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### 2023 Royalty Reigns over Wood Festival May 31-June 3rd

Submitted by Patty Haught



Queen Flora LXI, Emily Anderson



2023 Miss Wood Festival- Autumn Crites



2023 Miss Teen Wood Festival Peyton McKown



2023 Jr. Miss Wood Festival Elynn Wyer



2023 PreTeen Wood Festival Audrey Johnson



2023 Little Miss Wodd Festival Kendall Richards



Congratulations to the 2023 Wood Festival Royalty (L to R): 2023 Jr. Miss Wood Festival Elynn Wyer and 2023 Little Miss Wodd Festival Kendall Richards. Second Row L to R: 2023 Miss Teen Wood Festival Peyton McKown, Queen Flora LXI, Emily Anderson, 2023 Miss Wood Festival- Autumn Crites and 2023 PreTeen Wood Festival Audrey Johnson.

### Graham Knight Officially Sworn in as Sheriff on May 25th

By Melissa West

On Thursday, May 25th County Clerk Jean Simers met with newly appointed Sheriff Graham Knight and performed his official swearing in ceremony in the Little Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Mr. Knight has been shadowing the interim Sheriff Carl Ballengee in preparation for him to take over the duties full time on May 31st.



# OBITUARIES

## CHARLES EDWARD POSTALWAIT

Charles "Chuck" Edward Postalwait, 83, of Reedy, WV passed away February 28, 2023 at MaRietta Memorial Hospital in Marietta, Ohio.



Charles was born in Crema, WV and was the son of the late Ray Postalwait and Mabel Mollohan Postalwait Courtney Justice.

Charles was a graduate of McCutchenville High School in Ohio. He was a United States Marine Corp. veteran from 1958 to 1968 serving in the Vietnam War; where he flew on helicopters as a door gunner. Charles worked on offshore oil rigs and was a welder and mechanic. He enjoyed going to auctions and spending time with his friends and family.

Left behind to cherish his memory, are his siblings Ron Postalwait (Martha) of Ripley, WV and Karen Courtney of Reedy; two aunts, Bonnie Worstell of Marietta, OH and Effie Cooper of Parkersburg, WV; uncle, Ervin Courtney of Charleston, WV; four brothers-in-law, Robert, Leo, Gerald and Victor Hackett all of Canada; two sisters-in-law, Zita Dumphy and Rite Evans both of Canada; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances "Nanny" Hackett Postalwait; two step-fathers, Herman Courtney and Linzy Justice; brother, Tom Courtney; sister and brother-in-law, Mary Evelyn (Nelson) Parsons and; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Elizabeth McDaniel (Melvin "Cuz" Cousins).

A memorial service was held on May 27, 2023 at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer, with Ron Postalwait officiating. A luncheon was held for family and friends at the Reedy Senior Citizens Center. Charles was buried alongside his wife Mary at Epling Cemetery in Roane County, WV.

## HUEY EDWARDS BOSWELL

Huey Edward Boswell, 57, of Clendenin, died Monday, May 22, 2023, at Hubbard Hospice, Charleston.



He was born at Sutton, the son of Betty Louise Little Boswell and the late Edward Boswell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Melissa White; granddaughter, Sydney Campbell.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Boswell of Clendenin; children, Billy (Christina) Shafer of Spencer, Mary (Michael) Cummings of Elkview, Lisa (Hank) Love of Spencer, and Linda Kay (Mark) Campbell of Washington State; grandchildren, Amber and Adam Wilson, Josh Shafer, Christian Love, Haley Love, Jessica and Jason Given, Bryson Love, Stephanie (Kenny) Shafer, Madison Love, Sarah Stout-Love, Matthew Shafer, Kaitlyn Shafer, Jazzmin White, Logan White, Sierra White, Anthony Rhodes, Jr., Kelsie Rhodes, and Harley Rhodes; ten great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Josh (Melissa) Boswell of Calhoun County, Tommy Boswell of Reedy, Harry Boswell of Spencer, Eddie Boswell and Frank Boswell both of Pennsylvania, Lisa (Ricky) Dilliw of Bluefield, Davey Boswell and Maggie O'Dell both of Spencer and Gail Triplet of Clay County.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 25 at the John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer with Jessica Johns and Ron Shamblin, Sr. officiating. Burial was in the Cummings Cemetery, Prociuous, Clay County. Pallbearers will be Tommy Boswell, Davey Boswell, Travis Dennis, Josh Shafer, Matthew Shafer and Jason Given.

## WILLIAM LEE "BILL" GODFREY

It is with sadness we mourn the passing of our beloved brother William Lee "Bill" Godfrey, with whom died on May 11, 2023. He was born to the late WTW (Bill) and Louise Brooks Godfrey, in Grantsville WV.



He grew up on a farm with his six sisters. He worked on the farm and attended Calhoun County High School where he enjoyed playing football. After his graduation in 1959, he joined the Airforce. He served four years, with some of that time in Germany. Upon his return, he moved to Parkersburg, where he was employed by CSX Railroad until his retirement.

Bill loved car racing, often traveling to Charlotte, NC Motor Speedway and the Daytona 500 in Florida. He had a timeshare in Canaan WV where he went skiing every winter, often taking family or friends. He had a group of friends that became his second family, enjoying their company and playing cards.

He loved his cars and kept them in pristine condition. His last adventure was remodeling his home. The one thing he would not miss was the annual Calhoun County High School All Class Reunion, talking to everyone young or old.

He was a good brother to us and had many, many friends.

He was proceeded in death by his parents and two sisters, Rose Croft and Jean Youngberg. He is survived by sisters Nina McCartney, Luella Moore, Sharon Smith, Frances Adwell and a half-sister Tiffany Goff along with many nieces and nephews.

No public service will be held. Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, has been entrusted with assisting the Godfrey family with the final arrangements of Mr. Godfrey

## BLAINE "BRASSIE" KEITH WILSON

Blaine "Brassie" Keith Wilson, 85, of Spencer, WV passed away May 26, 2023 at the Miletree Center in Spencer.



He was born in Big Springs, WV and was the son of the late Soney and Eleanor Richards Wilson.

Brassie was a graduate of Richwood High School, United States Army veteran and part of the American Legion, and an oil field driller for many years.

He enjoyed hunting, mechanics, spending time with his family and friends and loved all the children and babies.

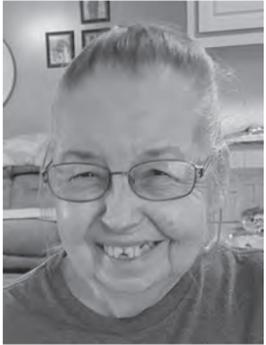
Left behind to cherish his memory, is his wife, Carolyn Sue Crawford Wilson of Spencer; two children, Teresa Richards (Gary) of Big Bend, and Tim Wilson of Bristol, VA; and three siblings, Darla Taylor of Elizabeth, WV, Stanley Wilson (Barbara) and Homer Wilson (Barbara) both of Big Springs.

Services will be 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 31, at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer with Pastor Ken Heiney officiating. Burial will follow at Saunders Cemetery in Calhoun County, WV. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com)

## RILDA FRANCIS BUSH

Rilda Frances Bush, 80 of Tanner, WV; departed this earthly life in the mid-morning hours of Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Genesis Health Care, Glenville Center with her loving daughters and family by her side.



She was born in Grantsville, WV; daughter of the late Erma and Violet (Gill) Richards.

Rilda grew up in Calhoun County being the oldest of 7 children. She was a homemaker her whole life, a Baptist by faith, and loved caring for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In her spare time, Rilda enjoyed spending time

# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



This math problem came across my monitor screen. I'm not sure of the original source, but you should find it curious.

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons. When his sons opened up the will, it read: "My eldest son should get one-half of total horses; my middle son should be given one-third of the total horses; my youngest son should be given one-ninth of the total horses."

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half, or 17 by three, or 17 by nine, the three sons started to fight with each other. So, they decided to go to a farmer friend who they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the will patiently, and after giving it due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses. Then, he divided the horses according to their father's will. Half of 18 equals nine. So, he gave the eldest son nine horses. One-third of 18 is six. So he gave the middle son six horses. One-ninth of 18 equals two. So he gave the youngest son two horses.

Now add up how many horses they received: the eldest son had nine, the middle son had six, and the youngest son had 2. The total is 17. This left one horse over, so the farmer friend took his horse back to his farm. Problem solved! That's what I call clever mathematics.

Moral:

The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the 18th horse, i.e. the common ground. Once a person is able to find the 18th horse the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times. However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any!

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "People will pay more to be entertained than educated." -Johnny Carson

Curious about something?

Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at Wilson, College of Science and Mathematics, Lander University, Greenwood, SC 29649, or email [jerry@curiosity-corner.net](mailto:jerry@curiosity-corner.net). Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

For Curiosity Corner background, go to [www.curiosity-corner.net](http://www.curiosity-corner.net).

## Hicks Cemetery 2022 Report

Donations to the Hicks Cemetery located on Little White Oak, Minnora, WV for 2021-22 were as follows: Oleta Yentz, \$800; Karen Belknap, \$100; and Kathy Thomas, \$100.

Total donations were \$1,000.

Donations can be mailed to Roberta Wilson, 7690 N. Calhoun Hwy, Big Springs, WV 26137, with checks being made out to Hicks Cemetery.

Thank You, Roberta Wilson

## Saunders Cemetery 2022 Report

Donations made to Saunders Cemetery located on Leading Creek Road, Big Springs, WV for 2021-2022 were as follows: Williard Jones Family, \$995; Evelyn Stephens, \$400; Carol Holbert Dye Family, \$250; Sharon Smith, \$80; Ronzal Mathess, \$75; Wanda Mathess, \$75; Pamela White, \$75 and David Collins, \$60.

Total Donations were \$2,010.

Donations can be mailed to Saunders Cemetery, 7690 N Calhoun Hwy, Big Springs, WV 26137.

Thank You, Roberta Wilson

with family and friends, spoiling her grandkids whenever possible, working puzzle books, gardening, and watching hummingbirds at her feeders.

On June 24, 1961 Rilda was united in marriage to James Donley Bush, who preceded her in death on February 10, 1979.

Rilda is survived by her sons and daughters, Mayford and Robert Bush of Tanner, Sheryl Bush of Ritchie County, Sharon (Daniel) Shroyer in Fairmont, and Lisa K Smarr of Glenville, 6 grandchildren, James (Erica) Kirby, Christy (Jeremy) Lane, Kenneth Smarr, Tiffany (James) Jenkins, Dakota (Marissa) Shroyer and Tabi Hollandsworth, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are 4 siblings, Loretta Grimm of Ritchie County, Phyllis Hoffman of Charleston, WV, Charlene Richards and Charles Richards of Calhoun Co., a brother-in-law, Donald (Karen) Bush and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins that she loved very much and enjoyed visiting with anytime she could.

Along with her husband and parents, Rilda is preceded in death by her son, Arlie W. Bush, a sister, Linda McWilliams, a brother, Kenneth Richards, son-in-law, Gary Wayne Smarr, and granddaughter-in-law, Cecilia "Nicole" Jackson Smarr.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, on Saturday, May 27, 2023 with Pastor Dwight Goff officiating. Burial will follow in the Nobe Cemetery in Calhoun County.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., was honored to assist the family of Rilda with Burial arrangements.

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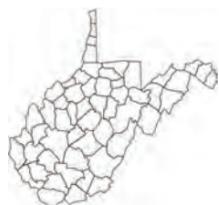
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# This Week In Calhoun History



# This Week In West Virginia History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

## 1923, 100 YEARS

John Arthur of Little Creek is here this week visiting relatives.

Joe Wallbrown, of Worthington has been here visiting Sheriff G. A. Richards this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Barnes, of Revere, were visiting relatives in Grantsville over Sunday.

Harry A. Smith, of Cabot Station was given the second degree in Masonry Saturday night.

Uncle Frank Norman, of South Grantsville was a caller at the Chronical office Tuesday. He is recovering from injuries received several weeks ago when he fell from a barn loft.

## 1948, 75 YEARS

Miss Jacquelyn Offutt graduated from The Good Samaritan hospital of nursing in Lexington, KY.

On May 27, the Knotts Memorial Chapel of Grantsville hosted the annual Central District Conference of the West Virginia. Rev. Henry R. High, Weston District superintendent presided over the sessions. Visiting speakers for the day were the Rev. Frank L. Shaffer of Charleston who spoke on the Reserve Pension Fund and the Rev. Dr. J. W. Scarbrough, president West Virginia Wesleyan college, Buckhannon, who spoke on "The Church and the College." Other out of the district visitors were the Rev. and Mrs. Harold A. Grandstaff and son Pennsboro, Rev. Grandstaff was a former pastor of the Grantsville church. The Rev. Dr. J. B. F. Yoak Jr., superintendent of Charleston district, and the Rev. Fred Oxendale, Clendenin.

## 1973, 50 YEARS

Final plans have been made for the graduation exercises of the Class of 1973 at Calhoun High School. The annual ceremony will be held at the high school on Sunday June 3rd at 8pm. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Wayne Underwood field Tuesday June 5th at 8pm. Valedictorians are Mary Welch Cunningham and Sharlene Owens, and the Salutatorian is Lisa Zannoni.

Selected as the Parade Marshalls for the 1973 Calhoun Wood Festival Parade is D. L. Haines, General Mfg. Manager of Aerospace for B. F. Goodrich. The parade will be 1pm on Saturday June 9th starting from the high school.

Orma News: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jarvis and son and wife of Akron, OH were visiting this uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Jarvis at Orma last week.

Mrs. Glenna Carpenter and Mrs. Alice Arnold returned home from Texas last Thursday, where they had been called due to the illness of Mrs. Stanley Arnold, who has improved somewhat but is to have gallstone surgery May 30.

L. C. Arnold remains a patient at Calhoun General hospital due to a heart attack.

Roscoe Summers returned home Friday from the hospital in Charleston where he had eye surgery. Mrs. Naomi Ball of Grantsville spent last week here with Mrs. Summers.

Mrs. Glenna Carpenter was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Earl of Grantsville a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jarvis and Mrs. Betty Metz were in Spencer on Tuesday.

Betty and Janet Metz were calling on Glenna Perkins one evening last week.

Richard Walker, Mrs. Orva Arnold and Mrs. Alice Arnold were visiting L. C. Arnold in the hospital in Grantsville Tuesday, and Alice also consulted her doctor.

Visitors over the past week of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Arnold and son George of Akron, OH. Leslie Roberts, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perkins, Ricky and Randy Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin, Janet Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Jarvis of Seville, OH, and Mrs. Betty Metz.

Beech and Letherbark News: Mr. and Mrs. Doy Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Freer Hall, Randy and Jerry Hall and Cathy Whytsell were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Freer Fall visited Bailey Wilson on Saturday.

Cecil Hall, Homer Harris and Tava Wilson were in Grantsville on Friday.

Cathy Whytsell visited Debbie Houchin on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Wanda Houchin and daughter, Debbie were in Parkersburg on Saturday.

Freddie Bishop visited her brother Billy Bishop and family on Saturday.

Cleon Price of Vandle Fork suffered a heart attack and is Calhoun General hospital. His is son of Charley Price of Minnora.

Mrs. Tava Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Flesher visited Mr. and Mrs. Wes Harris Thursday.

Mount Zion News: Mr. and Mrs. James Haught of Hagerstown, MD., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Haught and family of Cleveland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Haught.

Otis & Peanut by: Naseem Hrab

In Limbo by: Deb jj Lee

Confidence by: Rafael Frumkin

Finally Seen by: Kelly Yang

Lucha of the Night Forest by: Tehlor Kay Mejia

Stars and Smoke by: Marie Lu

Frozen Peaches by: Erin Soderberg Downing

CHILDREN'S Mending the Moon by: Emma Pearl

The Magic Hat Shop by: Sonja Wimmer

Hello World! by: Kelly Corrigan

Rain by: Cynthia Rylant

The Someone New by: Jill Twiss

The Glow Show by: Susi Schaefer

NO is All I Know by: Chris Grabenstein

Summer is for Cousins by: Rajani LaRocca

Remember by: Joy Harjo

Lost Cat! by: Jacqueline K. Rayner

Spicy Spicy Hot! by: Lenny Wen

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

## June 1, 1880:

An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

## June 1, 1935:

Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.



## June 1, 1858:

The Artists' Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore and Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for Harpers magazine.

## June 2, 1951:

Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.



## June 3, 1856:

Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice



## June 3, 1861:

The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.



## June 3, 1861:

A company of Confederate soldiers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

## June 3, 1936:

The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.



## June 4, 1975:

Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.



## June 5, 1859:

A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

## June 6, 1919:

Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.



## June 6, 1989:

During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

## June 7, 1899:

Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.



## June 7, 1926:

An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the W. Va. Humanities Council. 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.

# New Books at the Calhoun Library! Come Check one out!

Submitted by Caitlin Weaver

## ADULT FICTION

The Loner by: Diana Palmer

The Secret Book of Flora Lea by: Patti Callahan Henry

All the Days of Summer by: Nancy Thayer

The Wedding Planner by: Danielle Steel

No Two Persons by: Erica Bauermeister

The Bride Wore White by: Amanda Quick

Two Wars and a Wedding by: Lauren Willig

Who Cries for the Lost by: C.S. Harris

The 23rd Midnight by: James Patterson

Ghostly Game by: Christine Feehan

Liar! by: Fern Michaels

Flash Point by: Don Bentley

The Little Flower Shop by: Lori Foster

A Face in the Crowd by: Stephen King

The Longest December by: Richard Chizmar

The Garnett Girls by: Georgina Moore

Identity by: Nora Roberts

## ADULT NON-FICTION

The Noom Mindset Seventy Times Seven by: Alex Mar

## INSPIRATIONAL

The Tapestry of Grace by: Kim Vogel Sawyer

Once Upon a Buggy by: Shelley Shepard Gray

In the Shadow of the River by: Ann H. Gabhart

The Heart's Choice by: Tracie Peterson

The Memory Quilt by: Lenora Worth

## LARGE PRINT

Dark Angel by: John Sandford

Homecoming by: Kate Morton

## JUVENILE FICTION

Daughters of Oduma by: Moses Ose Utomi

The House that Whispers by: Lin Thompson

Strictly No Heroics by: B.L. Radley

The Sun and the Star by: Rick Riordan

Shubeik Lubeik by: Deena Mohamed

# ATTENTION! WAYNE UNDERWOOD FIELD CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

NO WALKING ON TRACK OR FIELD. NO DOGS, KIDS OR ADULTS.

We apologize for the inconvenience. There may be also times that the road is gated on both ends. Safety fence will be installed.

We are digging a deep hole and there are lots of working going on all over the field.

Therefore it is for the your safety and that of our workers that this field must be closed.

Please feel free to watch the activities from the stage, but do not go off the stage. We will have a bit more seating there soon.

Thank you for your understanding.

P. S. The Farmers Market will be in the New Pavilion up by the old school building

## CALHOUN COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Thurs., June 1, 2023 8:00 a.m. AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance:

II. Personnel:  
1. Appointment E911/OES Director

III. Financial:  
1. In-House Budget Revision #8  
2. Budget Revision #7

IV. Adjournment - Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

# My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I am about as close to summer vacation as you can get. The students' last day was Friday, and before I left for the day, I finished all of my paperwork and packing. My official last day is Tuesday, so technically speaking I have one more day to go. By the time you read this, Miss Walburn will have left the building, and Mellody will be loving the life of a teacher on break.

I will admit the end of this year was a bit bittersweet. I wasn't just doing my usual end of the year packing up, I was packing up to move on to another job. After 10 years as a high school English teacher, I decided it was time for a change. When I started college in 1988, I was an elementary education major. My goal was always to teacher third or fourth grade, but when I graduated, the teaching field was flooded, and jobs were scarce. My first full time job was teaching middle school, and that is where I spent most of my career until I moved to Calhoun County and started teaching high school.

If you had told the 18-year-old version of myself that I would teach high school someday, she would have laughed. I did my student teaching in first grade and never dreamed of going above 4th grade. God sure has a funny sense of humor. We make plans, and He sends us where we need to go. I did get to teach 3rd grade for two years while I lived in Florida, and it was a lovely break before I taught middle school again for five years.

When I learned about an opening teacher 4th grade at Pleasant Hill Elementary, I began to think and pray about possibly changing positions and finally teaching elementary school. I just finished my 25th year of teaching, so the phrase now or never kept playing in my mind. I decided to take the plunge and apply for the job. I felt even more confident about that decision when I learned I would be teaching English and history, my two favorite subjects. I believe in God's perfect timing, and this job change seemed to be just that.

When I was offered the position, I felt a multitude of emotions but joy and peace were the foremost two. Sure, there was sadness about leaving my coworkers and students and nervousness about starting all over in a new school, but mostly I felt peace that God has a plan, and I am simply following His lead. It may have taken a lot longer than I ever imagined, but this fall I will be an elementary teacher at last.

It took me almost a week to go through my classroom and supply closet deciding what to take with me and what to leave behind for my successor. It also took me three trips to bring it all home. By last Friday my classroom didn't feel like my room anymore; it felt like a blank slate waiting for a new teacher to make it home. I hope he or she will be as happy there as I was.

On Friday evening, we had a little party at my parents' house to celebrate the beginning of summer. The Barnhart Family and Roger joined us, and we had a great time exploring the river bank, playing yard games, eating great food, and making smores around the campfire. It was a perfect evening and a lovely way to start summer.

On Saturday I watched Rascal all day while my parents were at a family reunion. One of my former students is now weed-eating their riverbank, and I got to catch up with him for a bit. I love seeing former students and finding out how they have been doing since I saw them last. I was thrilled to hear that Kyle is doing great and only a few semesters from graduating from college. After we said our goodbyes, I made good use of my time and did a little cleaning and organizing for Mom and Dad.

After church on Sunday, I spent the day reading and relaxing. I love it when Sundays are not school nights. I did do a little cleaning and laundry but not much. I have all summer to get caught up on some cleaning and organizing. My closets are high on my to-do list, but they can wait a little longer.

I have big plans for this summer. I already have three trips planned, I have company scheduled to come see me, and there is a family wedding happening in July. The summer of 2023 is about to begin, and I promise to share all of my adventures with you as they happen. Vacation, here I come!

# 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)

H'Qrs 11th WVa Vols  
Deep Bottom Va.  
March 27, 1865  
My Dear Girl:

I wrote to you a letter a few days since, and stated that we expected to march the next morning. We did not leave that day, but on Saturday last we broke up camp and started on an expedition.

We went out to Long Bridge on the Chickahominy River with a pontoon train to meet Gent Sheridan's force. He however did not come that way. We came back yesterday, did not meet with any enemy while we were out, which was about ten miles.

We are now laying at Deep Bottom expecting to march or take transports. I do not know where we are going. Some think its to the left of Petersburg, it may be; the whole of the 24th Corps are under marching orders, and I presume active operations are about to commence, and that we will not be permitted to remain in camp any more except on the move.

We may possibly move this evening, if we do not I will write again tomorrow.

The weather is warm in the day, but cold and frosty at night, and it affects me a good deal, causing soreness of my throat and lungs, but I will soon get used to the change.

I would like to hear from you again and you must continue to write as usual. I will write again the first opportunity. And believe me I am still your true affectionate and loving friend.

M.A. Ayers  
Major Corn. 11 WVa Vols

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Near Petersburg, Va.  
March 28, 1865  
My Dear Girl,

I write you a short note to night which will let you know, that I am well at this time and fondly hoping that this may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

We left Deep Bottom last evening and marched nearly all night, stopped about 3 o'clock this morning and lay by till 10 AM and then moved on, we are now near the extreme left of our lines, and will move on at 4 o'clock in the morning, nearly the whole of this army will be in motion, and you may expect important news from this quarter soon, and I hope I may be spared to get back safe.

If otherwise I hope you may ever cherish a kind thought for your dearest and best friend, could I leave this scene of action and fly away how soon would I exchange it all for the happy days of home life.

(Continued next week)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday, May 31:** 5K and Kids Run  
Wood Festival 10:00 – Line-up for Parade at Grantsville  
Activities: Noon: Booths Open Volunteer Fire Department  
5:00 p.m.: Studio 88  
6:00 p.m.: Lindsey Webb 11:30 – Calhoun County Wood Festival  
6:15 p.m. -Trenton Grand Parade, Jack and Melba Stull, Parade  
Cunningham 6:30 p.m. - TBA  
6:45 p.m.: Jan White  
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. Breanna Megan "Gospel"  
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Activities: 10:00 a.m. – Booths Open  
5:00 p.m. – Cody Wickline  
6:30 p.m. p.m. Jack & Davis Reid,  
8:30 p. m. – Zona Hester "Country and Rock"  
**Sat., June 3, 2023**  
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8:30 a.m. – Calhoun County Wood Festival

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**Fri., June 2:** Fish, lettuce, peas and carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**Mon., June 5:** bbq ribs, onions, pasta and vegetables, salad, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**Tues., June 6:** salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.

**Wed., June 7:** sausage, creamed tomatoes, whole wheat biscuits, apples.

**Thurs., June 8:** bbq chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, whole wheat bread.

**Fri., June 9:** beef vegetable soup, applesauce, cheese salad, whole wheat bread, juice.

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## I want to hear from you!

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Thank You,  
Melissa West  
Office Manager

## WASTE NOT/WANT NOT -June

by Judy Wolfram

It's June and most people are out and about; gardening, working in the yard, cutting the grass, pruning shrubs or bushes, painting outside or making some repairs.

Some may even be playing softball, picnicing, throwing a frisbee, playing golf, etc.

So what do all of these activities have in common besides June or summer? There is only one answer; accidents. So in order to be prepared, I am going to give you a list of things you should have in your home to save you some time and money. (A dozen or so trips to the pharmacy is not cheap, trust me).

So here we go:

1. Adhesive tape and lots of it.
2. An antiseptic ointment (over the counter).
3. Band-aids; water proff ones are really good.
4. Cold pack for sprains or bumps.
5. Disposable gloves in case somebody gets poison ivy or oak on their skin.
6. Sterile gauze pads for cuts.
7. Hand cleaner to

8. Plastic bags to dispose of used bandages, gauze pads or band-aids.
9. Rolls of gauze to wrap wounds or cuts.
10. Always have scissors or a sharp knife handy; you never know when you will need them.
11. Steri-strip wound closure strips (it might save you from getting stitches).
12. Butterfly bandages (same as 11).
13. Spenco 2nd Skin will keep bleeding to a minimum.
14. Polysporin antibiotic ointment for healing.
15. Some sort of eye wash; ask your druggist which one is best.

This is a partial list of first aid items to keep in your first aid kit or at access at home. Pick them up when they are on sale, or a few at a time to save money when emergencies actually happen.

Hope these suggestions help you out when putting together a first aid kit.

Happy Father's Day to all the Father's out there! Enjoy your day with your families.

## Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

This week we are going to talk about spinach. Yep, Popeye's favorite food. It's not mine but I'll eat it if I fix it. Frank (second husband) was a farmer and grew a huge garden and spinach was among the vegetables that we grew. But Frank and I had different tastes so his spinach was a little different than mine. He put vinegar on his, yuck, no sugar. I would cook the spinach until fully cooked, drain the water (and of course mix it for the crackers in mash) and put the spinach in separate bowls. I would put sliced, hard boiled eggs on top of the spinach and some crumbled, sharp cheddar cheese. Frank ate it that way but added vinegar, some of the kids (I have 6 from the first marriage) ate it with just butter and salt and pepper, a couple of them added vinegar

and parmesan cheese. You can add just about anything you like to spinach. You can even add some ham along with cheddar cheese or parmesan cheese. Now there is another way to go with spinach that would be not to cook but to eat it raw as a salad. First wash it real good and trim the stems off. Arrange it in a bowl as you would the lettuce for a tossed salad. Next add some shaved carrots and thirdly sliced radishes for color. Then you could add some thinly sliced purple and white onion rings, some small pieces of sharp cheddar cheese, and some buttery and garlic flavored croutons. Even some tomato wedges work. Top it off with Italian dressing and enjoy. Since we are working with garden vegetables, next week we'll be moving on to broccoli and cauliflower.

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# Empowerment Program: Agree or Disagree?

By Melissa West and Emma Howell

On May 25th, the Calhoun County Board of Education held a meeting to discuss the Pathways Program with parents and community members. I wasn't in attendance; however a colleague went and recorded the meeting for me. It he meeting lasted about three hours and resulted in more unanswered questions about the curriculum.

Superintendent Kelli Whystell welcomed everyone in attendance.

The first to speak regarding the Empowerment Program was Dr. D'Antoni who praised Calhoun's Administration and staff. She acknowledged it was to be expected to have some controversy about the program because the same thing had happened with regard to the simulated workplace programs that had been previously implemented into the public school system with programs such the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center. That Program, however, is High School based. She went on to make multiple statements such as "Doesn't your amazing

young people deserve the best to learn and grow?" "You've seen the scores for Calhoun, are you satisfied with those?" The phrase "We are not changing what we're teaching, we're changing how we're teaching it," was mentioned by Dr. D'Antoni, who appeared by zoom, has worked extensively with curriculum alignment and curriculum development projects including the national and international innovative Simulated Workplace initiative. She currently serves on the Governor's Workforce Council. Dr. D'Antoni has authored a number of articles on effective transition practices from public schools to higher education and collaborated on two books with national authors: Career Pathways and Adult Career Pathways. Dr. D'Antoni continued to praise Calhoun's Administration throughout her speech as exemplary and in the same breath briefly acknowledge that greater than 50% of our students are testing below average in every subject across the board did not

appear to be an issue. Dr. D'Antoni continued by saying that Calhoun has smart and nice young people and they need to understand they're a part of the school. "They don't have a voice," she said.

The second speaker of the evening was Brian Sterns, Director of the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center responded by saying that Dr. D'Antoni transformed their method of teaching at the Career Center into a workplace environment where students were held to the standards that would be adhered to, as if they were actually employed. Requiring them to call in if not attending, dress in appropriate uniforms and hold and earn positions of authority. He spoke about the many programs of the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center and the fact that Math, Science and English were all integrated into their learning to meet the standards necessary for graduation. Those skills were taught through hands on methods that allowed the student to solve real life problems with contextual

application.

Third to speak was Amy Stewart, Professional Development for the Empowerment Program has worked closely with teachers and students to help with the implementation of the program, introducing students to as many careers as possible in hopes of them finding something that inspires them. All made possible by generous support from the WV Department of Education and a Claude Benedum Grant. In her speech to parents and community members in attendance, she listed many of the support services offered by their agency through site visits, establishing a leadership team, meeting with students and continued training in the future.

Fourth to speak was Vice Principal, Gina Cano Stump, who spoke positive of the program, comparing it to the courses at the Calhoun Gilmer Career Center's teaching methods was what kept her son interested and engaged in that program over

what was offered in a traditional setting.

There were several staff introductions that included Teachers Dan Cosgrove, Sallie Stewart, Debbie Toppings, Samantha Jarvis, Taylor Scott, Jordan Thompson, Melissa Jarvis, shared their insight after having spent the last two weeks teaching a trial run of the program. Each teacher spoke of the positive outcomes with the relativity of the lessons to the required core subjects of Math, Social Studies, Science and English Language Arts.

Middle School Students gave their presentations included the following: Tucker Sampson, Kendall Snodgrass, Trinity Probasco and Anessia Kerby, who had completed the two week trial, prepared a power point and each spoke and presented very well on how much they enjoyed and learned from the program.

The last to speak before parent questions was, Jeanie Bennett Yoak, Chief Operational Officer for Calhoun County Schools who

shared information that she believed would help see the need for the empowerment program. Citing that in Calhoun Schools there are 888 students .

- Of the 888 students, 222 met the criteria as homeless

- 57 were considered low socioeconomic

- 25.2% were considered Foster or 39 foster care students.

- Poverty level students were 43.2%

- 39% living in a single parent household.

- 20% of Calhoun students have an IEP

- 5 youth since 2013 died of suicide

- 41 students have been placed on a suicide watch list

Other statistics were given, but Mrs. Bennett went on to discuss childhood trauma and the effects it can have on children, as well as the many basic needs that prevent students from doing well in school. She challenged those attending to meet all children where they are and ensure they have the resources they need.

## Empowerment Program: Parent and Community Members Questions and Answers Received

Then came the opportunity for parents and community members in attendance to ask questions about the program. I am including some questions and the answers they received.

What other schools have done this program and were successful, where is the data, and grading? Dr. D'Antoni answered stating: This is a West Virginia program, it's an environment model, not a curriculum, we've been doing this program for about four years, and we're seeing attendance grow, test scores go up, we're seeing positive data that's why the Department of Ed has agreed to have two model schools for implementation. It's an honor to be chosen. That's the data that we have and that's why we're moving forward. It should be noted that It was later stated there was no actual data that could be presented from their programs, but other "similar" programs.

How will grades be implemented? A rubric is in place, 35 points for presentation, broken down on each content standard, each class will still have tests and individual grades. Some grades on group projects, but there will be quizzes, Seminar time.

What percentage of the students grade will "the group projects be? Sallie Stewart responded that collaboration is a state standard. I have to teach those collaboration skills, I have to assess those collaboration skills, it's not something we haven't already been doing. They'll still have individual grades, but collaboration is part of the curriculum already, you just may not understand that it's already built in. We're just changing the format. Do you understand?

A member of the audience responded that wasn't the question. I wasn't clear which staff member clarified that the question was

related to whether or not the project was weighted. Sallie Stewart responded they have an individual component which is where the roles come in. There is team contract and students decide how to deal with conflict resolution with teacher assistance. They have a system that they agree with.

A Grandparent from Wheeling, WV who is in his 42nd year of teaching in a private school expressed his concerns. He did not think the faculty answered the previous question and further requested information saying: My concern with my grandson is, this experience will be good for him, but will it prepare him for what he's going to face later on with traditional classroom. How will he function after he's in empowerment program? Where is the data that says kids that go through the empowerment learning system perform as well in high school. Are they being prepared for when they go to college? Kelli Whystell answered "we do have classes at the Career Center that are exactly like this and we also have traditional and Advanced credential classes at the high school and students have been very successful at the end of the program and in college.

Josh Johnson spoke toward deadlines saying there was deadlines for accomplishing their tasks. Students will have assignment dates that they'll learn to manage.

Another question from the audience was asked if they expected the enrollment to drop? Kelli Whystell answered we don't want to lose any of our students, we try to meet our students where they are and lead them to limitless possibilities.

Another parent asked What supports will be in place for teachers. it was answered by Amy Stewart that teachers will come in for training,

teachers have agreed to give up one week of their summer to go to Marshall and work on laying out the first semester of the school year, and Sallie Stewart will attend a training in Napa Valley, California.

It was asked if the teachers will be developing these projects in the summer? Kelli Whystell responded that the past two Monday's the 6-7 grade students went to the park for a community service project, the 8th grade went to the career center to explore the labs, and the teachers worked with Mrs. Stewart.

Audience member Crystal Merish asked How do you get an entire year translated into a syllabus, into projects, is that going to happen over the summer? Kelli Whystell responded they have to do that anyway. Every year they turn in an instructional plan. It's a big outline on how they're going to teach the standards. Not a lesson plan, just an outline. This summer they're going to work co-curricularly with each other to align some of those things. Sallie Stewart also responded there are some standards that are not naturally going to fit into a project. We have the flexibility to say "I can't fit that standard into this project, I have to do it by myself, taught in isolation."

It was asked if the students will still have GSA Testing in which Kelli Whystell responded yes.

It was asked where parents could find the data on this program? According to Kelli Whystell, there are only two schools that are modeling this program, so there is no data. Amy Stewart also responded that this is the first year, we've had a school in Westwood in Mon County who left because of needing to catch up after Covid, Peterstown Middle school in Monroe County at

the end of their Pilot program, no mention of implementation and Calhoun County and Midland Trail, both new implementations this fall, so there is no data.

Parents asked if the curriculum could be stopped if it doesn't work? Dr. D'Antoni responded that after a lengthy discussion about predictions on better results, accountability and ability, and saying that she didn't believe there was a parent in the room who didn't want that, but yes, Calhoun could drop out of the program.

The audience members had issues with the curriculum such as, how will Admin monitor what teachers are teaching with the program? it was answered by Kelli Whystell who responded that there is a new requirement by the legislature that parents have access to supplemental materials and curriculum on a password protected site. Lesson plans would be made available on that site. The teachers will be monitored the same way they are now with walk-throughs and observation and checked for lesson plans and projects.

Another question involved whether or not 5th and 6th grade students were mature enough to work for worked based learning? Kelli Whystell answered by saying 5th grade students are not included in the program.

Concerns about happens when some students are not doing their share of work in groups? Mr. Cosgrove responded that the students have contracts that they create with what they expect out of their peers, teachers see what each student does individually. All of them are quizzed. Each students have to do the science, math and English requirements on their own.

Parents asked why Calhoun County was selected to implement

this program? Dr. D'Antoni answered Because of the leadership, administration, teachers and the students willingness to look at things different. And because we ask if they were interested. We can't do more than two at a time, there are 10 schools waiting for the program but we can't implement more than two at a time. Also looking at school populations.

Parents are worried this curriculum may put too much onto the teachers to implement. Josh Johnson told the audience, we would not have said yes, unless we were up to the task. And yes it takes a lot. This was not a spur of the moment thing. We've been working on how we will develop projects for five years.

It was asked how many students are grouped together? How do you choose which students are in each group? Do they pick their own groups? Do you have your A students and D students separated into different groups? Josh Johnson responded That depends on the project, itself. No, they do not pick their groups. We do not separate by grades, that's never a consideration?

It was asked by the audience about who made the decision to do this curriculum. Kelli Whystell responded that it was presented to me in November by Dr. McNalley, I spoke with the teachers, they later voted. After I received word about their vote I spoke with student leaders on the middle school, and then they voted. The board of Education has not voted but it will be on the agenda June 12th for them to discuss it. They've been aware of it from the beginning?

What happens if 6-7-8th grades are in a group, how will standards be separated by skill levels? It was answered by the 6th grade teachers, that

7th grade standards are just a more in-depth standard than that of a 6th grade student. So the standards overlap and can be taught together.

What happens when a student is struggling with the group, how are they removed? Debbie Toppings responded those who are Struggling or unable to meet the requirements they are pulled aside either alone or in a group for assistance. Behavior issues? In the past two weeks behavior has not been an issue because they're involved and accountable.

How will students with I.E.P's meet their goals and if the project doesn't reach mastery level, how will that student be reassessed? Debbie Toppings responded they will still be mastering these skills in their grade, and if not they'll be redoing.

There were plenty of staff and students available at the meeting to discuss what the positives about this curriculum involved; however why were there no students who had to redo this curriculum available to discuss why they failed or representatives from the WV schools who dropped out of this program present at the meeting to show both positive and negatives involved with this curriculum?

Calhoun parents, do you feel your questions and concerns were answered at this meeting? Do you feel your child or children will receive the proper education and gain the skills needed for higher education with this program? Do you feel the School system truly explained this program or just danced around your questions with vague answers? Do you feel the Board of Education members are listening to your concerns? I would like to hear your thoughts on this program.

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

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

I. *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 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 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.

**SECTION 2 - TARIFF EFFECTIVE DATE**

The rates, charges and penalties provided herein shall become effective as provided herein, or as soon thereafter 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 any clause, provision or section 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 at 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 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 shall as it shall deem proper. Copies of this shall be available to the public for inspection at the office of the Town Recorder, of Grantsville, West Virginia.

First Reading: May 1, 2023  
Second Reading:  
And Public Hearing: May 22, 2023  
TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE, a municipal corporation

Mayor: Robert Petrovsky  
Recorder: Judy Powell

**Tariff Form No. 12  
(Tariff Rule 23.1 et seq.)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Grantsville, public utility, has adopted by ordinance on May 22, 2023 a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to approximately 375 customers at Grantsville in the County of Calhoun.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective July 6, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$97,164 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 60%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	<b>(\$) INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE (%)</b>
Residential	\$ 23.59	60%
Commercial	\$ 41.29	60%
Industrial	\$ 23.11	60%

Grantsville has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 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 any of the following offices of the utility.

Town City Building  
362 Main St.  
Grantsville, West Virginia 26147

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, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

**LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --**

**HELP WANTED PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for the position of Part Time Humane Officer.

Applicants must submit their resume to the Calhoun County Clerk before June 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. The Humane Officer enforces State and County laws pertaining to animal protection and control and responds to calls related to violations of animal control ordinances in the Calhoun County area. The Humane Officer is expected to respond to animal abuse, neglect, and animal hoarding. This work involves a great deal working outdoors, working with the public and driving. It also can require the lifting of heavy animals. This job can pose great danger to the Humane Officer. Work encountered is routine to complex in nature; and depends entirely on the Humane Officer's initiative and ingenuity.

Works non-standard hours in regular shift. Is on call 24/7, including holidays, weekends. Most of work time involves responding and handling calls with the remaining spent in office conditions.

Regularly works outdoors, driving a vehicle, walking on uneven ground, running, and lifting and or carrying 100 pounds.

**Qualifications:**

• *Education & Experience:* A high school diploma or equivalent is required.

• *Certifications & Credentials:* Training with the National Animal Control Association, Levels 1, 2, 3 or willing to obtain certifications; and a valid driver's license.

If you have any questions contact the Clerk's Office at 354-6725.

Jean Simers, Clerk  
Calhoun County

**LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 3rd day of August 2021, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 06/02/2023:

**2015 FORD ESCAPE  
VIN #1FMCU9GX3FUB23250**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale  
Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville WV 26147  
Terms of sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale.  
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**Early Voting for the  
Town of Grantsville  
Municipality  
Election June 6, 2023**

The Town of Grantsville Municipality early voting will begin on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 3, 2023; voting on Saturday, May 27th and June 3rd, 2023 will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Election day is June 6, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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**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

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**"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the *Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan* for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

**Contact**

Katheryn Emery  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
601 57th street, SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830  
Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov  
Google Meeting information  
https://meet.google.com/tkd-hsoo-arb  
Dial in number: 1-910-302-3018  
PIN: 104 878 179#

**LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA

**BOBBY DEAN LAMP**  
Plaintiff

v.  
**UNKNOWN HEIRS  
OF HESTER D. JOHNSON**  
Defendants

Case No. 2023-C-15

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

To: Unknown Heirs of Hester D. Johnson  
The object of the above styled action is to quiet title in ownership of real property in Calhoun County, West Virginia.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the said Unknown Heirs of Hester D. Johnson and their names and location are unknown to the Plaintiff, it is ORDERED that you do appear and serve upon Michael Hicks, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO Box 582, Grantsville, West Virginia, an answer or other response to the Complaint filed herein on or before June 20, 2023, otherwise judgement by default will be taken against you at any time thereafter and any right to object to the relief sought in the Complaint will be waived.

A copy of the said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located in Grantsville in said county and state.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 25th day of May, 2023.

*Shelia R. Burston*  
Clerk

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**HELP WANTED PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Sheriff of Calhoun County.

Applicants must submit their resume to the Calhoun County Clerk before May 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Applicants will be required to pass a physical ability test and applicants will be required to take the Civil Service Examination.

If you have any questions contact the Clerk's Office at 354-6725.

Jean Simers, Clerk  
Calhoun County

**LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE**

The Calhoun County Commission will sell to the highest bidder the following vehicle on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. on the courthouse steps:

2015 Ford Taurus

The vehicle will be sold in as-is condition with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Terms are cash on day of sale. Contact the Calhoun County Sheriff's office for information about the vehicle.

**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.

Please reach out if you need to talk to someone. You are not alone.

**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/.

**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.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA

James Morris

PO Box 300

Grantsville, WV 26147

- Plaintiff

Civil Action

No. 23-M07C-00027

v.

Laura Anderson and Brad Hilyer

1721 Lick Fork

Spencer, WV 25276

- Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgement against the defendants for the removal of person(s) and property. To also award \$3000.00 for past due rent and court cost and interest incurred in the filing of this action.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that even after using due diligence, the Plaintiff was unable to discover the residence or whereabouts of the Defendant(s), the Defendant(s) were not served, either personally or by way of service upon an appropriate family member, after service was twice attempted by the Sheriff of the county in which the Defendant(s) reside or are located.

It is ordered that Laura Anderson and Brad Hilyer do serve upon Richard Postalwait, magistrate, whose address is 363 Main Street, Suite 105, Grantsville, WV 26147, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before June 30, 2023, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Laura Anderson and Brad Hilyer at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court May 26, 2023.

*Kendal Smith*  
Magistrate Court Clerk

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**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
CALHOUN COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Calhoun County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2024 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

**GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND**

<b>Estimated revenues:</b>	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 3,029,516
Other local sources	2,000
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	5,533,436
Other unrestricted	2,418,074
Federal Sources:	
Unrestricted	-
Miscellaneous Sources	
Total estimated revenues	10,983,026
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	350,409
Estimated beginning balance	4,236,776
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 15,570,211
<b>Estimated expenditures:</b>	
Instruction	
Supporting services:	\$ 5,833,942
Students	371,690
Instructional staff	1,843
Central administration	309,670
School administration	715,970
Central services	373,140
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,297,600
Student transportation	1,465,523
Food services	
Community services	107,847
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	10,477,225
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	5,092,986
Estimated budgetary reserves	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing uses, and reserves	\$ 15,570,211

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

<b>Estimated revenues:</b>	
Local sources	
State sources:	\$ 2,000
State aid to schools	379,355
Other	-
Federal sources	
Miscellaneous sources	1,882,765
Total estimated revenues	2,264,120
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	78,848
Estimated beginning balance	43,980
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 2,386,948
<b>Estimated expenditures:</b>	
Instruction	
Supporting services:	\$ 902,768
Students	164,320
Instructional staff	135,880
Central administration	35,150
School administration	-
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Student transportation	-
Food services	
Community services	1,148,830
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	2,386,948
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 2,386,948

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
FEDERAL STIMULUS AND STABILIZATION FUND**

<b>Estimated revenues:</b>	
Local sources	
State sources:	\$
State aid to schools	-
Other	-
Federal sources	
Miscellaneous sources	818,660

Total estimated revenues	818,660
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 818,660
<b>Estimated expenditures:</b>	
Instruction	
Supporting services:	\$ 669,620
Students	32,710
Instructional staff	-
Central administration	-
School administration	44,030
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	30,750
Student transportation	41,550
Food services	
Community services	-
Capital outlay	
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-
Total estimated expenditures	818,660
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	-
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 818,660

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

<b>Estimated revenues:</b>	
Local sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$
Other local sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	-
Estimated transfers in and other financing uses	940,000
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, transfers and beginning balance	\$ 940,000
<b>Estimated expenditures:</b>	
Capital projects	
Total estimated expenditures	\$ 940,000
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	940,000
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 940,000

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND**

<b>Estimated revenues:</b>	
Local sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$
Other local sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	-
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	100,000
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, transfers and beginning balance	\$ 100,000
<b>Estimated expenditures:</b>	
Capital projects	
Total estimated expenditures	\$ 100,000
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	100,000
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 100,000

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
DEBT SERVICE FUND**

<b>Estimated revenues:</b>	
Local sources:	
Property Taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 268,950
Other local sources	-
Miscellaneous sources	
Total estimated revenues	268,950
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	-
Estimated beginning balance	-
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 268,950
<b>Estimated expenditures:</b>	
Debt service	
Total estimated expenditures	\$ 268,950
Estimated transfers and other financing uses	268,950
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 268,950

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
Calhoun County, to wit:

I, Kelli Whytsell, Secretary of the Calhoun County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 15th day of May, 2023.

*Kelli Whytsell*  
Secretary of the Board of Education

**UPDATE ON THE Cabot Recycling AUCTION!**

The First Cabot Recycling Center's AUCTION for rehomeing furniture was a SUCCESS! We had a variety of donations such as an electric organ, fold up picnic tables with chairs (all one piece) from a middle school, works of art, a solid wood file cabinet (even the working parts), and a Singer Sewing machine!

The rain kept many people from coming, so we planned a RAIN CHECK DAY, for July 29th, 2023, at noon. So, take time to go through those out buildings, garages, and even your own house and find treasures that you just don't use, and donate them to Cabot Recycling so they can be auctioned off to someone who really needs them.

ALL proceeds will go to Cabot Recycling to assist in their ability to serve our area as they have always done. COME RAIN OR SHINE! IT IS INDOORS, WITH HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND ICED TEA AVAILABLE TO BUY.

(If you have trouble bringing your donation to Cabot Recycling between 8 and 4, M-F, call this number to have someone pick it up for you the week before the Auction.

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# 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.): June 3, CLOSED; June 10, Dixie Highway; June 17, Stephanie & the Band of Brothers (Mark IV); June 24, Mud Bog; July 1, Ruff Cut; July 8, TBA.

## West Fork Riding Club Show June 3rd

Come out and join us on Saturday, June 3rd at Noon for our next Show.  
Hope to see you there!

## Rosedale School Reunion June 10th

Rosedale School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 10th at the Cedar Creek Park Activities Building. All eating supplies, bread and drinks will be provided. Please come and bring a covered dish item and an auction item and spend the day with us.

## Bingo June 17th

Come and join us at the Arnoldsburg Community Park Building on Saturday, June 17th. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo will begin at 6 p.m.  
There will be raffles, food, 50/50. We have some awesome prizes.  
All proceeds will benefit the Normantown Food Pantry and NH Center.

## Bingo July 8th

BINGO at the Calhoun County Park July 8th with proceeds benefiting WAG and the Spencer Animal Shelter.  
Doors open at 4 p.m. with BINGO starting at 5 p.m. Early Bird ticket is \$20, otherwise \$25 at the door. Food and drinks will be sold, 50/50 raffle and other great prizes.  
For more information contact Sara Husk at 304-532-2340

## 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.

## Cal Jarvis Family Reunion Sept. 2nd

The Cal Jarvis reunion will be held Saturday, September 2nd at the Upper West Fork Park. Registration begins at 11:00 with a covered dish lunch at noon. Come and enjoy the day. For more information call Anita West, 304-655-8625. Hope to see you there.

## 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 Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry located on Rte 5 outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry that is open on Tuesday and Thursday's from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Library Hours

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

## Civil Air Patrol

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

## WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more information call our local office at 304-354-6898 or our main office in Parkersburg at 304-428-3688.

The Calhoun County WIC Clinic is located at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville every Wednesday from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The Calhoun County WIC Office will be closed every Friday in May as well as Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

## 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**

# 61st Calhoun County Wood Festival Lookin' to a Bright Future Schedule of Events

### Wed., May 31, 2023

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, 2023

Noon – Booths Open  
5:00 p.m. – Studio 88  
6:00 p.m. – Lindsey Webb  
6:15 p.m. -Trenton Cunningham  
6:30 p.m. - TBA  
6:45 p.m. - Jan Whited  
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. Breanna Megan "Gospel"

### Friday, June 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. – Booths Open  
5:00 p.m. – Cody Wickline, Performer from the Voice, Sponsored by Calhoun Insurance, Garton Insurance Agency  
6:30 p.m. p.m. Jack & Davis Reid, Grandsons of the Legendary Statler Brothers  
8:30 p. m. – Zona Hester "Country and Rock"

### Sat., June 3, 2023

7:00 a.m. – Registration for 5K and Kids Run.  
8:00 a.m. to Noon - Pancak & Sausage Breakfast at Lions Club Building  
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.

## 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/accolades/etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Throwing Candy: Yes or No

For more information contact Tanya Cunningham at 304-786-7670 or email at protaxgirl@yahoo.com

## Spay/Neuter

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

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

For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042.

Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

## 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.

## Solid Waste

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

## Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

Broom.stick 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 ca 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.

## Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Life-line, 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 need someone to talk to, you are important!



**12 Step  
Recovery  
Meeting**

**Saturday at 5pm**

Everyone Welcome

Hosted at the Calhoun FRN building - enter in rear of building: 304-354-7177

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For more information on the 12 Step Recovery Meetings and resources please contact the Calhoun FRN at 304-354-7177

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE**



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

## 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

# Creston News

by Alvin Engelke  
Phone 275-3578



## 2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

Helmet fitting and football equipment handout - Monday, July 17th

First Day of Practice - Monday, July 17th

Games:

- Sun., August 6th - Grid @ Home - 11 a.m.
  - Sun., August 13th - Doddridge County @ Home - 1p.m.
  - Sat., August 19th - @ Braxton County - 12:00 p.m.
  - Sun., August 27th - @ Gilmer County - 1:00 p.m.
  - Sun., September 10th - Ravenswood @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
  - Sun., September 17th - @Clay County - 1:00 p.m.
  - Sun., September 24th - Elk River @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
  - Sat., September 30th - @ Roane County - 1:00 p.m.
  - Sun., October 8th - Webster County @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
- (all start times are C Teams games with B and A Teams following)

Playoffs

- 1st Round
  - Sat., Oct. 14th @ Ravenswood (1 and 3 seeds for South Division)
  - Sun., Oct. 15th @ Williamstown (2 and 4 seeds for South Division)
- 2nd Round
  - Sat., Oct. 21st @ St. Marys (winners from Oct. 15th games)
  - Sun., Oct. 22nd @ Braxton County (winners from Oct. 14th games)

Championship - Sat., Oct. 28th @ Roane County

Cheer Competition - Sun., Oct. 29th @ Ritchie County

AllStar Game - Sat., Nov. 4th @ Doddridge County

## 2023 Calhoun County Middle School Football Summer Conditioning and Flex Dates

Calhoun County Middle School Football Summer conditioning and flex schedule below.

Zides will be at the school on July 26th for Helmet fitting for the year. If anyone is interested in playing please attend.

Summer Skills and Conditioning

- June 12th, 13, and 14th - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- June 20th, 21st and 22nd - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- June 26th, 27th and 29th - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Flex Practices

- July 24th, 25th, 26th (Helmet fitting) and 27th - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm
- July 31st - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First day of practice is August 7th

graveyards. Daisies & other wild flowers had to be used to decorate the graves of loved ones. It was also noted that in other counties there was very little use of herbicides along the highway. Wirt, Calhoun and Jackson counties had vast amounts applied, often in front of occupied homes and on and around mail boxes. The biggies down at the Mouth of the Elk have to make sure to “take care” of their vendors who “might be kind” to them.

Grantsville is getting ready for the Wood Festival and lots is happening with the 1982 Foundation in Grantsville.

It seems that Connie Mollohan moved back to Creston and she seems to be happy.

Bob Weaver was in the Creston area taking pictures of historic homes.

The US Supreme Court ruled against WOTUS (Waters of the United States) a plan that would give the federal government control over any land where water ran of stood, even if for a brief time such as after a hard rain. The ruling was 9 - 0 and the green weenies said court was MAGA and radical. A local fellow has some “ocean front property” to sell too.

Ted Grim went on an “Oldies” ATV ride. They had a good time.

The dry weather allowed a lot of fine first cutting hay to be put up making for excellent food for cattle come winter.

The Clean Air Task Force was forced to admit that from 2019 to 2021 the amount of lost or escaped methane (natural gas) had decreased by 28%. Even at low prices natural gas is a marketable product and what goes into the air (except for government rules for utilities) generates no income.

The Henry Hub price of natural gas fell to \$2.18 and EQT has advised that gas sold into their system in June will only be a buck which means that with charges and fees it might be such a thing that producers and royalty owners will owe money to give away their natural gas. The gas marketer asked to be told if producers shut in their wells.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$71.67/bbl. with condensate fetching \$55.67/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$62.67 & medium \$71.67/bbl. Y grade NGL mix from the fractionation plant is \$28.875/bbl.

## West Virginia and Government News

### Congresswoman Miller and Colleagues Lead on The Mountain Valley Pipeline Completion Act

Contact: Katherine Robbins (202)577-363

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) introduced the Mountain Valley Pipeline Completion Act alongside Congressman John Joyce (R-PA) and Congressman Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) which will complete the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

“What’s one thing Presidents Obama, Trump, and Biden agree on? They all wanted the Mountain Valley Pipeline completed,” said Congresswoman Miller. “The Mountain Valley Pipeline Completion Act will finish this necessary project that has been held up by the radical, left-wing courts and will implement a needed check on our judicial system. The American people are depending on domestic energy production so energy prices will finally go down. I look forward to the Mountain Valley Pipeline Completion Act

passing into law shortly to unleash American energy.”

“Ensuring that the natural resources beneath the feet of my constituents in Pennsylvania are able to reach Americans across the country is critical to returning our nation to energy dominance,” said Congressman Joyce. “Congress must clear the way to complete the Mountain Valley Pipeline and allow natural gas to flow to those who need it in the southern United States.”

“The construction of the 303-mile Mountain Valley Pipeline equates to more good-paying jobs, lower energy costs, and increased energy independence for Pennsylvania and the entire region,” said Congressman Reschenthaler. “I thank Rep. John Joyce for his diligence in ensuring this project – which is already 94% completed – can be seen through to the finish line for our shared states’ benefit.

It’s past time to cut the liberal red tape and complete the Mountain Valley Pipeline once and for all.”

Background: Within months of the legislation being signed into law, the Mountain Valley Pipeline would provide up to 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day from the Marcellus and Utica shale formations to consumers in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Mountain Valley Pipeline will create new job opportunities and sustain about 5,800 jobs and \$5.9 billion in economic activity in West Virginia and Virginia while bringing hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to West Virginia, without raising taxes.

Completing the Mountain Valley Pipeline demonstrates that the United States is a strong energy producer and is energy independent and dominant.

### DHHR Highlights 988 as a Mental Health Resource for EMS First Responders

Contact: DHHR Communications. wv.gov

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – As part of Mental Health Month and EMS Week, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health - Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is highlighting a resource available to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) first responders. Crisis counselors with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offer support to EMS workers during times of difficulty and stress.

“EMS and all first responders are heroes, but that doesn’t mean they don’t need support,” said Jody Ratliff, OEMS Director. “Not only are they working to balance family and work schedules, but they are dealing with traumatic and challenging events on a daily basis, which makes a huge impact on mental health.”

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers confidential 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress including thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

DHHR’s OEMS and Bureau for Behavioral Health worked with First Choice Services, which operates the DHHR-funded 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in West Virginia, to coordinate EMS ride-alongs with 988 crisis counselors to provide insight on talking to first responders.

“Seeking help for mental health challenges is critical to improving and maintaining overall well-being,” said Dawn Cottingham-Frohna, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Behavioral Health. “We can work together to break the stigma associated with mental

health issues and set an example for future generations by using resources such as 988.”

EMS first responders and all West Virginians in need of crisis support are encouraged to call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. 988 also serves as the Veterans Crisis Line (press 1 option).

West Virginians seeking referrals for treatment of mental health or addiction for themselves or a loved one can call, text, or chat HELP4WV: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com.

Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed May as Mental Health Month in West Virginia.

For additional information on behavioral health resources, visit dhhr.wv.gov/bbh.

To view and apply for DHHR careers, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

### Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center to Hold Wood County Town Hall

Contact: Sean P. McGinty, Public Affairs Specialist, (304) 203-8463, Sean.McGinty@VA.Gov

What: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center (LAJVAMC) is hosting a town hall for Veterans, family members and the public to provide feedback

on VA operations and recommendations for VA programs. Media are also invited to attend.

Who: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center Executive Director Barbara

Forsha and LAJVAMC representatives

When: Thursday, June 1, 5:00 p.m.

Where: American Legion Post 15, 2505 Ohio Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101

### Capito Announces Over \$2 Million to Support Black Lung Clinics 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, today announced \$2,192,531 in federal funding from the U.S. Dept.

of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the W. Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to support the Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program.

“W. Va. has a long tradition of generating America’s energy, and our coal miners are on the frontlines every day to keep the lights on across our country,” Capito said. “I have been an

advocate for coal miners for a long time and this funding from HHS will continue to help clinics deliver treatment to miners suffering from Black Lung. As the top Republican on the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue fighting for resources that provide assistance to brave W. Va. coal miners dealing with this disease.”

# Little Kanawha Valley Christian School Holds Final Awards Ceremony

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater



Warriors of the Year: Jackson Snider and Alexis Blair (Sponsored by Calhoun Banks)



Top Warriors of the Year: Khloe Cobbett and Isaac Grogg (Presented with wireless headphones sponsored by Calhoun Banks)



Top in Keyboarding: Madison Wilson



Top in Physical Science: Bayleigh Carper



Superior Ratings in AACIS Academics: Khloe Cobbett, Josiah Ferrell-McAbee, Samuel Snider, and Brodyn Rowe



Excellence Ratings in AACIS Academics: Eli Ferrell, MiKenna Wease, Braidin Ferrell, and Samuel Snider



Students of Term 4: Front - MiKenna Wease, Elijah Pierce, Brodyn Rowe; Back - Bayleigh Carper and Lance Grogg



Top-of-the-Class: Front - Bentley Barr, Landon Fitzwater, and Harper Jo Walker; Back - Samuel Snider, Brylee Rowe, and Bayleigh Carper



Merit List (3.25-3.49 GPA): Kendra Davis, Khloe Cobbett, and Clara Barnhart



Top in Geography: Ashlynn Ritchie, Brylee Rowe, and Olivia Fitzwater



Best in Phonics: Harper Jo Walker



Best Speller: MiKenna Wease



Top in Bible Studies: Kylynn Keith and Kendra Davis



Most Improved: Abigail Ayers, Clara Barnhart, and Braden Brown



Best in Language Arts: Samuel Snider, Lance Grogg, Kylynn Keith, and Bayleigh Carper



Top Readers: Front - Landon Fitzwater, Caroline Walker, and Alexis Blair; Back - Jayci Barr, Samuel Snider, and Bentley Barr



Best in Penmanship: Landon Barr, Henry Barnhart, Starleena Marks, and Vada Barnhart



Pictured Above: Top in Science: Vada Barnhart and Kylynn Keith



Top in History: Eli Kinder



Creative Writing: Harper Jo Walker



Pictured on Left: Top Warriors: Josiah Ferrell-McAbee and Henry Barnhart



Honor List: Front Row - Jackson Snider, Henry Barnhart, Elijah Pierce, Alexis Blair, and Vada Barnhart; Back Row - Lance Grogg, Brodyn Rowe, MiKenna Wease, Kylynn Keith, Eli Kinder, Olivia Fitzwater, and Ashlynn Ritchie



Top in Math: Front - Landon Fitzwater, Bentley Barr; Back - MiKenna Wease, Eli Houchin, Lance Grogg, Samuel Snider, Bayleigh Carper, and Khloe Cobbett

# Arnoldsburg Elementary School 2nd Semester 22-23 Honor Roll

Submitted by Jackie Allen

## Principal's Honor Roll - All As

**Kindergarten** - Kimber Batton, Alex Bracewell, Raelynn Brannon, Lydia Burch, Emersyn Butler, Emma Butler, Kaleb Butler, River Butler, Braxton Carter, Jayce Daniels, Brantley Davis, Grayden Detweiler, Piper Garrett, Sadie Goodrich, Kenna Hall, Emma Hardway, Kayleb Harris, Paxton Hughes, Talia Mayle, Zander McCumbers, Abby Morgan, Chase Parsons, Gavin Parsons, Kase Perkins, Waylon Poore, Kendall Richards, Dakota Snider, Carlisle Wilson

**First grade** - Kinsley Burch, Thorin Gungle, Ronan Haney, Paislie Jarvis, Kyson Sampson, Layton Snider

**Second grade** - Sophia Goodrich,

Olivia Hardman, Colton Jarvis, Isabella Laxton, Arabella McClain, Abigail McCumbers, Case McCumbers, Kenlee Nelson, Quintin Parkin, Kinsley Parsons, Cali Rogers, Brysten Sampson

**Third grade** - Jaselyn Adams, Aubrie Daigle, Judd Helmick, Kenlie Jarvis, Jace Morgan, Audrey McCumbers, Mason Sampson

**Fourth grade** - Chandler Cottrell, Evan Griffin, Allianna Hill, Parker Hoskins, Sawyer Hoskins, Tyler Mayle, Harlow Sarratori, Bronson Smith, Mercy Starcher, Carter Thompson, Laici Walls

**A and B Honor roll Kindergarten** - Braxton Brannon, Weslee Harris, Kaylee Hawkins, Ariana Nicholas, Avery Nelson

**First grade** - Gracelynn Baker, Isaac Fitzwater, Jacsen Harris, Dexter Palmer, Kamryn Stewart, Axton White

**Second grade** - Braidyn Brannon, Liam Lawson, Adalina Lee, Parker Roberts, Raelyne Sampson

**Third grade** - Trinaty Carpenter, Gabriel Cunningham, Arabella Craddock, Daisy Gibson, Embree Gungle, Colton McCumbers, Christopher Morris, Annie Nelson

**Fourth grade** - Krystal Badgett, Karson Butler, Zaden Cadle, Addison Caudill, Melanie Ferrell, Mandy Johnson, Grayson Laughlin, Jaelyn McCumbers, Bentley McCumbers, Lillian McCumbers, Kallah Reip, Tristan Rogers, Jakob Tanner

# Calhoun County Woman Named Glenville State University Staff Employee of the Year

Submitted by Dustin Crutchfield, Glenville State University, Public Relations & Marketing, (304) 462-4115



GLENVILLE, WV - Jenny Boggs, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator at Glenville State University, has been named the 2023 Staff Employee of the Year.

Nominations for the award noted Boggs' faithful performance of her duties and the impact her work has on all other employees of the campus. An administrator used phrases like "essential" and "a great coworker" to describe her.

"I was very surprised when President Manchin announced my name - I did not expect it at

all. There are so many people I can think of who deserve to be recognized for their hard work, so I believe this is a great honor to have been chosen," Boggs said. Originally from Arnoldsburg, West Virginia, Boggs is a graduate of Calhoun County High School, holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Computer and Information Systems from Glenville State, and earned a Master of Science degree in Strategic Leadership

from Mountain State University in 2011. She originally came to Glenville State in August 2007 and has previously worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Department of English, a Program Assistant within the Office of Admissions, with GSU's Hidden Promise Scholars Program, and in the Business and Finance Office as the Purchasing Card Coordinator.

"My favorite part of working at GSU are the people. I feel very blessed to witness and work alongside the faculty and staff who make a difference in the lives of our students. The friendly atmosphere and the people really do make GSU the best," she added.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, outdoor activities, and Bible study.

Boggs becomes the 34th recipient of the staff recognition award that has been presented at Glenville State since 1986. Names of the honorees are displayed on a permanent plaque in the Heflin Administration Building.

# Pleasant Hill Elementary 2nd Semester-2023

Submitted by Sierra McCormick

## Principal's Honor Roll

**Kindergarten** - Emery Atkinson, Nathan Burkett, Henley Cunningham, Jessa Ferrell, Asher Hartz, Owen Heiney, Fatima Aiyla Manalas, Cambry Mathes, Cayden Meeker, Avery Norman, Scarlett Probasco, Hayven Small, Sawyer Sims, Halynn Whytsell

**1st Grade** - Trinity Baker, Wyatt Blosser, Brentley Bradley, Jessie Cadle, Zion Coleman, Wyatt Hartshorn, Isaiah Hickman, Ethan Laborin, Genevieve Riggs, Kaislee Sampson, Ryder Simmons, Willie Smith, Bryson Swisher, Cameron Tallhammer, William Thurmer, Ira Weaver, Silas Wilkinson, Kierra Wise

**2nd Grade** - Raelyn Arnold, Breanna Blosser,

Lillian Caldwell, Dane Davis, Willis Gainer-Pittman, Haygan Houchin, Kaelynn Powell, Savannah Sampson, Aiden Villers, Hazel Winkler

**3rd Grade** - Levi Ferrell, Cruz Frymier, Dezarae Richards, Maison Wilson

**4th Grade** - Jessie Cadle, Silas Cunningham, Elizabeth Collins, Allie Frederick, Jacob Gumm, Audrey Johnson, Jason Powell, Aubry Richards, Jebadiah Shields, Bentley Snodgrass, Isabella Staples

**Honor Roll Kindergarten** - Meredith Toney, Ember Stirling

**1st Grade** - Liam Carpenter, Colten Echard, Rayden Schoolcraft

**2nd Grade** - Baylee Allison, Kyla Burrows, Adam Eagle, Brenton Slider

**3rd Grade** - Sophia Bartelt, Martha Bixman, Ariel Collins, Zayden Corrigan, Tori Cunningham, Jase Farley, Emma Frederick, Brooklyn Hartshorn, Maciah Nida, Carson Norman, Corbin Osborne, Kyle Shook, Mackenzie Tingler

**4th Grade** - Mackenzie Basnett, Rayanna Blosser, Chiara Brenneman, Brooklyn Burrows, Temperance Caldwell, Koby Crislip, Adrianna Griffin, Bodhi Heiney, Payton Lamp, Fatima Afreen Manalas, Colten Meeker, Alexa Pumphrey, Karlie Simmons, Alauna Smith, Payeton Smith, Payden Yeager

# Welcome MacKenzie Petry New BOE Treasurer

Submitted by Crystal Toney



MacKenzie Petry is an army veteran who has a passion for outdoor activities such as hunting, hiking, and camping. Alongside her husband and two dogs, she enjoys exploring nature and creating lasting memories. Her recent addition to the family, a son named Jeremiah, has further ignited her excitement to share these adventures

with him. MacKenzie earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Glenville State University. Recognized for her exceptional dedication and academic prowess, she graduated with honors from both Glenville State University and Marshall University, where she

obtained her Master of Science in Accountancy. MacKenzie has gained valuable experience in accounting through her diverse professional roles. She has contributed her expertise to esteemed organizations such as Glenville State University, where she began her skills in accountancy. Additionally, she has made significant contributions to The Storybooth Characters (501c3), Pathfinder Land Surveying LLC, and Waco Oil & Gas Co., Inc., expanding her knowledge and proficiency in various aspects and types of accounting.

MacKenzie continues to thrive in her personal and professional endeavors with a solid academic foundation, a passion for outdoor pursuits, and a commitment to her professional growth.

  
 in partnership with  
**The Calhoun County Library & The Wood Festival**  
 presents  
**A Storytelling Event for Children**



This event will include a display of original paintings by Gideon Kendall and the premiere of the film "Yoshi and His Dinosaurs", written and narrated by West Virginia storyteller and Heartwood favorite Ilene Evans.

Join us at the Calhoun County Library  
Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 3:00

Please visit our website for complete information and to register for workshops:  
[www.heartwoodinthehills.org](http://www.heartwoodinthehills.org)  
or call and leave a message at:  
304-354-7874



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS  
Heartwood in the Hills is supported in part by an American Rescue Plan Act grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support general operating expenses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Springtime on the Meadow is made possible in part by the Fairs and Festivals Grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History.

Heartwood is a non-profit school for the arts which does not discriminate on the basis of age, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability, race, size, religion, sexual orientation.

CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS SUMMER CAMP IS HOSTING A





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CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS,  
**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**12:00 - 3:00 PM**  
At the Calhoun Middle/High School

Inflatables, food, music, presenters, vendors, and so much more!

# WV GOVERNORS' SCHOOL: GAINING LITERACY THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY IS NEWEST GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

*Submitted by Bonnie Sands*



*Maddison Cunningham*



*Bret Richards*



*Addison Collins*

Three Calhoun County Middle School students will be among first group of students to attend the newest Governor's School: Governor's School for Literacy Through Arts, Culture, and History (GSLACH).

Maddison Cunningham, Bret Richards and Addison Collins will be joining 107 current seventh and eighth grade students. Students will attend June 25-30 at the WV Culture Center State Museum and the University of Charleston. They are going to delve into undertakings that allow them the time and opportunity to read, think, explore, create, listen, speak, and experience how literacy impacts their lives.

GSLACH students will engage in a variety of literacy projects and activities related to the arts, culture, and history. The goal is to open students' eyes to the power and creativity afforded to them through literacy; to that effect, students will learn the importance of literacy not only in the arts, culture, and history, but also in their daily lives in general.

## CMHS Roof Restoration

*Submitted by Crystal Toney*

Calhoun County Schools is excited to be the first public school system in the state of West Virginia to install solar panels on their school roofs. One of the first steps to accomplish this goal is to have our roof restored. Calhoun Middle High School recently received a roof facelift. The coatings that comprise restoration systems are developed to fully adhere to commercial roof surfaces. They significantly reduce the need for constant roof maintenance and repair. Roof restoration have excellent reflective and emissive qualities that can vastly improve energy efficiency to our facility and more environmentally friendly.



## CMS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

*Submitted by Crystal Toney*

Calhoun Middle School students in grades 6 & 7 enjoyed a field trip to Calhoun County Park on Monday, May 15th, and May 22nd. While at the park students participated in a community service project helping the park get ready for summer. The students also enjoyed some fishing, biking, hiking, Heritage Village, and the park in general. This was the first time some of these students had visited the park. We would like to thank the park volunteers that made our trip possible as well as the administrators, teachers, and assistants that helped supervise the students. We had a great time.



## Immunization Info for all incoming 7th and 12th Graders!!

To all incoming 7th and 12th graders, please remember that there are immunization requirements needed to enter school in the fall.

If you are playing sports these need to be completed prior to starting practice this summer. School based health is available at the school on Wednesday and Thursday to get these completed with a signed parent consent.

If you have any questions about what your child may need or would like a consent mailed to you please contact Nurse Trudi at 304-354-6148 ext. 219.

# NICK DICKEY ATTENDING WVU VISUAL ARTS ACADEMY

*Submitted by Bonnie Sands*



Nick Dickey will be attending the West Virginia University Visual Arts Summer Academies on June 11-16th.

Under the supervision of faculty, he will participate in studio art workshops Monday through Thursday. Supervised by student counselors and faculty in WVU's Art Education program, he will get to reside in the Evansdale Residential Complex near the Creative Arts Center. Faculty from WVU's School of Art & Design will facilitate this camp and art teachers from around the state of West Virginia will teach individual workshops.

Nick received a full scholarship of \$750, covering the cost of the residential camp. This includes a private room, meals, bed linens and art supplies. During his stay at WVU, Nick will get to choose between painting, printmaking, ceramics, photography, intermedia and sculpture workshops.

The Visual Arts Summer Academy provides a community-based program designed for students in grades 7-12. The Academy introduces participants to visual arts programs at the university level and helps them expand their artistic skills. This program is designed to encourage students to think about career pathways in art and design and to experience campus life at WVU.

## DR. GAINER RECEIVES LAURA TRACY BAISDEN AWARD

*Submitted by Bonnie Sands*

Dr. MG Gainer, a teacher at Calhoun County Middle High School in Mount Zion, West Virginia, has been honored as the recipient of the 2023 Laura Tracy Baisden Award for Exemplary Teaching of Writing. This award was established by the Central WV Writing Project to recognize outstanding teachers of writing in West Virginia and commemorate the life and work of Laura Tracy Baisden, a respected educator and advocate for young writers.



Dr. MG Gainer returned to Calhoun after 20 years slightly north in Pennsylvania. Living and teaching high school in the same county she grew up in provides a strange juxtaposition of past and present. She is the Faculty Senate President for her building, serves on her building and county leadership teams, and assists other teachers with Teams and writing across the curriculum tasks. Her bachelor's in education comes from Glenville State University. At the encouragement of her professors there, she embarked on a massive graduate school adventure. Her master's and doctoral degrees in English come from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Calhoun County with her family, where she takes many pictures of her dog and writes poetry to explain life to herself and anyone interested. She tries to live life by two tenets: people who aren't helping don't get to complain and leave things better than you found them. Having been on the picket line for higher education and now public education, she knows the work must continue if a strong, affordable education is to remain available to all students. It seems full circle to return to the state where she was introduced to the labor movement by a puppet show about Mother Jones that visited her elementary school.

In her speech at Young Writers Day held at Charleston University on May 5th, 2023, Dr. Gainer expressed her gratitude for the trust her students place in her as they share their stories. She emphasized the importance of listening and working together to refine and shape their narratives. Dr. Gainer also highlighted the significance of students being able to write their own stories and read the stories of others, encouraging a continued dedication to writing and passing down lessons through storytelling.

It's always inspiring to see educators who are dedicated to their profession and go above and beyond to support their students. Dr. Gainer's commitment to her craft and the students at Calhoun County Middle High School is commendable. Teachers play a vital role in shaping the lives of their students, and their passion and dedication can have a lasting impact. It's great to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of educators like Dr. Gainer who make a positive difference in the lives of their students. A short excerpt of her speech can be found below.

"As long as I have been teaching, students have been trusting me with their stories. Sometimes that is both the grandest and most gut-wrenching part of my job. They will tell me what they have never said out loud. They'll pour their joy and pain, their triumph and defeat out and hand it to me. Together we work on it to make it cleaner, sharper. Focused. The revision is a refinement. But to do this work they have to trust me and I have to be ready to really listen to what, to who they are.

And so, I would say with my voice today in this space allotted to me that mountain folks need to always be free to write their own stories and to read the stories of others. May we keep writing in truth and keep passing those lessons down."

## Introducing our 2023-24 Feature Twirlers and Drum Major for the Calhoun County Marching Band!



Picture on Left: Feature Twirlers are Emily Grace Anderson and Jaiden Francis, both are Seniors at CMHS.



Pictured on Right: Drum Major is Felicity Marks, a senior at CMHS.

Keep your eye out for all of the amazing things that our performing arts students are working on!

# Little Kanawha Valley Christian School

## Holds Graduation during their Seventh Year.

Submitted by Amy Fitzwater

Friday, May 12th was the day set aside to celebrate three seniors at LKVCS. Bryan Boggs, Kinlea Church, and Olivia McCroskey were honored that evening by their families, teachers, and friends. Each spoke to the crowd of over 120 folks as they reminisced about their seven years together at LKVCS. Bruce Fitzwater, board president, opened the ceremony with prayer and in thanking all the churches and individuals who support the school, giving special mention to Brooksville Baptist and Victory Baptist for their continual commitment to LKVCS in sharing their love for the Lord with our children by allowing the use of their beautiful facilities and for offering a bus ministry, respectively.

The evening also included a presentation of a \$1500 scholarship by Mr. Jason Harshbarger from the Independent Oil and Gas Association of WV. The scholarship was given in the name of Kenny Greenlief by WACO Oil and Gas to Mr. Bryan Boggs. Mr. Harshbarger gave the seniors some heartfelt advice for the future as they continue their walk with the Lord.

The evening's ceremony ended with a wonderful sermon from Pastor Ken Heiney as he used many Biblical references, including Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Pastor Heiney then asked the blessing on the meal that was shared with all those in attendance. The meal of baked ham, potato casserole, bacon-seasoned green beans, Caesar salad, and a variety of desserts was prepared by the high school underclassman and served in the Family Life Center that had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Sue Williams, Susan Pitts, and a variety of teachers, students, and volunteers. Photographs were taken by A+ Photography.



Graduating Seniors pictured L to R: Olivia McCroskey, Kinlea Church and Bryan Boggs



Presentation of a \$1500 scholarship by Mr. Jason Harshbarger from the Independent Oil and Gas Association of WV to Mr. Bryan Boggs.



Bruce Fitzwater, board president, opened the ceremony with prayer.

# Welcome to the Queen's Corner

by Melissa West

This past weekend I was pretty busy. I helped some younger Sister Queens with a bake sale to help them fundraise to pay their Nationals fee for July 2023 in Nashville, TN. Visited Veteran sites in different areas of WV for Memorial Weekend.

I also collected clothing and toys for a family who lost their home over the weekend.

Miss Tourism Pageant Organization is all about community service and giving back. Stomp Out Bullying!



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## The Health Plan Partners with Calhoun County FRN to Support Summer Feeding Program



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**WEST VIRGINIA** – May 24, 2023 – The Health Plan (THP) is partnering with Calhoun County Family Resource Network (CCFRN) to provide more than two dozen families with nutritious meals this summer. The funds donated by THP will enable CCFRN to provide nourishing meals to more than 30 families who have registered for the summer feeding program.

These meals play a crucial role in ensuring children receive the nutrition they need during the summer break. Through this partnership, THP and CCFRN strive to make a positive impact on the lives of children and their families in the community.

"Our ongoing community engagement efforts have always focused on addressing social determinants of health," said Jeff Knight, president and CEO of The Health Plan. "Partnering with Calhoun County Family Resource Network for their summer feeding program aligns perfectly with our mission to support the well-being of individuals and families. We are proud to contribute to this vital program and make a meaningful difference in the lives of families in need."

THP's commitment to community engagement goes beyond financial contributions. The organization's outreach liaisons actively collaborate with partners and initiatives across the state of West Virginia to address social determinants of health comprehensively. By partnering with organizations like CCFRN, THP aims to create lasting positive change and empower individuals and families to lead healthier lives.

### About The Health Plan

The Health Plan is a clinically driven, technology-enhanced, and customer-focused health maintenance organization that manages and improves the health and well-being of its members. Established in 1979, the West Virginia-based company has offered a complete line of managed care products and services designed to provide health care systems and clients with innovative health care benefits and plans at a reasonable cost across the mid-Atlantic region and nationally.

### At a Glance

- The Health Plan partners with Calhoun County Family Resource Network to feed more than 30 families this summer
- THP's financial contribution will help CCFRN provide families with healthy, balanced meals while children are out of school for summer break
- The partnership with CCFRN aligns with THP's mission to support the well-being of those in the communities THP serves



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