

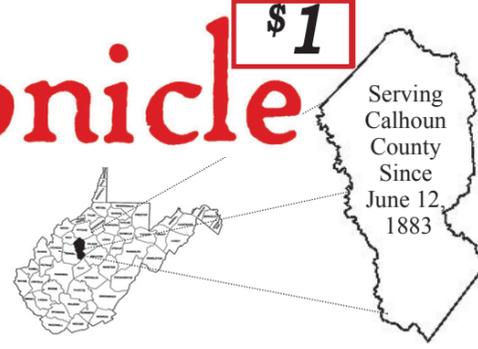


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2023 Wood Festival Highlights

The 61st Annual Calhoun County Wood Festival activities began with the Pretty Baby Contest and Karaoke with Sherry Wade on May 31st.



The winners are as follows:
 Boys 0-6 months: 1st place Aaron Stull, 2nd place Jacoby Ramsey and 3rd place Rylan Godfrey.
 Girls 0-6 months: 1st place Paisley McCullough, 2nd place Brixton Jarrell and 3rd place Prairie Smith.
 Boys 7-11 months: 1st place Onyx Bunner, 2nd place Lukas Snider, and 3rd place (tie) Cayden Reed and Braxten Keener
 Girls 7-11 months: 1st place, Ellie Holbert and 2nd place, Oaklynn Cain.
 Boys 1 year: 1st place, Knox Porter; 2nd place, Sawyer Satterfield; 3rd place, Tylan Satterfield.
 Girls 1 year: 1st place Atalaya Metheney, 2nd place Amelia Jones, and 3rd place Memphis Burdette
 Boys 2 year old: 1st place, Trenton Satterfield
 Girls 2 year old: - 1st place Laken Duskey, 2nd place (tie) Hallie Richards and Kyleigh Wyatt and 3rd place Rosalyn Keener.
 Boys 3-4 Years: 1st place, Keizer Staton
 Girls 3-4 Years: 1st place Ainsley Davis, 2nd place Dakota Mounts and 3rd place Braliegth Singleton.



The Wood Festival Queens and Pageant Director. Pictured Front Row L to R: Preteen Audrey Johnson, Little Miss Kendall Richards, Jr Miss Elynn Wyer and Patty Haught. Back Row L to R: Miss Teen Peyton McKown, Queen Flora LXI Emily Anderson and Miss Wood Festival Autuwn Crites.



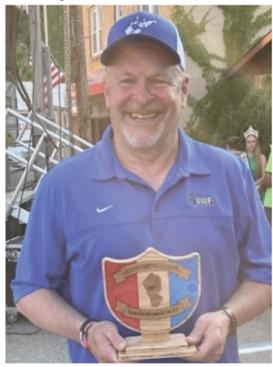
PHE Woodchuck Royalty: Arizella Nelson and Bryson Swisher



AES Woodchuck Royalty: Hadley Propst and Dalton Nicholas

Charlie Whipkey Spirit of the Wood Festival Recipient Tim Moore

By Melissa West



we are all so proud of.

The Calhoun County Wood Festival Committee has selected local county resident Tim Moore (pictured on left) as the recipient of the Charlie Whipkey Spirit of the Wood Festival.

Taken from the Calhoun County Wood Festival 2021 Booklet on the history of the Wood Festival emblem and Charlie Whipkey Spirit Award.

During the 1966 Wood Festival Week, a contest was held in order to find an emblem worthy of representing the Festival. The following letter describing our emblem was entered by Charles Whipkey, of Big Springs, Calhoun County, WV. His entry was judged most worthy and is now the image

Big Springs, W. Va.
April 26, 1965

Mr. Stanley D’Orazio
Wood Festival Chairman
Grantsville, West Virginia

Dear Mr. D’Orazio

For the Wood Festival colors I have chosen green and gold. Green is to represent the wealth and beauty of the trees and gold to represent the pagentry.

The following are the instructions for the actual coloring of my Wood Festival Emblem entry: The quotation is from Deuteronomy, 20:19. The central symbol is a map of calhoun county with a crown overlay in gold. The map is green. The green on the map symbolizes the wealth of trees, and the gold crown to symbolize the pagentry and the crowning of the annual Wood Festival Queen. The crown is inscribed with the year the Wood Festival began in 1962. The shield used as a backing is red, white and blue in order left to right. I chose these colors to show the influence of patriotism and the love of our country in which such a festival can thrive.

Please consider the enclosed drawing my entry in the Wood Festival Emblem and Colors Contest.

Yours Truly,
Charles Whipkey



Charlie Whipkey (pictured above and his drawing) passed away in December 6, 2020 after battling cancer. He was a florist and operated Classic Creations in Grantsville for several years. He was a former town councilman and was a board member of the Calhoun County Committee on Aging.

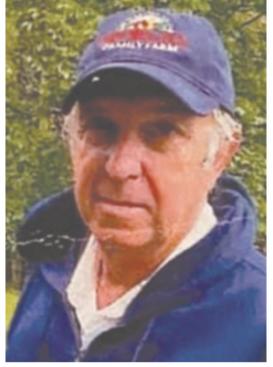
Wood Festival Committee Honors the Late Tony Morgan

by Melissa West

The Calhoun County Wood Festival Committee Honored the late Tony Morgan during the opening ceremonies on June 1st. A wooden plaque was given to his wife Cindy Morgan and siblings Patsy Kisner and David Morgan to honor this contributions to the Wood Festival over the years.

many years. His office was located on the corner of Court and Main Street and each year would display the pictures of past and present Queen Flora’s who reigned over the Festival.

Cindy accepted the plaque and spoke to the crowd of how much her late husband loved this community and enjoyed seeing and talking with everyone during the Festival.



Tony was an attorney and served as Prosecuting Attorney for Calhoun for



OBITUARIES

LEVI JORDAN FERRELL

Levi Jordan Ferrell, 29, of Elizabeth, WV, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023. He was the son of Christie Ferrell and the late Albert Ferrell. Following graduation from high school, he worked as a laborer. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Aeradelle Lott.



He is survived by his mother Christie Ferrell, his children Caspian L. Ferrell and Elijah H. Ferrell, bother Lucas J. Ferrell and his grandmother Bonnie Riffle.

Visitation will be held June 23, 2023, at Faith Gospel Church, 1228 Lost Pavement Road, Parkersburg, WV, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm followed by a celebration of life, officiated by Jason Poling. Matheny Whited Funeral Home was honored to assist the Ferrell family with arrangements.

DELORIS FAYE COE DAVIS

Deloris Faye Coe Davis, 85, of Parkersburg, WV, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023, at her residence. She was in Calhoun County, WV, a daughter of the late Sherwood L. Coe and Nellie Husk Hughes.



Deloris retired from Public Debt after 34 years of service, and she had previously worked at Viscose and O' Ames.

Deloris is survived by a daughter, Vicki Sue Davis, of Parkersburg, WV; a brother, Willis Hughes, of Vienna, WV; a sister-in-law, Rosemary Hughes, of Mineral Wells, WV; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Deloris was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A. Davis; a sister-in-law, Diane Hughes; three brothers, Lewis Hughes, Robert L. Coe, and Roger L. Coe.

A funeral service was held June 2, 2023, at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, South Parkersburg with Pastor Erik Nielsen officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memory Gardens. Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the Davis family.

SHERRY LYNN DALO

Sherry Lynn Dalo (61) of Canton, passed away on May 30th, 2023, surrounded by family after a 13 month long battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Arnoldsburg, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Lee Junior McKown and Marie McKown (Wallbrown), also preceded in death by her husband David Dalo, sister Francis (McKown) Greathouse, and brothers Johnny McKown, Danny McKown, James McKown, Jerry McKown, and Eugene McKown.



Owning her own cleaning business since 1995 here in Canton, K.C. Cleaning, Sherry was very hard working and passionate about her job and business. She was the best at getting everything perfect down to the last detail.

An Army Veteran, she was passionate about her patriotism and country. Serving gave her great pride and she did what she could in her time after serving to give back to other veterans in the community.

A member of Shepherds Hill Church in Louisville, she came to know and love Jesus and the Lord and wanted to learn and serve Him as best she could.

When not working, she greatly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, who called her Mimi, singing them her made up songs and playing with them until they were all exhausted.

She is survived by daughter Kasey (Zach) Griffith, of Canton; step daughters Melissa Dalo, of Canton, Nikki Dalo, of Eugene, Oregon; step sons Larry Dalo, Tom Dalo, both of Canton, and Nate (Denay) Dalo, of Knoxville, Iowa as well as 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Patty (George) Dickey, Joyce (Paul) Newell, Judy (Rodney) Schartiger, Donna (Clarence) Butler, Sandra (Paul) Butler; sister in law Karen McKown and brothers Eddie McKown, Mike McKown and the many family and friends who loved her.

Thank you to Dr. Nashat Gabrail of Gabrail Cancer Center for giving Sherry a second chance when it seemed that all hope had been lost. Your kindness and efforts will be appreciated forever.

There will be no funeral services held as that's what she had wanted. Burial will be held at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery at a later date. A celebration of life party will be held at a later date. Flowers, donations or other things for the family can be given to the family.

She is now at peace, no longer struggling from the pain given to her by this disease. As much as she will be missed she is now together again with her husband Dave, her mother Marie, and surrounded by all of the loved family members lost along the way. We know she will be looking down on us all from Heaven, helping to guide us along our way until we see her again. We will make her and dad proud.

DANIEL JAMES DRENNEN

Daniel James Drennen, 41, of Parkersburg, WV, passed away May 29, 2023. He was the son of Sharee and the late Kerry Drennen. He was a 2000 graduate of Wirt County High School and worked at Drennen Accounting Services. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his daughter Alexis Drennen. His hobbies were darts and gaming and was founder of an E-Sports organization known as AO.



He is survived by his mother Sharee Drennen; his grandmother Arthelia Richard who just turned 103; siblings David Drennen, Amy Jones and her husband Nathan, and Stephen Drennen; nephews and nieces Noah Jones, Elijah Jones, Lillyanna Jones, Seth Drennen, Sophia Drennen, Brooklynn Roush, Logan Drennen and Landon Drennen.

A private graveside memorial will be held with interment to follow at Two Ripple Cemetery, Elizabeth, WV. Matheny Whited Funeral Home was honored to assist the Drennen family.

JOYCE A. METZ

Joyce A. (Hicks) Metz, 83, of Akron, passed away on May 31, 2023, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Through it all, Joyce kept her quick wit and sense of humor. Joyce was born to Curt and Tillie in Chloe, West Virginia.



Joyce graduated from Calhoun County High in '57, and proudly retired from B&W after 30 years of continuous service. Joyce was a member of Reimer Road Baptist and Springfield Baptist Churches.

Joyce is preceded in death by parents Curt and Tillie (Brannon) Hicks, sisters Oma June Tucker and Olive Dale Boggs. Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Richard P. Metz and son Kevin P. Metz, sister Janet Rexroad, nieces and nephews, and many loving friends.

Always fighting for the underdog, Joyce loved animals, children, and those in need. Whether taking in stray cats, loving her poodles, or making sure no squirrel, duck, chipmunk, or bird went hungry, Joyce's loving spirit was ever present. Although Joyce was proud of her immaculate home, meticulously landscaped yard, and her beautiful flower gardens, she never forgot her humble country

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: We have always used BC and AD to denote calendar years. Now, we commonly see BCE and CE. Why and what is the difference? (Asked by Jan Rushton, Instructor, Rock Steady Boxing Class, YMCA.)

Reply: Jan has a lot of interesting questions in class. Rock Steady Boxing (RSB) is a Parkinson's disease physical therapy program of which I am a member. We don't box each other, but punch bags and do a variety of beneficial boxing exercises.

First, let's define these acronyms.
- BC = Before Christ
- AD = Anno Domini, Latin for "Year of our Lord"
- BCE = Before Common Era
- CE = Common Era

Now a little history. In ancient times, yearly tracking was done in terms of an event or rule of an emperor. For example, the year 25 of Caesar Augustus. But as time went on, seasons and events were getting out of whack with the calendar dates. (The calendar year and astronomical year are not the same.)

Determining the date of Easter was a particular problem for the Church, and in the 6th century the Pope directed a monk to determine an exact date and method of timing. He started a movement to define yearly time as "before Christ" and "after Christ," rather than based on an emperor's rule. This set the standard for "Year of our Lord" instead of whoever the emperor happened to be. So, the origin of the monk's counting system was the birth of Christ. BC was so many years "before Christ," and AD was so many years after the birth of Christ. For example, the time from 10 BC to AD 15 would be 25 years. It took a long time for the system to catch on and we still use it today.

Now back to BCE (Before Common Era) and CE (Common Era). The specific source is not recorded, but the BCE/CE format is found in manuscripts dating back to the 1700s. Basically, this format is a nonreligious alternative to BC/AD, and is preferred in scientific and academic writings. It has increased in general use, as well. So, to answer the question of the difference in formats... basically there is none. For example, either of the following statements could be used:

- The Roman Empire lasted from 27 BC to AD 476
- The Roman Empire lasted from 27 BCE to 476 CE

(Note that AD appears before the year number in general writing.)

The formats may seem to be a little confusing at first, but to help remember you can use the words "Before" and "After." BC starts with a B like "before," and AD starts with an A like "after." Then on the common era side, BCE starts with B. So in both formats, B is before.

I hope this helps you to keep your years straight. Let's see if you got it. Is there a year 0 BC or a year 0 CE?

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the year as you make use of." -Charles Richards

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. Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

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beginnings.

Memorial contributions may be made to one of Joyce's favorite charities: The Humane Society of Summit County, St. Jude's Hospital, Save the Children, Operation Smile, The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

At Joyce's request cremation has taken place. Joyce is finally going to make it home. At a date to be determined, burial and prayer service will take place at Minnora Cemetery, Minnora, West Virginia.

The family invites you to visit www.newcomerAkron.com to print the obituary, sign the online guestbook and share fond memories.

FREDDIE R. SIMS

Freddie R. Sims, Age 90, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 4, 2023, following an extended illness. He was a devout Christian and a lifetime member of the Spruce Hollow Community Church. He worked for Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation for 30 years and retired in 1988.



He was born to Walker P. and Zona (Richards) Sims. He was one of 12 children. He was preceded in death by his parents, 8 brothers and 1 sister.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nellie Sims, who was the love of his life. He is also survived by his children, Vicki McKaughan (Ken) of Parkersburg, Sandy Herron (Kerry) of Charleston, Michael Sims (Patty) of Yellow Creek, and Cynthia Coburn (Bob) of Beckley, WV, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren who were the lights of his life. Additionally, he is survived by his sister Bonnie Buck and brother James (Sheila) Sims of Yellow Creek.

A funeral service will be held on Thurs., June 8, at 1:00 p.m. at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, Home, with Reverend Randy Wilson officiating. Interment will be at the Wagoner Cemetery on Yellow Creek Road. Friends and family may call for visitation at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 6 - 8 p.m. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

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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

Ford Cunningham, of Parkersburg was in Grantsville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gunn of Mt. Zion, were pleasant callers in Grantsville Monday.

Spencer White, of White Pine, was a business caller in Grantsville Monday.

Madison Leac, a prosperous farmer of Daniels Run, was attending to business matters here Saturday.

A special session of the County Court was held this week. Proceedings will appear in our next issue.

"Dode" Wilt, of Revere, was looking after business matters here one day this week.

Uncle Phillip Knight, of Big Bend, was a caller in Grantsville one day this week.

Joseph Kerby, a merchant of Cremona, was on a business errand in Grantsville Monday.

S. A. Bell, Sheridan District Road Patrolman was looking after business at the court House Monday.

Will Sturm, a successful farmer and business man of Hur, was looking after business matters here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ome Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson returned from Cameron this week. They had been visiting relatives in that place for several days.

The local High School teachers and pupils motored to Pleasant Hill Wednesday afternoon where they enjoyed a few hours outing. A lunch was served and a pleasant time was had.

1948, 75 YEARS

In the Golden Horseshoe test on May 3rd, 23 eighth gradestudents from the schools of Calhoun

County participated. The possible score was 185 points and the highest score made was 163. All the contestants' scores were above average which shows that West Virginia history has been taught well in the county during 1945-1946.

The highest score went to the White Pine School. The second highest to the Grantsville Graded School. Two other places were won by the students of White Pine School.

The winners are: Mary Lee Whipkey, White Pine School; Patricia Ann Hathaway, Grantsville; Gene White, White Pine; and Yvonne Whipkey, White Pine.

As a reward to the four highest point students a golden horseshoe was given. This is a pin, which is made in the shape of a horseshoe with the words "West Virginia Club" written on the outer part. In the center a seal of the State of West Virginia is placed on which is found the state motto.

1973, 50 YEARS

(Stinson News) - Dr. B. A. Smith of Spencer was called last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seldon West to see their son who was ill.

Mrs. Emma Harold of Chloe and Mrs. Lucille Harold were receiving medical treatments last Monday at the office of Dr. M. A. Santer of Parkersburg.

Jennings and Howard Conley and "Jimmie" and Paul Harold of Uler were in the vicinity Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jarvis and children and Miss Mauude Cart of Gauley Bridge was visiting relatives here the past week.

Don Ross of Elana was in this vicinity Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Junior McCune were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.

E.E. Murphy.

Willie Carpenter of Cleveland, Ohio was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Carnelius Carpenter.

Julius Mollohan is constructing a new store building and dwelling house here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Murphy of Big Otter were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Okey Lee Cottrell attended a memorial service at Oka Thursday. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. James Boatright.

Captain Knotts of Minnora and Rev. Harry Eison were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brannon Friday.

Okey Smith of Charleston spent a few days visitng Mr. and Mrs. Denver Sharp.

(Orma News) - Folk from near and far spent Sunday as emorial day at the Orma Cemetery, and several of the visitors attended the Orma Sunday School. They were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Schartiger, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boren, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Morris, Mrs. Herbert Bailey and three children, Mrs. Isabelle Arnold, and Mrs. Oleta Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caudill and children of Mississippi were visiting her aunt, Mrs. Orva Arnold, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fulks and children of Akron spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold and the Rev. and Mrs. Warder E. Stump, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perkins were visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Longfellow of Ravenswoods, Sunday.

Edwin Butler of Ohio spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Butler.

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

June 8, 1893:

Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born in Ohio but grew up in Huntington. Duncan founded the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.



June 9, 1927:

Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.



June 9, 1957:

T. D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.



June 10, 1775:

The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in

response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.

June 10, 1921:

Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.

June 11, 1866:

Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work can be seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus.

Most of his Morgantown buildings are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

June 12, 2006:

Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010.

His record was broken in 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, but Byrd still retains the Senate record.



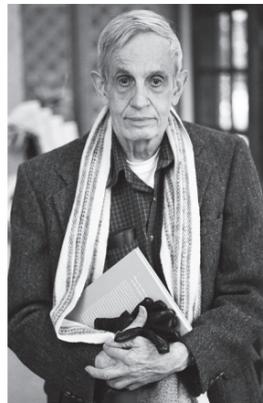
June 13, 1861:

The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House.

This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.

June 13, 1928:

Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, A Beautiful Mind, which was later made into a movie.



June 14, 1912:

Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.



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

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Around Calhoun

By Chronicle Staff

During my paper delivery this past week, I stumbled upon the Upper West Fork Park Farmer's Market.

The Farmer's Market at the Upper West Fork Park is open every Wednesday from May to November at 9am to 1pm. They usually have 7-8 regular vendors with a variety of products available.



Products available are baked goods, seasonal produce, bees wax lotions, lip balm and more, jewelry, personalized gifts, plants and herbs, farm fresh eggs, tumblers, homemade breads and much more.



There is a breakfast menu available of homemade omelets, pancakes, french toast,

homemade biscuits and gravy, croissant sandwiches, and a platter of sausage, eggs, home fries and toast.

If you are in the area and want to purchase some locally homemade items or looking for a hearty home cooked breakfast come and see us and support your local farmers and artists.

If interested in setting up a vendor table for \$35.00 for the whole season of May to November you can contact Terrie Bee at 304-655-8853.

Looks like the Arnoldsburg area is getting a new clinic. Construction has started, it is located past the Calhoun Banks on the right. It is part of the Roane Medical Clinic. Now residents will have the opportunity to two different clinics in Arnoldsburg.



The town was bussling during the Wood Festival. The weather was beautiful throughout the event. Growing up in the area, it always seemed to rain when the Wood Festival came to town.



Another Bloomin' Good Idea

By Linda Crawford

There are some incredible edibles among the flowers.....and the thorns.

These few should bring to mind many more.

Not only do violets make nice greens, the purple, yellow and white flowers brighten a fruit salad.

Clover petals do the same. Red clover is the same "red" as red bud.



My brother, Wayne, use to sell squash blossom to a restaurant in Spencer to serve deep fried.

God speaks of us as members of the body in which some parts receive more honor-are more comely.

He points out through that the less honored seem more feeble but are necessary. (Corinthians 12:22)

The flower kingdom kind of reflects that.

A lot of time and money are spent trying to eradicate dandelions; those beau-tiful yellow doublins on the green.

Not only are the flowers edible, the whole plant yields healthy food.

Burdock or "cockle-bur" are the bane of farmers.



The not so bad looking bush flags the root which can be steamed line parsnips.

Someone is probably

questioning my sanity by now, but hold on!

The day may come when the despised multifora rose is put on a pedestal.

Like the fuzzy red berries of Sumac, rose hips are very high in vitamin C.

We have been provided an array of healthy food that survives and thrives, in different conditions.

Taste tests aren't wise. Learn from the experience or experts. Share what you know with family and friends.

The next column will be a surprise even to me!

P.S. Add a little potash to sand and heat it to make glass.

Bill Bryson is quoted "Call me obtuse but you could stand me on a beach till the end of time and never would it occur to me to try to make it into windows."

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Summer is here, and I am enjoying every minute of it. Tuesday was my last day of school, and it was only a half day. We basically had to wrap up a few tasks and have our final faculty senate. I took my last set of minutes as secretary and then headed upstairs to work with my friend Wendy on the Freshmen Academy agenda. Wendy suggested we work with the other advisors, so we headed down to Lorri's classroom. I was totally surprised to find a little going away party waiting for me. My closest teacher pals had come together to give me a send-off. There was a delicious cake and snacks and even a present. My friends know me well. They gave me school supplies for my new classroom, a gift card, a journal, and lots of chocolate. I love these people, and I promised to stay in touch. I have every intention of keeping that promise.

It was a beautiful day as I left the building. It was really hot, so instead of rolling down the windows, I turned up the AC and the radio and headed down the road and into summer vacation. I could feel my worries and cares falling away as I drove towards home. I stopped by to see my parents and Rascal and then headed home to my porch and my first book of the summer. One of my students had given me a book, and I had been saving it for just this moment.

My original plan was to read on the porch, but it was way too hot. June is evidently out to prove that summer is truly here because hot and humid would be the perfect way to describe the weather lately. I started out on the porch but soon made my way inside to the AC. One of my favorite parts of summer is not having to pay attention to the clock or calendar. I let myself climb into the story and didn't come out for a few hours. It felt almost decadent to not have to think about anything except the mystery unfolding on the pages of my book.

I gave myself the rest of the day to just read and relax. I stopped to eat, but that was about it. I felt a bit weird to not pack my lunch, lay out my clothes, and get to bed by 10:00, but it was a good feeling. I stayed up late and slept until 8:00, which compared to my usual 5:15, was really sleeping in. I had nowhere to go and nothing I had to do, and that felt great.

I do have a list of jobs that I have been putting off until school was out. My plan is to work on these a little at a time until they are all finished. I decided to work on my bedroom closets first. I hadn't gotten around to switching my summer and winter clothes yet, so that was where I began. I started with my cedar chest. I went through all of my sweaters, packed up some to donate, and folded the rest neatly back into the chest. Then I turned my attention to my closet. I went through the baskets on the top shelf first and then moved my winter clothes into the green guest room and my summer clothes into my room. I even pulled all of my summer dresses and shoes out so they would be easy to access. There is still work to be done, but that was a good start.

I had family coming in on Friday, so I needed to get my guest room ready. I made the bed, dusted, and turned the AC on in the green room. I also made the twin beds in the other room too so they would be ready for future company. I cleaned the bathrooms and kitchen and then called it a day. I finished my first book and started my second.

On Thursday I went grocery shopping and finally restocked my cabinets and fridge. I was now ready for my family's visit. My nephew Michael is getting married in July, and the bridal shower was on Saturday in Elkins. My sister Mindy and her family were staying in Grantsville on Friday night and then traveling with us on Saturday. The shower was very nice, and it was great to meet Sarah's family and make plans for the wedding weekend.

On Sunday we had some more company. I sold our pontoon boat to the camp where we spent many summers, and the new camp managers came to pick it up. Katie is an old family friend, and we got to meet her family for the first time. I love the idea that our boat will be bringing joy to campers at a camp we all love. It was a great ending to our pontoon boat story. My nephew Landon is staying with me this week, and we are getting ready to go on an adventure, so I will close for now and get back to my summer.

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

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols.
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)

Save The Children Parent-Child Groups

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Save the Children has an opportunity for children and families in Calhoun County! We offer weekly Parent Child Groups throughout the county. The focus of these groups will be Kindergarten Readiness Skills for children 3 to 5 years old, but all younger siblings are also welcomed to attend. Snacks will also be provided! One lucky parent/caregiver will win a small door prize.

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

Calhoun FRN on Tuesdays from 11-12 (NO GROUP June 27)

Upper West Fork Park on Wednesday from 1-2 (NO GROUP 6/21)

Pleasant Hill Elementary on Friday's from 4:30-5:30 (NO GROUP 6/30)

Arnoldsburg Elementary on Fridays from 1-2 (NO GROUP 6/30)

Here's a tip card to use with your littles.

Fortune Teller: Talk with your child as you drive, take a bus, or however you get around. Ask them what they think will happen when they get where you are going. You could ask them who they will see, or what they will do when they get there. What will they do after that? Stretch the chat by continuing to ask what will happen next.

Brainy Background: Talking back-and-forth like this is good way to help your child develop their language and communication skills. Suggested Age 4 years - 5 years #623

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

Debra Smith, KRA

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily): (Dining hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Thursday, June 1: beans and ham, potatoes, brussel sprouts, fruit, whole wheat cornbread.

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.

Suggested donation scale for meals: Individual monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

*We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary on June 19th in Grantsville.

Grant Information Session and Grant Writing Workshop by Local Foundations

Contact: Marian Clowes, 304-424-6080, mclowes@sistershealthfdn.org

The Sisters Health Foundation and the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation will host a Grant Information Session on Wednesday, June 28, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Calhoun County Family Resource Network office, 364 Main Street in Grantsville. Both foundations will share information on their grantmaking programs, including grantmaking priorities, types of funding provided, and the application process. Training on grant proposal writing also will be provided. Topics to be covered include how to prepare your organization for grant seeking and tips for writing effective grant proposals. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mprbj3ar> or email Shei at ssanchez@sistershealthfdn.org. Registration deadline is June 23. Guided by its vision of "healthy people in healthy communities," the Sisters Health Foundation supports efforts that promote healthy eating, active living, thriving neighborhoods; and mental health and addiction in the Mid-Ohio Valley. The Sisters Health Foundation serves Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt and Wood counties in West Virginia and Athens, Meigs, and Washington counties in Ohio. The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) works with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to build permanent charitable funds for the future of the region. The PACF awards grants that address a wide variety of community needs and serves Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood counties in West Virginia and Washington County, Ohio.

Calhoun Farmer's Market June 8th

The Grantsville Farmer's Market will be held on Thursday, June 8th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old High School Pavilion. They will have some vegetables, baked goods, honey, and some flea market items. Come on out and shop local.

Happy 72nd Anniversary to Willadene & Duane Poling!



June 10th

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thur., June 8: Special Grantsville, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

County Commission Meeting, 9 a.m. Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 6 p.m., Dixie Food Pantry, Rt 5, 11 a.m. Highway.

Tues., June 13: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fri., June 9: Strait Creek Food Bank Food Distribution, Brohard Community Building 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sat., June 10: River Clean-Up, contact 304-354-7786 as volunteers aer needed.

Rosedale School Reunion, Cedar Creek Park activities Building at Noon.

Summer Splash Party, CMHS, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Drive-In Movie Park 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Save The Children Parent-Child Group meets at the Calhoun FRN 11 a.m. to Noon. Civil Air Patrol, 413 High Street Grantsville, 6 p.m. **Wed., June 14:** County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 9 a.m. Save The Children Parent-Child Group meet at the Upper West Fork Park 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Dirt Devils Softball Team Receive Championship Rings and Custom Trophies.

By Melissa West

The Youth League Dirt Devils Softball Team of Calhoun were celebrated on the Wood Festival State on Main Street with Champion Rings from the LKC Youth Football B-Team Champions and each received a handmade Trophies by Butch Ford.

Ford made the custom trophies utilizing the softballs used during the undefeated season and each player signed each one.

The Dirt Devils finished their Spring 2023 season with 14 wins and 0 losses. Coach Barnhart said "Just a little team of girls from Calhoun that beat teams from Glenville, Nutter Fort, Weston, Jane Lew, Clarksburg, Bridgeport and then they won it all in the tournament."



Members of The Dirt Devils Softball Team being celebrated on the Wood Festival Main Stage Congratulations to the entire Team and their Coaches..



Coaches Clayton Barnhart, Homer Wilson and Head Coach Steven Cunningham.
Standing: Ari Bremar, Jaelyn McCumbers, Abi Hardbarger
Middle : Embree Gungle, Colbie Wilson, Lizzie Collins, Temperance Caldwell, Mandy Johnson, Audrey McCumbers, Clara Barnhart
Bottom: Addie Caudill, Tori Cunningham, Vada Barnhart
Championship game picture courtesy of April Wilson



Members of the Calhoun Youth Football B-Team Champions presenting Championship Rings and Trophies to members of the undefeated Girls Softball Team the Dirt Devils.



Butch Ford made each player a custom and memorable trophy for their undefeated season. Something the girls will treasure always.



Members of the Calhoun Youth Football B-Team Champions



We invite you to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of serving the citizens of Calhoun County!

Monday, June 19th @ the Grantsville CCCOA (Senior Citizens Building)

BINGO in the dining hall sponsored by the Lion's Club - Noon to 4:00 pm

The Lion's Club will also be selling food and refreshments in the dining hall from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Live Street Music
Studio 88 12:00 pm -1:00 pm
John Richards 1:00 pm -2:00 pm
R&R (Roger Bush and Rick Poling) 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
JSP (Johnny Staats Project) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(Bring your own chair!)

Market Street will be blocked off for Live Music, please use alternate route when navigating through town.



Minnie Hamilton Health System

Sports Physicals

Where: Calhoun Middle/High School School Based Health Clinic

When: June 13, 15, 19, 20, 21
July 10, 12, 13, 18, 28

Sports Physicals performed during these dates will be at no cost to the patient.

To schedule an appointment:
Call 304-354-9732 or 304-354-9244
Email calhounsbh@mhhs.healthcare



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

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Little Rowels Run, Creston -- CHEAP AND STEEP, YES YOU READ THAT CORRECTLY. This property has a small area to pull a camper on or build a tiny home. Other than that, the 46.10 (recently surveyed) acres has very extremely steep topography, all wooded, no utilities available, no neighbors within sight, and property is priced accordingly. Come make us an offer and figure out what you can do with this property. \$44,900.

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CONTACT ONE OF OUR TEAM TODAY TO LIST YOUR PROPERTY OR TO SEE ONE OF OUR AVAILABLE PROPERTIES.



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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 Sewerage 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

- 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: May 1, 2023
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:

	(\$) INCREASE	INCREASE (%)
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 --

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

James Morris
PO Box 300
Grantsville, WV 26147 - Plaintiff Civil Action
v. No. 23-M07C-00027
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.

Kandas Smith, Clerk by Denise Davis, Magistrate Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE --

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**

BOBBY DEAN LAMP
Plaintiff

Case No. 2023-C-15

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

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.

Shirley R. Sarretson
Clerk

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.

LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE -- LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Judith Larene Hays	5543 Barnes Run Rd Arnoldsburg, WV 25234	December 9, 2022	December 5, 2022

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Kevin L. Hays	11868 Mantua Center Rd. Mantua, OH 44255	Nephew	June 7, 2023

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission whose address is 363 Main Street; PO Box 230; Grantsville, WV 26147; within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person filing the Notice, whichever is later.

Notice is given that if an objection is not timely filed, the objection is barred and that the Ancillary Administration of the West Virginia real estate of the above decedent shall be deemed final and complete in accordance with the provisions of law.

Entered this 7th day of June, 2023

Joan Simms
Joan Simms, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission

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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/.

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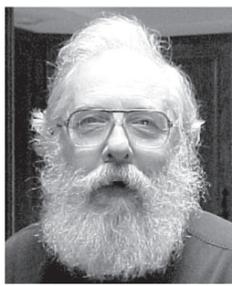
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Creston continues to have dry weather which one might consider the start of a drought with dry weather showers.

The rain in Creston Saturday evening did not settle the dust. Hay harvest both locally and elsewhere is going well and some suggest that even abandoned fields need to be harvested for it might be such a thing that many will have to feed hay this summer as pastures dry up.

Kathleen Cervone went up in Ohio to visit her sister who is undergoing chemotherapy.

Levi Jordan Ferrell, age 29, passed away. He was the son of Christie and the late Albert "Bub" Ferrell.

Charles Edward Postalwait, age 83, of Reedy passed away. His mother Mabel Molloyhan Postalwait Courtney Justice formerly lived in Creston as did his grandfather Lanty Molloyhan and other family members. He was a door gunner on helicopters in Vietnam "tossing warm metal" at some of Jane Fonda's "friends".

Local folks were calling on John Bingman and Florence Sandy, both of whom are at Worthington on 36th Street in Parkersburg.

The facility at Willow Island in Pleasants County is now "on idle" as a local up there noted. It is "not shut down" while the present owner "looks for a buyer".

One needs to make sure that the home generator works and that the natural gas system is up and working. Gravity flow water systems don't need electric and wood stoves and Rumford fire places work well when there is no electric.

Hope Gas, part of the John D. Rockefeller empire, announced that the firm has purchased 900 miles of pipeline

from Equitrans (EQT). Mother Hope CEO Morgan O'Brien noted that many of their existing supply wells "were at the end of their productive lives" and that now they had access to more wells. He also noted that the pipelines were old and needed to be replaced and such would provide employment for 400 men for a few years.

The company also purchased Peoples Natural Gas & Southern Public Service Company. He hoped that the improvements would bring more natural gas customers and cause the drilling of more gas wells to supply the need.

It was reported that Ireland plans to kill 200,000 cattle to "save the planet" but no concerns about what folks there are to eat. Humans can't eat grass but ruminants can take grass, corn stalks and hay and convert it into meat, milk, butter, cheese, whey, hides, etc.

This isn't a first. Back during Roosevelt's "New Deal" farmers were told to kill all the little pigs and then farmers would have more money as pork prices would go up. They also had no hogs to sell to generate cash. The federal government is still going after farmers as polluters.

One is reminded of what Al Gore Jr. said when he was VP. "To end pollution we (America) should get all our food from third world countries." Al Gore Jr. has a college degree in token rolling thus he should be an expert. What happens when there are supply chain problems? If we don't make things how are we to have the cash to buy from others? Is the food safe to eat?

Gov. Justice who now wants to play in the DC area, continues to have problems with back bills. His land has been selling at tax sales and now he is years in arrears paying UMW health care costs.

Joe Manchin and Mrs. Granholm, the US Energy Secretary were in Weirton to announce the big battery factory that is funded by "all the right people". It was announced there that W. Va. would be getting a \$1 billion hydrogen hub and Northeast Natural Energy is drilling a test CO2 injection well near Morgantown, most likely related to this issue.

Methane is used to make hydrogen so folks can say they are protecting the environment. \$1 billion will certainly be nice for the connected.

The Henry Hub (Louisiana) price of natural gas is \$2.17 while gas produced on Owl Hill sold for less than a dollar. Local Pennsylvania grade crude fetched \$70.74/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian Light Sweet was \$54.74/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light brought \$61/74 & medium \$70.74/bbl.

Almost forgot to mention the following: The comely Hadley Propst who is a regular caller in Creston was named Little Miss Woodchuck as part of the Wood Festival.

As they say, "Goin' up the holler, whistle up the dogs, we're gonna go catch us a ground hog - ground hog."

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

This week it's two of my favorite vegetables – broccoli and cauliflower my third one would be tomatoes, yeah – yeah it's not a fruit.

I don't put fruit in my chili. Some people like raw broccoli and cauliflower but I like mine cooked.

There are a few ways to fix raw broccoli. Salads come to mind. If it's for a gathering or a large family I would use 2 large bunches of broccoli.

If it's for a salad added to a meal for a family use 1 bunch. Make sure that you wash it thoroughly. Don't forget to peel the tough outer layer off the stem.

Cut the broccoli in small pieces and toss it with some cut up extra sharp, cheddar cheese cubes.

While you are doing that some bacon should be frying and you should be dicing red onion.

When the bacon is crispy, drain on a paper towel, cool and crumble into broccoli, cheese. Add the onion and toss. Adjust how much bacon, cheese and onion you need for the salad size.

The dressing is up to you. How about the same one you use for wilted lettuce. Bacon grease, water, sugar and vinegar, or try mayonnaise, so sugar and white vinegar mixed to your taste.

For a variation of the salad use hard boiled

eggs, cheese, crispy bacon and green onions all chopped and tossed together. Dressing is your choice.

I like my broccoli and cauliflower cooked. I also like them both with cheese sauce. Cheese sauce is so easy.

Just melt 3 tablespoons of real butter in a double boiler or a plain pan. Keep the heat low so it doesn't burn. Slowly add all-purpose flour stirring constantly.

When it looks like paste then start to add milk, keep stirring to get rid of any lumps. I use a small block of extra sharp cheddar cheese.

If it gets too thick stir in more milk. You may adjust how much cheese you want for your taste.

I like broccoli and cauliflower together but I cook them separate and mix them after I drain them. I either pour cheese sauce over them or just add butter, salt and pepper.

Now for cauliflower after you cook it or steam it and drain it, put it in a skillet that has butter melting over on a low heat.

Sprinkle some Italian bread crumbs on it and stir it until it's just lightly browned.

It's really good. For broccoli or cauliflower casserole or the two

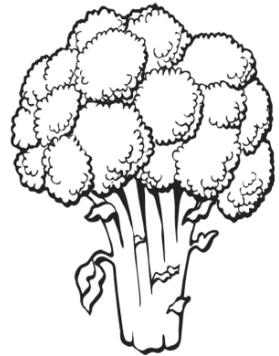
together cook until tender and drain.

The water goes in the chicken mash. Combine 1 can of cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup, 1 cup of mayonnaise, 1 small onion (chopped up), 2 eggs and mix thoroughly.

Pour over the vegetables of your choice in a casserole dish, that is lightly greased with butter. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

Next week is cabbage. Yummmmy!

Hope the kids enjoy the small coloring pictures of vegetables.



Capito Announces Funding for WV Nuclear Fusion Energy Development

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced that Tokamak Energy, Inc., a nuclear fusion energy technology company based in Bruceton Mills, W.Va., was one of eight firms selected by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to receive grants to fund the first nuclear fusion energy production facilities in the country. The DOE has awarded \$46 million across the

eight firms to develop pilot fusion energy power plants, aiming to be completed in the next 5 to 10 years.

"West Virginia has always been a pioneer in energy generation for our country, and this funding from the DOE reflects that proud history and tradition," Senator Capito said. "Funding like this can help create opportunities for reliable energy production and works to foster a secure energy future. I am looking forward to seeing how Tokamak Energy, Inc. uses these resources to develop new fusion technologies to help strengthen American energy production."

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If you were separated by any of the following companies within the Impact and Expiration dates listed below, contact TAA at 1-877-967-5498

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98248		Mountain State Carbon LLC	Follansbee	WV	Certified	4/5/21	6/30/22
96738		Elementis Specialties	South Charleston	WV	Certified	2/10/20	6/30/22
96693		Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Morgantown	WV	Certified	6/21/20	6/30/22
96607		Pactiv Packaging Inc.	Mineral Wells	WV	Certified	9/10/19	9/10/21
96599		Klockner Pentaplast of America Inc.	Beaver	WV	Certified	9/10/19	9/10/21
96578		Greenfield Cabinetry, LLC	Elkins	WV	Certified	4/17/19	4/17/21
96086		Huntington Alloys Corporation	Huntington	WV	Certified	7/23/19	6/30/22
96054		Constellium Rolled Products Ravenswood LLC	Ravenswood	WV	Certified	7/13/19	6/30/22
96002		The Homer Laughlin China Company	Newell	WV	Certified	6/19/19	6/30/22
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95886		Collins Hardwood Company, LLC	Richwood	WV	Certified	4/10/19	6/30/22
95355		Morgantown Machine & Hydraulics of WV	Morgantown	WV	Certified	11/1/18	6/30/22
95245		ABB Inc.	Lewisburg	WV	Certified	10/1/18	12/1/21
94771 A		Verso Luke LLC	Beryl	WV	Certified	4/30/18	6/25/21
94771 B		Verso Luke LLC	Piedmont	WV	Certified	4/30/18	6/25/21
94771 C		Verso Luke LLC	Keyser	WV	Certified	4/30/18	6/25/21
94771 D		Verso Luke LLC	Beverly	WV	Certified	4/30/18	6/25/21
94713		Performance Direct, Inc.	Sophia	WV	Certified	4/8/18	5/24/21
94641		CDI Corporation	Cross Lanes	WV	Certified	3/18/18	9/16/21
94411		Bayer CropScience LP	Institute	WV	Certified	12/14/18	1/9/21
94059		West Virginia University Research Corporation	Morgantown	WV	Certified	8/10/17	12/11/20
94016		Kelly Foundry and Machine Co.	Elkins	WV	Certified	7/25/17	10/22/20
93850		Swanson Manufacturing Services Inc.	Morgantown	WV	Certified	5/24/17	12/28/20
93848		Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Morgantown	WV	Certified	5/24/17	6/20/20
93702		Koppers Inc.	Follansbee	WV	Certified	5/28/18	6/11/21
93685 B		Interline Brands, Inc.	Bluefield	WV	Certified	3/28/17	5/10/20
93311		Temp, Inc.	Fairmont	WV	Certified	11/15/16	2/22/20
93286		M&G Polymers USA, LLC	Apple Grove	WV	Certified	11/3/16	11/24/19
93016		Flint Group Printing Systems US LLC	Huntington	WV	Certified	7/12/16	8/2/19
92699		Mustang Survival Manufacturing, Inc.	Spencer	WV	Certified	3/3/16	4/21/19
92499		HealthSmart Benefit Solutions, Inc.	Charleston	WV	Certified	12/20/15	1/19/19
92261		SMC Electrical Products, Inc.	Huntington	WV	Certified	9/26/15	11/22/18
92256		Ball Corporation	Weirton	WV	Certified	9/30/16	9/26/19
92123		Bayer CropScience LP	Institute	WV	Certified	8/18/15	12/13/18
92013		The Fenton Art Glass Company	Williamstown	WV	Certified	6/18/16	1/10/19
92007		DSI Underground Systems, LLC	Martinsburg	WV	Certified	7/11/15	8/16/18
91525		Teknetix Inc.	Parkersburg	WV	Certified	2/26/15	11/7/19
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91318		Felman Production, LLC	Letart	WV	Certified	9/11/15	5/26/18
91250		Koppers, Inc.	Follansbee	WV	Certified	2/1/16	5/27/18
90184 A		Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc.	Ravenswood	WV	Certified	1/1/14	2/12/18
90093		T-Shirt International, Inc.	Culloden	WV	Certified	11/3/14	11/13/17
90050		TPUSA - FHCS, Inc.	Fairmont	WV	Certified	1/1/14	12/11/17
86089		Huntington Alloys Corporation	Huntington	WV	Certified	6/10/14	1/19/18
85944		Koppers Inc.	Green Spring	WV	Certified	4/15/14	5/14/17
85843		Sabic Innovative Plastics	Washington	WV	Certified	2/17/14	3/16/17

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

Strait Creek Food Bank Food Distribution 6/9

Drive through food distribution will be held at Brohard Community Building on Friday, June 9th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., with line up at 3:30 p.m. Please do not line up and please stay in your cars.

Donations for yard sale are being accepted to support our food distributions.

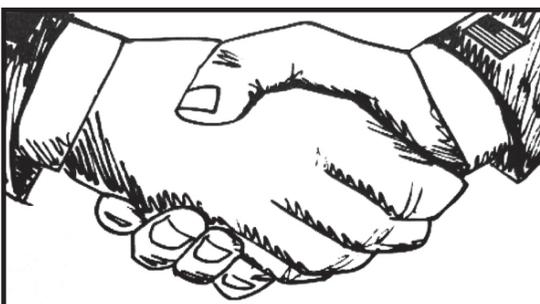
Covid restrictions required.

We are an equal opportunity provider.

It is sponsored by the Strait Creek Baptist Church. For more information, call Shelly Murphy at 304-354-6739 or Sheila Jones at 304-354-9307.

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.



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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

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.

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.

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.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

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

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.



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

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.

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

You can make checks payable to the Broomstick Cemetery Fund. Thank you in advance!

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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!

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.

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline
1-800-579-5844

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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.

UPDATE ON THE Cabot Recycling AUCTION!

The First Cabot Recycling Center's AUCTION for rehoming 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.

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 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 SCHOOLS SUMMER CAMP IS HOSTING A



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS,

JUNE 10th, 2023

12:00 - 3:00 PM

At the Calhoun Middle/High School

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

REAP River Cleanup June 10th

River cleanup is Saturday, June 10th. Volunteers are needed to help. WVDEP/REAP will be bringing jon boats and winches to help gather the tires. After cleanup, you can enjoy the summer kayaking in a clean river. For more information call 304-354-7786.



YOU ARE INVITED TO **Drive-In Movie Day**

Friday, June 9th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Pizza, Popcorn & Drinks Provided

364 Main Street, Grantsville WV

Bring your "Drive-In Car, blanket, and Friend.

304-354-7177

Lions Club Music June 10th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert, will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, June 10th, at 6 p.m. Sign-up at the door. Concessions and 50/50 drawing will be available. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 354-6085.

Workforce Development Board Meeting June 16

Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley

Local Elected Officials

Date: Friday, June 16th, 2023

Time: 10:00am

Place: St. Josephs Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg WV

Contact Person: Robin Sterling 681-588-0415

Comments: Agenda available upon request.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

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

West Virginia and Government News

Gov. Justice Announces Free Fishing Weekend June 10-11

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CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that West Virginia's Free Fishing Weekend will return June 10-11, 2023, and encouraged anglers and their families to plan a trip.

West Virginia's Free Fishing Weekend is part of a nationwide effort to make fishing more accessible to the public.

During these two days, residents and nonresidents are able to fish for free in West Virginia's public lakes, streams, and rivers without having to buy a license.

"As a lifelong angler, I know firsthand that fishing in West Virginia

is one of the most joyous things you can do in this world," Gov. Justice said. "I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to try fishing out or to introduce someone you know to the sport we all love so much."

West Virginia's Free Fishing Weekend isn't limited to giving new anglers a chance to try the sport out.

People who have fished in the past but haven't renewed their license in years are encouraged to participate.

"Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, our Free Fishing Weekend is a great time to cast a line and have some fun," WVDNR Director Brett McMillion said. "We hope this event will encourage people to try fishing for the first time

or to rekindle their love for the sport."

As part of Free Fishing Weekend, the WVDNR will host its annual fishing derby for kids at Little Beaver State Park on June 10. The event gives children an opportunity to receive basic fishing instruction and to enjoy time outdoors with friends and family.

The event is free to attend, but anglers will need to register to participate. Registration will take place on-site from 9-10:30 a.m. on the day of the derby.

Anglers who enjoy Free Fishing Days and want to continue fishing after this weekend can purchase or renew a fishing license at WVfish.com.

For more information about fishing opportunities in West Virginia, go to WVDNR.gov/fishing.

Gov. Justice: W. Va. breaks all-time state record for revenue collections through May

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced on that, 11 months through Fiscal Year 2023, year-to-date collections of more than \$5.9 billion are a record \$1.72 billion above the YTD estimate and 12.9% ahead of last year, breaking the all-time state record for total collections and total YTD surplus through the month of May.

"This is another historic accomplishment – setting all-time records for total collections and total surplus in state history," Gov. Justice said. "I am beyond proud of the hardworking West Virginians who made these numbers possible, and of all the companies far and wide who have invested in W.Va., providing good-paying jobs for our people. We're blessed beyond belief in our state, and it's a testament to the world continuing to realize that W.Va. is the true diamond in the rough that they all missed."

"This incredible surplus will allow us to continue making wise investments in our roads, schools, water systems, broadband, economic development, and much more. All West Virginians will see the benefit of these dollars, and should be incredibly proud of this accomplishment today."

West Virginia's General Revenue collections for May 2023 came in at \$134.5 million over estimate.

The following is a summary of the four major components that accounted for 92% of the year-to-date surplus and 85% of the year-to-date 12.9% revenue gain.

May Personal Income Tax collections totaled more than \$185.5 million. Collections exceeded the monthly estimate by \$43.1 million. Record year-to-date collections of more than \$2.463 billion were \$482.6 million above the official estimate and 8.5% ahead of prior year receipts.

Consumer Sales Tax collections of \$155.0 million were \$16.2 million above estimate in May and 2.8% ahead of prior May collections. Cumulative collections of more than \$1.553 billion were \$205.8 million above the official estimate and 6.2% ahead of last year.

Corporation Net Income Tax collections totaled nearly \$14.0 million in May. Monthly collections were nearly \$11.0 million above estimate. Year-to-date collections of \$344.8 million were \$216.8

million above the official estimate and 17.0% ahead of prior year-to-date collections.

May General Revenue Fund Severance Tax collections totaled nearly \$67.9 million. Monthly collections exceeded the official estimate by nearly \$47.9 million. Record year-to-date general revenue fund severance tax collections of \$890.4 million were 37.4% ahead of last year and \$670.4 million above the official estimate.

Under Gov. Justice's leadership, W.Va. continues to enjoy an unprecedented era of success and prosperity.

After inheriting a \$500 million budget deficit, Gov. Justice has led the state to a string of consistent budget surpluses by using his lifelong experience as a businessman to make W.Va. a more business-friendly state and by standing behind the energy industry.

Earlier this year, he signed into law the largest tax cut in state history, returning over \$750 million to hardworking West Virginians through income tax reductions, with triggers built in for more cuts in the future.

At the same time, W.Va. has achieved record-low unemployment rates. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.3% for April 2023, notching below the national rate.

West Virginia is finally competing on the world stage and recruiting world-class companies to our state as shown in several major economic development announcements. Nucor Corporation announced that they selected Mason County as the location for a state-of-the-art sheet steel mill. This record investment will exceed \$2.7 billion, making it the largest in West Virginia history, as well as the largest single investment Nucor has ever made.

GreenPower Motor Company announced an agreement with the state to manufacture zero-emission, all-electric school buses in South Charleston, bringing hundreds of new jobs and millions of dollars in economic impact to West Virginia. Owens & Minor, a Fortune 500 company that provides medical supplies, is going to expand on a deal they previously had with WVU Medicine and create over 125 jobs at a healthcare products preparedness and supply center in Morgantown. Omnis

Building Technologies will build a \$40 million, 150,000-square-foot facility in Bluefield to manufacture housing materials that will revolutionize the future of residential construction, creating 150-300 jobs in the process. Klöckner Pentaplast has announced a multimillion-dollar expansion of their West Virginia facility. PepsiCo is building a pair of new distribution facilities this year, representing a combined \$32.5 million investment, while providing 185 jobs in W.Va. Veloxint, a manufacturer of nanocrystalline metal alloys, is moving to Touchstone Research Laboratory Ltd. in Triadelphia and is expected to create another 200-300 new jobs over the next four years.

Meanwhile, the Governor's Roads To Prosperity program is the state's largest-ever investment in road maintenance and improvement; after 50 years of neglecting its roads, the state has committed more than \$2 billion dollars to fixing them. Teachers and state employees have received four of the largest pay raises ever. Thanks to Gov. Justice, Veterans with military pensions now live in West Virginia tax-free and senior citizens do not face state taxes on social security. The Governor has also led West Virginia through a once-in-a-century pandemic, protecting the state's most vulnerable citizens.

People are more excited than ever to be in West Virginia. From April 2010 to July 2019, more than 43,000 people moved out of the state. However, from 2020 through 2021, net migration is up in West Virginia for the first time in decades, with over 2,000 people moving into the state, making West Virginia one of the top states in the entire nation that people are moving into on a percentage basis.

Increased investments in the state's tourism efforts have visitation and intrigue in W.Va. through the roof. West Virginia was recently named a top-10 travel region in the world to visit by Lonely Planet; the only state to earn this prestigious distinction and the state was also recently selected as one of the Best Places to Go by Condé Nast Traveler. W.Va. was also recently named as the best family trip in the U.S. by Outside Magazine.

Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column

Contact: Karen Hall, PSC Public Information Specialist, khall@psc.state.wv.us

How a Rate Case Works

With several rate cases pending before the Public Service Commission (PSC) this year, I thought

it might be helpful to explain what happens when a utility applies for a rate increase.

The original rate case filing consists of testimony from utility officials and documentation to justify the amount requested. That information includes an accounting of money the utility hopes to recoup and the estimated cost of future projects.

The Commission orders the utility to publish a legal notice stating the proposed new charges. It then issues an order that suspends the proposed rates until a certain date, so the utility cannot change its rates until the Commission rules on the case. The case must be decided by that date.

As soon as the case

is filed, Commission staff begins to audit the information provided. PSC staff includes accountants, engineers and attorneys who have specialized knowledge of the ratemaking process. Engineers assess whether proposed projects are viable and review completed projects and works in progress. Our accountants, who we refer to as utilities analysts, closely examine the utility's reported costs and projections. They analyze whether any reported under- or over-recovery of revenue is accurate. Once the audit is complete, staff files their recommendations to the Commission.

Meanwhile, the Commission and other parties begin reviewing all of the materials filed. Staff, the Consumer Advocate Division and other intervenors ask the utility for more information and those questions and answers are reviewed by all of the parties. In some

cases a settlement may be proposed and considered.

During this phase of the process, the Commission draws up a procedural schedule and arranges the time and place for any public comment hearings. Throughout the process, we receive and read written and online comments from the public.

Finally, an evidentiary hearing is held. All the evidence is entered into the record and the witnesses for the utility and the other parties are questioned and cross-examined.

After all the information is received, the Commission analyzes all of the testimony, staff recommendations, and public comments. We discuss all possible solutions and finally make a decision that is set forth in our Final Order. If the rates change, the utility files a new tariff and the new rates go into effect.

Gov. Justice authorizes W.Va. National Guard deployment to Southern Border

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced May 31st, that he has approved up to 50 West Virginia National Guard (WVNG) Soldiers and Airmen to deploy to Texas for up to 30 days to support Operation Lone Star (OLS) as a part of an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) from Texas.

"In response to a letter requesting aid from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, I have approved the deployment of members of the West Virginia National Guard to help secure our border, reduce the flood of fentanyl, and combat the human trafficking crisis. Several governors are

doing this because the situation on our Southern Border is terrible, and I want to make sure we're doing our part. So, I'm very proud to support our friends to the south. I know our National Guard will do incredible work, and we'll wish them Godspeed to get home safe and sound. I thank them all for their incredible bravery and for stepping up yet again to answer the call."

The WVNG members will work alongside the Texas National Guard and Texas law enforcement partners to detect, deter, and interdict transnational criminal activity between points of entry. In coordination with the Texas National

Guard, the WVNG will send the personnel in August and they will fall under operational control of the Texas National Guard Joint Task Force for OLS.

The Soldiers and Airmen are all volunteers. No units are being mobilized for this support.

Earlier this month, Texas Governor Greg Abbott sent a letter to the Governor requesting support in responding to the ongoing border crisis through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which enables states to provide assistance and share resources with another state in response to a disaster or emergency.

Capito Statement on Vote to Pass Fiscal Responsibility Act, Preventing Default

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) tonight released the below statement after voting to pass the Fiscal Responsibility Act. The legislation, which passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote, will prevent the U.S. government from defaulting on its debt, cut unnecessary government spending, complete the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and implement permitting reforms.

"I am very glad we did the responsible thing and took action to prevent our nation from facing default. In doing so, we were also able to advance policies, including SNAP work requirements, clawing back unspent COVID funds, and the cut to the IRS budget, which are all responsible and necessary actions good for W.Va. and the entire country. This package also includes a provision to expedite the completion

of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, something I personally fought to include, as well as language to help streamline projects and make it easier to build in America— another area I have advocated for and worked on for years. This effort was truly a bipartisan one and demonstrates that Congress, as a whole, can work together to avoid default, which was the ultimate goal."

Calhoun Library Trivia Night June 29th

ATTENTION!!! NEW LOCATION!!! Come and join us at 6 p.m. at the Grantsville CCCOA Senior Center for some trivia fun.

Teams of up to five people will compete in five rounds of trivia questions, with 10 questions per round.

The team with the most correct answers in the end will win a prize. If you do not have a team, come anyway!

We may be able to partner you with another team who may need more players.

More details to come so be on the lookout. You will have fun.

Crystal Mersh—A 2022 West Virginia Wonder Woman

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Crystal Mersh, President and CEO of Quality Executive Parnters, Inc.

Crystal Mersh grew up in Calhoun County and says her whole experience of growing up there is exactly what led her back. In fact, she lived all over the world and, 40 years later, decided it was time to come home and invest in the county that helped her develop and grow.

Mersh's first job was with Mylan Pharmaceuticals, and she chose to grow her career in that field. After 26 years in the corporate

world, 10 years ago, she opened her own management consulting firm. She formed the West Virginia-based American Medicines Company, where she focuses on bringing generic medicines back to the U.S. for manufacturing.

"I have a passion for the underdog, and anything I sink my teeth into is related to that," Mersh says. "If I see something that's wrong, that needs to be fixed, I am in there to fix it."

Mersh is also the president of the 1982 Foundation—a nonprofit in Calhoun County working to convert the old high school into a self-funded, mixed-use space for everyone.

"Our plans there are to take this beautiful 100-year-old building and turn it into a community center." She says it will have a daycare facility, fitness center, and commercial kitchen, and

it will be self-funding with vacation rentals, retail and office spaces for lease, and a cafe.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WONDER WOMEN

Since 2014 WV Living magazine has been honoring West Virginia Wonder Women, amazing women who are raising the bar in their communities, serving as beacons of light in their industries, and forcing change for the greater good. WV Living is proud to celebrate these Appalachian mothers, millennials, and mavens proving that in a time full of uncertainty, divisiveness, and hate, love for one another is all we really need. No need for bulletproof bracelets or a golden lasso of truth—these women are creating a better West Virginia with their can-do attitudes and Mountain State spirit.

Possibilitarian Crystal Mersh—Creating a Hub for Her Community

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CALHOUN COUNTY Restoring hope to a beloved hometown.

All it takes is a kernel of an idea. From there, a Possibilitarian can turn frustration to hope, stagnation to vitality, "Why bother?" to "How can I help?"

That's what you'll see in these stories: West Virginians whose love for their communities turns out to be fertile ground where ideas sprout, thrive, and fertilize the imaginations of those around them. Sometimes to their own surprise, their purposeful action is catalyzing lasting change.

Crystal Mersh left Calhoun County after graduating from high school in 1982. She traveled the world, made her home in many different places, and cultivated a long career in the pharmaceutical industry. She eventually started her own company, which grew rapidly.

But Mersh never forgot her Calhoun County roots. So, in 2021, she and her family started the 1982 Foundation to give back to the community that made her what she is. Its first project? Purchasing and transforming the old Calhoun County High School—a beautiful building that has long sat vacant—into a community center for all to enjoy. "The school was the lightning bolt for everything we're doing," Mersh says.

As the 1982 Foundation's website reminds visitors, when rural high schools close due to drops in the local population, the folks who remain don't just

lose a school—they lose an essential hub where they once could gather, socialize, host programs, and more. Mersh and the 1982 Foundation, with the help of outside funding they're securing through donations and grants, aim to revitalize the school and return it to the community as a mixed-use space boasting eateries, Airbnb rentals, office spaces, a children's learning center, a fitness center, and even a swimming pool.

Mersh started a Facebook page in the early stages of planning to learn what the community could really use. "I wanted to listen to people," she says. "I just asked questions, you know? What's going good here? And what's not so good?" She says she consistently heard that things in Calhoun County were stagnant because residents were "apathetic," but that didn't sit right with her. "The people I know from this county were anything but apathetic," she continues. "They were grounded in right and wrong, they had extremely strong work ethics, they were intelligent. And so the apathetic thing didn't square with me. And the more I talked to people, it became obvious that it wasn't apathy, but they had lost their hope. They still cared, but they had lost their hope."

That dialogue led to a plan for a community center that is carefully designed to be self-sufficient, to cater to the needs the community members themselves are voicing, and to be a

haven for generations to come. Mersh hopes that the revitalization of the school, with construction beginning this spring, will be a spark of inspiration that people can place their hope in and build upon in the future. It appears to be working: Since the foundation's inception, its volunteer base has reached around 150 people, all looking to make their home a bit brighter for themselves and their neighbors.

Mersh has other big hopes for Calhoun County as a whole as well, believing it can be a hub for business, recreation, and more. "Building a building is the easy part," she says. "It's about revitalizing this community back to what it was, so that the children can stay here when they graduate or come back from college if they want to stay here." The new building may not be the be-all and end-all of a total county transformation, but it is the first step in reminding the community what it's capable of when its members come together for a cause. "We've really got a lot of people excited and energized and doing the work," she says. "We're steadily getting there."

Mersh's leadership has given this project life, but it means just as much to her to be able to come together with friends new and old to achieve a common goal in the place where they all grew up. "No matter where I've lived, when people ask me where my home is, I always say West Virginia," Mersh says. "This will always be home to me."

Special County Commission Meeting held

June 1st

By Melissa West

The Calhoun County Commissioners held a special meeting in the Little Courtroom on June 1st to appoint the new E911/OES Director.

Commissioner Kevin Helmick made the motion to appoint Kelly Barr as the new E911/OES Director, with a second being made by Craig Arthur. Commissioner Helmick informed the small crowd that it was decided to offer Barr a salary in the amount of \$39,000 in which she accepted the offer. The salary is an increase in regards to the salary of previous Director.

There were two budget revisions discussed. I had requested the items be emailed to ensure the correct information was given to the public in the newspaper, however at the time of printing, the Chronicle had not received them from the County Clerk's office. I will publish as soon as I am given the information. Next regular meeting was rescheduled to June 14th at 9 a.m.

CALHOUN COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING Thursday, June 8, 2023 9:00 a.m. AGENDA

Call to Order

I. Pledge of Allegiance:

II. New Business:

1. EMS Agreement with Minnie Hamilton Health Care Services

2. Building Commission Discussion Regarding Building

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

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. AGENDA

Call To Order:

I. Pledge of Allegiance:

II. Approve Minutes:

May 8, 2023; Special

Meetings: May 11, 2023;

May 16, 2023; June 1,

2023 and June 8, 2023

III. Delegations/

Requests:

A. Kayleigh Kyle, USDA

Rural Development

IV. Reports

A. E-911, LEPC and

OES

B. Ambulance

C. Wood Festival

Committee

D. CRI

E. County Park

F. FRN

G. Home Confinement

Report

H. Sheriff's Report and

Requests

I. Little Kanawha

Area Development

Corporation

V. New Business:

A. EMS transition to

MHHS

B. Consider Date(s) for

Public Hearings for Dark

Sky Ordinance

C. ARPA Funds

D. Deirdre Purdy -

Request Sound and Light

Project

E. Public Stream Access

Agreement

F. Capital Asset Policy

G. Consideration

Purchase of Property

VI. Old Business:

A.

VII. Personnel Items:

A. Richard Dye,

Custodian - Effective

May 15, 2023

B. Trinity Yeager -

From Part Time to Full

Time

VIII. Appointments to

Boards and Authority:

A. Mt. Zion PSD

B. Sharon Pitts, Calhoun

Library Board

IX. Grants and

Resolutions

A.

X. Erroneous

Tax Assessments/

Consolidations:

XI. Fiduciary Items:

A.

XII. Financial Items:

A. In-House Transfer

#9

XIII. Invoices Paid

Need to be Approved

XIV. Financial

Statements:

A. Financial Statement

April and May 2023

XV. Bonds, Wills,

Settlements and Orders:

XVI. Executive

Session:

XVII. Adjournment -

Next Meeting: Monday,

July 10, 2023

Luzaders 3 Girls Diner Car and Bike Show

On June 10, 2023, Forged Alliance Club is sponsoring a car and bike show at Luzaders 3 Girls Diner to benefit patient care for W.Va. Caring Hospice. It's only \$10 to enter your favorite car or bike. Registration starts at 11 AM with the Car and Bike show from 12 PM to 3 PM. All proceeds benefit WV Caring Hospice for patient care and to ensure services for those unable to pay for care. For more information, call Rick with Forged Alliance Riding Club at 681-822-3415.

Summer School Bus Routes

Bus Schedule A.M. Routes

North Route 1

Route 16 North-DHHR 7:20 A.M., Rt 16 North Entrance of Yellow Creek 7:35 A.M., Five Forks 7:40 A.M., Pleasant Hill Elementary 7:45 A.M., Vaughn Road, 7:46 A.M., Calhoun Banks 7:50 A.M., Minnie Hamilton 7:52 A.M., Calhoun Middle High School

North End Route 2

Starts at Creston 7:25 AM, Annomariah Rd 7:30 AM, Monday Road 7:33 A.M., Rt 5 Entrance of Yellow Creek 7:36

AM, Furs Auto 7:42 A.M., Leading Creek 7:46 A.V: Court House 7:50 AM, Foodland/Old High School 7:53 A.M., Calhoun Middle High School

South End Route 1,

Start at Stinson Store 7:20 AM, Rt 1 Walnut Rd 7:24 AM, Oka Rd (West Fork Riding Ring) 7:28 AM, Rt 16 Sears Run Road 7:31 A.M., R16 Milo Road 7:35 A.M., Rt 16 Nicut 7:40, Crummies Creek 7:43, The Y 7:51, Calhoun Middle High School.

South End Route 2

Henrys Fork 7:20

A.M., Rt 33 Pink Rd 7:24 A.M., Rt 33 Beech/ Jesse Run Rd 7:27 A.M., Altizer Rd 7:31 AM, Rt 33 Spring Run Rd 7:34 A.M., Rt 33 Sassafras Rd 7:45 A.M., Russet Rd 7:55 A.M.,

Calhoun Middle High School Bus Schedule P.M. Routes

- Reversal of morning routes with departure time from Calhoun Middle High School. There will be no midday bus runs. These bus routes are subject to change depending upon student enrollment on already established

routes.

Times are estimates only and parents are asked to have children there early on the first day and be prepared to wait beyond the announced arrival time. Parents must be there to receive their children, as the bus cannot wait for long period of time. Any changes in bus routes and/or schedules will be announced to children and parents, if possible, at least one day before changes are made. Anyone questions call Michael Fitzwater, 304-354-7011, Ext. 315

Calhoun County Park News

Submitted by: Roger and Linda Jarvis

The monthly Calhoun County Park Board Meeting was held Thursday, June 1, 2023 with Debbie and Rick Postalwait and Astronomer John Dennis in attendance.

• Another “Friends of the Park” Volunteer Work Day will be held Saturday, June 10th, for tearing down old playset by ball field and begin re-building with donated Sandfork School Playsets. Volunteers can start 9-9:30 AM; anytime arrivals are welcome. Any questions call Donnie Pitts or Roger Jarvis. Once a month, second Saturday (unless announced otherwise), a Volunteer Work Day will be scheduled at the Park. We would like to thank Mike Smith and Horst Motz for helping in May!

• Order of the Eastern Star will now start having their meetings the 4th Monday of each month and their annual Grand Visitation at the Herb Smith Community Building.

• The new HVAC in the Community Building is operating great!
 • Materials are ready for renovation of Community Building. Project starts with replacing rusted, leaky screws in roof. Work is being held up due to bees and hot metal roof.

• “A Dark Sky Quilt”, made and donated by Erin Barnhart, was won by Chris Ballengee.

• Concrete for Dome Observatory will be poured soon.
 • The next Fish Stocking will be with Catfish, Bass, and Blue Gill.
 • Discussion about renovation of Roger Jarvis Ball Field: new fencing and cage, dug outs, and concession stand. We also talked about adding a T-Ball Field if space is available.

• The next Park Event will be Tuesday, July 4th with three different Bouncy Houses for kids, music by John Richards, and the annual Fireworks Display.

• Siding, dry wall, and installation of washer/dryer will soon complete the Shelter/Bathrooms Project at Cabin site.

• Discussion about several trees needing trimmed throughout the Park and installation of Cell Phone Booster.

• Meeting ended with deliberation about relocating Historical Oil Rig, Derrick and Belt House, to the Park.

Reminder of upcoming events:

June 10: Work Day at the Park

July 4: Bouncy Houses/Music by John Richards/Fireworks Event

July 6: Next Calhoun Park Meeting at 6 PM

July 15: Work Day at the Park

Free Cybersecurity Workforce Training Planned at GSU

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GLENVILLE, WV – Glenville State University is planning a free cybersecurity training through a joint effort with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in the form of a Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) grant for Glenville State’s Cybersecurity and Safety Workforce Development Initiative. The Initiative aims to create a more vibrant economic future for West Virginia’s coal-impacted North Central region. Job demand for employees with cybersecurity skills, in West Virginia and the United States, has seen a swift climb in recent years and the trend is projected to continue.

Currently, a class for CompTIA Network+ is scheduled at Glenville State University and will take place Saturday, June 24, Sunday, June 25, and Saturday, July 1. The free course is for those who want to design and implement functional networks; configure and manage essential network devices; create resilient networks; and implement

network security, standards, and protocols. No prerequisites are required. The course will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day. Seating is limited.

“Our POWER grant with ARC allows for the development of free boot camps, and will provide each participant with all the training materials, study guides, and exams at no cost. Counties in North Central West Virginia that are defined as ‘distressed or ‘at-risk’ have a unique opportunity to receive training and eventual certification in cybersecurity-related fields. We are making strong efforts to bring the training to the people in these counties,” said Peggy Runyon, Glenville State’s Project Director for the Initiative. “This training would cost several thousand dollars if you were paying for it out of pocket, so I sincerely encourage individuals to take advantage of this exclusive opportunity.”

West Virginia counties defined as ‘distressed’ or ‘at-risk’ include Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun,

Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Harrison, Lewis, Mercer, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Upshur, Webster, and Wirt. Other WV counties will be considered as well.

To sign up for the course or for more information, contact Peggy Runyon @ glennville.edu or call (304) 462-6383.

This project was developed collaboratively with many diverse stakeholders and made possible by the Appalachian Regional Commission’s POWER Initiative Grant.

To learn more, visit <https://www.arc.gov/arcs-power-initiative/>.

A total of \$1,402,408 in local and federal funding is being provided for the project, 80% of which, (\$1,120,995) comes from the Appalachian Regional Commission while 20% (\$281,413) comes from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and Glenville State University.

State Junior Conservation Camp still accepting applications

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CHARLESTON, WV – Applications are still being accepted for the 43rd annual state Junior Conservation Camp.

Sponsored by the W. Va. Department of Environmental Protection’s (WVDEP) Youth Environmental Program, the five-day, overnight camp is scheduled for June 19-23 at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, Jackson County. The camp is open to youth ages 11-14 at no cost with a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all

scholarships have been allotted, participants can still register at a cost of \$175 per camper. The deadline to register for the camp is June 5.

A day at camp includes classes on topics such as recycling, forestry, hunter safety, wildlife, water study and much more. Other activities include archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking and various sports. Instruction is provided by professionals from the WVDEP, Division of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, West Virginia University

Extension and other volunteers.

For scholarship information or to obtain a camp registration form, contact Camp Director Annette Hoskins at 304-414-9759, or email: Annette.L.Hoskins@wv.gov.

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

Scholarship Established in Memory of GSU Graduate, WVDOF Forester

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GSU graduate and W.Va. Division of Forestry employee Cody Mullens in the Summer of 2022. (Courtesy photo)

GLENVILLE, WV – Friends, family, and coworkers of Glenville State University graduate and West Virginia Division of Forestry employee Cody Mullens are working to establish a scholarship fund at GSU in his honor. The scholarship aims to support a student interested in pursuing a degree in Forest Technology through Glenville State’s Department of Land Resources.

The scholarship will be for West Virginia residents who are incoming freshmen into Glenville State’s Forest Technology concentration of the Natural Resource Management program. Faculty within the Department of Land Resources will review the applicants and choose a scholarship recipient.

“We are honored to join Cody’s friends and family in acknowledging the love he had for the outdoors and for helping people. Once established, I know that this scholarship will be beneficial to future Pioneers,” said David

Hutchison, Vice President of Advancement at Glenville State University.

Mullens was a 2019 Glenville State graduate and was employed as a Forester with the West Virginia Division of Forestry. In April 2023 he was tragically killed in the line of duty while fighting a forest fire in Fayette County.

“Cody loved everything about forestry, from when we were little until the day he died. He also loved his time at Glenville and his friends that because his family. This scholarship means his honor and his passion will live on forever. Cody was the type of person who would do anything to help anyone, so I know he would love this scholarship so much. My family wants to thank everyone for contributing and sharing this scholarship in memory of my brother,” said Emily Rose, Mullens’s sister.

“Cody found his calling as a Service Forester for the Division of Forestry. He was passionate about helping others and protecting

the forests and streams of West Virginia. This scholarship would help other young people with a passion for the forests of WV to explore a career in Forestry,” said Anthony Evans, Deputy State Forester with the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

“Cody never wanted anyone to feel left out and he was always someone who would extend a hand to anyone in need. He made everyone around him smile. He would want to pass on this scholarship to someone with a passion to make a mark in the forestry industry,” said Brittany Ferguson, Mullens’s girlfriend.

“Cody was the most kind and caring guy I have ever known. He loved helping others and working to conserve our natural resources so that they were used in the best way possible now, and would be able to be used by future generations,” said Quincy Band. Mullens and Band were friends and classmates during their time together at Glenville State.

Donations to the Cody Mullens Memorial Scholarship fund are currently being accepted. Checks, made payable to GSU Foundation with “Cody Mullens Scholarship” in the memo line, may be mailed to GSU Foundation, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351. To contribute to the scholarship online, visit <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/cody-mullens-memorial-scholarship>.

Artsbridge kicked off the Summer Music Series on June 1st

Submitted by Kelsi C. Ullom, Program Coordinator



Artsbridge kicked off the Summer Music Series on June 1, 2023 with longtime summer music performer, Jim Forshey as Elvis thanks to People’s Bank and the City of Parkersburg. The next performance group schedule to appear is the Johnny Staats Project on Thursday, June 8th, from 7:00-8:00 P.M. located at City Park in Parkersburg, WV. Thank you to Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home for sponsoring this week’s event.

Johnny Staats Project features a bluegrass mandolin, guitar, and

violin player, born and raised in West Virginia. He has been featured on NBC’s Today Show, in People Magazine, on the CBS Evening News, and CNN, and has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry. He supports local instrument makers by playing instruments made in the Parkersburg area. Johnny exploded onto the Nashville and national scene in 2000, when his first CD, “Wires and Wood” by The Johnny Staats Project, was the talk of Music City and quickly received international attention and acclaim.

Johnny has a large following worldwide because of his unique vocals and impressive guitar and mandolin speed and creativity.

The concert will be held at the bandshell and in the event of rain the show will be moved to the horseshoe pit. Please stop by the Artsbridge tent for printed paper schedules if you missed getting one last week and don’t forget that there will be food vendors available for quick bites. An opportunity to give through a freewill offering will be available to music goers.

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Children’s Crisis

The Children’s Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities. The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl. The helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help de-escalate by phone or respond in person.

Calhoun County Schools Employee Recognitions 2022-2023

Calhoun County Schools Employee Recognition was held May 26, 2023. Employee recognition has long been a cornerstone of effective management. Mrs. Whysell and the Board of Education wanted to acknowledge the employees for their hard work and accomplishments.

Not Pictured 5 Years of Service: Sheila Hall at AES; Lisa Hawkins at AES; Deidre Gumm at PHE; and Kelsey Fisher at CMHS.

10 Years of Service: Sharon "Suzanne" Allen at AES.

15 Years of Service: Loretta Freshour at AES.
25 Years of Service: Julie Summers at AES; Lori Parsons at PHE and Randy Harris at CMHS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES! THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR OUR STUDENTS!



B.O.E Member Horst Motz with Jeff Brannon, 5 Years of Service.



Charles Wagoner, 5 Years of Service CMHS



B.O.E Member Horst Motz with Terri Allen, 10 Years of Service.



Adeena Davis, 10 Years of Service PHE.



Malissa Belcher, Michael McHenry and Dolores Starke, 10 Years of Service CMHS.



Chrissy Jones, Wendy Batton, and Gina Cano-Stump, 15 Years of Service CMHS



Angie Sims, 20 Years of Service PHE



B.O.E Member Horst Motz with Marshall Beaver, 20 years of Service.



Vicki Hardway, 25 Years of Service PHE



Mellody Walburn, 25 Years of Service CMHS.



Patty Haight, 30 Years of Service PHE.



B.O.E Member Horst Motz with Tom Lewis, 30 Years of Service.



Transportation Safety Awards - (Front Row) Greg Hawkins, Barbara Norman, Terri Allen, Jeff Brannon, Tricia Harris and Tom Lewis. (Back Row): Marshall Beaver, Rick Sampson, Janet Summers, Barry Miller, Kenny McCumbers and Chris Lacey.



JoLynn Wilson, 35 Years of Service.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

<p>FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS</p> <p>AUGUST 17, 2023 FIRST GRADE THIRD GRADE FIFTH GRADE SEVENTH FRESHMEN (NINTH GRADE ACADEMY)</p> <p>AUGUST 18, 2023 KINDERGARTEN SECOND GRADE FOURTH GRADE SIXTH GRADE EIGHTH GRADE TENTH GRADE JUNIORS</p> <p>AUGUST 21, 2023 ALL STUDENTS (INCLUDING SENIORS)</p>	<p>END OF NINE WEEKS</p> <p>END OF 1ST NINE WEEKS - 10/13/23 END OF 1ST SEMESTER - 12/22/23 END OF 3RD NINE WEEKS - 3/8/24</p>	<p>REPORT CARDS ISSUED</p> <p>10/20/23 1/11/24 3/15/24</p>
<p>PT CONFERENCES</p> <p>1ST SEMESTER</p> <p>ELEMENTARY - 10/24/23 CMHS - 10/26/23</p> <p>2ND SEMESTER</p> <p>ELEMENTARY - 3/19/24 CMHS - 3/21/24</p>	<p>GRADUATION</p> <p>5/17/24</p>	<p>NOTES</p> <p>8/10/23 - PREP DAY</p> <p>8/11/23-8/16/23 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS</p> <p>8/11/23 - IN-LIEU OF DAY</p> <p>8/17/23 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. THIS WILL BE A STAGGERED START. THE ONLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT WILL ATTEND ON THE 17TH WILL BE NINTH GRADE STUDENTS. WE WILL OFFER NINTH GRADE ACADEMY.</p>

Your 61st Annual Calhoun County Wood Festival Queens!

By Melissa West

If you attended the Wood Festival, then you saw the Wood Festival Queens at each event. The Queens and their Director, Patty Haught did a wonderful job throughout the Wood Festival. 2023 Wood Festival Royalty: Little Miss, Kendall Richards; Jr. Miss Elynn Wyer; Miss Wood Festival, Autumn Crites; Queen Flora LXI Emily Anderson, Miss Teen Peyton McKown and PreTeen Audrey Johnson. (Pictures courtesy of Patty Haught)



Welcome to the Queen's Corner

by Melissa West



This week on my adventures as Worlds Mrs Mountain State Tourism 2023, we had to complete the S.T.E.M. Challenge. Each queen was asked to choose a project from Science, Tech, Engineering or Math related. I chose to complete a Science project involving the change in color of flowers. I picked two white roses from my yard and placed one in a cup of water with red food coloring and the other rose in a cup of water with blue food coloring. I left the flowers alone for 24 hours and discovered the roses had changed to red and blue. I decided to see if the colors would mix and turn the flowers purple, so I switched the flowers and left them overnight again. I discovered the middle part of the roses had changed to the new color and the flowers had speckles of the other color, however neither turned purple. In June we will begin our Queen Scavenger Hunt, then off to Nationals in July.

I enjoyed representing my title at the Wood Festival. In some pictures you may notice I did not wear my crown, only my sash. This is out of respect for the Reigning Wood Festival Queens. It's their festival to shine over, not me. Along with myself, my fellow sister queen Emma Howell, Worlds Mrs. Mid Atlantic State Tourism 2023 participated in the Wood Festival Parade.



Pictured Below: The Queens with Jack & Davis Reid, Grandsons of the Statler Brothers.



Random Pictures from the 61st Annual Wood Festival

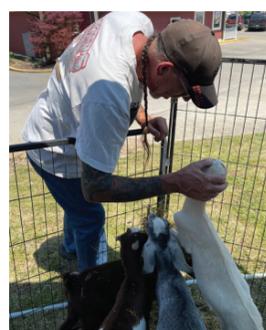


Pictured Top Left to Right: Allianna Hill, AES Woodchuck Contestant; Lions Club Bingo.



Pictured Left: Cooper Delaney and Tracy West with the Baby Goats.

Pictured Below: Cornhole Tournament on Main Street.



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