



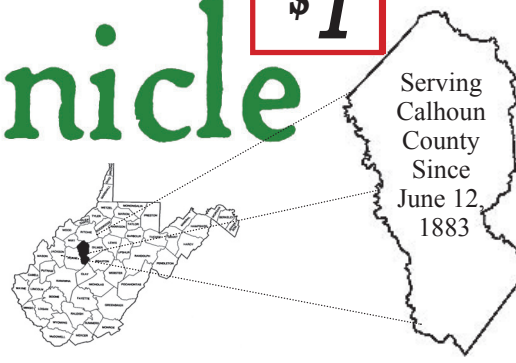
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Thursday, May 11, 2023

Republican Executive Committee Appoints Roger Propst as new Chairman



Republican Executive Committee will be having their next meeting May 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Grantsville Fire Hall. Please come and join us.

61th Annual Calhoun County Wood Festival Parade Marshals Jack and Melva Stull

Jack and Melva Stull have been lifelong resident of Calhoun County.

They are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

They have two children, Jack Stull, Jr. of Columbus, OH and Charmain Siers (Rodney) of Chloe, WV.

They have four grandchildren; Justin & Becca Siers and Drew & Ashley Taylor, three great grandchildren; Carson, Gracie and Kimber.

Jack & Melva are members of Victory Baptist Church, where she has taught classes from K-Jr. High, Vacation Bible School and is in the choir. They also attend Marietta Bible Center Church where they support a lot of Marietta Bible



Republican Executive Committee, The 1982 Foundation, Bootstrap program and a big supporter of the new pool.

They have lived their entire lives in Calhoun County. They have seen a lot of changes in the town and schools, they are happy to see so many new people moving to our area and bringing new ideas with them.

They have hope for a brighter future for Calhoun ... but realize it is going to take people working together.

They enjoy camping, boating, traveling, entertaining missionaries, participating in craft shows and community events with family and friends.

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students and support several missionaries in the Philippines.

Jack graduated from Calhoun High School in 1971. He retired from BFG Aerospace with 30 years of service.

He has attended various Federal Aviation seminars in different states and was also on the golf team. He is a former member of the Lions Club.

from Calhoun High School in 1969. She graduated from the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center in 1985.

She was a former Queen of the Red Hat Society, Band Booster Vice-President, Pleasant Hill Homemakers, Zumba, volunteer for FRN and the hospital gift shop. She taught Awanas.

They are currently active in the Calhoun

Melva graduated

Calhoun County Commission Meeting held May 8th

By Melissa West
The County Commission met on May 8th. Approval for the minutes of the April 13, April 26 (Special Meeting) and April 27 (Emergency Meeting) was voted on and carried.

Commissioner President, Matt Walker discussed the new police cruisers tht arrived 2 weeks ago. He thanked Sheila for helping with the grant to obtain the new cruisers, he spoke how Jean Simers had to get fleet numbers for the cruisers. He went on to report that Rick Flloyd at Jenkins has been a big help with the cruisers. He is hopeful that they will be able to pick up one of the cruisers to get the decals placed onto the cruiser so it can be used. Turn around time is 8-10 days and then the other cruiser will be worked on. They will be conducting interviews for the new Sheriff after the meeting is adjourned and hold a special meeting in 72 hrs in order to hire a candidate.

Delegations began with Sharon Gherke from the Grantsville Fire Department, who wanted to clarify some of the information given at the last commission meeting. She had called Michelle Hodge, from the State Auditor's office who informed Sharon that she didn't remember speaking with him but that she could have spoken with him. Sharon spoke that Helmick, in the last meeting that the Grantsville Fire Department had not turned in any of the papers or information that they needed.. However, when Gherke spoke with

Hodge, she informed her that two years her department had decided that 1-5 years to get all the fire departments audited with their levy funds. The reason for no papers or reports from the Grantsville Fire Department is that they have not received the call for an audit. Once that happens, the Fire Department will submit the final report. Gherke went to discuss that she had spoken with Nathan Hamilton, who informed her that he remembered talking to Helmick, but most definitely did not say that he hated to shut down small fire departments and cut their funding. He has not the authority to shut them down or with hold their fundings, that is higher up than his position. She also spoke with Kenneth Mike Jones, who is over Nathan Hamilton, that he did call us up for state funding, however they didnt call until after Gherke called Jones in regards to the Facebook post of Commissioner Helmick. She reports she is waiting or paperwork from them. She spoke that Jones informed her that you did not have to go to different agencies to gain information of fire departments, it can all be found on a website that anyone can look at to ensure the departments are up to date. Gherke

Luke Peters of the MOVRC who discussed the Calhoun County Park's bathhouse project. They are still waiting on a response from the State because the original grant was in \$150,000 andf they added extra cost to the project by hiring an engineer,

which is important to have accurate specs. This took away from the construction already and when they looked at what the building should cost, it is a lot higher than they imagined, so they sent a request to add \$100,000 to add to the budget and they acknowledged it was received, which was sent in January and should be receiving a response in the next few months. He felt that the project may need to be bid to gain an idea of what the shortfall is and in order for the project to happen this could be a way to have leverage to get the extra funding needed. He is hoping the county can assist with funding and hopes that construction costs gown down. He reports that he has to get environmental clearance and the commission has to sign off on it. There will be no tree trimming, so there is no worry to disturb any bat habitat and there are no nearby caves. There are no records of the area being a hazarderous material site, and not really near any residential areas in regards to noise and dust.

He has National Fish and Wildlife clearance to ensure no streams or endangered species are disturbed., it is not in a floodplain. He has also received DNR clearance.

He presented a paper that must be ran in the newspaper that requires a 15 day comment period from the public and a 15 day comment period to the state in case someone wants to dispute the report. The report is on file at the County Clerks office to

look at. He sent a release of funds to the state as long as no comments are made, the funds will be released and the project can go forward. He will work on a draft with the Engineer Thrasher for the state to approve. Community members questioned the size of the building and building cosats. Peters and Donnie Pitts discussed the building will be a block building of about 40x32, they are required to use prevailing wages because of the funding is from the Government. The motion was carried to sign off on the release of funds and the Calhoun County Park CDBG Drawdown 3.

Jason Wilson gave his report on the EMS activity for the month of May. He reports the numbers are actulay higher than the report he brought with him because some transports did not get logged in the activity log. He reports that the Minnie Hamilton EMS had transported ALS (12),

transported BLS (28), cancelled enroute (2), DOA (2), refusal (11), treated and transferred to aeromedical (5), treated and refused (1), standby (0); with total 911 activity being 61. The average enroute time was 1.28 minutes, average response time was 15.45 minutes, and average total time on each call was 73.41 minutes. The total mileage for three ambulances totaled 6,575 miles. There is also an audit request into Suttle and Stalnaker for a full audit of Calhoun County funds, once complete it will be released. The Calhoun County EMS Advisory Board voted last week for the offical dissolution of the Calhoun EMS, which will take place by May 31, 2023. The liability insurance expires on June 8th. Calhoun EMS is still on record as the counties EMS provider even though they are licensed, Minnie Hamilton is operating under a mutual agreement to ensure they do not operate as a

licensed business before the liability insurance expires.

Judy Powell requested the use of the courthouse bathroom and back lot for the Wood Festival, which was approved.

Donnie Pitts spoke about the continued work on projects at the Calhoun County Park. He spoke that the cabin rental is going very well and the park is rented for most weekends throughout the summer. They inspected the wooden play structures and determined they are in worse despair than they orginally thought. They will utilize their upcoming work day to remove those. They have enough play equipment that was acquired from Sand Fork project to replace two of the wooden playsets. Once the bathhouse project begins, the play set at the barn will have to be removed and will be placed by the ballfield.

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Calhoun FFA and Girl Scouts Stock Trout at Park

Submitted by Annie Jones, Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor, CMHS

On May 5th, Fish and Wildlife students and local Girl Scouts worked together along side Hope Gas Employees at the Calhoun County Park to stock trout in the pond. The kids all had an enjoyable experience. Special thanks to Hope Gas employees who assisted the kids in this activity. Pictured above along with the Hope Employees, the Girl Scouts Jasmyne Tingler, Bella Nicholas, Bailey Metz, Trinity Probasco and Carissa Sands. and the following Fish and Wildlife Management students Ariety Hickman, Jesse Hess, David Boggs and Colin Jones.

OBITUARIES

STERLING "LACY" NEFF

Sterling "Lacy" Neff, 89, of Clay County passed away Monday, May 1, 2023 at Genesis HealthCare Miletree Center, Spencer with his granddaughter, Missy Friend by his side. He fought a long hard battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born in Swandale, WV to the late Squire Neff and Alice Nottingham Neff.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Arthur, Burn and Archie Neff; sisters, Lucille, Tressie, and Cora Neff; mother of his four daughters, Pebble Adkins; sons-in-law, Roy Cottrell, Sr. and Charlie Friend.

Lacy wanted laughter and not tears in his death. A West Virginia coal miner, he retired from Harewood Coal Company. He loved traveling, junking, listening to bluegrass music and dancing. He played the French harp and the banjo. He is gone but the family thanks God for his memories.

He will be forever remembered by his daughters, Jo Ann Cottrell-Wilson (Roy Cottrell, Sr.) and husband, Roscoe "Sparkie" Wilson of Ivydale, Betty Ramsey and husband, Randy, of Ivydale, Linda Cadle and husband, Richard, of Nebo, Brenda Grose (Randy), of Ivydale; grandchildren, Richard Cottrell, Brenda Nuckols, Timmy Cottrell, Missy Friend (Tim), Donnie Friend (Melissa), Richard Cadle (Angie), Shane Cadle and Jason Fox (Stephanie); sister, Nina May "Tootsie" Neff. Lacy is also survived by great grandchildren, Kayden Cottrell, Shelby Baldwin, Kalep Cottrill, Charlie Cottrill, Waylon Friend, Mady Schoonover, Breanne Sampson, Brayden Cadle, Sydney Cadle, Zaden Cadle, Brooke Fox; special daughters, Janet Clowser and Grace Tallhammer; special grandson, Ethan Butler; special sons, Jesse Grose, Jimmy Neff; special friends, Nora Lantz, Barney Perdue, and Sue "Ms. Rose".

Special thank you to Hospice of Charleston and Miletree Center, Spencer and LPN, Annette Rogers.

His graveside service was held on Friday, May 5, at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Wilson Ridge with Pastor Wadie Rose, Jr. officiating.



driver, Don's great passion in life was farming. The Snider McDonald Farm now known today as the Snider Family Farm is where Don enjoyed tending to his Draft and Tennessee Walker horses and his Angus and Angus Cross cattle with his family.

Don was a devout Christian man who attended Bethany Church in Ritchie County for many years where he led Sunday School. He loved hunting, especially coon hunting with his prized dog, Susie by his side. He was a member of the RC Car Club, loved Mopars, going camping with his family, and listening to gospel bluegrass and Southern gospel music.

Don was very proud of his sons. He enjoyed watching them in sporting events over the years and attending many wrestling tournaments. Don's grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved being around them and he greatly enjoyed attending Raelyn's sporting events.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Linda (McDonald) Snider whom were married in 1978; his sons, John Snider (Daisy) of Doddridge County; Mark Snider (Tiffany) of Smithville, and Todd Snider (Wendy) of Harrisville; his grandchildren, Raelyn Snider, Bowen Snider, Lukas Snider, and Keegan Snider; brothers and sisters, James Snider (Linda) Big Springs; Janice Blair of Five Forks; Jeanie Hickman (Alfred) of Elizabeth, and Timothy Snider (Lisa) of Big Springs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Wayne Snider and an infant sister, Susan.

Funeral services were held on May 9, 2023, at the Raiguel Funeral Home in Harrisville, with Pastors Alfred Hickman and Tim Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Cemetery near Harrisville.

CHARLES RAY "CHARLIE" SWISHER

Charles Ray "Charlie" Swisher entered his heavenly rest from his residence in Ripley, WV, on May 5, 2023.

He was born in Calhoun County, WV, the son of Toney D. and Dot Rogers Swisher. Upon graduation from Calhoun County High School, Charlie proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1961-1965. In 1963, he returned to Calhoun County to marry his high school sweetheart, Judith Lea Smith, in Grantsville, WV returning with her to Camp Lejeune, NC. Upon his discharge from the Marine Corps, he and Judy returned to Parkersburg, WV, whereupon he worked for Borg-Warner Chemicals, which became G.E. Plastics. Upon retiring from G.E. Plastics in 1990 to become resident director at the WV Baptist Conference Center (Parchment Valley), Ripley, WV, he and Judy worked as a team in that ministry until his retirement in 2004. While at Parchment Valley, he was instrumental in numerous improvements to the facility, with renovations and new construction culminating in the completion of the Santrock Education Building and the Joe Greenlee multipurpose building, initiatives of the Vision 2000 campaign. During these years at Parchment Valley, he also assisted in the founding of Parchment Valley Baptist Church, where he and his wife Judy served faithfully as charter members and in various offices and ministries of the church.

Charlie is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Greg and Melanie Swisher; four grandchildren, Jillian, Jacob, Cordell and Clayton; one grandson, Nathan; one brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Sue Swisher; a host of nieces and nephews; one special friend, Sheila Wheeler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 53 years, Judy Swisher; one sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Don Carpenter; and two brothers, William "Bill" Swisher and Ronald "Chub" Swisher.

The family also extends a special note of recognition and appreciation to Debbie Keiffer of Kanawha Hospice for her faithful and tender care for Charlie during his homegoing.

Visitation was held on May 9, 2023 in the Hill Hall at the West Virginia Baptist Conference Center, 1715 Parchment Valley Road, Ripley, officiated by Rev. Greg Swisher, Dr. Matt Ash and Rev. Herman Robinson.

The family respectfully requests no flowers or memorial items, but per Charlie's wishes, donations may be made to the Parchment Valley Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Parchment Valley Baptist Church, 1883 Ripley Road, Ripley, WV 25271, designated for the continued construction of the multipurpose facility.

STEPHANIE ANN ELSWICK ALLEN

Stephanie Ann Elswick Allen of Chloe, WV passed away Saturday May 6, 2023 from Metastatic Breast Cancer.

Stephanie graduated from DuPont High School in 1990. She loved spending time with family and friends and spent many hours on the bleachers at sporting events. She enjoyed crafting, bingo, WVU Mountaineer Football and crime shows. She was a kidney cancer survivor since 2018 and then was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020.

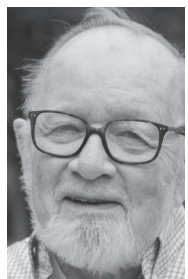
She met many great people while working at Bowincals of Campbells Creek, McDonough Caperton/Acordia, Calhoun Banks, and CAMC Womens and Childrens for nutrition services and Outtakes gift shop.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her parents Junior Wayne and Blanche Ann (Hess) Elswick; paternal grandparents, Buddy and Elsie (Landers) Elswick; maternal grandparents, Gene and Oma



CURIOSITY CORNER

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



It's about time for a readers' quiz. Before getting into it, let me share something with you that I found amusing. We all find ourselves on mailing lists, and I'm on one for those little mail-order catalogs. Recently, I received a catalog in the mail and on the cover was my name and a message: "Is This Good-Bye? This may be your last catalog." Actually, I received three of the same catalog on the same day. The names on the front were Jerry Wilson, Jerry D. Wilson and Mr. Jerry D. Wilson. Go figure! I guess it's "Good-Bye..." I didn't order anything.

- OK, get your thinking caps on!
- Questions:
1. On prescription medicine labels, what does PRN mean?
 2. What's the difference between a church steeple and a church spire?
 3. Which college did Thomas Alva Edison attend? (You know, the inventor of the lightbulb, etc.)
 4. Where does the line, "Into each life a little rain must fall" come from?
 5. Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
 6. What is a grunion?
 7. How much is a tennis ball supposed to weigh?
 8. Of the 13 original colonies, which were the first and last to be ratified as states?

- Answers:
1. Pro re nata (Latin for "take as needed.")
 2. The spire is the top of the steeple.
 3. None. Tom dropped out of public school at the age of 12 to work on railroad trains.
 4. The poem, "Rainy Day," written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1842.
 5. Teddy Roosevelt received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906 for helping with a treaty to end the Russo-Japanese War.
 6. Grunion are little fish that live near the coast of southern California. They are unique in as much as they come (or "run") on the shore to spawn on the wet sand near a full moon. I'm told in California, you take your girlfriend out and park to watch the grunion run... as opposed to the submarine races on Lake Greenwood.
 7. Between 2 and 2 1/16 ounces. In case you're interested, a baseball should weigh between 5 and 5.25 ounces, and a hockey puck is 3 inches in diameter and 1 inch thick.
 8. Delaware was the first, ratifying the Constitution on December 7, 1787. Rhode Island was the last, ratifying on May 29, 1790. In case you're interested, South Carolina is eighth, ratifying on May 23, 1788.

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

Curious about something? 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.

(McVey) Hess; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her brothers, Clinton (Cheryl) Elswick of South Charleston, Curtis Elswick of Campbells Creek; children, Hannah (Lucas) Wilson of Grantsville, Levi and Micah Allen of Chloe; best friend, Kevin Richards; nephew, Caleb Elswick; nieces, Courtney (Justin) Bailey, Cara and Cami Elswick; great nephews, Declan and Jacob; great nieces, Lilly and Leighton. She also leaves being numerous aunts, uncles and cousins of whom she loved dearly, along with a grandson on the way.

Funeral Services were held at on May 10, 2023 at Stevens & Grass Funeral Home, Malden with Rev. Harold Landers officiating. Burial followed at Crowder Cemetery, Cinco. A visitation with family and friends was held one hour prior to the service.

RICHARD GENE PERKINS

Richard Gene Perkins, 90, of Chloe, WV, died on May 5, 2023, at Charleston Area Medical Center-General Hospital.

He was born at Nicut, WV, a son of the late James Victor and Vera (Gertie) Metz Perkins.

He was a US Army veteran, serving from May 14, 1953 to April 14, 1961. He and Glenna owned and operated Perkins Grocery in Chloe for 16 years.

Richard is survived by his wife of 69 years, Glenna (Fulks) Perkins, three children, Rita (Gary) Laughlin, Rick (Sharlene) Perkins, and Randy (Kim) Perkins, eight grandchildren Scott (Tammie), Tara (Jason), Jason (Renee), Jenni (Isaac), Misty (Jason), Jessie (Moe), Katie (Lisa), and Jake, 20 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild due in June, brother Mike (Nancy) Perkins, sister-in-law Dorothy Perkins, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers David, Keith (infant), and sister and brother-in-law Joyce (Lawrence) Carter.

A funeral service will be held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Lester Tanner officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Interment will be in Minnora Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfhome.com

"May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten" - Julie Hebert

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This Week In Calhoun History



This Week In West Virginia History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS

Taken from May 10, 1923 Chronicle; Local Happenings.

A. Garretson of Creston was in Grantsville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gainer, of Joker, were shopping in Grantsville Saturday.

Sam and Asa Maze, of Industry, were business callers in Grantsville Saturday.

Jess Parsons who has been employed elsewhere for some time is spending a few days at home.

Art Shock, a first class farmer of Staten was in Grantsville a few hours Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey Dawson, of Annamoriah, were the guest of relatives in Grantsville over Sunday.

Will Jackson, a first class citizen of Big Springs, was in Grantsville on a business errand this week.

Arch Price, a prosperous farmer of Arnoldsburg, was attending to business matters here Tuesday.

George Griffin, of Arnoldsburg was looking after business matters here the first of the week.

Barney Truman, of Beech Fork, was a business caller in Grantsville Monday.

Tell Belt, a prosperous merchant of Creston, was looking after business affairs in Grantsville Tuesday.

Ben Stewart, of Henrietta was a caller at the Chronicle Book Store while in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Kemper, of White Pine was calling in Grantsville one day this week.

Miss Jeane Ayers, of White Pine was a pleasant caller at the Chronicle Book Store Thursday.

Elsworth Cunningham, a prosperous farmer of White Pine, was looking after business interests in Grantsville Thursday.

We are requested to announce that members of the Bethlehem Church expect to do some work at the church on May 18th. Everybody is invited to come on that date and bring something to work with.

The local Independent Ball team journeyed to Glenville last Saturday for a game with the Glenville Normal outfit, and came back home with the short end of a 7-6 score. The locals out hit the Normalities, getting ten hits to three, but four costly error proved their undoing, and accounted for five runs. Hickie, local pitcher, was the main factor for Grantsville, striking out twelve of the Normals' batters and in four trips to the plate he made three hits and scored twice. Prospects are very bright for another good baseball team for the locals this year and with a little more practice and better team work they will make things interesting for any semi-professional team in this neck of the woods.

1948, 75 YEARS AGO

(Russett Farm Woman Meet Thursday, May 3) The Russett Farm Womens Club met at the home of Osa Fowler May 3, and the following devotional was given.

Song, "Count Your Blessings"; reading, "May Showers"; by Minnie Riddle; sentence prayer by each member present; talk by the devotional leader, Osa Fowler; song, "Showers of Blessings"; poem, "How Did You Die?" by Verna Fowler; adjournment for lunch hour. A very delicious "pot luck" dinner was enjoyed by all.

At 1 p.m. the business meeting was called to order. Those turning in used fat were Mrs. Roy J. Stump with 8 lbs and Mrs. Loman Fowler with 15 lbs.

Sometime during the month of May a meeting on cancer is to be given by Mrs. Elouise Gunn. There will be a moving

picture shown on cancer.

The lesson on "Plans for Your Future Kitchen" was discussed. Ina F. Stump is having a cistern built and running water put into her house. She has a new bathroom installed too. Mrs. Leman Fowler is having a cistern built and running water put into her kitchen.

Those present were: Ina F. Stump, Gertrude R. Stump, Osa Fowler, Verna Fowler, Randell Dean Fowler, Minnie Riddle and Miss Abbie Russell. Mrs. Roy J. Stump, reporter.

1973, 50 YEARS AGO (Orma News) Mr. and Mrs. Gertie Parsons had their family visiting them at Easter.

Mrs. Bonnie Waggy was visiting Mrs. Amanda Keith and Mrs. Nora Grogg last week. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waggy and daughters in Ohio over the Easter holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moss of Ohio were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Jarvis, Mrs. Alice Arnold, Mrs. Betty Metz and Mrs. Nelle Tiller were in Spencer Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Summers enjoyed having some of their family home for Easter.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Garner Tiller, David and Anita Tiller of Streetsboro, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Herald Fulks, Glen and Vicky Fulks of Akron, Mrs. Hattie Starcher, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Robb, Bill Watkins, Janet Metz and Karen Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Butler spent a few days last week in Port Clinton, Ohio visiting Mrs. Butler's brother, Wilbur Wears, who is very sick.

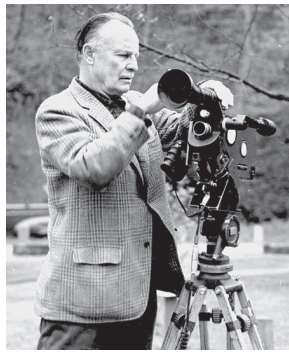
Betty Metz and Alice Arnold were in Grantsville Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCormick and children, Linda Sue and Roger Lee from Ohio were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greely Carpenter.

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history.

To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

May 11, 1909: Filmmaker Ellis Dungan was born. After years of working in the feature film industry in India, he settled in Wheeling, where he shot documentaries and produced films for the state and the region.



May 11, 1930: Physician John C. Norman, Jr., was born in Charleston. A noted thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and researcher, he was best known for his work toward creating an artificial heart.



May 12-14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining towns in the Matewan-Williamson area, and nonunion miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Editorial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, Payne was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

May 14, 1878: Photographer Rufus "Red" Ribble was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. For nearly 40 years he traveled the coalfields making panoramic photographs of miners, towns, family reunions, church congregations and school groups.

May 14, 1906: Social reformer Mary Behner was born in Xenia, Ohio. From 1928 until 1937, Behner worked in the coal camps along Scotts Run near Morgantown, fighting poverty and creating social and

Wright Cemetery Report for 2022

Submitted by Sandra Cunningham

The following is a list of donations the Cemetery received in 2022: Betty Smith, \$100; James Mowrey and family, \$100; Sue Farmworth-Wila Mare-Sheri, \$54; Bill and Will Duskey, \$50; Holly Murphy Family, \$50; Fred Sturms Family, \$50; John Bennett family of John Wright family, \$40; Bill Tiano family in memory of Boyd and Juanita Duskey, \$40; Grake, Kerri and Ivan, \$40; Gene, Kathy and Ethan McAlarney, \$40; Donald and Lori Wilson, \$40; Kevin and Ashley Cunningham, \$40; Charles and Jeane Linderman, \$30; Rhonda Schrock and Lloyd Willis, \$30; Rick and Connie NEster, Vera Jo and Mike Cunningham, \$20; Larry, Garry, Roger and Randy Edgell, \$20; Harold Weitzel, \$10; and Kay Rastetter, \$10.

Total donations received for 2022 was \$764 with total expenses of \$2,061.87.

Thank you to all who donated to the Wright Cemetery. Sandra Cunningham

educational outlets for families.



May 14, 1943: Alan Mollohan was born in Fairmont. Mollohan served in the U.S. Congress from 1983 to 2011.

May 15, 1880: The state's first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.

May 15, 1886: Minnie Buckingham Harper was born in Winfield. She was the first Black woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States. She was appointed by Governor Howard Gore on January 10, 1928, to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper.

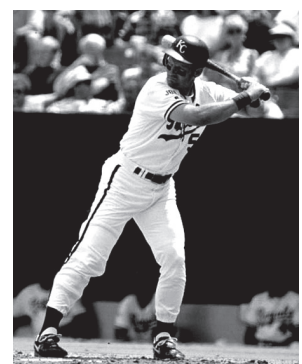


May 15, 1893: Albert Sidney "Sid" Hatfield, controversial police chief of Matewan and martyred hero to union coal miners, was born near Matewan, on the Kentucky side of Tug Fork.



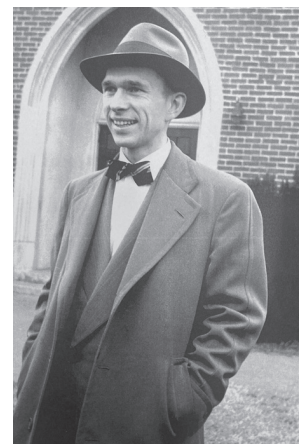
May 15, 1953: George Brett, the Hall of Fame third baseman for the Kansas City Royals, was born in Glen Dale in Marshall County. Along with Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, and Stan Musial, he is one of only four players in Major League

history to accumulate 3,000 hits, 300 home runs and a .300 career batting average.



May 16, 1778: About 300 Wyandot and Mingo Indians attacked Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. Unable to take the fort, they proceeded up the Kanawha River toward other settlements.

May 16, 1928: Minister Robert Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott, and was the only White minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly.



May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.

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For more information on the project, it is located at 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 2530.

You can also contact by calling 304-346-8500 for more information or visit their website at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

61st Calhoun County Wood Festival

Lookin' to a Bright Future

Schedule of Events

Wed., May 31:
5:00 p.m. Registration for Baby Pageant
6:00 p.m. - Calhoun County Wood Festival Baby Pageant
6:00 p.m. - Lions Club Bingo
7:00 p.m. - Karaoke with Sherry Wade

Thurs., June 1:
Noon - Booths Open
5:00 p.m. - Grantsville Conservatory of Music
6:00 p.m. - Studio 88
7:00 p.m. - Opening ceremonies, crowning of the Woodchuck Kings and Queens, presentation of Wood Festival Royalty, introduction of this year's parade marshals and the 2022 Charlie Whipkey Spirit of Wood Festival.
7:30 p.m. Local Gospel Entertainment.

Friday, June 2:
10:00 a.m. - Booths Open
5:00 p.m. - TBA sponsored by Calhoun Insurance, Garton Insurance Agency
7:00 p.m. Jack & Davis Reid, Grandsons of the Legendary Statler Brothers
9:00 pm - To be announced

Saturday, June 3:
7:00 a.m. - Registration for 5K and Kids Run.
8:30 a.m. - Calhoun County Wood Festival 5K and Kids Run (Sponsored by Grantsville Foodland)
10:00 - Line-up for Parade at Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department
11:30 - Calhoun County Wood Festival Grand Parade, Jack and Melba Stull, Parade Marshals

Following Parade - Kids Day Activities sponsored by First Baptist Church
12:00 noon - registration for Car Show (Court Street, near Rainbow Hotel Lot)
1:00 p.m. Calhoun County Wood Festival Car Show.
2:00 p.m. Cornhole Tournament (near CCCOA)
2:30 p.m. - Local Entertainment on Main Stage (to be announced)
5:00 p.m. - John & Johnny (John Richards and Johnny Staats)
6:30 p.m. - Dangerfield, Roger & Dave Bush, Rick Poling & Harry Beal
9:00 p.m. - Sounds of Summer, Beach Boys Tribute
11:00 p.m. - Grand Fireworks Display sponsored by Calhoun Banks.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I just can't help it. I know I'm not supposed to wish my life away, but every May I start the countdown to summer vacation. I imagine most teachers do the same.

It doesn't mean I don't love my job and my students; I am simply just tired and ready to say goodbye to Miss Walburn for a couple of months.

I want to sleep and eat and go to the bathroom whenever I want. I want to read books for pleasure, have no paperwork to complete, and be able to travel. I want to not care what day of the week it is or what time it is.

With all of that in mind, I am happy to report that my calendar says I have three weeks of school left. A lot will take place in those 15 days, and yes, I do have a to-do list.

I am trying very hard to stick to my goal of taking just one day at a time and crossing items and events off as I go. This week's calendar includes senior exams, honor society inductions, and the seniors' last day.

There is also a great deal of extra paperwork that occurs at the end of the year which I am trying to complete in increments each day. I have two weeks of lesson plans left to write, semester exams to create and grade, data to record and goals to chart.

There are inventories to take, supplies to be ordered, and grades to be finalized. Can you see why I take it one day at a time? If I start to think about all that has to be accomplished before I walk out the doors to summer vacation, I could hyperventilate.

I do still have a life outside of school too. This week I went to my third cookbook club at the library. This time we all brought our favorite breakfast foods. I love breakfast; in fact, I would say it is my favorite meal. There are so many delicious choices.

For my contribution, I took a cheesy hash brown casserole. You can't go wrong with potatoes and cheese. There were so many sweet and savory dishes I had to go back a second time to try everything, and I liked them all. June's menu is all things Mexican, which should be lots of fun.

On Thursday, I took the day off to take my dad to Marietta Memorial Hospital to have a minor surgical procedure. I do not like anything medical, but I will say MMH is an excellent facility. This is where I had my gall bladder removed. The staff there are friendly and efficient, and I was very impressed with how smoothly our visit went. We pre-registered online but still left early, just in case.

I did manage to drop my Jeep off with my friend Keith Smith to get the oil changed while I was out of town. As soon as we arrived at the hospital and checked in, the nurse called Dad's name to take him back. The surgeon was actually running ahead of schedule; that never happens. We arrived at 9:40 and were on our way home by 11:15.

We stopped in Mineral Wells for lunch at Cracker Barrel where I treated Dad for his birthday. They even gave us a free piece of Coco-Cola cake as a birthday treat.

On Friday, my sister Missy arrived in town to visit with Mom and Dad. The rest of her family was coming to Grantsville on Sunday morning to celebrate Dad's birthday. I spent some time with the family Friday night and then headed home to bed. I am really looking forward to not being so tired on Friday nights.

Saturday morning, I slept in a bit and then did a little housework. I have company coming next weekend, so I got started on some tidying up.

I took a break after lunch to pick up Maricia and head out to the village. We needed to open the chapel and cabin for a wedding.

The weather was perfect, and the decorations were lovely. We sat on the school porch and watched from a distant. It was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. When everyone was gone, we locked up and headed home.

Andy and Maricia made pizza in their firebrick oven for dinner, and I supplied the dessert. We celebrated Dad's birthday on Sunday with a cookout, which was moved inside because of stormy weather, but it was great to see my niece and nephew and brother-in-law.

This week I have a haircut, an induction ceremony, and a historical society meeting. Then I have a friend and her girls coming for a visit on Saturday.

I need to wrap this article up now because I have cookies to bake and papers to grade before I start my Sunday night routine.

Two more Sunday school nights.....summer vacation I am coming for you.

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)

Headquarters,
11th. West Va. Vols.
Chapins Farm, Va..
March 14th., 1865
Dear Father and Mother,
I will write you another short letter today, which will inform you that I am in good health at this time and truly hope you may all be enjoying the same good blessings. There is not much news here at present, though we might at any day commence active operations.

Everything though continues quiet on the lines and I hope will continue for some time yet.

I am getting along well enough with the affairs of the Regiment, but feel lonesome since the Lt. Cot. went away.

I am looking for another letter from you, think it will come tomorrow.

I hope you are all getting along fine and nothing would be of more satisfaction to me than to be at home with you.

Well, I must tell you, I was down along the lines yesterday to Dutch Gap Canal. It was quite a trip and was well worth the trouble. Saw the Rebs forts and lines of breastwork, their pickets, and the batteries opposite to canal.

I threw a stone across the canal and brought away several pebbles, one of which I will send you in this letter.

The weather is very warm and makes me feel pretty lazy today, but you know that is natural like in the spring.

The Rebs continue to defect in quite large numbers. Some come in every day and night. They all say that their hopes of success are very doubtful and I think so myself. They can't hear anything satisfactory about Sherman, and it seems that old Sheridan has been stirring them up out toward Lynchburg again.

I bring my letter to a close for this time, so good bye, love to you all, with love, remaining as ever your affectionate son,
Michael

Parkersburg, W.Va.
March the 15, 1865
Dear Brother, and Son

We will write you a few lines this evening as we have a chance of sending it tomorrow morning. I wrote a letter today and put in the office but this afternoon Col King and Hugh Dils has come and have made arrangements to send your coat, and I thought we had best send a line or two.

I seen Col King and got the letter you sent by him, we were very glad indeed to hear from you once more. Dils came a past here as he was going out home. I was not here, was down in town and did not see him. I put 10 stamp in the letter I sent by mail. Hope you may get them. I will send you some more when Col King starts back. We are all well and hoping these few lines will find you enjoying good health. I have not time to write much as it is getting late and I have to go to town yet tonight. We will write again soon.

Our love and best wishes to you. We still remain your affectionate Brother, Father, and Mother.
A.B., Moses & Vashti Ayers

Headquarters 11th. W.Va.Vols
Chapins Farm, Va.
March 17th. 1865
My Dearest Girl:
Your very kind favor of the 10th. was received today.

It afforded me much pleasure to read, and to know that you were still in good health. I am in reasonable health at this time, and hope this may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

I have nothing new to tell you, except that we had a Grand Review of the 24th. A.C. today, and it was one of the most splendid affairs I ever saw, and for the first time I have been permitted to see General Grant, he reviewed us. Sec. Stanton, Admiral Porter, and a number of ladies were along with him.

The whole thing came off splendid and was the grandest affair I ever saw. Everything is quiet at present, but we can not tell how long it is to remain so. My most devoted and affectionate Mary, how I wish it were so I could come to you, and claim you as my own.

But we can only wait and hope, praying that such may yet be our happy lot. Your affectionate devotion to me, has been more than I could have asked, and it seems from the very first we have been more closely linked in each others affections. And God grant we may never love each other less. You have been so devoted and true, I can but wish that the time may soon come when we will be at liberty.

The sacrifice I have made by remaining in the service is very great, in respect to you, but I hope to come back, if I live, with a name and character unsullied, and it may all for the best, and I hope it is.

Write soon and often.

(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.)

Thurs., May 11: Cook's Choice.

Fri., May 12: pork bbq, potatoes, slaw, fruit, onion, whole wheat bun.

Mon., May 15: Baked Steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Tues., May 16: italian sausage, kraut, potatoes, carrots and peas, fruit, whole wheat cornbread.

Wed., May 17: fish, cauliflower, green beans, fruit, whole wheat bread, juice.

Thurs., May 18: cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Fri., May 19: chicken salad, potato salad, pineapple, jello-o, whole wheat bun.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 11: County Commission Special Meeting 8 a.m.

Friday, May 12: Save The Children Parent-Child group, PHE 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Save The Children Parent-Child group at AES, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13: Work Day at the calhoun County Park. Volunteers can arrive at 8 a.m.

Upper West Fork Park Sing, Frank Conn & Partners at 6 p.m. Lions Club Music, Starling Holbert, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 15: B.O. E. special meeting at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career center, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16: Pulled pork lunch at the Little Courtroom in the Courthouse for the Calhoun County Livestock Program, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Republican Executive Meeting, 6 p.m. at Fire Hall Civil Air Patrol, 6 p.m. 413 High Street

Wednesday, May 17: Blood drive, MHHCS Arnoldsburg Clinic, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm

Coming Soon to the Chronicle

Starting next week, Judy Wolfram will be doing a weekly column in addition to her monthly Waste Not/Want Not column. Her weekly column is called Food For Thought! She will be providing our loyal readers with some of her favorite seasonal recipes.

Calhoun County Park News

Submitted by: Roger and Linda Jarvis
The monthly Calhoun County Park Board Meeting was held Thursday, May 4,

2023 with Commissioner Matt Walker and Astronomer John Dennis in attendance.

The first "Friends of the Park" Volunteer Work Day will be held this month, Saturday, May 13, for tearing down two old playsets and re-building with donated Sandfork School Playsets. Volunteers can start 9-9:30 AM; anytime arrivals are welcome. Any questions call Donnie Pitts or Roger Jarvis. Once a month, second Saturday, a Volunteer Work Day will be scheduled at the Park.

Tractors at the Park have been serviced and an auger was purchased which will aid with placing playsets in ground before concrete. One other bit will need to be purchased.

The new HVAC in Herb Smith Community Building has been installed and operational. Thank you D&R Heating and Cooling!

In recognition of National Astronomy Day, Jasmine Tingle's very informative presentation had about sixty people in attendance with several astronomers from two different astronomy clubs. Very professional job, Jasmine!

Application for a Dark Sky Site continues and takes one to two years. Excitement is building for the New Era Kite Festival, Saturday May 20! Tickets for "A

Thank you Minnie Hamilton for sponsoring this event again and Erin Barnhart for her thoughtfulness!

The Dome Observatory, a gift from Rob Jones of Gilmer County, will be near the Star Cabin.

Fish Stocking/Youth Day was held Sunday, May 7. We thank Hope Gas for their second-year donation for this event!

Middle School Students will be visiting the Park to paint shelters, pick up sticks, etc. May 15 & 22. Thank you so much for your help!

Work continues on Shelter/Bathrooms at Cabin site.

MOV Grant for \$150,000 awarded for Barn-Campground Bath/Shower House:

Men & Women's Bathrooms and four Showers with Entrance Code locks. Luke Peters, Community Development Director, thank you for your help!

Discussion about LED Flat Panel Lights for Barn, bottoms for Grills repair, and new outside trash containers.

Reminder of upcoming events:

May 13 : Work Day at the Park

May 15 Middle School Students First Work Day

May 20: Kite Day and Astronomy Evening at the Park

May 22 Middle School Students Second Work Day

June 1: Next Calhoun Park Meeting at 6 PM

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2023 MEC Outdoor Track Conference Championship

Submitted by: Missy Cunningham

Local Collegiate Track star Savannah Cunningham competed in the 2023 MEC Outdoor Track Conference Championship last weekend in Maryland.

Cunningham qualified individually in the 400 meters placing 12th; competed in the 4x100 Relay finishing 5th and competed in the 4x400 Relay finishing 8th.

Cunningham is transferring to Glenville from Concord and will run for GSC in cross country and track and field next year.

Pictured on left is Calhoun Native Savannah Cunningham competing at the 2023 MEC Outdoor Track Conference Championship.



Homer Hickam to Speak to Student Writers At Young Writers Day

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or Christy.Day@k12.wv.us.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with the Central West Virginia Writing Project, Marshall University, the EdVenture Group and the University of Charleston will host West Virginia Young Writers Day on Friday, May 5, 2023, at the University of Charleston's Riggelman Auditorium beginning at 9 a.m. Best-selling author and native West Virginian Homer Hickam will address the state's young writers as the keynote speaker.

Young Writers Day celebrates student writing (grades k-12) in the Mountain State

as a hallmark of a comprehensive and robust education. Teachers and administrators in each county encourage students to submit entries on any topic and in any prose genre. Winners from every county are determined and will be recognized and honored at the event.

"I am pleased and thoroughly impressed by the talent and creativity of our young writers," said State Superintendent of Schools David L. Roach. "Young Writers Day supports the critical literacy skills that our children will need to find success in the future. This is an amazing opportunity for educators to nurture and expand our students' capabilities through an experience that none of them will forget."

Participating stud-

ents will also engage in grade-appropriate writing workshops led by education leaders and award-winning local writers. Afterward, several state winners will read their submitted pieces.

Homer Hickam is a decorated Vietnam veteran and retired NASA engineer and astronaut trainer. He is most famous for his literary work as the author of 20 books, including his memoir Rocket Boys, which became the basis for the film October Sky. Hickam rose from humble beginnings in Coalwood, West Virginia to become one of the most-read authors in public schools across the country.

To learn more about Young Writers Day and to see photos from previous years, visit the WVDE website.

Capito Announces Aerospace Training in W. Va.

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on April 28th, announced \$300,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for the West Virginia Community and Technical College System on behalf of New River Community and Technical College. This funding, which was secured through a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request by Senator Capito, will be used to

modernize aerospace training with Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality (AR/VR) equipment in line with current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. In total, Senator Capito secured \$241,135,000 in direct spending measures for initiatives and projects across West Virginia through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations omnibus package.

"I'm pleased to have secured this funding for New River Community and Technical College, ensuring modernized training for their FAA certifications," Ranking Member Capito said. "The aerospace industry in West Virginia continues to grow and making sure pilots, crews, ground

control, and air traffic control are prepared for future challenges in their careers is incredibly important for the safety of passengers and helps keep our economy moving."

"We are so grateful to Senator Capito for this funding that will open new doors for students at New River," Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia's Chancellor of Higher Education, said. "The career opportunities and economic advancements being made possible by the growing aerospace industry in West Virginia are remarkable, and we are excited to see the impact of strong investments like this."

2023 Try This WV Youth Summit and Conference

CONTACT: Brittney Barlett, director@trythiswv.com, 304-997-4628, www.trythiswv.org

Help grow healthier communities in WV! Buckhannon, WV—The 2023 Try This WV Youth Summit & Conference will be June 15-17.

These in-person events will be held on the beautiful campus of WV Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV.

The Youth Summit, in partnership with the WV Prevention Research Center's Youth Advisory

Board (YAB), is on June 15th for West Virginians ages 13 to 22 and their guardians/facilitators.

The annual Try This Conference, held at WVWC since 2014 prior to COVID, will finally be returning June 16-17.

Join the Try This team and partners to celebrate projects and leaders, build knowledge and skills, explore new healthy-community possibilities, and network across West Virginia with others who want to see their neighborhoods, communities, and state

move in a healthier direction.

Try This WV aims to help knock W.Va. off the top of the worst health lists, community by community, by building a statewide grassroots network of emerging leaders who expand opportunities for physical activity and/or healthy food in their communities.

For more information about the 2023 Try This WV Youth Summit & Conference, or to register: <https://www.trythiswv.org/2023conference>

Scholarship Opportunities Contact Ms. Sampson at the CMHS

2023 Horatio Alger Career and Technical Scholarship

Application Deadline: June 15, 2023
Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives who wish to pursue a career or technical education at an accredited non-profit post secondary institution in the United States.

WVU's S-STEM Scholarship Program
Application Deadline: First consideration is given to application submitted before May 15, 2023.

WVU's Department of Physics and

Astronomy received an NSF S-STEM grant to support WV students to study physics with a computational area of emphasis at WVU with a scholarship of up to to \$10,000 a year for up to 4 years.

See Ms. Sampson for assistance in submitting your application.

HEALTH CARE PATHWAY INITIATIVE PROGRAM (HCPI)

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine brings a glimpse into the care settings and structure of workplaces in science, research, health care, pharmacy, nursing, health

informatics, technology, and engineering to HCPI in a fun and innovative way. Program participants will interact with medical students, faculty, and other health professionals.

This program offers highly motivated underrepresented high school students (grades 9-12) interested in a career in STEM the opportunity to experience those careers first hand.

Program dates are June 4-June 29. The deadline to apply is May 7, 2023.

Please see Ms. Sampson at the CMHS for assistance in registering.

Hope Scholarship Deadline is May 15th

Contact: Jared Hunt, Deputy Treasurer - Communications Director, West Virginia State Treasurer's Office, 304.341.0709 (Direct), 304.532.3092 (Mobile), Main: 304.558.5000 Toll Free: 800.422.7498

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

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

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

forward to providing this program for the full school year that begins this fall."

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

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

Eligible to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.

Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the current academic year (2022-2023) immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application.

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

Important Note: While members of the state Legislature have discussed bills that would expand or change eligibility requirements for the Hope Scholarship Program, none of those changes have yet to pass or become law. Should the Legislature pass any reforms, the Hope Scholarship Board would provide updates on the program once those changes are enacted and take effect.

2023 Golden

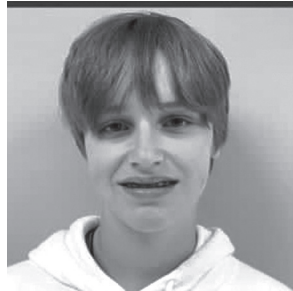
Horseshoe Winners

Calhoun County Schools and the West Virginia Department of Education is honored to announce the 2023 Golden Horseshoe winners for Calhoun County are Cooper Morris and Orion Swearingen.

Since 1931, students have been honored as knights of the Golden Horseshoe having demonstrated exceptional knowledge of West Virginia history on the state administered exam.



Orion Swearingen.



Cooper Morris

This year, 226 winners will join the ranks of WV citizens who have won this prestigious award.

County winners will have an opportunity to be recognized at our Golden Horseshoe ceremony on June 13, 2023 at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston, WV.

10u Calhoun Dirt Devils Softball

Submitted by April Wilson

Calhoun 10u Dirt Devils Softball team ended their regular season Saturday in Bridgeport at the Bridgeport City Park fields with two more wins. The Dirt Devils had an Undefeated Season with a record of 11-0, Coached by Steven Cunningham, Homer Wilson and Clayton Barnhart. The Dirt Devils will compete in the league tournament starting May 8, 2023 with at least two more games (TBA). The team will need to continue to win to reach the Championship games being held in Nutter Fort on Monday, May 15, 2023 starting at 6pm.



Top: Coaches Steven Cunningham, Clayton Barnhart and Homer Wilson; Middle: Addie Caudill, Abi Hardbarger, Tori Cunningham, Clara Barnhart, Temperance Caldwell, Colbie Wilson; Bottom: Ari Bremar, Embree Gungle, Audrey McCumbers, Mandy Johnson, Jaelyn McCumbers, Vada Barnhart, Lizzie Collins

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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.

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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Wanted: Office Lady, size 12 with tall, nice figure for relationship in Calhoun County. Send photo, phone number and address to: Emory King, 4167 Yellow Creek Road, Big Bend, W.Va. 26136. Office ladies write only, send a letter. 04/20-5/11

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Steals & Deals hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. M,W,F,S 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tue. & Thur.
Located in the Old Armory Building
Mt. Zion, W.Va.
304-804-6006

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315 Main St., Glenville 304-462-5631

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List of real estate and personal property in the County of CALHOUN delinquent for the non-payment of taxes for the year of 2022. Listed amounts include interest and publication fees as of the 1st day of May, 2023.

Personal Property

Table listing personal property owners and their amounts. Includes categories like 01-CENTER and 02-GRANTSVILLE. Owners include ALLISON NATHAN & DESMA, AYERS MICHAEL, BAILEY ANDREA, etc.

Table listing property owners and their amounts. Includes categories like 03-LEE and 04-SHERIDAN. Owners include COTTRELL GERALD D & KERRI, COTTRELL DANIEL B & CYNTHIA, CRADDOCK LEWIS & JEANNETTE, etc.

Table listing property owners and their amounts. Includes categories like 05-SHERMAN and 06-WASHINGTON. Owners include BURROWS CASSIDY, BUTT RICHARD & SHERRY, CAIN RILEY, CARPENTER WI., etc.

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Table with multiple columns and rows, containing property addresses, names, and numerical values. Includes sub-sections for Real Estate, Delinquent Personal Property, and various districts (01-CENTER, 02-GRANTSVILLE, 03-LEE, 04-SHERIDAN, 06-WASHINGTON).

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Delinquent Real Estate
DISTRICT 04-SHERIDAN continued from previous page

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| CAIN DAVID F. | 39.63 |
| CALLAGHAN HELEN KAY. | 25.17 |
| CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORP. | 25.17 |
| CHEUVRONT JOSEPH W & KATHRYN L. | 189.24 |
| COLLINS JOSEPH D. | 25.17 |
| COLLINS JOSEPH. | 28.09 |
| COLLINS ROSS HRS. | 176.19 |
| CORAM JUANITA CAROLINE. | 25.17 |
| DANIELL J ROBERT. | 25.17 |
| DAVIS CHRISTINE DIANNE. | 219.84 |
| DAVIS PATRICIA A. | 235.84 |
| DICKSON DENNIS W & . | 433.87 |
| DICKSON DENNIS W. | 27.05 |
| DICKSON DENNIS. | 135.02 |
| FARRELL LESTER. | 76.5 |
| FERRELL GREG. | 408.13 |
| FERRELL SARAH C HRS. | 73.41 |
| FORD RANCEL HRS. | 25.17 |
| FORD RENCEL HRS. | 25.17 |
| GIBSON MICHAEL L-BRIAN K. | 283.19 |
| GOODNIGHT STEPHEN ESTATE. | 22.6 |
| GOODNIGHT STEPHEN ESTATE-. | 221.9 |
| GREATHOUSE MARYE. | 121.79 |
| GRIGGS KAREN K. | 28.44 |
| GRIGGS KAREN KAY. | 25.17 |
| GUNN DONALD P. | 25.17 |
| HAUGHT FORD & JEWELL M. | 25.17 |
| HEARTWOOD FORESTLAND FUND IV. | 10804.2 |
| HERRON SUSAN D. | 25.17 |
| INGRAM SHANE D. | 50.34 |
| JAY GAS CORPORATION. | 74.74 |
| JOERNDT CARL & V LOUISE A. | 201.36 |
| JONES ARGIL JR & MICHELLE. | 650.21 |
| JONES RUSSELL & VICKIE. | 704.17 |
| JONES RUSSELL E & VICKI L. | 308.9 |
| JONES THOMAS R. | 280.33 |
| KNOWLES CHRISTOPHER C. | 35.66 |
| KRUGMAN RHONDA. | 1241.16 |
| MARKS ERNEST & HANNAH. | 41.18 |
| MARTIN RAYMONDE JR.&. | 298.32 |
| MARTIN RAYMOND JR & BARBARA A. | 615.88 |
| MCCRAY BRENDA D. | 271.32 |
| MENENDEZ KATHLEEN J. | 25.17 |
| MYERS VIRGINIA HANNAH. | 80.94 |
| OVERTON CLARA. | 25.17 |
| OWENS SCOTT. | 87.91 |
| PETTY SARAH. | 25.17 |
| PIEDMONT LLC. | 83.00 |
| PURSLEY DONALD, DAVID AND. | 107.79 |
| ROGERS CARL R. | 316.98 |
| ROSE BILLIE. | 25.17 |
| SHEL TON KENT. | 25.17 |
| SHIMER PHILLIP. | 50.34 |
| SIMMS GLADYS J. | 25.17 |
| STALNAKER BRANDON-ANDREW-MATTH | 25.17 |
| STEIGLEDER SHANE AND DONNA. | 488.85 |
| SWINDELL LAURA A. | 25.17 |
| THOMPSON KEVIN ODELL. | 444.96 |
| TRIPLETT NANCY N. | 25.17 |
| TUCKER ARDELIA HRS. | 25.17 |
| TUCKER JASPER HRS. | 27.57 |
| UNKNOWN RLTYOWNER. | 25.17 |
| WARD RYAN. | 108.29 |
| WATSON RANDA. | 25.17 |
| WESTVACO CORPORATION. | 87.48 |
| WHITE JENNIFER. | 100.68 |
| WILLIAMS TERRY AND. | 156.85 |
| WORKMAN LEOTA. | 25.17 |
| 04-SHERIDAN Total | 23486.04 |

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| KOIS CONNIE. | 25.17 |
| LEVERING DALE F JR. | 22.53 |
| LYDICK ROBERT. | 25.17 |
| MCGREGOR JIM OR CARMELLA. | 151.02 |
| MCKOWN EDWIN. | 202.11 |
| MILLER RONZEL R & PAMELA S. | 345.18 |
| MINNEY SYLVIA HRS. | 54.98 |
| MOOMAU KATELYN BRINEY. | 144.54 |
| MORRELL MICHELLE&. | 288.9 |
| MORRIS JAMES J &. | 86.53 |
| MORRIS JAMES J & LYNN C GILBERT | 225.89 |
| MORRIS JAMES J. | 238.92 |
| MOTTICE MAXINE. | 91.86 |
| NELSON KATHRYN M. | 50.34 |
| NEWELL MICHAEL & SUSAN. | 31.37 |
| PARSONS WANDA. | 25.17 |
| PATE GLADYS. | 25.17 |
| PATTERSON PAMELA L. | 25.17 |
| PITTS DONALD S & SUSAN A. | 27.76 |
| PITTS DONALDS & SUSAN. | 32.9 |
| PITTS DONALDS. | 299.17 |
| PLANT BUDDY E &. | 25.17 |
| PLANT MARCIA. | 151.02 |
| PLANT ROBERT OR JUANITA. | 151.02 |
| POST DONALD MONROE. | 45.06 |
| POSTALWAIT JAMES M. | 50.34 |
| QUEST CHEROKEE LLC. | 25.17 |
| RADABAUGH PATRICIA. | 50.34 |
| REED MCNEILL & SIERRA. | 185.75 |
| REIP MICHAEL L & CHRYSTAL G. | 453.22 |
| RIDDLE ADELIA. | 26.54 |
| RIGGS JENNINGS S. | 25.17 |
| ROBERTS EDITH L. | 25.17 |
| ROBERTS LEONARD BAGENT. | 25.17 |
| ROBERTS MICHAELJ & TIFFANI D. | 266.3 |
| ROBINSON RANDY & CHRISTINA. | 76.58 |
| ROBINSON RANDY&. | 183.47 |
| ROE JOHN CHARLES. | 34.46 |
| ROSE BILLIE. | 50.34 |
| SANDERS DWAYNE D. | 26.54 |
| SANDERS DWAYNE DANIEL. | 43.41 |
| SHAFFER CLARENCE DALE & SHEILA | 50.34 |
| SIERS KENNETH & LORETTA. | 210.44 |
| SIERS KENNETH RONALD&. | 156.01 |
| SIERS KENNETH. | 29.81 |
| SIMMONS DORIS LEAH. | 25.17 |
| SIMMONS DORIS S. | 25.17 |
| SLADE CONSTANCE AGT. | 25.17 |
| SMITH MARY BARR HRS. | 25.17 |
| SOMMERVILLE JAMES RICHARD. | 247.19 |
| STARCHER GARY G. | 25.17 |
| STEVENS EDNA A ET ALS. | 75.51 |
| STEVENS EDNA A. | 25.17 |
| STILTNER GARY. | 359.24 |
| STUMP CECILE. | 25.17 |
| STUMP ERNEST HRS. | 25.17 |
| STUMP HOLLY. | 50.34 |
| STUMP J NEIL. | 32.39 |
| STUMP JACK D. | 75.51 |
| STUMP JOHN S. | 90.49 |
| STUMP MITCHELL & TAMELA. | 79.9 |
| STURM GREGORY. | 125.85 |
| TAYLOR DIANNE. | 395.38 |
| VARGAS JOSEPHINE P. | 172.73 |
| WEASE AUSTIN. | 758.59 |
| WHIPKEY DELBERT R. | 25.17 |
| WHITE JENNIFER. | 25.17 |
| WILLIAMS GARY F. | 344.21 |
| WOOD JUSTIN K. | 424.19 |
| WRIGHT CLARENCE C. | 25.17 |
| WRIGHT CLARENCE. | 25.17 |
| YEAGER MICHAELE & DEBRA L. | 191.95 |
| YOAKJAMES M & KAREN S. | 304.4 |
| YOAK JAMES M & KAREN SUE. | 92.66 |
| 05-SHERMAN Total | 21531.84 |

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| HICKS FREDDIE. | 26.31 |
| HILL DARIOUS W. | 25.17 |
| HINZMAN JANICE U. | 25.17 |
| HIRSCHFELD GERALD & MARJORIE. | 334.99 |
| HOFFMAN CAROL. | 389.4 |
| HORTON OLIVE AGT. | 25.17 |
| JARVIS DEBRA. | 45.06 |
| JARVIS KARI NICHOLE. | 396.94 |
| JARVIS SAMUEL R & CRYSTAL D. | 22.6 |
| JETT TAMMY L. | 627.23 |
| JOHNSON WAYNE S. | 528.99 |
| JONES BRIAN L & TINA. | 104.16 |
| JONES CLIFFORD W. | 25.17 |
| KEARNS J W EST. | 25.17 |
| KEEN BILLY JR & DEBRA. | 191.44 |
| KEEN DEBORAH &. | 61.71 |
| KEEN TRECEA & MICHAEL. | 475.42 |
| KEITH LORA & WILMA. | 25.17 |
| KELLAR JOHN L. | 58.55 |
| KELLER JOHN L. | 56.5 |
| KING KAREN & CECIL SHAUN. | 96.26 |
| KING LLOYD. | 25.17 |
| KLEVER BETTY J. | 25.17 |
| KNICELY WILLIAM B JR. | 147.55 |
| KNOTTS CHARLES. | 269.39 |
| LAKINS DONNA JUNE. | 25.17 |
| LAMB NANNIE. | 50.34 |
| LAMB RON. | 25.17 |
| LESLIE FLORENCE. | 25.17 |
| LOONEY HARRY. | 25.17 |
| MARKS MICHAELE & STACY L. | 150.12 |
| MARKS ROBERT W & LISA ANN. | 182.99 |
| MARTIN JERRY W. | 170.28 |
| MARTOVITZ PAMELA J. | 25.17 |
| MCCOY TRESSIE-GILFORD LEE-. | 24.13 |
| MCCRACKEN BENJAMIN & JENNIFER. | 120.18 |
| MCCUMBERS MICHAEL T & LISA A. | 455.3 |
| MCCUMBERS OKEY D ET ALS. | 305.12 |
| MCCUNE CRISTINA & JIMMY. | 28.77 |
| MCKOWN ROLAND. | 111.49 |
| MELRATH TYLER S &. | 92.24 |
| METHENEY TIMMY. | 115.83 |
| MILLER BENJAH. | 226.09 |
| MILLER RONALD. | 50.34 |
| MOLLOHAN ROSS. | 125.85 |
| MORRIS CHRISTOPHER. | 587.47 |
| MORRIS JAMES. | 25.17 |
| MORRIS TONEY. | 50.34 |
| MOUNTAIN STATE WELL TENDING. | 30.33 |
| MULLENAX FRANCES. | 25.17 |
| MURPHY BURTON M & MALINDA E. | 196.45 |
| MURPHY WHITEY. | 28.09 |
| NAKONECHNY MIKE & NANCY. | 176.8 |
| NETTLES WILMA. | 25.17 |
| NICHOLAS JOHN W & LISA D CAIN. | 197.62 |
| NICHOLAS MELISSA. | 700.89 |
| NICHOLAS NORMA. | 25.17 |
| OFFUT OLLIE JR & BERNARD. | 25.17 |
| OFFUTT OLLIE & BERNARD. | 50.34 |
| PARSONS ETHEL HRS. | 38.95 |
| PEGGS GAY HRS. | 22.57 |
| PERKINS TERESA LYNN. | 25.17 |
| POLING MAE. | 25.17 |
| POSTLEWAITE CRAIG & DEANNA. | 53.06 |
| PROPST DOROTHY. | 25.17 |
| QUEST CHEROKEE LLC. | 25.17 |
| RAMSEY JOHN L & VIVIAN M. | 29.65 |
| RESKO THOMAS SCOTT. | 369.58 |
| RIDDLE VIRGINIA G. | 25.17 |
| ROSS VIRGINIA. | 75.51 |
| SALISBURY SHANAN & RANDALL. | 27.24 |
| SAMPLES SANDRA BOGGS AGT. | 25.17 |
| SAMPSON TRAVIS ALEXANDER. | 25.17 |
| SAUER PAULE. | 1022.25 |
| SHAVER JASON. | 100.68 |
| SIERS JOHN MARTIN. | 25.77 |
| SLAUGHTER CHERYL ANNE. | 891.13 |
| SMITH ENID. | 25.17 |
| SMITH GAE EST. | 25.17 |
| SMITH GAE. | 25.17 |
| STARCHER FRANCIS O. | 25.17 |
| STARCHER JEFFREY. | 270.95 |
| STINSON GAS LTD. | 25.17 |
| STRIBLING LYN CHERRY. | 100.68 |
| STUMP JOHNS & ROANNA. | 54.98 |
| SUMMERS DEAN. | 367.8 |
| SUTRO TIMOTHY J & JODI L. | 864.1 |
| SWETZ MELISSA. | 25.17 |
| TAYLOR BERNARD KATHLEEN JANICE | 27.24 |
| THORNE BUDDY EUEL. | 25.17 |
| TINGLER JOSEPH. | 50.5 |
| TOTH DOROTHY E. | 50.34 |
| TRUMAN DELIA. | 25.17 |
| UNION NAT'L BANK OF WV. | 25.17 |
| VAN BUREN CHARLOTTE. | 264.1 |
| VENTR ENTERPRISES INC. | 76.81 |
| VOGELSANG SCHWAN. | 64.47 |
| WEBER HOPE. | 184.2 |
| WEST MELISSA AND. | 194.53 |
| WESTFALL GENEVA & JEREMY. | 160.46 |
| WHITE DONALD & TAMMY SUE. | 108.64 |
| WILLIAMS LONA MAE SMOOT. | 25.17 |
| WILSON RANDY. | 72.03 |
| WITT CARL. | 100.47 |
| WITT HARRIET. | 26.72 |
| YOUNG IRENE L. | 25.17 |
| ZAYAS INEZ. | 911.23 |
| ZECH ELOISE CONLEY. | 25.17 |
| 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION. | 97.98 |
| 06-WASHINGTON Total | 27584.96 |

Real Estate Total **129335.61**

Grand Total **200947.88**

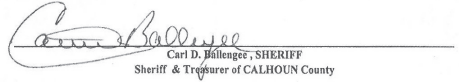
The sheriff, after ascertaining which of the taxes assessed in his or her county are delinquent, shall, on or before the first day of May next succeeding the year for which the taxes were assessed, prepare the following delinquent lists, arranged by districts and alphabetically by name of the person charged, and showing in respect to each the amount of taxes remaining delinquent on April thirtieth: (1) A list of property in the land hook improperly entered or not ascertainable; (2) a list of other delinquent real estate; and (3) a list of all other delinquent taxes: Provided, that the list shall conclude with a notice, substantially as follows: "Any person holding a West Virginia business registration certificate under the authority of article twelve, chapter eleven of this code who does not pay all delinquent personal property taxes shall have his or her license to do business in this State suspended until the delinquency is cured."

The sheriff on returning each list shall, at the foot thereof, subscribe an oath, which shall be subscribed before and certified by some person duly authorized to administer oaths, in form or effect as follows:

I, Carl D. Ballengee, Sheriff, Sheriff and Treasurer of CALHOUN County, do swear that the foregoing list is to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate, and that I have received none of the taxes listed.

I, Carl D. Ballengee, SHERIFF, Sheriff & Treasurer of the County of CALHOUN, do swear that the foregoing list is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, complete and accurate, and that I have received none of the taxes listed therein.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 2023
(3)



Carl D. Ballengee, SHERIFF
Sheriff & Treasurer of CALHOUN County

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PRE-ADOPTION NEWSPAPER NOTICE FOR SEWER RATE CHANGES
NOTICE

TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Grantsville, a municipal corporation, will hold a hearing before the final vote on a proposed ordinance, the principal object of which is the increase of sewer rates for customers of the sewer system operated by the Town of Grantsville. The title of such ordinance is "An Ordinance to Increase Sewer Rates."

The Town of Grantsville is proposing the following rates, fees and/or charges:
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Sewer Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

SECTION 1 - TARIFF
(Effective 45 Days After Enactment)

APPLICABILITY

Applicable in the entire territory or area served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for residential, commercial and industrial customers.

RATES (Based upon metered volume of water supplied)

First 1,500 gallons used per month \$40.01
Over 1,500 gallons used per month \$17.31 per 1,000 gallons per month

*** A sixty (60%) percent increase from the existing rate of \$25.01.

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amount \$40.01

UNMETERED USERS

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amount \$40.01

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billing not paid in full within twenty (20) days, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

SEWER SERVICE CHARGE

A charge of \$25.00 will be made for re-establishing a disconnected service having been cut off to collect a sewer bill.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of \$300.00 will be charged to customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, or fifty (\$50.00), whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

RETURNED CHECK RATE

If a check is returned by the bank for any reason, the bank's charge to the utility shall be the utility's charge to the customer for such a bad check, but such charge to customers shall not exceed \$30.00.

The final vote on adoption of said proposed ordinance shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Town of Grantsville Town Hall, 362 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147 at 6:00 p.m., on May 22, 2023. Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time with respect to the passage of the proposed ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town of Grantsville municipal building, 362 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE: The following rates and charges are hereby fixed, determined and established for municipal sewerage services provided to all customers of the Town of Grantsville's Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant and Collection System, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following Rates and Schedules:

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SECTION 2 - TARIFF EFFECTIVE DATE

The rates, charges and penalties provided herein shall become effective as provided herein, or as soon as the same may be approved by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if clause, provision or hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the West Virginia Public Service Commission or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Upon introduction hereof, the Town shall cause to be published a copy of this Ordinance once a week for two (2) successive weeks within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, with least six (6) days between each publication, in the Calhoun Chronicle, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Grantsville, and said notice shall state that the Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before Council on May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., which date is not less than ten (10) days after the date of the first publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present any comment or protest thereto, following which hearing, Council shall take such action it shall deem proper. Copies of this Ordinance shall be available to the public for inspection at the office of the Town Recorder, of Grantsville, West Virginia.

TARIFF FORM NO. 12

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SEWER RATES OF THE TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

NOTICE is hereby given that the TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE enacted an ordinance on May 1, 2023 containing increased rates and charges for furnishing sewer service to approximately 350 customers at Grantsville and vicinity, in Calhoun County, West Virginia.

The proposed rates and charges will become effective as provided in the ordinance unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce the following additional revenue annually:

| Effective 45 days after enactment | (\$) Revenue Increase | (%) Revenue Increase |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | \$63,000 | |

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

| (Effective 45 Days After Enactment) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Present Rates | Proposed Rates | (\$) Rate Increase | (%) Rate Increase |
| 25.01 | 40.01 | 15.00 | 60% |

The Town has no resale customers.

The increase shown is based on averages of all customers. The requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The public Service Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of adoption of the ordinance changing said rates and charges by:

- (1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Public Service Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty five percent (25%) of the customers served by the municipality operated electric or natural gas public utility or municipally owned water and or sewer utility having less than four thousand five hundred (4,500) customers and \$3 million dollars annual combined gross revenues or twenty five percent (25%) of the membership of the electric, natural gas or telephone cooperative residing within the state;
- (2) Any customer who is served by a municipally owned electric or natural gas public utility and who resides outside corporate limits and who is affected by the change in the rates or charges and who presents to the Public Service Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. The petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or
- (3) Any customer or group of customers of the municipally owned electric or natural gas public utility who is affected by the change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Public Service Commission alleging discrimination between a customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. The petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, PO Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Town City Building, Grantsville, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, PO Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

Mayor of Grantsville

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
Town of Grantsville, West Virginia
June 6, 2023

To vote for a candidate mark an "X" in the square opposite to and at the left of the name.

In order to cast a WRITE-IN vote, you may write the name and office of the candidate in any location on the front side of this ballot.

FOR MAYOR
(Vote For ONE)

ROBERT J. PETROVSKY

FOR RECORDER
(Vote For ONE)

JUDY T. POWELL

FOR CITY COUNCIL
(Vote For Not More Than FIVE)

KIMBERLY A. SWEAT

TERESA OVERTON

CHERYL L. CHEESBREW STURM

EMALEE MORGAN

WILLIAM VILLERS

LINDA STATON

County Commission Special Meeting
May 11, 2023

8 a.m. Agenda

I. Pledge of Allegiance:

II. Personnel:

1. Appointment Interim Sheriff

III. Old Business:

1. Solid Waste Authority Request

2. Agreement - MHHS - Ambulance Service

3. Redirection - Levy Monies from EMS to Minnie Hamilton

4. Stabilization Fund

IV. Executive Session:

V. Adjournment - Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: S.R. JUVENILE CASE NO. 22-JA-5
DOB: 09/11/2015 Hon. Anita Harold Ashley

Infant Respondent,
BRUCE KAASE, and
MEGAN RICHTER,
Adult Respondents.

AMENDED ORDER OF CLASS II PUBLICATION

The subject of this suit is to determine custody of the Infant Respondent.

A more particular description of this suit is contained in the Petition on file in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Calhoun County, West Virginia.

To Megan Richter,

On or about September 11, 2015, S.R. the above-named child was born to MEGAN RICHTER and BRUCE KAASE. It appearing that the whereabouts of the Mother of the above-named child, MEGAN RICHTER, are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her. Notice is hereby given that an adjudicatory hearing is scheduled in the above-styled matter on June 6, 2023, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Anita H. Ashley, in the special venue of Roane County located at the Roane County Courthouse, Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia. The Mother, MEGAN RICHTER, has the right to counsel at every stage of these proceedings and Joel Baker, Esq. located at Joel Baker Law Office, PLLC, 203A Church St., Spencer, WV 25276 has been appointed to represent you by the Court and can be reached at (304) 500-9238. The above-styled proceeding may, upon final disposition result in the permanent termination of the parental rights of the Mother, MEGAN RICHTER, with respect to the above-named child, S.R. The adjudicatory hearing may be rescheduled without further notice of publication. A copy of said Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, Calhoun County, West Virginia.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 3rd day of May, 2023.

Sheila R. Garretson
Sheila Garretson, Calhoun County Circuit Clerk

Creston News
by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

On Saturday May 20 there will be a flea market at the Creston Community Building with signups at 8 A. M. Bring one's own table. Then at starting 11 A. M. there will be an antique car show. The kitchen will be open as well. Come and look for bargains among "all the fleas" and then admire the golden oldie automobiles & trucks.

Jerry Bunner, John & Debbie Griffin are among the local folks who were undergoing cardiac tests and/or "vacationing" where breakfast is served in bed. An elderly Creston resident was taking a test & the technician noted that more resolution was

needed which required an IV. The crazy woke trans insanity has now invaded the medical field as the local fellow had to sign a paper saying that HE was neither pregnant nor breast feeding.

Some Creston area residents motored to Arnoldsburg to participate in the Arnoldsburg Fire Department barbecue meal. Like last year it was pouring down the rain.

Along I-77 there were lots of red bud & dogwood flowers which made the trip worth while. Flowers always are a plus. However, little Jimmy Wristen has expensive heavy equipment eradicating the flowering shrubs along the roadway. Some well connected equipment fellow has a piece of iron that needs

rented & the W. Va. taxpayers obviously have "deep Pockets". In Calhoun County the roadsides have been sprayed as someone has to make sure that sales of herbicide product stay at a high level. Across from the Full Gospel Lighthouse there once was a patch of wild columbine but no more. Roadside wild flower eradication now must be part of the much hyped "core Maintenance"

Northeast Natural Energy, a Charleston based Marcellus driller, will drill a 15,000 foot well for the university and the U. S. Sept. of Energy. It is to test for geothermal energy and the possibility of storing CO2. Elsewhere the EPA has been holding up permits, called Class IV injection wells for

pumping CO2 back into deep formations.

The Energy Information Agency (EIA) reported that natural gas usage & withdrawal from gas storage set a 40 year high. LNG export hit another new high while gas usage took a drop likely because of troubled economic conditions. Note what is happening with the big banks.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dropped to \$70.34/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$54.34/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$61.34 & medium \$70.34/bbl. Henry Bub (Louisiana) natural gas is \$2.14/MMBTU.

Calhoun Native Completes Student Teaching at Glenville State University

Submitted by Dustin Crutchfield, Glenville State University, Public Relations & Marketing.



Gabriella Wood

GLENVILLE, WV – Gabriella Wood of Arnoldsburg, West Virginia has completed

her student teaching at Glenville State University (GSU). She completed her preservice internship in English Education (5-Adult) at Gilmer County High School with Barbara Yoder and at Calhoun County Middle School with Sallie Stewart. Dr. Shelly Ratliff and Dr. Melody Wise were her GSU supervisors. She and her husband Justin reside in Arnoldsburg and she is the daughter of Sheila Brown of Arnoldsburg and Robert Brown and Angelina Hunt-Brown of Harrisburg, North Carolina. Wood

graduated from Calhoun County High School in 2010. Senior teacher education students take part in an internship during their final semester at GSU. At the conclusion of their internship students must complete a presentation illustrating their mastery of the Interstate New Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards as well as the standards of their particular area of study. For more information about the Teacher Education Program at GSU, call (304) 462-4119.

Citizens of Accountability Meeting held May 4th

By: Melissa West

The meeting of Calhoun Citizens for Accountability was held Thursday, May 4th at the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department.

The group met in preparation for the upcoming Calhoun County Commission and Calhoun County Board of Education meetings, both being held on Monday, May 8th.

On Monday morning, the group will have delegates address the Calhoun County Commission with regards to the Calhoun Sheriff's Budget and the groups belief that the Calhoun County Commission have failed to safeguard the Community by creating a budget that would not allow the Sheriffs office enough funding to run properly. The group discussed their concerns that certain areas in the budget were overfunded and could possibly look like budget padding when crucial budget items were not addressed properly.

On Monday evening the group of citizens, plan to have delegates to address the Calhoun County School Board and their failure to advise parents of a new project based curriculum that could leave our children facing failure in the core subjects that they'll need for High School and College. The meeting will be held in the Middle High School Auditorium and all parents are encouraged to attend. With the current scores of Calhoun Students being low, there is legitimate concern that the students wellbeing was not considered when Calhoun was given the opportunity to Pilot a program that other schools have dropped out or declined and only one additional school is involved which is also a financially strapped system.

Calhoun Citizens for Accountability encourages participation by all Calhoun citizens and appreciates a variety of viewpoints. The common

goal of all who attend is that local Government is for the people and by the people. This group is bringing light to issues that involve every citizen of this county.

The non-partisan group of Calhoun residents was organized for the purpose of bringing awareness to county issues where government leadership has not fulfilled their duties to the community. Again, this group is not affiliated with any political party. If you have concerns about something in the county, attend one of the meetings and voice your concerns.

The group is putting Calhoun county's elected officials on notice that the citizens will no longer tolerate back room meetings where decisions are made outside the public's knowledge be tolerated, nor will poor investments of money and resources be allowed without regard for what is best for Calhoun families.

(County Commission Meeting May 8th Continued from Page 1)

Pitts went to say that their plan is to remove the dilapidated playsets. He reports this will be done during their planned work day on Saturday, May 13th starting at 8 a.m.

Commissioner Arthur gave the FRN report. The FRN had 980 pantries in the month of April, they are continuing the Summer Feeding Program collecting donations for the Match Funds, and they have a workshop for WRAP that allows you to receive 12 CEU's. If you are interested contact Tina at the FRN, 304-354-7177.

Sheriff Carl Ballengee spoke that he submitted a letter to the Commission for the transfer of money in the amount of \$4,500 from the Sheriff's Law Enforcement: Line Item 700103 to Home Confinement, Line Item 705103 that is salary budget is in the hole and this transfer will bring it up to date and balanced to the end of the year. He addressed that the current Home Confinement Officer is out for possibly a year and this week he is going to get the addresses of the 3 individuals currently on home confinement and do checks as he completes civil process serving. He reports he

will not use any of the home confinement funds. He feels that the new incoming Sheriff should make the decision on what do about the Home Confinement Officer position. Ballengee has submitted budget revisions for the Sheriff's office. He wants to transfer funds from the Sheriff's Treasurer budget of \$1350 for postage (Line Item # 404-218) to contracted services (Line item 404-230), requested reimbursement for \$920.29 for overcharging the department for a printer and the money received was placed into the General Account instead. The next letter he requested \$11,000 in salary and wages (Line Item 700103) to Maintenance and Repair, (Line Item 700207) and \$3,000 from FICA Social Security (Line Item 700304) to Supplies and Materials (Item 700341). Ballengee discussed the \$11,000 is to equip the new cruisers. He suggested that they utilize some of the 12 light bars and control boxes he located while cleaning out the jail. He requested the commissioners, when time allows to look at what he has in order to save the county some money in regards to the new cruisers. Ballengee

reports he has been in magistrate and circuit court along with civil process. He reports he can not locate an inventory sheet for the assets, so he has started a new one with what he is finding. He has made a few purchases, such as a small refrigerator (\$59.99) for evidence storage and a new vacuum. He also submitted a letter to begin the hiring of a full time deputy sheriff and he suggested the need of a part time or full time dog warden. He is willing to help train the new dog warden to save the county money.

Motion carried to employee Kelly Capell as custodian effective May 4th and to accept the resignation of Jackie Price with E911, effective 4 May 5th.

Motion carried to accept all all financial items and invoices to be paid.

A special meeting will be set to hire new sheriff, discuss the transfer of levy funds to Minnie Hamilton for ambulance service, Solid Waste Authority request, and the stabilization fund.

The next regular meeting is June 12th. The Agenda for May 11th Special Meeting is on page 10.



MHHS ARNOLDSBURG CLINIC

Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday
8am-6pm

Address:

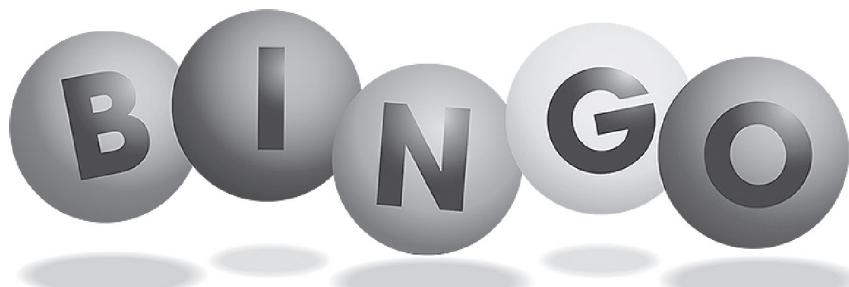
80 Spring Run Road
Arnoldsburg, WV 25234

Phone:

304-354-5995

Providers:

Wendy Beall, APRN, FNP-BC
Jennifer McCumbers, FNP-C



Arnoldsburg Park

BENEFIT BINGO FOR JEFF MACE

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Doors Open At 3:30 P.M. • Bingo Begins At 6:00 P.M.
Auction Begins At 4:00 P.M.

Proceeds Benefit Medical Expenses



RAFFLE:

TIKKI t2v Lite 605 PCR Rifle

AUCTION:
Full Size Quilt



Mossberg 12g Pump Shotgun (w/wood stock), picnic table, Michael Kors purses, porch swing

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

SOME RAFFLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

Thomas Rhett Concert Tickets, Weekend Getaway, 32" TV, Double Espresso Machine

For Information Contact Debbie Arnold 304-655-8943 or Robin Gordon 304-655-8326

EVENTS PAGE

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.): May 13, Frank Conn & Partners; May 20, Dixie Highway; May 27, Ruff Cut; June 3, CLOSED

Creston Poker Run Schedule

Creston Community Building has scheduled the 2023 poker runs: 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.

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.

Pulled Pork Lunch May 16th

Pulled pork lunch on May 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. All funds will go to the Calhoun County Livestock Program. Orders can be picked up at the Little Courtroom at the Calhoun County Court House. The cost of the meal is \$12 and will consist of the following: pulled pork sandwich, mac and cheese, coleslaw, dessert and water. To order call Jenna at 304-655-6724 or Daisy at 304-462-7061. **Deliveries will only be made to the school, all other orders must be picked up at the Courthouse.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Calhoun Library Trivia Night May 18th

Come and join us at 6 p.m. for some trivia fun. Teams of up to 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.

Mountaineer Food Bank Mobile Pantry May 19th

The Mountaineer Mobile Food Bank Mobile Pantry will be at the Calhoun County Old City Pool Site located at 45 Pool Street Grantsville, WV 26147 on Friday, May 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. while supplies last.

BINGO Benefit May 20th

Bingo benefit for Clinton Marks final expenses on May 20th at the Arnoldsburg Community Park. Doors open at 4 p.m. There will be raffles, food and more.

Creston Community Bldg. Flea Market May 20th

May 20th Creston Community Building will beholding our annual flea market combined with a car/truck cruise in. Flea market opens at 10 am, setup at 8 am. Space fee \$10. Bring your own table. Car/truck cruise in starts at 11am. \$10. Entrance fee. Kitchen will be open. We will also be doing a 50/50 and a quilt raffle.

Wood Festival 2023 Parade Entry Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip: _____
 Contact Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Organization/Entry Type: _____
 Description of unit: _____
 Description of entry for the announcer (awards/accollades/etc): _____
 Throwing Candy: Yes or No _____
 For more information contact Tanya Cunningham at 304-786-7670 or emal at protaxgirl@yahoo.com

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.

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.

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 3 to 5 years old, but all younger siblings are also welcomed to attend. Snacks will also be provided! One lucky parent/caregiver will win a small door prize.

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

Calhoun FRN on Tuesdays from 11-12

Upper West Fork Park on Wed (NO GROUP 5/17) from 1-2

Pleasant Hill Elementary on Fri. (NO GROUP 5/26) 4:30-5:30

Arnoldsburg Elementary on Fri. from (NO GROUP 5/26) 1-2

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

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.

Solid Waste

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

Lions Club Bingo

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

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.

West Virginia Poison Center, 1-800-222-1222



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

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

Broomstick Cemetery located in Calhoun County is really in need of donations to keep the cemetery mowed and looking nice for 2023. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, Please make a donation! You can send donations to Linda Blankenship, P.O. Box 13 Grantsville, WV 26147.

You can make checks payable to the Broomstick Cemetery Fund. 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!

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.

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline
1-800-579-5844

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

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.

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.

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/.

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.

Please reach out if you need someone to talk to, you are important!

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.

Wood Festival 2023

Car Show Registration Form

Owner/Participate Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____
 Modified: Yes No _____
 Club Affiliation: Yes No _____
 Name of Club: _____
 How did you hear about this car show? _____
 How many miles did you drive to get here? _____
 For more information contact Loretta Freshour at 304-477-3695 or loretta084@yahoo.com

West Virginia Government and State News

Gov. Justice announces all-time revenue and personal income tax collection records

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

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice held an event May 1, at the State Capitol to announce that West Virginia’s General Revenue collections for April 2023 are \$319 million above estimates, marking the largest single-month surplus in state history.

Additionally, the state’s Personal Income Tax collections totaled \$192.8 million above estimates for April, which is also a new all-time record for a single month.

“This is a historic accomplishment – setting new records for the largest single-month revenue and personal income tax collections in state history,” Gov. Justice said. “I am proud of our state’s financial health, but I am also incredibly proud of the hardworking West Virginians who helped put us in this financial position. It’s an honor to be able to make

announcements like this because West Virginia has truly turned bankruptcy into prosperity. All West Virginians should carry with them a sense of pride, because our state is on the move and the envy of the world.”

“When you really look at these numbers, you see a very healthy West Virginia economy with people working and people making higher wages,” Secretary of Revenue Dave Hardy said. “I am proud to be part of the Governor’s leadership team that is making the kind of history that we are making. This is great news for West Virginia, and we are really looking forward to running across that finish line on that final day of the fiscal year.”

The following is a brief summary of the four major components that accounted for 92% of the year-to-date surplus and more than 90% of the year-to-date 14.1% revenue gain:

April Personal Income Tax collections exceeded the monthly estimate by \$192.8 million. Record year-to-date collections of more than \$2.277 billion were \$439.5 million above

the official estimate and 9.0% ahead of prior year receipts.

April General Revenue Fund Severance Tax collections totaled nearly \$35.6 million. Monthly collections exceeded the official estimate by nearly \$17.6 million. Record year-to-date general revenue fund severance tax collections of \$822.5 million were 48.1% ahead of last year and \$622.5 million above estimate.

Consumer Sales Tax collections of \$129.2 million were \$18.8 million above estimate in April and 5.3% ahead of prior year collections. Cumulative collections of more than \$1.398 billion were \$189.6 million above the official estimate and 6.6% ahead of last year.

Corporation Net Income Tax collections totaled nearly \$98.0 million in April. Monthly collections were nearly \$65.0 million above estimate. Year-to-date collections of \$330.8 million were \$205.8 million above the official estimate and 17.8% ahead of prior year-to-date collections.

Governor Jim Justice Honors First Responders at Medal of Valor Awards May 3rd

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CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice and officials from the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security (WV DHS) honored seven West Virginia first responders on May 3rd with the inaugural Medal of Valor awards.

“There is no other way to put it; these recipients are heroes,” Gov. Justice said. “It is an extreme honor to recognize these individuals who gave their all to serve and protect our community. Today, we gather to celebrate these fearless men and women, acknowledge them, and honor their selflessness. I couldn’t be more proud.”

The West Virginia First Responder Honor Board was created within the WV DHS to recognize and honor first responders who have “distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of their duties to be awarded the Medal of Valor.”

“We are honored to recognize these truly, selfless heroes,” Secretary of Homeland Security Jeff Sandy said. “Their dedication to service, putting their communities before self and how they exemplified courage and served those they are honored to protect is truly amazing.”

The inaugural honorees are as follows:

Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson of the Charleston Police Dep-

artment:

Officer Johnson, a 23-month veteran of the Charleston Police Department, was tragically killed in the line of duty when responding to a parking complaint. Officer Johnson’s tragic loss was the catalyst for Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Herschel “Woody” Williams to petition the West Virginia Legislature to create and codify the West Virginia First Responders Honor Board in order to show reverence and respect to the West Virginia heroes who have performed valiantly, and above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of their sworn duties.

Corporal Marshall Lee Bailey of the West Virginia State Police, Trooper Eric Michael Workman of the West Virginia State Police and Deputy John Westfall of the Roane County Deputy Sheriff:

Corporal Bailey, Trooper Workman and Deputy Westfall responded to a reported stolen vehicle scene where they were victims of gunshots from an offender.

The offender fatally shot Corporal Bailey, mortally wounded Trooper Workman and injured Deputy Westfall. These individuals are being honored for their sacrifice and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty.

Sergeant Thomas E. Baker III of the Nicholas County Sheriff’s Department:

Sergeant Thomas E. Baker and Corporal J. Ellison responded to a domestic violence complaint that resulted in the offenders opening fire on the responding officers. During the exchange of gunfire, Sergeant Baker, a 19-year law enforcement veteran, was fatally shot.

He is being honored today for his valor and sacrifice.

Firefighter John Dean Forbush of the Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department

John Forbush, a 4-year Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department veteran, responded to a report that a vehicle had driven into the Elk River. Firefighter Forbush realized there were occupants trapped inside the vehicle and called for assistance before jumping into the river and swimming to the vehicle. Firefighter Forbush is being honored today for his sacrifice and selflessness as he attempted to rescue those in peril.

Firefighter James W. Spencer of the Charleston Fire Department:

Firefighter James W. Spencer responded to a residential fire. Upon arrival, citizens advised the responding firefighters that there were two individuals trapped on the second floor of the structure. Firefighter Spencer used a ground ladder to enter the house’s second floor, and he navigated through heavy fire and thick, billowing smoke conditions to locate and rescue the two people trapped on the structure’s second floor. Firefighter Spencer is being honored today as he acted without regard for his personal risk, and his selfless actions resulted in his saving the lives of two West Virginia citizens.

Those wishing to nominate a recipient should contact their local legislator or the Governor’s Office.



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WASHINGTON, May 1, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that nearly \$130 million in additional, automatic financial assistance has been obligated for qualifying farm loan program borrowers who are facing financial risk.

The announcement is part of the \$3.1 billion to help distressed farm loan borrowers that was provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Since the IRA was signed by President Biden in August 2022, including the payments announced today, USDA is providing approximately \$1.1 billion in immediate assistance to more than 20,000 distressed borrowers.

“Through the Inflation Reduction Act, Congress directed USDA to deliver financial assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers as quickly as possible, and that is what we are delivering to help producers across the country stay on their land,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

“USDA is hard at work to provide our most vulnerable producers the opportunity to generate long-term stability and success. Our goal is to make sure we provide producers access to the tools they need to help get back to a financially viable path and ultimately succeed as thriving agricultural businesses.”

Borrowers who received these automatic payments include Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct loan borrowers whose interest exceeded outstanding debts; borrowers who had a balance up to 60 days past due as of Sept. 30, 2022 and remained delinquent; and borrowers with a recent restructure between Feb. 28, 2020 through March 27, 2023, or who had accepted an offer to restructure on or before March 27, 2023, but had not yet closed that restructure.

Individual Applications for Farmers Seeking Assistance

In May, FSA will begin accepting and reviewing individual distressed borrower assistance requests from direct loan borrowers who missed a recent installment or are unable to make their next

scheduled installment.

All FSA borrowers should have received a letter detailing the process for seeking this type of assistance even before they become delinquent. As the letter details, borrowers who are within two months of their next installment may seek a cashflow analysis from FSA using a recent balance sheet and operating plan to determine their eligibility.

Also in May, FSA borrowers will receive a letter detailing a new opportunity to receive assistance if they took certain extraordinary measures to avoid delinquency on their loans, such as taking on or refinancing more debt, selling property, or cashing out retirement or college savings accounts. FSA also plans to begin working through these types of cases in May.

As USDA learns more about the types of situations financially distressed farmers are facing, the Department will continue to update borrowers and the public about new eligibility criteria. USDA will also provide regular updates about its progress in deploying this funding to farmers who need it.

Public Service Commission Chairman Lane’s Column



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Part of the Bigger Picture

This month the Public Service Commission’s Transportation Officers are going to participate in an annual event known as the International Roadcheck, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. International Roadcheck runs for 72 consecutive hours, from midnight Tuesday, May 16 through midnight on Thursday, May 18.

During those hours, every commercial motor vehicle that crosses the border from one state to another must pass through a weigh station for inspection. In West Virginia, the PSC operates the weigh stations. That

means our officers will be conducting stringent Level One inspections on the vehicles and on the drivers’ records.

Although these inspections cover every aspect of vehicle safety, every year has a specific focus. This year the emphasis is on anti-lock braking systems and cargo securement. Anti-lock brakes are a critical component in truck safety. They reduce the risk of collisions by preventing the wheels from locking up or skidding. This gives the driver better control over the vehicle while braking. Proper cargo securement is also vitally important. A load that is not securely loaded and strapped down hampers the vehicle’s maneuverability and can cause unsecured loads to fall onto the roadway. That creates a huge traffic hazard and can also cause vehicle collisions.

Many vehicles and drivers are taken out of service during International Roadcheck. They are not allowed back on the road until

the violations have been corrected and everything is back in full compliance. On the other hand, vehicles that successfully pass a Level One or Level Five Inspection without any critical violations may receive a CVSA decal, which is valid for three months. That rewards good behavior and keeps the traffic moving smoothly.

The thing that makes International Roadcheck so effective is that it isn’t just happening in our state, or even our country. It really is international. It is observed over the same consecutive 72-hour period in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Every state participates. Well, maybe not Hawaii.

There’s not a lot of interstate truck traffic in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

I just want you to know that, here in the Mountain State, the PSC’s officers will be doing their part to keep you and yours safe while you journey over our highways.

West Virginia Celebrates Foster Care Month in May

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Social Services joins partners nationwide in recognizing National Foster Care Month. This annual observance highlights issues surrounding foster care and acknowledges the resource families, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections. Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed May as Foster Care Month in West Virginia.

“Each child deserves a loving and supportive family,” said Jeff Pack, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Social Services. “National Foster Care Month is part of a year-round initiative to not only highlight that need, but to recognize the child welfare professionals and the kinship, relative, and resource families who work daily to make that a reality for thousands of West Virginia children.”

The primary purpose of foster care is to reunite the child with their family by providing interventions aimed at reunification whenever safely possible. DHHR’s Bureau for Social Services is committed to ensuring that the approximately 6,200 West Virginia children in out-of-home care and their families receive adequate and appropriate services that best meet their needs.

Mission West Virginia facilitates matches between families and children in West Virginia. Those interested in learning more about foster care and relative/kinship care resources can contact Mission West Virginia at www.missionwv.org or 304-512-0555. To view and apply for careers in the child welfare field, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx. Individuals currently enrolled in a bachelor’s or master’s social work program may receive tuition assistance. Email DHHREAP@wv.gov or call 304-558-6700 for more information.

Wood Festival Pageants News!

Submitted by Patty Haught

On Saturday, May 6th the Wood Festival held their annual Queen Flora Pageant. Emily Grace Anderson was crowned Queen Flora LXI. Emily is the 16 year old daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson of Big Bend. Maria Mae Collins was 1st runner up. Maria is the 17 year old daughter of Okey and Katherine Collins of Grantsville. Also winning titles that evening were Kendall Richards, Little Miss Wood Festival and Elynn Wyer, Jr. Miss Wood Festival. Kendall is the 6 year old daughter of Courtney Lewis and Dillon Richards of Grantsville. Elynn is the 9 year old daughter of Nathan and Stacey Wyer of Palestine. Also winning People's choice for the evening was Emery Atkinson. Emery is the 6 year old daughter of Mariah Jones and Raymond Atkinson of Big Springs. Miss Photogenic winners were Dakota Mounts, Raelyn Arnold and Emily Anderson.



On Sunday May 7th the annual Miss Wood Festival Queen's pageant was held. The Miss Queen will represent the festival at the annual WV Associations of Fairs and Festival Pageant held in Charleston in January. Autumn Crites was crowned Miss Wood Festival 2023. Autumn is the 18 year old daughter of Samantha Mowery and Johnny Crites of Baker, WV. She attends East Hardy High School. Audrey Johnson was crowned Miss Preteen Wood Festival. Audrey is the 10 year old daughter of Josh and Mandi Johnson of Grantsville. Peyton McKown was crowned Miss Teen Wood Festival. Peyton is the 14 year old daughter of Roman and Julie McKown of Reedy. Lauren Lovejoy was named the People's Choice Winner and Miss Congeniality. Miss Photogenic winners were Chiara Brenneman, Josie Richards, and Cadence Ringer. We would like to thank all of the contestants, their parents, sponsors and those that helped make the pageants a big success.

Welcome to the Queen's Corner

by Melissa West

This past weekend was a fun filled weekend for the Wood Festival Pageants. I was not able to attend the Saturday event due to a foot injury, However I attended the Sunday event. It was the first time I attended the Wood Festival Pageants (since High School) and I must say I was very impressed. I have attended and participated in a lot of pageants around the United States and I must say that Director Patty Haught and her entire crew held one of the best pageants I have attended. So Kudos to all the people involved. So please enjoy some pictures from the event.



Pictured Top to Bottom: Myself and Emma Howell, Lauren Lovejoy, Visiting royalty and Queen Flora LXI Emily Grace Anderson, who provided the talent during Sunday's event.



LKVCS Senior Spotlight

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater

Kinlea Faith Church, Valedictorian. Kinlea Faith Church, of Grantsville, WV, is the daughter of Chris and Samara Keith and Chris and Kristy Osborne.

Her grandparents are Kevin and Kim Church and Carl and Sandy Osborne.

Kinlea attends Cornerstone Praise and Worship. She enjoys reading, spending time with her family and friends, volunteering at the local food pantry, and going 4-wheeler riding.

She was a former three-year member of the Civil Air Patrol and is an honor student. She plans to work full time after graduation.



Bryan Thomas Boggs is the son of Mark and Virginia Boggs of Grantsville, WV.

Bryan is the recipient of the Gas and Oil Association of WV Scholarship, and is currently registered for summer and fall classes at Glenville State University, majoring in Land Surveying.

An avid outdoor enthusiast, Bryan enjoys kayaking, paintballing, hiking and hunting. He also enjoys Dairy Queen Oreo Blizzards, chocolate cake, spending time with friends and family, and anything for a good laugh.

Olivia Rae McCroskey is the 17-year-old daughter of Charles and Michelle McCroskey of Big Springs, WV. She has attended Little Kanawha Valley Christian School since it opened in 2016.

Olivia attends Prosperity Baptist Church where she is the assistant church clerk, she is actively involved in the youth ministry and most recently has shared her talent of singing.

Olivia is currently enrolled at West Virginia University - Parkersburg for the Fall semester to further her education and pursue her passion working with children.

She has enjoyed working with Pre-k this year and intends to become a Preschool Teacher or Child Support Specialist.



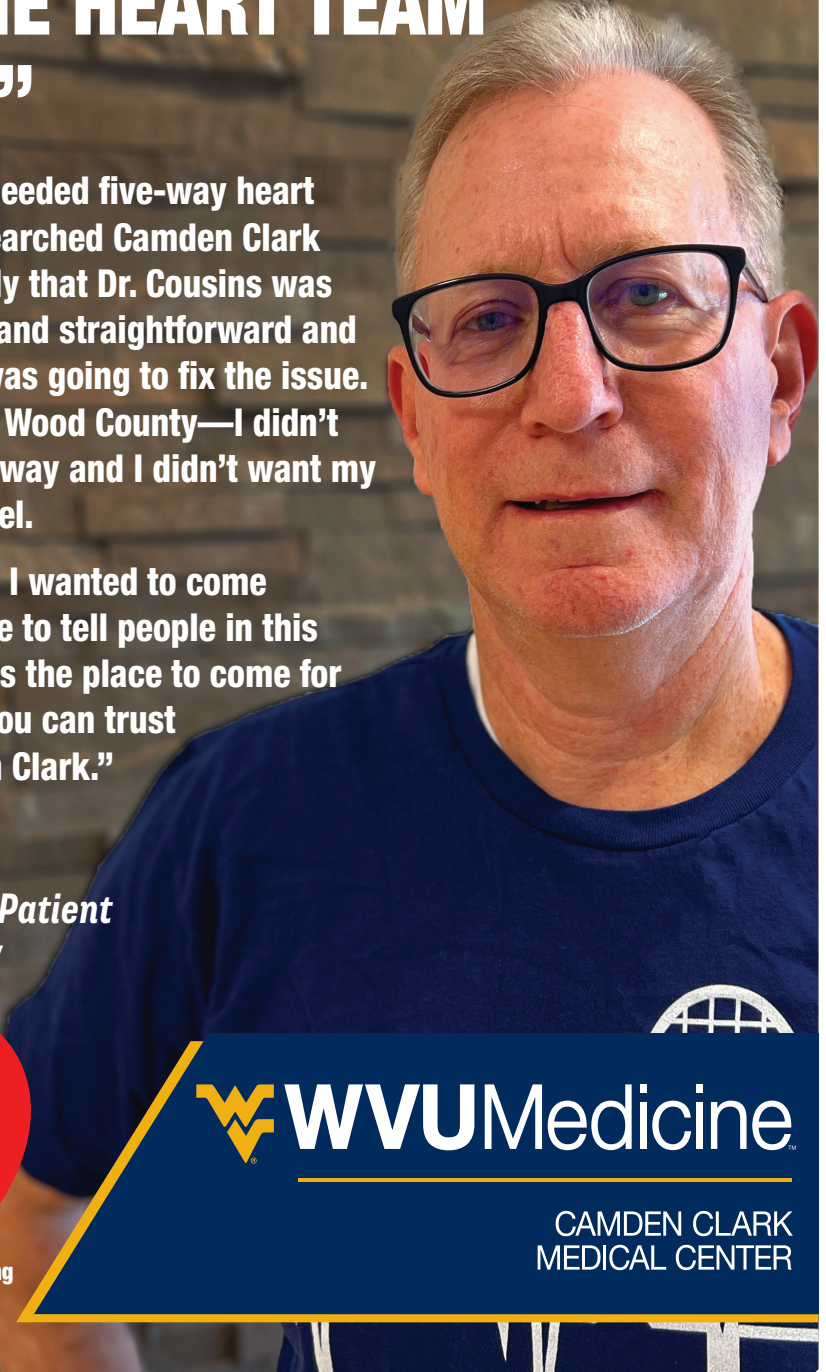
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