipkey, Martha Harris



Pictured L to R: Some examples of the cupcakes made during the evening.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

LKVCS Gospel Sing Fundraiser, 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Glenville State University Concert Band Annual Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

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.

Monday, May 1: Mt. Zion Community Park Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4: CCCOA Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fitness Center, 105 Market St. Grantsville.

Friday, May 5: CCCOA Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fitness Center, 105 Market St. Grantsville.

Saturday, May 6: Town Wide Yard Sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Calhoun Homes is participating in the Town Wide Yard Sale.

The Liberty Hill Cemetery Board has planned a work day.

Bake-Off Gauley Bridge Town Hall at 10 a.m.

Monday, May 8: Calhoun B.O.E Meeting at CMHS at 5:30 p.m.

Calling All Calhoun County Kids!!!

Mother’s Day is around the corner. Would you like to send wishes to your mom? Let me help you with that., just send your wishes to the Chronicle and your mom or grandma can read all about how much you love her. If you have a favorite picture with your mom/grandma, we can publish that too. You can mail your wishes to the Calhoun Chronicle PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email contact@calhounchronicle.com.

Calhoun County Middle School Universal Explorers Attend Award ceremony



The Calhoun Middle School Empowerment Pathway, Universal Explorers, attended the Kanawha Valley Regional Award Ceremony and Dinner last night at West Virginia State University. Seventh Grade Student, Anessia Kerby, led the team onstage, and took her place at the podium, in front of a packed banquet hall, with over 150 manufacturing leaders, community leaders, edu-

cators and students to introduce her team, their video, and to thank the representatives from Armacell in attendance—not bad for a 13-year old.

While the team did not win an award, they would like to thank everyone who voted for their video in the Explore Student Video Contest. Although they came up empty last night, they continue to receive recognition and accolades for their work. In fact, last week

they received a letter from the Vice President of the United States acknowledging them for their work during the first semester with the United States Space Force Guardians.

Members of the team, in addition to Anessia, includes Ezra Anderson, Hanlea Campbell, Riley Hupp, Bailey Metz, Trinity Probasco, Iyree Reynolds, Brantley Smith, Alex Starcher, and Avery Wood.

Republican Executive Committee Holds Emergency Meeting after Sheriff Resignation

by Melissa West

On Friday, April 21, 2023 Calhoun County Sheriff J. Warren Basnett turned in his resignation effective April 30th as the County Prosecutor was moving forward to remove him from office and potential criminal charges to be filed. His resignation has now left the county without a Sheriff as of May 1st. An appointment must be made within 30 days. If the County Commission cannot come to an agreement of an individual within the 30 days, it is the responsibility of the Republican Executive Committee to present three candidates for consideration. At this time, the longest residing Commissioner, Kevin Helmick, can strike one of the candidates.

According to WV Code, there is a process to replace the Sheriff in this type of situation.

§3-10-8. Vacancies in offices of prosecuting attorney, sheriff, assessor and surveyor.

(a) Any vacancy occurring in the office of prosecuting attorney, sheriff, assessor or county surveyor shall be filled by the county commission within thirty days of the vacancy by appointment of a person of the same political party as the officeholder vacating the office. The appointed person shall hold the office for the period stated by section one of this article.

(b) Notwithstanding

any code provision to the contrary, a county commission may appoint a temporary successor to the office of prosecuting attorney, sheriff, assessor or county surveyor until the requirements of this section have been met. The temporary successor may serve no more than thirty days from the date of the vacancy.

(c) If an election is necessary under section one of this article, the county commission, or the president thereof in vacation, shall be responsible for the proper proclamation, by order, and notice required by section one of this article.

(d) Section one of this article shall be followed with respect to any election needed to fill a vacancy, except that if the vacancy occurs after the primary cutoff date but not later than the general cutoff date, candidates to fill the vacancy shall be nominated by the county executive committee in the manner provided in section nineteen, article five of this chapter, as in the case of filling vacancies in nominations, and the names of the persons, so nominated and certified to the clerk of the county commission, shall be placed upon the ballot to be voted at the next general election.

During the Emergency Republican Executive Committee, Graham Knight pres-

ented himself as a potential candidate. He gave a very impressive recommendation letter from a distinguished W.Va. State Trooper detailing his character and work ethic and how he would be a great asset to this community. Knight described his priorities and reasoning why he is interested in being the new Sheriff. He wants to bring integrity, trust, honesty and the assurance that the tax service and court security will be managed appropriately. He is hoping to get an appropriate budget and deputies for our county.

Knight was the first candidate to present himself to the Committee, by the end of the evening another candidate, Nathan Allison asked to be considered as well. He plans to give letters of recommendations to the Committee soon.

Chairman Roger Propst presented a letter to the committee that is to be submitted to the County Commission with items of consideration during the process of appointing a new sheriff. By law, the County Commission cannot appoint a new sheriff during their Meeting on April 26th, since they have only listed “Resolution to Petition Circuit Court to Remove Sheriff and Executive Session” which was confirmed by Craig Arthur, County Commissioner, who had been advised by W.Va. Secretary of State.

OBITUARIES

DR. DAVID "WOODY" WILSON

Dr. David "Woody" Wilson, 70, of Parkersburg, died on April 18th, 2023.

He was born in Grantsville to the late Orval Wilson and Rosalea Bell Wilson.

After graduating from Calhoun County High School in 1970 and Glenville State University in 1974 he worked behind the bar at the old Sebastian's and Point Of View restaurants before moving to Orlando, Florida for several years.

In the second act of his life, Woody returned to W.Va. and his first love, teaching. He earned a Master's degree from Marshall University and a Doctorate in English from West Virginia University. He was a tenured professor in the English department at West Virginia State University for many years before retiring, quickly un-retiring, and finally finishing his career at WVU Parkersburg.

Woody was passionate about music, theater, Appalachian literature, tennis, doing crossword puzzles with his morning coffee, and being a pet dad/foster dad to numerous cats and dogs over the years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Bill Wilson and his sisters Lois Cunningham, Nina Geer, and Eileen Ullum.

He is survived by his brothers Carroll Wilson (Sherry), Donnie Wilson, and Michael Wilson (Gail), his sisters Patty Cunningham, Norma Jones, Martha Haddox (Victor), and Pamela Rowley (Jerry), countless nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and his best girl, Madeline.

Woody will be cremated in accordance with his wishes. He will continue to be celebrated today, and every day, by those who knew and loved him. Those wishing to honor his memory may do so by donating to West Virginia Public Broadcasting.



beloved husband, John B. Sanger, Jr., her devoted daughters Regan Wales and Kelly Jackson and her dear brother, Reverend Arnold J. Husk.

Much like those who came before her, Karen endured life's difficulties with quiet resolve and grace, never raising her voice except in the defense of others. Karen was big-hearted, kind and quick-witted with an easy laugh and a beautiful smile. Her sparkling brown eyes were filled with nothing but love for her family and friends, to whom she gave the very best parts of herself. She will be forever missed.

A graveside service will be conducted by Stump Funeral Home and Cremation, Inc., at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery, April 29, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers or gifts we ask that donations be made to Donate Life America, a charity that helps patients receive life saving organ transplants as Karen herself did in July of 2014. You can send donations to Donate Life America, 5516 Falmouth Street, Suite 302, Richmond, VA 23230 or their website at <https://donatelife.net/how-you-can-help/contribute/give-to-dla>.

DAVID EMERSON WOODY

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and teacher David Woody died in his sleep 4/21/2023.

He leaves behind his wife Cynthia, his brother Gary Woody (wife Tracey), his children Cheryl (Woody) Morris (and husband Heath) and Richard Woody (wife Sara), grandchildren Drake and Reed Morris, mother-in-law Leah Reinhardt, and cat Shadow.

He was preceded in death by his parents Shirley Emerson and Eula Marie (Brinker) Woody, and father-in-law Richard Reinhardt.

Though David had recently retired to Morgantown, he spent most of his life and career in the Vienna and Parkersburg area.

David graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1972 and attended West Virginia University where he met his wife Cindy in the Pride of West Virginia, the Mountaineer Marching Band.

He began his career as a teacher in 1984 at Parkersburg Catholic High School. Over his 29 years at PC, he served as a social studies teacher, basketball coach, softball coach, website manager, model UN advisor, and many additional roles.

In 2013, he returned to Parkersburg High School to teach social studies, psychology, and Pink Floyd classes.

Many students recall writing journals and engaging in passionate conversations during his classes.

He played saxophone in the faculty band, Dad Shoes. Coach could often be seen (and definitely heard) at his students' sports events. He retired in 2022 to take his cheering to WVU events.

David was a man of many interests. He was an avid reader, a prolific genealogist, a wildlife enthusiast, a developing woodworker, and a reflective writer.

He was a member of the WVU Alumni Band, taking pride in his high knees for the 220. He had recently connected with the North Union VFW Post 8543 Band and Jazz band, giving him more opportunities to make music.

David enjoyed traveling and was fond of trips to Ocean Isle Beach in North Carolina. He took a group of students to Russia as part of an exchange program. He was able to travel with the Alumni Band to Greece and Italy.

Coach Woody will be remembered as he lived, so often in the Parkersburg Catholic gym. Friends met on Tuesday, April 25th, for a memorial service led by Father David Huffman, Father John Rice, and Reverend Monsignor Jeremiah Francis McSweeney. Everyone was asked to wear something most like him, a shirt that is tie dyed, represents PHS, PCHS, or WVU.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in his memory to the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Research endowment or the WVU Marching Band Pride Practice Facility Fund. He would wish you all peace and love, always.

PAUL "IKE" SHAFFER

Paul "Ike" Shaffer, 82, of Mt. Zion, died April 23, 2023 at the Charleston Area Medical Center.

He was born at Mt. Zion. The son of the late Fred and Bernice Wilmoth Shaffer.

He had worked in the Oil and Gas Industry for many years and had retired from the Adco Well Service.

Ike was very hard working and took great pride in keeping his vehicles and property immaculate and also loved gardening. He attended the Victory Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carolyn Plant Shaffer of Mt. Zion. His children, Lisa Moore (Byron) of Scott Depot, and Jason Shaffer (Bobbie) also of Scott Depot.

His grandchildren, Abigail Roach (Andrew), Emily Moore and Carter Shaffer. One brother, Don Shaffer (Mary) of Cleveland, OH.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathryn Wilson and his brothers, Harlan, Joe, Tom and Jim Shaffer.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2:30 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Calhoun County with Reverend Steven Carter officiating.



Around Calhoun

by Bill Bailey

It was cloudy with rain over last Friday night and Saturday morning so I missed out on the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower but it is still ongoing. In fact, there will be increased meteor activity for the next ten days or so.

Since we are on the subject of looking at the sky, the sun seems to be going into what is called "solar maximum" for activity about one year early, for some reason.

The sun has an 11 year cycle whereby it goes from having many sunspots to none, and lots of solar flares and other surface explosions that send coronal mass ejections (CME) out from the sun's surface causing, among other things, auroras that can be visible from areas much farther south than usual.

Just this past weekend an aurora was visible as far south as Texas. I'm sure they may have been visible from here but I didn't see any when I looked for them Sunday night.

The worst recorded CME event was a geomagnetic storm in 1859, also called the Carrington storm, it was the largest geomagnetic storm ever recorded. The storm, which occurred on Sept. 2, 1859, produced intense auroral displays as far south as the tropics. It also caused fires as the enhanced electric current flowing through telegraph wires ignited recording tape at telegraph stations.

A similar solar storm today could cause much greater damage and destroy our satellites and cause our computers to have extreme problems, if not fry them from the start.

I spotted fireflies over the weekend but not in huge numbers. I had to look at our far yard for about five minutes before I could even see them, and then they were flying up into the trees instead of doing the slow hover over the yard.

Calhoun County is now looking for a new sheriff as Warren Basnett has resigned the position

last Friday. I suppose that the State Police are our police force until the sheriff is replaced and perhaps some deputies are hired onto the force.

I have heard many conspiracy theories being spread throughout the county, but it really is simply a case of bad judgment and a complete lack of forethought on the part of the sheriff. This seems to happen much more frequently nowadays than it did in the past in all branches of government, but perhaps that is just a sign of the times. Hopefully not a sign of the end-times.

The holler, and the rest of the state, is really greening-up and it is a feast for the eyes that we only get to enjoy right now. I suggest that you should pack up the family and go out on a back road adventure this weekend.

Pack a picnic lunch and make sure that your camera has plenty of room for all of the memorable pictures you will be shooting. There are wildflowers blooming along the sides of the roads, and if there is rain there will be waterfalls too. It's time to make beautiful memories that you will be able to share with your kids and grandkids forever.

The last of the ash trees down in the holler that were all killed by the emerald ash borers some years back has fallen without doing any damage. It fell within ten feet of a tree house that we had built 25 years ago but did not do it any harm.

Earlier this year one of the large dead ash trees across the road and the creek from our house fell and hit the deck, breaking a plastic Adirondack chair but otherwise causing no further damage. I guess it is Mother Nature's way of providing us with free firewood. All that has to be done now is to cut it up and stack it.

Thanks Mom, we'll use it.

Update on Newton Nichols

Newton made it back to Grantsville last weekend to pick up some things, but then returned to Parkersburg to continue his treatments.

He is undergoing dialysis three times a week, along with other treatments to improve his health.

At this time he does not know when he may be able to return to Grantsville permanently but he knows that he is on the minds, and prayer lists, of many of us, here in Calhoun County and around the country and he wishes to thank everyone for their support.

Cards and letters can be sent to: Newton Nichols, 614 Reed St., Parkersburg, WV 26101

KAREN JEAN SANGER

Karen Jean Sanger, 78, died April 17, 2023 in Dallas, TX.

She was a daughter of the late Leno (Buck) S. Husk and Nida Bell Husk of Grantsville.

She is survived by her



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

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This Week In History

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

1923

The three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oral C. Hathaway barely escaped some bad injuries when a car ran over the hill on South Side striking a house and was badly wrecked. The house was greatly damaged.

Mr. Hathaway had driven home to dinner Monday leaving his car sitting in the street, and the little girl who was playing in the car must have stepped on the starter. She stayed in the car and was not hurt.

A telegram was received by relatives of Lum Kight Friday stating his condition was very serious. Mr. Kight is in a hospital at Washington, D.C., suffering from tuberculosis.

The Post Office Department has authorized daily mail service for first class mail and daily papers only between Grantsville and Parkersburg leaving here at 7 a.m. and arriving at Parkersburg by 11 a.m. Returning mail will leave Parkersburg at 2 p.m. and arrive at Grantsville by 6 p.m.

Delivery on outgoing mail at destination is now advanced from 12 to 24 hours and incoming mail arriving at Parkersburg after mail has been dispatched in the morning to L. K. train will arrive about 20 hours earlier. Service from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other eastern points is advanced from 12 to 24 hours by this service in many instances. Service was begun Tuesday morning.

At a meeting of the Citizens Telephone Company held last Saturday it was decided to incorporate the stock and raise the dues to \$2 for each quarter for private homes and \$3 for public buildings.

An attempt was made to purchase a room from the Peoples Bank to locate the central office and after failing to do so the room belonging to the furniture store was re-rented for another quarter.

1948

JUSTIFIED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE – The electric utility industry is now engaged in the greatest expansion program in its history—a program which is designed to increase its generating capacity by the tremendous margin of 35 percent in the next four years.

Much of the money needed will have to be raised by the issuance of securities and, when the program was first announced some were skeptical as to investor willingness to buy.

However, a number of utility issues have been offered, and they have been quickly over-subscribed—even at times when other types of issues were difficult to move. The feeling of skepticism has changed to one of virtual certainty that the American people are eager to place part of their savings in the business-managed power companies.

The reasons for this display of public confidence aren't hard to find. First of all, the industry sells a service which is vital to the homes, farms and industries of America. Second, it has reached a remarkably high degree of managerial efficiency, and its securities are regarded as a conservative investment which will normally provide a reasonable return. Third, the record of the industry in aggressively dealing with extremely difficult problems, and in preventing serious power shortages in the face of all sorts of doleful predictions, has earned the respect and admiration of the American people.

Only one thing can stand in the way of utility progress in this country—progress that will, among other things, make central station service available to almost all American farms in the relatively near future—and that is political persecution whose objective is the destruction of free enterprise.

1973

MANY EVENTS PLANNED FOR MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY – Friday, April 27, is Mountain Heritage Day in Calhoun County, with a day full of special events starting with an assembly at 10 a.m. at Calhoun high school.

Featured at the assembly will be Karen McKay and Rhonda Wallace, folk singers; Duffy Horan, firearms expert; Jim Meads and Peter Welcher, dulcimers; Albert Kimmel, bagpiper, and the Jackson County dancers.

Starting at 12:30, there will be square dancing in the street outside the Vo-Ag clubroom. Inside and in the gym will be all kinds of displays and exhibits, and music on the stage. There will be a shooting match on the practice field.

The afternoon assembly program, starting at 2:30, will feature Richard Hardway, Cathy Jones, Ruth Fitz, Noah Cottrell and Phoebe Parsons.

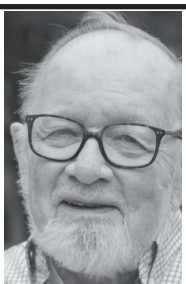
A typical mountain supper will be served from 4:30 to 6:30, and those attending can also see displays and exhibits in the gym. The day's program will end with a mountain religious program.

Arts and crafts will be done by: Charles Scott, pottery; Mike Bailey and Mary Helen Cutlip, spinning; Jenny McTeer, weaving and vegetable dying; Beth Fetty, candles; Elva Duskey, weaving.

Ruth Holbert, Effie Mills and Betty Krugman, quilting; Nellie Reed, butter; Lillian Umstead, corn husk dolls; Ernest Kelly, folkways; May Beal, pouring candles; Oleta Lamp, miscellaneous crafts; Roy Geho, wood working; Martha Vannoy and Verna Sprouse, soap making.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Last week's question was on spiders, and went on a little longer than usual. So, here is "Part II."

In the summer, we are aware of spiders and their webs. Quite common is the black and yellow garden spider. The large, mature females begin weaving their wheel-shaped webs with zig-zag lines at the center in the late summer. The relatively smaller male spiders approach cautiously, lest they become the dinner course.

They mate and make a hasty retreat. The females get larger and larger, and before long they weave a network of fibers in which they deposit hundreds of eggs. The eggs are covered with layers of silk strands that form a light brown pouch that looks like a tiny paper bag.

Late summer or fall is the time the orb-weavers make their beautiful webs among trees, bushes or grass stems. Most come out at night and position themselves at the center of the web, and eat insects that become trapped in the sticky threads. Orb-weavers stay in the center of the webs because this is where the spoke threads come together. Hence, when an insect touches a thread on one side of the web, the spider goes in that direction to catch it. If two insects strike at once, the spider will rush to paralyze one, and then return to the center of the web to locate and take care of the other one.

Then, there are a large group of spiders that live on the ground and hunt their food rather than trapping it. The most familiar to us are wolf spiders. Pretty mean looking, they are only harmful to the insects they hunt. And, they are well-equipped for the job, having eight eyes that allow them to see in four directions. Little escapes their notice.

Spiders are insect eaters and are a key element in the control of insect populations. Only two types of spiders in this area are dangerous to humans: the black widow and the brown recluse.

But, if spiders are so beneficial and only two are harmful, why do we fear them and destroy their webs? Perhaps it is because their tapestry is more beautiful than ours. And finally, before someone asks, I will tell you why spider webs are called cob webs. Cob is the old English name for spider.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. It goes quicker when you get towards the end." -Anonymus

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.

For Curiosity Corner background, go to www.curiosity-corner.net.

Voting Positions Open on Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee.

Submitted by Roger Propst

There are two Republican voting seats in each of the five magisterial districts. A committeeman and a committeewoman for each district's representation. Currently Roger Propst, Chairman and Amanda White, Treasurer have the Center District filled.

Shari Johnson, Secretary, fills the committeewoman position for Lee District, but the male position is currently open

There are both male and female positions open for the districts of Sherman, Sheridan, and Washington.

If you are a Republican with a desire to serve Calhoun County in accordance with belief in the local, State and National platforms, please consider applying

for one of the positions in your district.

If you would rather not serve as an officer, your attendance and input to the Republican Party would be much appreciated.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Little Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Please attend these meetings so that your voice can be heard in our community.

For more information about the local efforts and upcoming events you can contact:

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Treasurer@calhounrepublicans.org, Amanda White, Treasurer



This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened from April 27 to May 3, in W. Va.'s history. To read about West Virginia's people, history, places, science, arts and culture, visit www.wvencyclopedia.org.

April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending them plunging to the ground.



April 28, 1884: Musician Henry Reed was born in Peterstown, Monroe County. Reed was a legendary West Virginia fiddler whose repertory contributed to the old-time music revival in the last half of the 20th century.



April 28, 1914: An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam. Nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.



April 28, 1920: The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.

April 28, 1924: An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.



April 28, 1948: Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey L. Patteson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. Watt Powell Park was replaced by what is now known as GoMart Ballpark after the 2004 season, and the old park was demolished in 2005.

April 29, 1863: Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards and volunteers. The

Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.

April 30, 1871: Coach Fielding "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including a 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

April 30, 1927: An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, the subsequent fire, and gas in the mine killed 97 men.



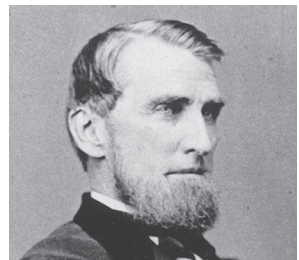
May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).



May 1, 1930: Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act "as a curse upon the nation" that violated her right to have a beer instead of water.



May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.



May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.



May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson

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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Well, this week we say goodbye to April, and I must say she has given us quite a ride. We have had hot, humid days that felt like summer, strong storms with wind, sleet, and hail, and cold, frosty mornings that felt like winter. I know the saying goes, "April comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." I think this April decided to be an overachiever and bring the whole zoo. Thank heavens I can access both my summer and winter clothes because I have pulled from both closets just this week alone.

Even in the midst of all this unpredictable weather, I have enjoyed watching spring arrive and the earth come to life again. Now that it is daylight again when I drive to work, I spend that time admiring God's handiwork.

Every season is beautiful, but I love all the colors of spring. Isn't it amazing how many shades of green there are? I know I say the same thing every year, but that doesn't make it any less true.

The tree in my front yard will be in full leaf soon, and my hydrangea bush is already there. My grass has been cut twice, and my rhododendron bush is beginning to bud. I imagine it will be in full bloom by this weekend if the cool temperatures don't affect it. If so, it will be right on time because it usually bursts into bloom the weekend of prom, and the dance is this Saturday. I missed it last year because of Covid, but I will be there this year.

Prom is the beginning of the official countdown to the end of the year. From this event, we move on to the plethora of senior events that occur in May. I am a senior advisor this year, so I will be involved in all of these.

In addition, we have the honor society inductions where we induct new members to all three honor societies. To say May is a busy, stressful month is the understatement of the year. When Memorial Day Weekend rolls around, I finally feel like I can take a deep breath and relax.

Thankfully this past week was a relatively quiet one both at home and school. This made it possible for Maricia and I to walk a number of times. The longer days and nice weather helped too. We have mapped out a route at the park that is two miles, which is our goal right now. Eventually, we plan to up it to three, but baby steps.

While any exercise is good, there is something about walking in the woods that makes the experience more enjoyable. Rascal likes it too. We took him on our Wednesday walk; he kept up but slept like a log when he got home. Two miles is quite a trek for his chubby body and little legs.

I have been trying to eat well so that my exercise is not in vain. I make a big salad on Sunday and then pack a part of it each night. I am drinking more water, cutting back on the creamer in my coffee, and limiting my carbs and sweets. I still treat myself from time to time, but this is a stressful time when I tend to stress eat, and I am determined to make smart choices to avoid this bad habit.

I did take one day off from exercising to attend the Spring Performance at school. The cast invited the faculty to a show on Thursday evening after school. I was originally supposed to appear in a skit, but it was cut for time reasons. This gave me the chance to just sit back and enjoy the show, and boy did I! The theatre, choir, and band programs continue to thrive, and I am so impressed with the growth I have seen in the last few years. The skits were funny, and the solo performances great. I loved the variety of musical genres played and was so impressed with the talent of our students. My favorite part was the finale when the band surrounded the audience as they joined the percussion ensemble for the last song. It was fantastic!

We are down to five weeks of school. This week we have an early release on Thursday for professional development and prom on Saturday. Then we flip the calendar to May, and the schedule becomes packed. My plan is to take it one day at a time and remember to breathe.

One the home front, I plan to keep exercising, but I will take a break on Thursday to take part in another trivia night at the library. I also plan to treat myself to dinner at Grinders one evening since their new summer hours make that possible, which makes me so happy. Goodbye April; four more Sunday school nights to go!

Calhoun FRN/FSC Summer Feeding Program Needs List

Submitted by Tina Persinger

The Summer Feeding program is for families that have a child/children who are 18 years of age or younger. This program is free to the families who participate. The program has been given up to \$5,000 match for the Summer Feeding.

The FRN/FSC would appreciate donations to help reach their financial goal, all food or cash donations will count towards the match.

The following is a list of items needed: Mac n' Cheese, Chicken Nuggets, Spaghetti,

Spaghetti Sauce, Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Hot Dog and Hamburger buns, Chips, Corn Dogs, Fries, Frozen Pizzas, Ramen Noodles, Peanut butter, Jelly, Bread, Chicken Tenders, waffle Fries, Ketchup, Mustard, Curly Fries, Sloppy Joes Mix, Tater Tots, Pizza Rolls, Pancake Mix, Milk and Cash.

Contact Tina Persinger at 304-354-7177. They have received matching funds in the amount of \$213. They are in need of \$4,787 in

donations (either cash or items from the need list) funds.

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)

Major 11 WVa Vols
Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols
Chapins Farm Va.
March 10, 1865

Dear Father and Mother:

Allow me to pen you another note this evening.

I wrote to day and stated I would send you a letter by the Lieut Colonel, but I suppose you will get this sooner by mail, than otherwise, so I will just send by mail.

Now I have a splendid seven shooter, Spencer carbine, which I have got of Maffit, and wish to send through to you, there is a couple of our boys coming home on furlough, and I will send it by them. They will leave it at Kights at Ellenboro, provided they can get it through which I think they can. I want you to get it the very best kind. I will send the cartridge box and shoulder belt with about 4 rounds ammunition. I could send more, but its too heavy for the boys to carry.

I know you will prize it highly if you get it. You can just fill the breech full of balls and pump them out. Adolphus will know how to work it.

The Colonel will start home in the morning.

General Harris I expect will quit the service in a few days, and a good portion of the tenth Va are to be mustered out shortly.

Nothing new to day. I will write soon again. Will write a letter and send by Lehaven Long of Co D to Kight about the gun.

I would like to see you all very well, but don't know when

I can. I am thinking if active operations don't commence until after the Colonel gets back, I will try and get a leave for 20 days and come home, but I am afraid it will be so late by the time he gets back that there will be no chance, and of course if I can not get off I will have to content my self.

Nothing more to night, love to you all.

Your affectionate Son
Michael

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols
Chapins Farm, Va.
March 10, 1865
General [Harris]:

Allow us to present you a fragment of the old battle flag of the 11th. Regiment which has been borne with distinguished honor upon many a well fought field.

Keep them, General, in remembrance of the Regiment, which feels a pride in having been under your command; and with deep regret anticipates our departure, but are happy to know that you are permitted to go to your home once more to pursue the peaceful avocations of domestic life, amid the smiles and caresses of your affectionate family.

In leaving us, General, you have the assurance that you carry with you the well wishes of each soldier and officer of this Regiment, who would gladly have you remain as our commander if it were possible, but as such cannot be, we extend to you our most sincere regrets at parting and wish you all the happiness life can afford.

In behalf of the Regiment,

We are most respectfully,
your friends,
(signed) W.H.H.King,
Lt. Col. M.A.Ayers, Major
Brevt Brig. Genl. Harris

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols
Chapins Farm Va.
March 10, 1865

Dear Brother, Father & Mother:

I again write you a few lines which will inform you that I am yet alive and in good health, and hoping this may find you all enjoying the same good blessing.

I received yesterday your letter by Lt C. and was glad to hear from you again, and that you were all well. There is nothing new here, the weather is bad, have had very heavy rains, and it is cold and windy to day.

Lieut Col King will start home on a 25 days leave tomorrow. I will send you a letter by him, expect he will call to see you, and will bring my coat out. He will come back about the 1st of April, or will be in Parkersburg on his return about that time, and for fear he should not come out to your house, I wish Adolphus would take the coat and leave it at the U.S. Hotel, kept by Brandt.

He knows where it is, give him instructions who its for and who will bring it, best to put it up securely in good strong paper, mark it with my name & C. care of Lt Col Wm H King, take it down there about the time you think he will be back. Never mind about the over coat, I can do with out it.

I am getting along very well, will have command of the Regt until the Lt Colonel gets back. Think I can keep things about right.

I hope you are all getting along fine; we have not been paid yet, and I do not know when we will.

(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.)

Wed., April 26: Hamburger, whole wheat bun, lettuce/onions, potatoes, fruit.

Thurs., April 27: cabbage roll, tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, grape juice, whole wheat roll.

Fri., April 28: fish, whole wheat bun, ranch potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Mon., May 1: fish, onions and pickles, potatoes, fruit, whole wheat bun, mixed vegetables.

Tues., May 2: spaghetti with tomato meat sauce, vegetables, fruit, whole

wheat roll.
Wed., May 3: white beans and ham, whole wheat cornbread, kraut, fruit, onion.

Thurs., May 4: chicken patty, whole wheat bun, lettuce, ranch potatoes, fruit.

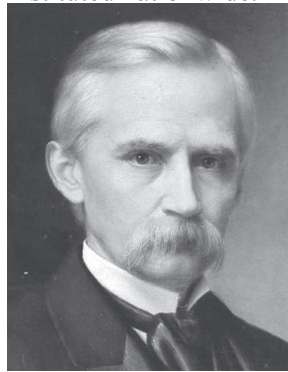
Fri., May 5: A1 steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, juice, onions.

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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was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.



May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.



May 3, 1948: The plane of test pilot Howard "Tick" Lilly, a Raleigh County native, crashed on takeoff in California. Lilly was the first of many government test pilots to die in the line of duty. Six weeks earlier, he had become only the fourth person to break the sound barrier.

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Calhoun County Library News

Submitted by Caitlin Weaver

The Calhoun Library has new items, please come and check it out!

ADULT FICTION: Dark Angel by: John Sandford, My Heart Will Find You by: Jude Deveraux, Simply Lies by: David Baldacci, The Orphan Collector by: Ellen Marie Wiseman, The Art of Racing in the Rain by: Garth Stein, Strange as this Weather Has Been by: Ann Pancake, Where are the Children Now? by: Mary Higgins Clark, The Only Survivors by: Megan Miranda, The Seaside Library by: Brenda Novak, and Birnam Wood by: Eleanor Catton.

ADULT NON-FICTION: Vietnam: A War Lost and Won by: Nigel Cawthorne, Jacksonland by: Steve Inskeep and The Appalachians.

INSPIRATIONAL: Windswept Way by: Irene Hannon.

LARGE PRINT: Simply Lies by: David Baldacci.

JUVENILE FICTION: Project Nought by: Chelsey Furedi, Henry, Like Always by: Jenn Bailey, and Not an Easy Win by: Chrystal D. Giles.

CHILDREN'S: Stillwater and Koo Save the World by: Jon J. Muth, Ramen for Everyone by: Patricia Tanumhardja, Dim Sum, Here We Come! by: Maple Lam, Evergreen by: Matthew Cordell, and Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great! by: Sandra Boynton.

MOVIES: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish, and M3GAN.

WEST VIRGINIA: Mountains of Music and Running on Red Dog Road by: Drema Hall Berkheimer.

Also, Remember we have Calhoun County Library Trivia Night, April 27th. All you need is a team of 5, or if possible we maybe able to add you to another team.

Come out for a fun evening at the Library!

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Calhoun County Now Has An Electric School Bus - The Beast



Calhoun County Schools taking delivery of a GreenPower BEAST all-electric purpose-built school bus. In the photo are Kelli Whytsell, Superintendent; Jenna Jett, Board of Education President; Michael Fitzwater, Assistant Superintendent and Green Power Motor Vice President, Mark Nestlen.

GreenPower Motor Company Inc. (NASDAQ: GP) (TSXV: GPV) ("GreenPower"), a leading manufacturer and distributor of purpose-built, all-electric, zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles serving the cargo and delivery market, shuttle and transit space and school bus sector, today announced the deployment of Round 5 of its all-electric school buses Pilot Project in Calhoun, Putnam and Roane County school districts in West Virginia.

"Over the course of the 2022-23 school year our BEAST and Nano BEAST have proven their capabilities in cold weather, snowy conditions and mountainous terrain in both rural and urban

counties across the state. In short, the GreenPower school buses have performed exactly as we expected them to," said GreenPower CEO and Chairman Fraser Atkinson. "The pilot project has allowed more children to experience a healthier transportation alternative without sacrificing reliability for the school districts involved. We are looking forward to providing Calhoun, Putnam, Roane and Upshur County school districts a safe, sustainable way for children going to and from school during this round."

This round of the pilot project comes one week after the state of West Virginia announced the purchase of 41 Type D BEASTs and Type A Nano BEASTs from GreenPower for school districts in the state. During a press conference last week, county school district representatives from schools that had participated in the pilot praised the GreenPower purpose-built, all-electric school buses for their safety, handling ability and range of performance in all conditions.

GreenPower will

continue to support school districts transitioning to electric buses through installing the proper charging infrastructure and the necessary training for the county's first responders, mechanics and school bus drivers.

This week, the three new counties participating in the pilot project will hold a press conference to discuss electrifying their school bus fleet, health and safety benefits for children and the community. This coincides with the first deployments of the three all-electric BEASTs in each county this week. Media are invited and encouraged to attend the press conference and first deployment activities.

"Calhoun County Schools is delighted to participate in the fifth round of the pilot program and to further our commitment toward sustainable energy and transportation following our solar panel installation," said Kelli Whytsell, Superintendent of Calhoun County Schools. "We look forward to offering our students transportation in the safest and cleanest way possible."

Posey Inducted into Alpha Alpha Alpha at Marietta College

MARIETTA, OHIO (04/20/2023)-- Lindsey Posey of Mount Zion, W.Va., was one of 23 students inducted into Marietta College's chapter of Alpha Alpha Alpha, a national honor society for first-generation students.

Posey is a graduate of Little Kanawha Valley Christian School and is majoring in Special Education/Elementary Dual Preparation at Marietta College.

Alpha Alpha Alpha, or Tri-Alpha, was founded on March 24, 2018, at Moravian College (now Moravian University) in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy back in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835. Today Marietta College serves a body of 1,200 full-time students. The College offers more than 50 majors and is consistently ranked as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review, as well as one of the nation's best by Forbes.com. Marietta was selected seventh in the nation according to the Brookings Institution's rankings of colleges by their highest value added, regardless of major.

Glennville State University Joins Forces to Plant Trees

Contact: Dustin Crutchfield, Glennville State University, Public Relations & Marketing, (304) 462-4115

GLENNVILLE, WV – On Wednesday, April 5, students, faculty, and staff in Glennville State University's Department of Land Resources participated in the planting of 500 trees on and around the Sycamore Run property known as the College Forest. The space is utilized by students studying Natural Resource Management at Glennville State.

The planting event was made possible by the West Virginia State University (WVSU) Research and Development Corporation and their partnership with Diversified Energy to help the gas and oil production company plant back trees that they removed for pipeline construction.

"Diversified Energy approached WVSU Research and Development Corporation last year seeking a partner to help them plant back trees they had removed to extend a pipeline in Wyoming County. They were originally looking to plant 5,000 trees and WVSU proposed

planting 10,000," said Elizabeth Moss, a Natural Resources Extension Educator with the West Virginia State University Extension Service Agriculture

and Natural Resources Division. "When it is all said and done, WVSU and partners will have planted 10,263 trees in the state of West Virginia. Over 7,000 of these trees are being planted by FFA chapters across the state, lending an educational component with this project and engaging students in forestry practices."

Thanks to a connection made by GSU Natural Resource Management student Corey Foster, Glennville State was also able to participate in a campus tree planting.

"Corey is a WV Tree Minders intern with the WVSU Extension Service Agriculture and Natural Resources Division and he helped put together the planting that took place at Glennville State University. It is through the help of partners like Corey that we are able to get so many trees in the ground," Moss added.

Students in the Timber Harvesting Techniques class at

Glennville State cleared an invasive woody shrub, Autumn Olive, from a site on the College Forest last fall, helping to make way for the saplings.

"These trees will provide hard and soft mast for wildlife, seeds for birds, help shade Sycamore Run, and store carbon," said Glennville State's Associate Professor of Forestry, Dr. Brian Perkins. "A number of different trees species were planted including Red Oak, Chestnut Oak, Sweet Gum, White Pine, Virginia Pine, Pin Oak, River Birch, and Red Mulberry."

The trees, once planted, were protected with tubes to prevent deer browsing during the first few years of growth. The invasive species, such as Autumn Olive and Stilt grass, will be controlled on the site to allow the trees to grow into a young forest.

"The regeneration of forests has become more challenging in recent decades due to the presence of invasive species and an overpopulation of deer. So, planting and protecting these trees will ensure that future generations have a forest to enjoy and benefit from," Perkins added.



Glennville State University Natural Resource Management student Della Moreland places a sapling in the ground as another student uses a tree-planting bar to create an opening in the soil. (GSU Photo/Seth Stover).

CMHS 5th Grade Community Service Project "Coins for Critters"

Submitted by Gina Cano-Stump

Calhoun Middle High School 5th grade students did a remarkable job with their community service project "Coins for Critters". Students collected over \$380.00 which was donated to the "WAG", welfare for animals group. The goal of the class was for no animal in Calhoun County to go hungry. Students were asked to notify a member of WAG if they knew of a case of this happening. As a result of these student efforts, many feral cats were fed and this was not only beneficial to the animals, but it helped the caregivers by allowing them to use their money to be spent on food or medical need for their families. Students were asked to identify any senior citizen or hospitalized citizen who would have animals needing care during these months and to let a WAG member know. WAG was thrilled to be able to assist in several reported situations.



Pictured above is the CMHS 5th grade class, teachers: Ms. Belcher, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Morgan and Superintendent Mrs. Kelli Whytsell.

Night Sky Event at Calhoun Park

On April 29, Scout Troop 38205 member Jasmyne Tingler is presenting an educational night as part of her Silver Award project. There will be a presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. and viewing will begin at 8:30 p.m. Please come out and support her as she earns her Silver Award.

NIGHT SKY EVENT

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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.

Levi Morris Selected for Robin Ames Memorial Scholarship, 2023-24

Congratulations to scholarship recipient, Levi Morris.

Levi, a son of Daniel and Amanda Morris, from Mt. Zion. He attends Calhoun County High School.

Levi will be attending WVU Statler College of Engineering. Levi has played basketball since he was young.

He plays for Calhoun County High School.

He also volunteers for the Calhoun County youth basketball league.

Levi is a hard worker and maintained his own lawn care job on his summer break.

Levi became inter-



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

UNDER CONTRACT

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

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

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2tc 4/27-5/4

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Thank You

The family of David Peggs want to thank family and friends who helped with prayers, food, and flowers during David's illness and death. Thanks to Neil Stump, grave diggers and pall bearers, Critical Care Unit UHC, CCCOA for flowers, cards, and support and for coming to his service to be with me, and Walmart. Special thanks to Anna Ruth Montgomery for her prayers and special thanks to Debbie who kept me sane and was there for me. Thanks to

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Calhoun County B.O.E. Meets

Submitted by Cathy Dickey

May 15, 2023. Board Acknowledgements and Superintendent Recommendations.

Old Business: Reconvene March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting to enter levies according to WV Code 11-8-12a.

Lay the 2023-2024 Levy. Reconvene April 18, 2023 Statutory Meeting.

Old Business - Policy Waiver Request, CHAPTER: Instruction TITLE: Valedictorian/Salutatorian.

Policy For Approval - CHAPTER: Instruction TITLE: Weighted GPA.

New Business: Finance For Approval April 18, 2023; General Fund Invoices in the amount of \$683,392.08; Supplements in the amount of \$36,517.32; Transfers in the amount of \$1,800,956.

March 2023 Financial Statement (invoice list available for review at the Calhoun County Board of Education Office).

Surplus items included Bus 21.

Preschool Calendar Dates were set to begin: August 26, 2023 and end: May 16, 2024.

Volunteers - Kathryn Holbert, Craig Arthur, Sara Husk, and Connie Jarvis.

Contracts: Beverly Kingery as an Educational Consultant.

Hope Scholarship Intents for 2023-2024: t: Eric Hoskins Grade 4 and Natasha Hoskins Grades 1st and Pre-K.

Resignations of Professional: Katelyn Hardway, 4th Grade Elementary Teacher, PHE, effective 4/21/23 and Ryan Jarvis, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Effective 6/30/23.

Policy 5000 Moves FY 2023-2024: Laura Webb, 4th grade teacher AES to another elementary position at AES.

Employment of Professional (FY 2023-2024): Danielle Goodrich, Special education teacher, Itinerant AES/CMHS; Melinda Fitzwater, Health/PE teacher, AES; DavidGaul, ALC/Special Education Teacher, CMHS; Vicki Hardway, CMHS; Reading Data Interventionist, CMHS; Lee Kimble, Special Education Teacher, AES; Elementary Teacher, AES; Kelly Bishop, Mathematics Teacher, CMHS.

Service (FY 2022-2023): Jessica Hardway, Long Term Substitute Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures, 4/19/23 thru 5/26/23; Holly Adams, Substiute Cook; Carla Carter, Substitute Cook.

Service (FY 2023-2024): B. Marie King, Custodian III, PHE 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Russell Richards, Custodian III, AES/PHE/CMHS/Central Office; Anthony Oldham, Custodian III, CMHS 4 p.m. - 12 p.m.; Stephen Beecher, Custodian III, CMHS 4 p.m. - 12 p.m.; Lisa Hawkins, Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Health Care Procdures,

LEGAL NOTICE

The Calhoun County Board of Education will be holding a budget hearing on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Calhoun county Board of Education Central Office. Beginning May 1, 2023, the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Calhoun County Board of Education and on the Board's website <http://boe.calhoun.k12.wv.us/>.

AES Special Education; Melinda McCumbers, Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures, PHE Special Education; Christina Miller, Multi-Classified Aide II/Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures, CMHS Special Education; Betty Jones, Multi-Classified Aide II, ?Supervisory Aide/Bus Aide/Specialized Health Care Procedures, CMHS Special Education.

Extracurricular (FY 2023-2024): Craig Arthur, \$1 Assistant Varsity Football Coach Summer School (2022-2023): Holly Wilson, VR Camp Instructor; Raven Davis, Substitute Tutor Teacher K-5 (A); Carissa Yoak, Substitute Tutor Teacher K-5 (B); Holly Adams, Summer School Substitute Cook (A and B); Carla Carter, Summer School Substitute Cook (A and B); Kelly O'Harrow, Substitute Tutor/Teacher K-5 (A); Kelly O'Harrow, Substitute Tutor/Teacher K-5 (B); Julie Summers, Kindergarten Summer Boost Teacher (AES); Nurse, County (Extended Summer); Holly Adams, Summer School Custodian; Randy Schrader, Summer School Custodian.

Personnel Actions: Rescind Proposed for Transfer or to be Transferred (FY23-24): Professional - Raven Friend and Sailah Hill.

Service: Mikayla Toney, Lorie Bailey, Erica Greathouse, Jessica Summers.

Expulsion Reviews: 2022-23-03.

Employee Hearing - Discipline With Pay: Ratification of Paid Suspension.

Adjournment Future board meeting dates:

May 8, 5:30 p.m. at middle/high school

May 15, 5:30 BOE, work session

May 15, 6:30 BOE, Special meeting

June 12, 5:30 BOE, regular meeting

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke

Phone 275-3578



Rev. Keith Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church

The big Creston spring ATV poker run will be held on Saturday, April 29. Signups will end at noon and likely biscuits and gravy will be ready by 8 a.m. for the early risers. One can leave at 9 a.m. for a fun ride through lots of water, mud and scenic areas where there are all sorts of wild flowers, dogwoods, moss, ferns, lichens, liverworts and maybe morels for the sharp eyed travelers.

It might not hurt to bring winches, tow straps and tire repair kits for the ride. When laying out the route only one chariot had to be extricated and only one time did a tire need to be put back on the rim and aired up. The skill of Travis Burdette with "on the trail repairs" was, to say the least, greatly appreciated.

There are new t-shirts and there are chances on a hand-sewn quilt made by the late Nancy Belle Wright. The route is 63 miles long and there are no service stations on this one so be sure to have a full tank. There are lots of places to stop for a picnic and for those who want to impress others about what mud holes their machine can test, there will be lots of opportunities. Just be sure that there is someone to pull out the buried machines and then share the videos.

Ricky Tucker is reported to be doing well after undergoing triple bypass surgery.

A local fellow who does not like to see his name in the column had a foot amputated at the WVU hospital during emergency surgery at 1 a.m. the other morning. He was life flighted from Grantsville.

The comely Kim was visiting her mother Wilma Mowrey. Kim finally is now kidney stone free but it has been a rough haul.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Jarvis were calling in

Creston on Sunday afternoon.

A big crowd of family and friends was on hand Saturday for Frankie Bush's 90th birthday celebration.

Gypsy moth traps have once again been placed around the area.

The whip-poor-wills have returned from the sunny south and some turkey gobblers have been harvested. Larkspur, wild geraniums and bishop's cap are in bloom and soft maple seeds have been flying through the air. Some vehicles are covered with a yellow dust which is pine pollen from the male cones. Also, the pines are candling now.

The other day it was "earth day." It seems that the "green weenies" want us to worship earth (the creation) rather than worship the creator.

Talk continues about shutting down the power plant in Pleasants County. All this should be good for generator sales and the installation of heating systems (especially wood) that do not require electricity to function.

At the recent SOOGA (Southeast Ohio Oil & Gas) meeting in Marietta it was learned that the new methane rules in the law that W. Va.'s Broadway Joe helped pass are real and impact almost everyone. The only methane "emitters" that are exempt from testing are water wells that have natural gas and coal mines. (Joe made much in the coal business.) Each and every well, compressor, meter, etc. will have to be tested four times/year with a very expensive detection device (TLIP camera) that must be operated by a highly trained (expensive) individual and then the results are turned it to the methane police.

It was also noted that since 1990, emissions of SO2 [sulphur dioxide] have been reduced 93%, NO2 has been reduced 87% and CO2 (carbon dioxide) which is necessary for plant growth and life on earth

has been reduced 22% in the United States but, of course, these numbers conflict with "the narrative" that the end is near.

We have all been told that we should not eat meat, butter, cheese, etc because we are ruining the planet and that we should eat insects. Meat is to be reserved for the super elite, the rulers and no one else.

At the SOOGA meeting former Creston resident Jim Javins, who has been on the puny list, was given the Hall of Fame Award while Brooksville oil and gas man Winnie Sinnett was given the Work Horse Award.

The ruling junta has announced that (to assist in a new housing bubble burst) folks with good credit are to be penalized on their mortgages to assist those with bad credit since we must be "equitable." This is merely a reward for bad behaviour.

Natural gas fetched just \$2.23/MMBTU at the Henry Hub in Louisiana and some companies have advised that they are shutting in their wells to avoid "giving away" a valuable product. The CoBank based in Denver said that cheap gas will end soon as more coal power plants are shut down and as more natural gas (presently 20%) goes for export as LNG. Then some said, "Who/what is CoBank?" Turns out it is a government agency (independent of course, don't you know) which "loans money to Farm Credit." It would appear that it is a combination of all the old Federal Land Banks. The one locally was the Federal land Bank of Baltimore. We're from the government and we're here to help you.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is now just \$76.87/bbl. with condensate fetching only \$60.87/bbl. with Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$67.87 & medium \$76.87/bbl.

Glenville State University Concert Band to Hold Spring Concert April 28th

Contact Dustin Crutchfield, Glenville State University, Public Relations Department, (304) 462-4115

GLENVILLE, WV – Members of the Glenville State University Concert Band will perform their annual spring concert on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The concert will include standard concert band classics, pop selections, a collection celebrating the music of Disney, and pieces from the "How to Train Your Dragon" movie series. Admission is free.

"This has been a big year for all of our student musicians and I cannot stress how hard they have worked over these last few months," said Associate Professor of Music and Marching Pep, and Concert Band

Director, Dr. Lloyd Bone. "The culmination of this semester with our annual Concert Band Concert and the Honor Band Weekend is something we hope to share with as many members of the community as possible."

The Concert Band is being held in conjunction with the thirteenth annual Glenville State University Honor Band. Over 100 high school and middle school students from around West Virginia are scheduled to be in attendance. The Honor Band concert takes place on Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. This year's guest Honor Band conductor is Glenville State alumnus Fred Channell of Lincoln High School.

For more info, call (304) 462-6109.



Photo: The Glenville State University Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Bone (pictured), will hold their spring concert on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. (GSU Photo/Dustin Crutchfield)



On April 18th, the Calhoun County Board of Education held a Statutory Board Meeting in the Calhoun Middle High School Auditorium.

The minutes were approved for the March 13th (Regular), and March 22nd (Special) meetings.

Recognitions: Teacher of the Year 2023-2024, Michael McHenry.

Service Personnel of the Year 2023-2024, Robert "Tommy" Lewis

2023 West Virginia Prostar Educator of Excellence, Chef Liljon McCormick.

WV Hospitality Cup, Chef Liljon McCormick; Mistagua Dalrymple and Daisy Snyder, 2nd Place.

HOSA - Future Health Professionals, Rebecca Swisher; Marissa Brannon, 2nd Place.

Skills USA State Conference, Jim Snyder; Automotive Service Technology - Caleb Nicholas, 3rd place.

Technology Student Association (TSA) State Conference Winners, Virginia and Jon McCormick; Forensic Science - Christeena Craddock and Jordan Hall, 2nd place; Mistagua Dalrymple and Daisy Snyder, 3rd place.

Varsity Girls Basketball, Kevin Boak; All-State Special Honorable Mention, Joselynn Yeager.

Middle School Boys Basketball, Michael Boatright; All Conference, Micah Allen and Chase Schoolcraft; All Tournament, Chase Schoolcraft.

Varsity Boys Basketball, Marcus Davis; All-State Honorable Mention, Landon Bennett and Levi Morris.

Varsity Wrestling, Andrew Cummings; LKC - Haiden Staton, 3rd place and Ian Persinger, 4th place.

Single A Challenge - Isiah Boggs, 4th place; Haiden Staton, 4th place, and Trevor Collins, 6th place.

Regionals (State Qualifiers): Isiah Boggs, 2nd place; Haiden Staton, 4th place; Ian Persinger, 4th place; Wyatt Nichols, 5th place; Sam Elmore, 4th place; Levi Stump, 4th place and Trevor Collins, 5th place.

FFA Regional Winners - Annie Jones; Etemporeaneous Speaking 1st place, Lauren Lovejoy and Prepared Speaking 1st place, Jaelyn Jett.

Math Field Day - Mary Hoskins, Carissa Yoak, and Kelsey Fisher; Levi Morris, Calhoun Regional High Score Grades 10-12 and Jasmyne Tingler, Caljoun Regional High Score Grades 6-9.

Reports: A. Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Report (03/21/23) by Horst Motz.

Superintendent Reports: Director and school Reports, Fyffe-Jones Audit Reports, Student Interest Investigation Update, Professional Development Plan, End of Year Events Handout, Special Board Meeting

West Virginia News From the Governor, DHHR, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept,

W.Va. DHHR Extends Financial Support for Childcare

CONTACT: DHHRCommunications@wv.gov
 Wednesday, April 19, 2023

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance today announced additional funding to allow child care providers to be reimbursed based on enrollment through August 2024.

The pay-by-enrollment methodology was instituted during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency using federally allocated funds to provide financial stability and continued assurance of available child care, and was projected to be exhausted by September 2023.

“By reprioritizing use of available funds, DHHR can help child care providers continue to keep their doors open and help working families get the care they need as the child care operational budgets continue to stabilize post-pandemic,” said Janie Cole, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance. “High quality child care supports both parents and children and is a critical investment in our state’s future.”

The additional funding will come from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Prior to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, DHHR offered an attendance-based child care subsidy.

Gov. Justice Recognizes Tax Day 2023

Contact: Jordan Damron, Director of Communications, Assistant Legal Counsel, Jordan.L.Damron@wv.gov and CJ Harvey, Press Secretary, CJ.Harvey@wv.gov
 Tuesday, April 18, 2023

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement regarding Tax Day: “This Tax Day is a great day in West Virginia,” Gov. Justice said. “With the largest tax cut in state history on the books, our state is on the move toward complete elimination of our personal income tax, while still helping all West Virginians save real money on their tax payments, and increase their take-home pay each month. I couldn’t be more proud of our progress.”

“With the help of the Legislature, we’ve also been able to cut taxes in many other areas, which are helping our West Virginia businesses thrive and continuing to make our state the best place to live, work, and raise a family.”

“The bottom line is that the world is watching West Virginia. The world sees us in a different light. Instead of being the blunt end of a bad joke, we’re the diamond in the rough people missed. That’s something all West Virginians should be immensely proud of not just on Tax Day, but everyday.”

On March 7, 2023, Gov. Justice signed HB 2526 immediately reducing the income tax in tax year 2023 by an average of 21.25%.

The bill contains provisions for additional annual personal income tax rate cuts in future years beginning as early as 2025 to the extent that actual State revenue growth exceeds consumer inflation. These triggers put West Virginia

on a pathway toward complete elimination of the personal income tax.

The bill returns over \$750 million to hardworking West Virginians through income tax reductions. Income tax rates are reduced by 21.25% this year. Additional income tax cuts will occur in 2024 through refundable tax credits equal to the amount of car taxes paid to county sheriffs, and half of the amount of tangible personal property taxes paid to the county sheriff for qualified small businesses. Disabled veterans are eligible for an additional income tax credit equal to the amount of property tax paid to the county sheriff on their homestead.

The reduced withholdings and estimated tax payments are projected to return \$595 million dollars to West Virginians in calendar year 2023.

The West Virginia State Tax Department has processed approximately 650,000 returns so far this year which represents close to 80% of total filings they expect to receive. They expect to receive 75,000 returns this week with another 75,000 in October from filers who requested an extension.

Since 2017, 23 different West Virginia state tax reductions have been implemented:

Personal income tax rate reduction of 21.25% effective 1/1/23.

Adoption tax credit increase from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Property tax rebate on automobiles effective 1/1/24.

Property tax homeowner rebate for 90%+ disabled/military/veterans effective 1/1/24.

Property tax rebate equal to 50% of eligible tangible personal property taxes paid by qualified small

businesses effective 1/1/24.

Full military pension exclusion from personal income tax effective 1/1/19.

Social security income tax exclusion for those with income under \$100,000 married or \$50,000 single.

Sales tax exemption for sales of coins to collectors.

Severance tax exemption for limestone and sandstone.

Coal severance tax rate reduced from 5% to 3% on steam coal.

Sales tax exemption for mobility enhancing equipment.

Severance tax reduction on lower volume oil and gas wells from 5% to 2.5%.

B&O Tax base reduction for coal-fired generation plants to 45% of nameplate capacity.

B&O Tax exemption for merchant coal-fired power plants not subject to regulatory cost recovery.

Coal severance tax rebate credit for investment in coal mines leading to higher coal production.

Increased tax credit for qualified rehabilitation building investment from 10% to 25%.

Sales tax holiday for back-to-school items during weekend in August.

Personal income tax credit for eligible donation of cars.

Sales tax exemption on gun and safe storage.

Created a sales tax exemption for building materials and an investment tax credit for eligible BuildWV housing projects.

Income tax credits for capital investment in child-care property and operating costs.

Volunteer firefighter personal income tax credit.

Soft Drink Excise Tax repeal effective July 1, 2024.

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department News

Submitted by Amy Phelps, Public Information Officer, Amy.j.phelps@wv.gov, Cell phone: 304-588-9697, Direct line: 304-420-1468
 April 20, 2023

Highmark purchases x-ray machine for MOVHD. The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department got some help from one of their community partners when Highmark purchased a Panorama X-ray machine for their Wood County office. Their aid has also helped MOVHD provide dental services to those who do not have insurance.

“We are very grateful for the generosity of the Highmark Foundation in purchasing this machine,” said Rebecca Eaton, director of the Clinical and Dental Department at MOVHD. “With this tool we can perform proper diagnosis of cavities and the like for our child patients and our adult patients in the Smiles for Life program.”

The Smiles for Life program is a dental screening and referral program that is open to low-income adults and children who meet income guidelines. Fluoride varnish and dental sealants are also available. The service is available to West Virginia residents and Washington County, Ohio, residents.

Highmark has aided MOVHD in the past with seeing dental patients and making correct referrals when more work is needed.

“We are happy to help provide this service to our community,” Eaton said. “Dental health affects the whole health of the body and we want our residents to be as healthy as they can be.”

For more information on the dental program or to make an appointment, call 304-485-7374.

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

PSC Chairman Lane: Wild, Wonderful Parks

Submitted by Karen Hall, PSC Public Information Specialist



Recently, the Public Service Commission held a public comment hearing at Hawks Nest State Park. I was reminded once again of the incredible beauty of West Virginia. The meeting room at the Hawks Nest Lodge was spacious and well appointed, but its best feature was the view outside through the floor to ceiling windows. Looking out over the gorge, we saw raptors soaring high above the hills and the river.

While having dinner at the restaurant, we noticed that we could see all the way to the New River Gorge Bridge. It was breathtaking!

That experience made me want to take advantage of this opportunity to remind everyone how wonderful our state parks are. No matter where you live in the state, there is at least one state park or state forest within easy driving distance.

If you are planning a special event, whether it’s a meeting or a wedding reception, many state parks have facilities available for rent. If you want to extend your visit, you can camp with your tent or RV, stay in a lodge, or rent a cabin. Park cabins range from primitive to modern luxury accommodations. Lodging is available for groups of all sizes, and some are handicap accessible or pet-friendly. If you’re looking for a unique experience, there are company houses from the early 1900s near Cass Scenic Railway and the Thorny Mountain fire tower at Seneca State Park.

Each park has its own personality and offers different types of activities. You can swim, play golf, ride horses, enjoy boating and fishing, explore rail trails or just hang out by the campfire.

And there is always something new to discover. Soon, Coopers Rock will offer the state’s first star-gazing cabins that will have their own telescopes.

If you only have time for a day trip, you can take a deep breath and feel the stress melt away as you walk through the woods. Hiking trails range from easy strolls to challenging climbs.

Meander along quiet streams or take in magnificent waterfalls and majestic vistas. At North Bend and Coopers Rock there are even trail areas that are wheelchair accessible.

I hope you’ll plan a trip to one of our state parks soon. It’s the best way to experience what is truly wild and wonderful about West Virginia.

Gov Justice: Statewide Burn Ban Ended April 24

Contact: Jordan Damron, Director of Communications, Assistant Legal Counsel, Jordan.L.Damron@wv.gov or CJ Harvey, Press Secretary, CJ.Harvey@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced today that the recent statewide ban on all types of outdoor burning expired today, April 24, 2023.

This comes after the state received sufficient rainfall over the past several days. Standard spring burning season laws and regulations are in effect.

Burning forestland, grass, grain, stubble, slash, debris, or other materials is allowed only from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Small fires set for the purpose of preparing food or providing light or warmth are permitted anytime without a burning permit, provided all grass, brush, stubble, or other debris has been removed for a minimum distance of 10 feet from the fire in all directions.

Additionally, fires must be attended to at all times, and all fires must be fully extinguished before 7 a.m. daily.

Residents caught violating these regulations face citations and fines of up to \$1,000.

Taylor Cemetery Report for 2022

Submitted by Nellie Sims, 304-354-6092

The following is a list of people who donated to the upkeep of the Taylor Cemetery in 2022: Harry and Carol Taylor, \$125; Dexter Taylor Family, \$100; Jim and Sheila Sims, \$100; Bill and Kathy Richards, \$50; Hatzell and Bonnie Wagoner, \$25; Fred and Nellie Sims, \$25; and Mitchell and Roberta Taylor, \$20.

Total donations for the year was \$445.

Thank you to all who donated to the cemetery.

Chestnut Grove Cemetery Report for 2022

Submitted by Nellie Sims, 354-6092

The following is a list of people who donated to the upkeep of the cemetery in 2022:

Estate Money, \$600; Michael Lee Richards, \$500; BethAnn Richards, \$200; Gary and Carol Dye, \$100; Vicki Combs, \$100; Dale and Janet Cunningham, \$100; Larry and Lois Dye, \$100; Perry and Sharon Dye, \$100; Charles and Sondra Welch, \$75; Ray and Hazel Tingler, \$50; Alta Mae Richards, \$50; Roger and Janet Cunningham, \$50; Nellie Sims, \$50; Larry and Phyllis Harvey, \$30; Hatzell and Bonnie Wagoner, \$25

Total Donations for the year 2022 was \$2,130. Thank you to everyone who donated to keep the cemetery looking good.

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Park Meeting

The Mt. Zion Community Park will hold their meeting Monday, May 1 at 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in the events at the park or would like to help with the park come on out and join us.

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Capito and Sinema Introduce American Investment in Manufacturing Act

Submitted By: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) today introduced the American Investment in Manufacturing (AIM) Act, bipartisan, bicameral legislation that would reinstate the Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) measure for U.S. businesses.

“In the midst of continued high inflation, high interest rates, and increased taxes burdening U.S. businesses, additional limitations like these jeopardize American manufacturers, retailers, and service providers’ ability to remain viable and compete on the global stage. This bipartisan legislation would reinstate a needed measure that allows industries to grow, increase jobs and wages, and contribute to the U.S. economy. I’m proud to stand with American businesses, and I encourage my colleagues to join in support of this reinstatement,” Senator Capito said.

“We’re empowering Arizona small businesses with the economic freedom to grow and thrive by cutting harmful costs in the tax code,” Senator Sinema said.

“The WVMA supports reversing stricter limits on interest deductibility that could cost the United States nearly a half million manufacturing jobs,” Rebecca McPhail, President of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association, said. “We applaud Senator Capito’s leadership in introducing the American Manufacturing Investment Act.

“The America Investment in Manufacturing (AIM) Act will lower the cost of financing the critical investments in machinery

and equipment necessary for manufacturing growth and protect more than 450,000 American jobs. We thank Sens. Capito and Sinema for their support of the manufacturing sector and urge Congress to act swiftly on this vital legislation,” Chris Netram, Managing Vice President, Tax & Domestic Economic Policy, National Association of Manufacturers, said.

“Consumers choose restaurants for experience and value. To ensure the best of both, restaurant owners work hard to renovate, refurbish, and improve their dining rooms and kitchens. The high costs of these enhancements are investments for business growth, but the current limitation of depreciation and amortization penalize their good intentions by adding to their tax burden. We thank Sen. Capito for leading this legislation and her continued support of restaurant operators and other Main Street small business owners,” Sean Kennedy, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs, National Restaurant Association, said.

“When a restaurant like mine plans a remodel or expansion, we keep a close eye on how these costs affect cash-on-hand and taxes. Limiting the deduction for depreciation or amortization is a tax on investment, challenging a restaurant’s ability to expand operations or hire more people. Senator Capito knows what this means for West Virginia and we appreciate her commitment to make this right,” Matt Herridge, West Virginia Restaurant Franchisee, said.

“The ability to maximize resources in difficult to serve rural areas is paramount for NTCA members, who provide their communities with affordable and reliable

internet services,” Shirley Bloomfield, CEO of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, said. “Now more than ever, it is critical that rural internet service providers have the ability to invest in the technology and employees they need to best serve their communities and I applaud Senators Capito and Sinema for introducing the AIM Act today.”

Companion legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Adrian Smith (R-Neb.-03), Joe Morelle (D-N.Y.-25), Kevin Hern (R-Okla.-01), and Brad Schneider (D-Ill.-10)

BACKGROUND: Prior to 2022, businesses could deduct 30% of its earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA). A new limitation that went into effect would limit the deduction to only EBIT. This change is an added cost to businesses already suffering from a sustained high-interest environment in the U.S. and could harm global competition. This restriction will harm a wide range of industries including – but not limited to – American manufacturers, retailers, broadband providers, healthcare systems, and restaurants. Businesses affected by the change will on average see close to a threefold increase in their incremental tax obligations

The American Investment in Manufacturing (AIM) Act would reinstate the Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) measure, supporting a competitive tax code for American job creators and businesses. Reinstating EBITDA will make it easier for capital intensive companies to raise capital or obtain financing, protect U.S. jobs and wages, and strengthen global competition.



Register as an organ, tissue and cornea donor at core.org/register.

Each day, 17 people in the United States die while waiting for an organ transplant. Thousands more await a life-enhancing tissue transplant. Still, many people are not registered to become organ and tissue donors.

Minnie Hamilton Health System is joining forces with CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education) to increase the number of registered donors.

Ensuring that we have effective donation practices and hospital-wide education in place is an important first step toward an effective and robust donation system. By encouraging hospital staff, their friends and families to register to become organ, tissue, and cornea donors, Minnie Hamilton Health System aims to inspire hope, advocacy and passion among those waiting for a transplant.

“As a health system, we are uniquely

positioned to not only tend to the health of our patients, but to inspire our community to be mindful of wellness in all aspects of life,” said Stephen Whited, CEO. “The more people we can inspire to become organ donors, the better we can serve our mission to be leading advocates for the well-being of our entire community.”

Minnie Hamilton Health System will be joining thousands of hospitals around the country in flying a Donate Life flag during the month of April. The flag is a visible and unifying statement about the importance of donation and celebrates the hundreds of thousands of donors and recipients whose lives have been affected by organ, tissue and cornea donation.

Minnie Hamilton Health System encourages its staff to learn the facts and talk with their family members and friends about

becoming advocates for organ donation.

The facts are compelling.

More than 100,000 people nationally are awaiting an organ transplant.

Every 10 minutes, another person who needs a transplant is added to the national waitlist.

One organ donor can save up to eight lives while a tissue donor can improve the lives of 75 others.

Donation is a possibility only after all efforts to save the patient’s life have been exhausted, tests have been performed to confirm the absence of vital signs, and brain death has been declared.

To register to become an organ donor or for more information on ways to generate hope, advocacy and passion for others during National Donate Life Month this April, visit CORE’s website at www.core.org

DHHR Celebrates National Infant Immunization Week

CONTACT: HHRCcommunications@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) joins partners across the country to celebrate and recognize National Infant Immunization Week, April 24-30. This annual observance highlights the importance of protecting children ages two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases.

This year’s focus is ensuring families stay on track for their children’s well-child visits and routinely recommended vaccinations.

Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed April 24-30, as National Infant Immunization Week in West Virginia.

“Wellness checkups (Chickenpox).

and vaccination help keep children healthy,” said Dr. Matt Christiansen, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health. “National Infant Immunization Week reminds parents and guardians that they can combat life-threatening diseases with the safe and proven protection of vaccines.”

There are 14 vaccine preventable diseases that children can be protected from before the age

of two: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Influenza, Measles, Rotavirus, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Tetanus (Lockjaw), Mumps, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Pneumococcal Disease, Polio, Rubella (German Measles), and Varicella

Measles), and Varicella *For more information on how vaccinations can protect your family, please contact the West Virginia Division of Immunization Services at 304-558-2188. You can also find immunization information and vaccine schedules at <https://oeps.wv.gov/immunizations>.*

Little Kanawha Conservation District local work group meetings scheduled, May 24 and May 25

Contact: Rebecca (Becky) Haddix, Public Affairs Specialist – Contractor, Graphic Artist, USDA-NRCS West Virginia, Phone: 304-284-7545, Cell: 304-692-1777

The Little Kanawha Conservation in cooperation with USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a local work group meeting to discuss conservation programs for 2023-2024 and provide guidance for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Two meetings have been scheduled in an effort to increase participation. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parkersburg Service Center, 91 Boyles Lane in Parkersburg.

The second meeting will be held Thursday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Park Community Building, 110 Church Street in Spencer. An RSVP is requested but not required to attend. Please call 304-422-9072 ext. 119 to RSVP.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state, and local conservation organizations and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/managers.

If you have thought about applying for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available to you, this meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn more.

As part of NRCS’s locally led process of administering programs, public comments will be sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for your local area.

The Little Kanawha Conservation District covers Calhoun, Richie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood Counties. Acting NRCS District Conservationist, Nick Beavers and his staff work from the NRCS field office in Parkersburg and Spencer to cover these counties.

If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by e-mail at NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov. For more information contact Nick Beavers at 304-422-9072 ext. 119.

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Upper West Fork Park Events

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 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.): April 29, Dixie Highway; May 6, Retro Country; May 13, Frank Conn & Partners; May 20, Dixie Highway; May 27, Ruff Cut; June 3, CLOSED

Calhoun Library Trivia Night April 27

Come and join us at 6 p.m. for some trivia fun. Teams of five people will compete in five rounds of trivia questions, with 10 questions per round. The team with the most correct answers in the end will win a prize. If you do not have a team, come anyway! We may be able to partner you with another team who may need more players. More details to come so be on the lookout. You will have fun.

Workforce Development Meeting

Organization: Workforce Development Board
Mid-Ohio Valley / Local Elected Officials
Date: Friday, April 28th, 2023 at 10 a.m.
Place: St. Josephs Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg, W.Va.
Contact Person: Robin Sterling 681-588-0415
Comments: Agenda available upon request.

Creston Poker Run Schedule

Creston Community Building has scheduled the 2023 poker runs: Spring Run on April 29, Summer Run on July 29, and the Fall Run on September 30 - 340 Anns Run Rd, Creston WV 26141. Registration from 9 a.m. to 12 noon - \$10 entry fee. 1st Place 30%, 2nd Place 10%, 3rd Place 10% of the door. No 2-wheelers allowed. Riders must stop at all stations, and check in at station five by the posted deadline to be eligible for payout. Door prizes - 50/50 - kitchen open for breakfast and dinner items. Questions call (304) 275-3578 or 304-275-0003.

Upper West Fork Park Ramp Dinner

We are having a Ramp dinner on April 29, 2023 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (while supplies last).
Menu: Ramps, fried potatoes, bacon, eggs, beans, and cornbread. Cost: \$12.00 per person and Drinks: \$1. We are located at the Upper West Fork Park, 88 Red Roof Lane, Chloe, WV 25235.
For more information you may contact the following people: 304-655-8111 (Terri Allen); 304-655-7137 (Charles Thomas); 304-655-8625 (Anita West); or 304-655-9906 (Park).

Car Show/Auction for Danny Maxwell April 29

Car show and Auction will be held April 29, 2023 located on Main St. in Grantsville.
Registration begins at 9 a.m., Car show is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Auction at 2 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the rebuilding of Maxwell's Autobody shop.

CCCOA Yard Sale May 4th - 5th

The Calhoun County Committee On Aging is having a Yard Sale May 4-5 in the Fitness center located at 105 Market Street Grantsville 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information call 304-354-7017.

Town Wide Yard Sale May 6th

To register, call 304-354-7017. The event is being held 8 a.m to 4 p.m. in Grantsville. There will be yard/garage sales, car washes, bake sales, food sales and more. You don't want to miss out on this.

Calhoun Homes Yard Sale May 6th

The residents of Calhoun Homes will be having a yard sale during the Town Wide Yard Sale Event.

Baking Contest May 6

Like to bake? Only \$10 to enter the contest. Contestants arrive by 10:30 a.m. and open to public 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Categories are cookies, cake/cupcakes, pie, and candy/dessert. You must make enough for at least 50 people to sample. Prizes awarded to top three winners and Queens Choice. Located at 108 Walnut Street Gauley Bridge, WV. For more information please contact Melissa at (681) 533-7345 or email winterfawn2001@yahoo.com. Concessions will be sold during bake-off.

Liberty Hill Cemetery Work Day May 6

The Liberty Hill Cemetery Board has planned a work day for May 6, 2023 to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day. Please bring a mower, weed eater, etc. Hope to see you there.

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

In preparation for Memorial Day the Nobe Cemetery is in need of donations to keep the cemetery mowed and looking nice for 2023. If you have family buried in the cemetery, please make a donation. You can send donations to Barb Roberts, 359 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV 26136 or for more information on how you can help the Nobe Cemetery call 304-354-7329. Thank you in advance.

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

Donations are needed for the upkeep of the Freed Cemetery, located in Calhoun County off of the Leading Creek Road. Please send donations to Rickie Murphy, P.O. Box 55 Macfarlan, WV 26148. Make checks payable to Freed Cemetery. Thank you!

Safe Digging

Call 8-1-1 before digging; it's the law. Although excavation damage is the leading cause of serious pipeline incidents, it is easily preventable with one call. With construction season in full swing, Dominion Energy West Virginia reminds homeowners and excavating contractors to dig safely and comply with state law by calling WV811, toll free, at 8-1-1 or 1-800-245-4848 before excavating. You can also get information by going to www.WV811.com

To prevent potential injuries from accidental utility line dig-ins, state law requires customers and contractors to call WV811 at least two working days before digging. Third-party damage is the leading cause of accidents involving utility lines.

WV811 will alert Dominion Energy West Virginia and other participating utilities of customer and contractor plans to dig. WV811 will ask these utilities to mark the approximate location of their underground gas lines and utility cables, so that customers won't find them by accident. Also, for safety's sake, customers and contractors should only dig around utility lines by hand.

If you do come in contact with a pipeline or smell natural gas (though natural gas is odorless in nature, mercaptan, a non-toxic chemical odorant that smells like rotten eggs, is often added to make it easier to identify), be alert and follow these steps:

- Stop work and evacuate to a safe distance.
 - Alert everyone on the premises.
 - Do not strike a match; use a telephone; operate engines and motors; or switch on/off appliances, lights, or even a flashlight in the area where you smell gas. These items can produce a spark that might ignite.
 - Once safe, call 911 if there is blowing gas.
 - Call the emergency number provided by the natural gas operators in your area: DEWV customers call 800-934-3187.
 - Do not try to fix the pipe or slow the rate of leaking gas.
 - Do not try to extinguish a gas-burning fire unless there is a threat to life.
 - Do not operate any of the gas company's valves.
- For natural gas safety information, visit www.dominionenergy.com/safety/call-before-you-dig or www.WV811.com.

Spay/Neuter

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

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

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Save The Children Parent-Child Groups

by Debra R. Dawson-Smith

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

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

Pleasant Hill Elementary on Friday's from (4/28) 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Arnoldsburg Elementary on Fridays from (4/28) 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Debra Smith, KRA

First Annual Re-homing Auction for Cabot Recycling

Spring Cleaning Update! Donations are already coming in for the 1st Annual REHOMING Event held by the Cabot Recycling Center! A partial list of items will be included in future articles, so keep an eye out to see if you have a home for some of the donations that will be auctioned off on Saturday, May 20th at noon at the Cabot Recycling Center.

Also look around your home for extra furniture, exercise machines, working appliances, yard ornaments, or working farm machinery that is too good to throw away, but really is in the way, to donate to the Cabot Recycling Center for the auction. (NO CLOTHING OR TELEVISIONS, PLEASE) The Cabot Recycling Center will be accepting donations between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, be sure to notify the person working there that it is for the auction. Do not leave anything at the Recycling Center after 4 p.m. because there will be nobody there to receive it.

Join us for lunch if you like, there will be hotdogs, chips and drinks available at the refreshment stand.

If you cannot transport your items, call 304-354-7786 to schedule a pick up by volunteers the week prior to the auction. Donations will be received up to and during the auction. ALL proceeds will go to the Cabot Recycling Center to support its service to the people of our county.

Emotion Helpline

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

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

Available via phone, text, or online chat, professional crisis counselors are trained to listen and help you find the way forward with stress-management strategies, as well as community resources and referrals. Talk to someone who cares and can help.

Call the helpline at 1-877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

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.

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

Check Conditions

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

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

Town Website

The Town of Grantsville has a website for things going on in the town and county, so go visit the site at: townofgrantsvillemunicipality.squarespace.com.

Civil Air Patrol

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. located at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV. We are always looking for new members, so stop on by and check us out.

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County.

To apply for the WIC Program or more information call our local office at 304-354-6898 or main office in Parkersburg at 304-428-3688.

WIC Clinic at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville every Wed from 8:00AM-4:00PM.

Please call the office if you have an appointment or a question about your benefits.

Tire Collection

Tire collection will be held the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, west of Grantsville on Rt. 5. Tires accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, accepted, with a limit of 10 tires per person, open to residents of Calhoun only. Bring valid W.Va. ID. Sponsored by W. Va. DEP and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.

Tobacco Quitline

Anyone interested in quitting can call the West Virginia Tobacco Quitline, 1-877-966-8784 or 1-800-QUITNOW. The call is free to most West Virginia residents over the age of 18.

The Quitline offers four proactive coaching calls and unlimited reactive calls. Participants are eligible for eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy: patches, gum or lozenges.

For information, call Jamie Jacobsen, 485-7374, ext. 152, or go to www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/.

Solid Waste

Calhoun County Solid Waste will meet on the fourth Wed at 4 p.m. at Mom's Place Too, in Grantsville.

Food Pantry

CRI operates a food pantry, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court St.

Prevent Suicide

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

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

Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you feel sick, please stay home. We have lots of new books and activities happening.

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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The Family Crisis Intervention Center
Domestic Abuse Response Team
(304) 354-9254
HOTLINE 1-800-794-2335
P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147

USDA Offers New Funding to Promote the Expansion of High Speed Internet in Rural W. Va.

Contact: Andrew Stacy, (304) 284-4871, U.S. Department of Agriculture 1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 101, Morgantown, WV 26505, (304) 284-4860, www.rd.usda.gov/wv

MORGANTOWN, WV, April 25, 2023 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development West Virginia State Director Ryan Thorn has announced the availability of \$20 million to deliver broadband technical assistance resources for rural communities, and to support the development and expansion of broadband cooperatives.

USDA is offering the funding under the new Broadband Technical Assistance Program. The program supports technical assistance projects such as conducting feasibility studies, completing network designs and developing broadband financial assistance applications. Funding is also available to help organizations access federal resources, and to conduct data collection and reporting.

“At USDA we’re committed to ensuring that rural West Virginia has the tools it needs to succeed and in today’s world that means high-speed internet,” said Thorn. “By working with our rural communities and other organizations to increase access to this service we can create new opportunities for rural West Virginians.

This initiative is made possible through President Biden’s historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides \$65 billion to expand access and lower costs of high-speed

internet. This initiative has been designed to work in conjunction with other high-speed internet programs to meet President Biden’s goal to connect every community in America with affordable, reliable, high-speed internet.

Today’s announcement reflects the goals of President Biden’s Investing in America agenda to rebuild the economy from the middle-out and bottom-up.

USDA encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

Assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure;

Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to USDA Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD funded projects; and

Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

Applicants must choose one of the following funding categories:

Technical Assistance Providers: Applicants must propose to deliver broadband technical assistance that will benefit rural communities. Up to \$7.5 million is available. The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum is \$1 million.

Technical Assistance Recipients: Applicants must be the recipients of the broadband technical assistance. Up to \$7.5 million is available. The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum

is \$250,000.

Projects Supporting Cooperatives: Applicants must propose projects that support the establishment or growth of broadband cooperatives that will benefit rural communities. Up to \$5 million is available. The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum is \$1 million.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/wv.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit <https://www.usda.gov/>.

Capito, Colleagues Reintroduce Package to Bolster, Clarify Violent Crime Statutes

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) recently joined a group of 18 Republican colleagues – led by Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) – in introducing a broad package to clarify and strengthen violent crime laws related to attacks on law enforcement, bank robbery, carjacking, kidnapping and other offenses. The Combating Violent and Dangerous Crime Act resolves discrepancies brought on by conflicting court decisions and clarifies congressional intent regarding crimes of violence and their respective penalties. Despite an ongoing crime wave, no Democrats have agreed to cosponsor the fixes.

“I have been vocal about the continued rise in violent crime across our country, and the destruction that has been felt in our communities. As the Biden administration continues to nominate soft-on-crime federal judges and champion policies that keep criminals on the streets, my Republican colleagues and I are offering real solutions that help make our communities safer,” Senator Capito said. “I will continue to work with my colleagues to support our brave law

enforcement officers and bring peace of mind to our communities.”

BACKGROUND:

Communities across the country have experienced steady increases in violent crime. Murder rates increased 30% in 2020 and continued climbing in 2021. Carjackings, particularly in urban areas are on the rise, with some cities recording up to 400% spikes. Overdose deaths surpassed 100,000 last year nationwide, with 1,197 overdose deaths in West Virginia alone, and fentanyl is appearing in a variety of substances, including candy-flavored drugs that are marketed to children. 2021 marked the deadliest year for law enforcement since the September 11 attacks in 2001.

The Combating Violent and Dangerous Crime Act addresses ambiguity and conflicting application of existing law by clarifying congressional intent without establishing sweeping new offense categories. Among other provisions, the bill:

- Clarifies that attempted bank robbery and conspiracy to commit bank robbery are punishable under the current bank robbery statute;

- Rectifies conflicting circuit court decisions that have resulted in a higher burden to charge

offenses like assaulting a police officer than Congress intended;

- Increases the statutory maximum penalty for carjacking and removes a duplicative intent requirement needed to charge a carjacking offense;

- Rectifies conflicting circuit court decisions by clarifying that an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense involving physical force meets the legal definition of a crime of violence;

- Outlaws the marketing of candy-flavored drugs to minors; and

- Establishes a new category of violent kidnapping offenses, allowing for greater penalties for violent kidnapping.

In addition to Senators Capito and Grassley, the bill is cosponsored by Senators Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), James Risch (R-Idaho), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), and John Boozman (R-Ark.).

Lions Club Music May 13

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert, will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, May 13 at 6 p.m. Sign-up at the door. Concessions and 50/50 drawing will be available. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 354-6085.

Commercial Real Estate Auction Thursday, June 1st at 12pm

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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, Trigllycerides.

Lipid profile is a group of tests used to determine risk of coronary heart disease.

HDL– good cholesterol LDL– bad cholesterol

Trigllycerides– 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

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MAY 25th Community HEALTH FAIR
7am-10am
Location: CCCOA
105 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.

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The Community Health Fair is Sponsored by:
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Welcome to the Queen's Corner

by Melissa West

Are you a Pageant Queen? If so, I would love to share your adventures, no matter how big or small. I know a lot of Pageant systems have a community service aspect. This week, I am sharing Earth Day Activities that myself and others participated in. We gathered at the Gauley Bridge Library in Gauley Bridge and cleaned out flower beds, planted new flowers and assisted with children's activities of painting suncatchers and planting flower seeds in a cup they were able to take home. Future adventures for this Queen will include planting trees for Arbor Day, attending a Bake Off contest, volunteering at Bingo and much more.



Front Row: Kimber Schintz, Tiny Miss Gauley Bridge Town Celebration 2022. Back Row, L to R: Alianna Smith, Belle, WV, Fire/EMS 2023 Tiny Miss; Alyssa Evans, Belle, WV, Fire/EMS Miss 2023; Melissa West, Worlds Mrs. Mountain State Tourism 2023; Ashley Schintz, 2022 Gauley Bridge Town Celebration Ambassador; Copelyn White, Baby Miss 2022 Gauley Bridge Town Celebration; Tammy Prather, 2022 Gauley Bridge Town Celebration Ambassador; and Emma Howell, Worlds Mrs. Mid-Atlantic State Tourism 2023.



Calhoun FRN/FSC Hold Resource Fair and Drug Take Back

By Melissa West

If you were in Grantsville on the morning of Friday, April 21, then you had the opportunity to walk around the Courthouse and Main Street to visit the different vendors set up with informational booths for services available to the community. The Sheriff's Department was set up on the front of the courthouse to participate in Drug Take Back Day. They provided citizens the opportunity to turn in any medication that they no longer need to be properly disposed of. If you would like more information on the programs available contact Tina at the FRN/FSC at 304-354-7177 or email calhounfrn@gmail.com.



On the left: The FRN/FSC Crew is always fun to be around. Tina has lots of programs going on right now, stop by and see what she can help you with. On the Right: Barb McKown with Minnie Hamilton Health System.

Calhoun County Family Crisis Intervention Center's, Lori Fleagle (at right) is always ready to help those in need. April is Child Abuse Awareness month Blue pinwheels have been placed throughout Grantsville to show support. If you are in a situation and need help, reach out to Lori at 304-354-9254.



Abby Sturms, pictured above with Calhoun County Reserve Deputy, Jerry Howell, were participating in the Drug Back Program at the Courthouse. By the end of the Drug Take Back, the Sheriff's department had a couple of trash bags full of medication that will be disposed of properly.

Other Vendors present at the Resource Fair included The Health Plan, which was giving information on WV Medicaid and WVCHIP insurance.

WESTBROOK Health Services had plenty of information on the programs they currently offer.



LKVCS Holds First Annual Pine Wood Derby April 21st

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater

On Friday, April 21, 2023, the students of LKVCS participated in their first Pine Wood Derby, sponsored by the Brooksville Baptist Missionary Church.

The plans for the derby began prior to spring break with a kit provided by the church. During the two week period of preparing, students followed the guidelines outlined in the traditional pine wood derby rules.

The event on Friday began with 55 entries that competed in the double-elimination contest. It was a very competitive time with the top three winners coming from three different age groups.

The final took three rounds with a tie and a double-elimination necessary.



WINNERS: Abigail Ayers (K4) 3rd Place, Eli Ferrell (6th Grade) 2nd Place, and Eli Kinder (4th Grade) 1st Place.



Prettiest in Design: Caroline Walker (K4) First Place, Cyrena Wilson (10th Grade) Third Place, and Vada Barnhart (4th Grade) Second Place.



Best in Design: Eli Kinder (4th Grade) First Place, Brylee Rowe (11th Grade) Second Place (not pictured), and Lance Grogg (8th Grade) Third Place.

LKVCS Gospel Sing April 28th, 6 p.m

Mark your calendars for a night of Gospel Music featuring Johnny Staats, the Putnam Family, Beyond Calvary Quartet and Tracy Miller. The event will be held in the Family Life Center with entry by donation. The sing is being sponsored by the LKVCS PAC. Funds will be used for student enrichment programs, supplies and other needs of the school. Concessions will be served.

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