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### 2023 Calhoun County Belle



Carol Taylor, of Grantsville has been chosen as the 2023 Calhoun County Belle to represent Calhoun at the WV State Folk Festival to be held on the campus of Glenville State University, June 16-18th.

Carol graduated from Calhoun Co. High School in 1964 and a graduate of Glenville University.

Carol was a teacher in Calhoun Co. schools from 1974-2006.

She is married to Harry Taylor, and they have one daughter, Rebecca Taylor (Richard) and one granddaughter, Addison Welch.

Carol is a member of Community Baptist Church, Grantsville, WV.

Carol's likes and hobbies include reading, quilting, trying new recipes, going to Senior Center and sending time with family.

She is the third Calhoun Belle in her family; her

grandmother, Della Kelley was a belle in 1959, and her mom, Jean Yoak was a belle in 1997.

Carol Taylor was sponsored by the Grantsville Lion's Club, which she is a current member.

The WV State Folk Festival has been a long and proud tradition in Gilmer County. The Festival was established in 1950. The Festival tries to maintain the cultural theme of the days gone by with music, crafts, demonstrations, and asking a lady from each county to participate as a Folk Festival Belle. In order to be considered to a Belle, the lady from each county must be past her 70th birthday, possess qualities consistent with the spirit of the pioneer woman, will enjoy the Folk Festival and make new friends, and participate in the parade held on Saturday (walking three level blocks) in her own period costume.

### Calhoun County Commission Special Meeting held June 8th

By Melissa West

The Calhoun County Commission held a special meeting today, June 8th at 9 a.m. (meeting lasted 10.27 minutes). The agenda only had two items listed to be discussed.



Commissioner Craig Arthur

All three county Commissioners Matt Walker, Commission President; Craig Arthur and Kevin Helmick were present for the meeting.

First on the agenda was to enter into an agreement with Minnie Hamilton for EMS.

The three commissioners entered into an agreement for the transfer of Calhoun EMS to Minnie Hamilton EMS. Minnie Hamilton Director Steve Whited presented the agreement to the Commissioners. Matt Walker commented that County Clerk Jean Simers would not be present because she was fulfilling other obligations if she was needed to sign the

agreements.

A motion made by Commissioner Craig Arthur to approve, with the second by Kevin Helmick, with the motion passed in full agreement from the entire county commission.

The second item on the agenda was the Building Commission Discussion regarding Building.

Steve Whited explained to the Commissioners and the small group of citizens in attendance, the planned renovations of Minnie Hamilton Health Systems. The way it is set up is that the Federal Government has the first option to place a health care provider in the building if Minnie Hamilton would go out of business for any reason.

Minnie Hamilton had been awaiting grant numbers from the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and the ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) before moving forward.

Minnie Hamilton received four grants to complete Phase 1 of renovations in the amounts of \$2.5 Million from ARC, three separate grants from the USDA in the amounts of \$310,900,

\$50,000 and \$99,100.

According to Steve Whited, Phase 1 is estimated to cost around \$4 Million dollars, with the entire project coming in at \$19.4 Million in four different phases of renovations.

The project is currently a little behind according to Whited due to a water line extension that required lines being re-routed around a fire tank that provides water to the Hospital's emergency sprinkler system. The new line is a 6 inch line that will run in front of the building and into the fire system pump inside the Minnie Hamilton Building and the lines to the hospital annex. An additional grant was needed in the amount of \$490,000 to cover the cost. Whited is hopeful that construction can begin in the next two weeks, so if traveling to the area be on the lookout for construction equipment. Randy Ball of the Building Commission was present to sign off on the Hospital renovations.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Arthur to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Commissioner Kevin Helmick. The next regular meeting is June 14th at 9 a.m.

### EAGLES, Your 2023 Minor League Champions!!!

Submitted By Nathan Allison



The Eagles Team won the championship with a score of 8-7 in extra innings. The Team consisted of Aerial Heiney, Haygan Houchin, Wyatt Hartshorn, Baylee Allison, Colten Heiney, Emery Atkinson, Genevieve Riggs, Savannah Sampson, Owen Heiney, Raelyn Arnold, Matthew Keener. The Team were coached by Nathan Allison and Eric Heiney. CONGRATULATIONS EAGLES!!!



Team Coaches: Eric Heiney and Nathan Allison. Thank you for all you do for the kids in the community.

# OBITUARIES

## JORDAN MICHAEL WELCH

Jordan Michael Welch left us on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the young age of 40.

He was born in Grantsville, WV but resided in Spencer, WV with his long-term partner Amanda Mayne.

He was the son of Steven (Lynn) Welch of Grantsville, WV, and Shannon (Lynch) Welch of Chartiers, PA. He is survived by two brothers Brandon Welch of Arnoldsburg, WV, and Taylor Welch of Chartiers, PA. Maternal grandmother Earline Lynch of Buckhannon, WV.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents William and Fumiko Welch. Maternal grandfather Bob Lynch.

Jordan served Calhoun and surrounding counties as first an EMT and then as a Paramedic. He just completed his Associate's degree in Applied Sciences and was enrolled to begin classes to complete his goal of becoming a Physician Assistant. Jordan was a very intelligent and caring man. He enjoyed reading, learning new things, playing guitar, trivia, and just being at home. He had a positive impact on so many through work and his personal life. He was a major support for all those he loved and will be dearly missed by many.

There will be a small memorial for his family, closest friends, and coworkers. You may make donations in his name to any charity of choice.

Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV has been entrusted with assisting the Welch family with Jordan's final arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com)



and was a member of Cremo Community Church in Creston, WV.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years Basil C. Brown Jr, her son Basil Carl Brown, a brother Harold Ralph Sturms, a sister Greta Virginia Starcher and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held June 11, 2023, at the Cremo Community Church, Creston. Rev. Roger Carter will officiate with interment to follow at Wright Cemetery.

## EVA ANN PARKS SNYDER

EVA ANN PARKS SNYDER, 86, of Beatrice, West Virginia, formerly of Spencer, West Virginia, passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at Ohio Valley Healthcare in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

She was born at Dutchman in Ritchie County, a daughter of the late W. T. and Carrie Merrill Parks. She worked as a nurses aide at the Eastern Star Home in Millwood, West Virginia and while there met her future husband, Lewis Snyder, whom she married September 28, 1963. Together they started a business named Little Pond Creek Beagles where they also raised rabbits.

Eva was a published poet, writing about the things she loved-God, family, flowers, and her sons, JR and Jerry. As a young adult she sang alto with her sisters, "The Parks Sisters".

In later life she enjoyed listening to Southern Gospel music and telling how she raised flowers to take to church for the altar. But the chief love of her life was her son, JR.

Eva is survived by her son, Lewis "JR" Snyder, Jr (Martha); sisters, Loretta Stanley, Virginia Boswell, Carolyn Fulper, and Sue Weese; and brother, Bob.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Snyder; infant son, Jerry; and brothers, Bill, Jim, Don, and Charles; and sister, Donna Jean Richards.

Service were held on June 12, 2023 at the Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer, with Pastor Ken Heiney officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Spencer. Visiting will be one hour prior to the service.



## MARY L. BROWN

Mary L. Brown, 75, of Mt. Zion, WV, passed away June 6, 2023. Born in Calhoun County, WV, she was the daughter of the late Robert Carl and Harriett Slider Sturms. She attended the Red School on Rowles Run, Mt. Zion, WV. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Mary worked pumping oil wells for Jim Prusack and as a store clerk for WB Gibson. She enjoyed gardening and canning. She loved going to church



## TAMMY MARIE (BENNETT) VARNER

Tammy Marie (Bennett) Varner slipped away to take her place among the brightest stars in the early morning hours of June 9, 2023.

Tammy, 59, of Glenville, was born in Grantsville to Janice and Delmas Rexroad, who preceded her in death. She attended Calhoun County High School, class of 1982, and was a supporter of the upgrades happening to the old schoolhouse in Grantsville.

Early in life, she married Adrian Smith, who preceded her in death, and together they had a son, Jason, who survives at his home in Glenville.

As life changed directions, Tammy was married to Robert Varner, who also preceded her in death, and she began working at Family Dollar. She loved her customers and enjoyed her time working with the public. You would always be greeted with a smile when you walked into the store if she was working.

When Tammy's health began to decline, she reluctantly made the decision to leave Family Dollar to spend more time with her fluffy orange cat, King, and her granddaughters, Maci and Enslee. Sleepovers at Grammy Tammy's were a favorite for the girls, starting with a trip to the store for snacks then an evening of playing hair and make-up salon followed by a dance party and finally going to sleep way past bedtime.

Tammy will be missed by many friends, but none will miss her more than King and her granddaughters. In addition to her son and granddaughters, she is survived by her sister, Jeanette, and brothers, Ralph and Steve.

Meeting her among the stars were her mother, husband, father, brother, Alvie, and grandson, Wiatt.

The family of Tammy would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff at Genesis in Glenville, Gilmer County Ambulance Service, and all of those who made an impact on her life.

Per her request, Tammy will be cremated and no services will be held. Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, has been entrusted by the Varner family with carrying out Tammy's wishes. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stumpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.stumpfuneralhomes.com)



# CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do sliced apples turn brown? (Asked by a curious cook.)

Reply: They sure do! I sliced a Red Delicious apple for lunch the other day, and before I was done eating it, the slices had started to turn brown. When you slice an apple, the cut cells are exposed to oxygen in the air. Enzymes in the apple's cells react with oxygen and iron-containing compounds also found in the apple. The oxidation reaction forms a sort of "rust" on the surface of the fruit. You see browning on the cut surface as a result of the reactions. Not only apples, but pears, peaches, bananas and potatoes have the enzyme that can lead to oxygen reaction browning.

The enzyme levels vary between the varieties of fruits. For example, Granny Smith apples brown less, and less quickly, than Red Delicious apples. These levels vary depending on weather, growing conditions and the maturity of the fruit.

How does one prevent browning? One suggested way is to dip the apple slices in water containing lemon juice... about one-fourth cup of lemon juice to one quart of water. Another way is to dip the freshly cut slices in a light sugar syrup that coats the surface and prevents oxygen coming into contact with the cut cells.

That was a short one. How about some trivia?

- The elements mercury and bromine are the only ones that are liquid at room temperature (68 - 70 degrees Fahrenheit).

- The little channel in the ear is called the Eustachian tube after the 16 th century Italian physician Bartolomeo Eustachio, who first defined it.

- Not all oils float on water. Oil of cloves and oil of wintergreen are denser than water.

- The International Date Line (180 th meridian) is where the date changes when crossed. It is the date of the next day when crossing from east to west. There is only one road crossing the IDL and this is in the Fiji Islands, making it easy to leave one day and arrive the next.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." -Issac Asimov

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

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

## WAG ASKING FOR HELP FINDING FERAL CAT COLONIES

The Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) is asking Calhoun county residents to help us address a long-observed problem with our animal community - feral or community cats. If you feed a feral cat colony in your neighborhood, or know someone who does, please call Linda at 304-354-7506 or notify us via our email [calhounwag@yahoo.com](mailto:calhounwag@yahoo.com).

Our humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program's volunteers will live trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms, and fleas, and returned them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony's caretaker. The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens. At four months old a female kitten can start breeding, and can have 2 or 3 litters per year. A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old. Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless. When cats are removed from an area, then new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources - and begin reproducing. This well-documented natural trend is known as the "vacuum effect." Trap-Neuter-Return stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting. Trap-Neuter-Return also benefits public health because community cats are vaccinated against rabies. We can only trap once a month, so please contact us soon if we can help with a colony.

# LETTER BOX

Melissa,

I am disappointed Bill Bailey is not writing his Around Calhoun Article. His and Mellody's articles were/are my favorite. History and Curiosity are next favs. The new Food For Thought and Waste Not/Want Not are pretty good.

If you communicate with Bill, wish him our best and let him know his writing is missed.

Thank You,  
Anonymous Readers  
From Ohio

Dear Readers:

I am hoping Bill will see your thoughts and best wishes. I am glad you are enjoying the new columns in the Chronicle, I know the Columist appreciates hearing from our readers.

Sincerely,  
Melissa West  
Office Manager

## Grantsville Town Election Results

On June 6, 2023 The Town of Grantsville held an election for Mayor, Recorder and City Council

**For Mayor:**

Robert J. Petrovsky won with 45 votes.

**For Recorder:**

Judy T. Powell won with 41 votes.

**For City Council:**

Kimberly A. Sweat received 41 votes.

Cheryl Cheesebrew Sturm received 39 votes.

Emalee Morgan received 34 votes.

William Villers received 34 votes.

Linda Staton received 32 votes,

Teresa Overton received 30 votes.

For City Council the top five with the most votes will become the new City Council members.

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## Calhoun Courthouse Info

ATTENTION CALHOUN RESIDENTS!!!!

The Calhoun County Courthouse will be closed Monday, June 19th for Juneteenth Day and Tuesday June 20th for WV Day.

## This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

### 1923, 100 YEARS

Fairview News: All the farmers seem to have a vacation this week on account of rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riddle were seen at Homer Riddles Saturday night.

Mr. Owen Bennett attended Sunday School at Russett Sunday evening.

Mrs. Scott Hosey, of Norman Ridge was calling on her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bennett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Godfrey and family of Burnsville were visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riddle last week.

Miss Lelia Bennett of Juckersville was calling on Miss Goldie Bennett Saturday.

Misses Minnie and Dortha Bennett, were calling on Miss Lulu Bennett Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waitman Riddle and children of Ohio, were visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riddle the first of the week.

Several of the people of this place attended the pie social at Rush Run Saturday night.

The Sunday school is very interesting also the B. Y. P. U. at Rush Run, all are invited to come.

Misses Alma and Alda Vannoy, of Stumptown, were calling on Miss Goldie Bennett Sunday.

Bryan Kendall was working for G. E. Hersman last week.

Owen Bennett was working at Juckersville last week.

Jackson Kendall is still working for the Hope Gas Company.

Sunday school is still progressing fine at this place, all are cordially invited to attend.

### 1948, 75 YEARS

Orma News: The Rev. Mrs. Charles Wilkinson provided a very interesting sermon at the Orma Church Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ward were calling on Miss Doris Brannon Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ward, a former Calhoun high school teacher, is a student at Harvard University.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hayes and son David of Smithfield, spent a few days here with her father, Fletcher Conrad and other relatives.

Mrs. Florence Rhodes of Parkersburg was visiting her father,

"Uncle Bill" Stalnaker, Saturday.

Mr. Stalnaker will soon be 90 years old.

Miss Fran Hardman spent a few days traveling and visiting in the northern panhandle of the state, Pennsylvania, Morgantown and Parkersburg. While in Morgantown, she attended the commencement exercise at W.V.U. Her brother, Seldon, received his Masters of Arts degree.

Bill Allen purchased a farm from Sam Lane on Nicut, Monday. Mr. Lane thinks he might move to this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sinnett and daughter, Sharon Lee, of Poca, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edgell.

Mrs. Gary Conley, Miss Murlene Hamrick and Mr. Paul Stalnaker, students of Glenville State College spent the week end here with their respective families.

Mrs. Ruby Hill of Harrisville spent a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Carrie Conley.

Mrs Victor Brannon is taking her daughters to Spencer each week for piano lessons.

### 1973, 50 YEARS

Awards are given in class night banquet: Class night awards banquet took place in Calhoun high school gymnasium on Monday evening, June 4 th with 145 students, parents and faculty members attending.

Following a devotional by Darlene Owens, the guests enjoyed a ham dinner. This was followed by a welcome from Bruce Bates, class president. Mrs. Mary Umstead then gave out attending awards. Those have perfect attendance for the year were Donna Hawkey and Wilma Headley.

Robert Bonar presented office awards, and Mrs. Patricia Pennington awarded Student Council certificates and scholarships. The scholarships were awarded to Sue Brannon and Bruce Bates, with alternates being Debbie Kimble and Teddy Holbert.

Linda Krugman was recognized as being the winner of the Homemaker of Tomorrow Award.

Miss Jean Miller recognized the Honor Society seniors and named Dan Cain and Wilma Headley as the outstanding senior girl and boy. She the

awarded Sue Brannon the National Honor Society scholarship with Debbie Kimble as alternate.

Clarion and Calhounian awards were given by Mrs. Mary Umstead. Receiving Clarion awards were Candi Anderson, Darlene Owens, James Kingsbury, Bob Stout, Debbie Kimble, Lisa Zannoni, James Jackson, Barbara Wilson, Susan Schoolcraft and Roger Hamilton. Receiving Calhounian awards were: Wilma Headley, Roger Hamilton, Debbie Kimble, Peggy Sampson, Karen Farrar, and Janet Metz.

Senior athletes were recognized by Billy Joe Grass and Miss Miller presented Kathy Metheny a senior cheerleader award.

Mrs. Barbara Miller awarded FBLA scholarships to Darlene and Sharlene Owens and Beverly Bush. She also presented clerical certificates. Mrs. Cheryl McCallister presented secretarial certificates.

Mrs. Charlotte Toth presented Nursing certificates to seniors in the nursing program. Joe Wilt and John McKinney recognized their senior choir and band members.

Victor Hamilton presented American Legion awards to Roger Hamilton as the outstanding senior boy and to Dan Bell as the outstanding senior athlete.

Glen Fowler presented a scholarship from the Calhoun County Bank to Debbie Kimble with Candi Anderson as the alternate and also from the Calhoun Insurance Agency to Bruce Bates with Sharlene Owens as the alternate. Von Yoak awarded the Meadow Gold Scholarship to Beverly Bush. Alan Ferrell granted the Rubber Fabricators Incorporated scholarship to Karen Cain. The Rubber Fabricators Goodwill Club scholarship went to Ralph Cunningham.

Billy Grass proffered the Traders Bank of Spencer scholarship to Sue Brannon with James Kingsbury as alternate, and the First National Bank of Spencer scholarship to Joy Yoak with Beverly Bush as alternate.

Mr. Grass ended the evening with presenting honor awards to Lisa Zannoni, salutatorian, and awards and trophies to Mary Cunningham and Sharlene Owens, valedictorians.



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



**June 15, 1876:** Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born in Maryland. The first Black delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and other institutions for Blacks, and crafted an anti-lynching law.

**June 15, 1963:** The Cass Scenic Railroad took its first passenger trip during the state's Centennial celebration.



**June 15, 1880:** Musician "Blind Alfred" Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929



**June 16, 1842:** Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

**June 17, 1813:** General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.



**June 17, 1916:** The West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized at Charleston with 11 charter members. Its name was changed to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in 1955.

**June 17, 1961:** A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The bridge's condition had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony officially naming it the "Brinkley Bridge."



**June 18, 1937:** Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He served as West Virginia's 29th governor from 1977 to 1985 and in the U.S. Senate from 1985 to 2015.

**June 18, 1944:** It's Wheeling Steel aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

**June 19, 1905:** Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname "Boy Senator." Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.



**June 19, 1909:** Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown and helped



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fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

**June 20, 1861:** Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected governor of the unionist Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.



**June 20, 1863:** West Virginia became the 35 th state. Arthur Boreman was the state's first governor.

**June 20, 1932:** The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.

**June 20, 1963:** On the 100 th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said, "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do."



**June 20, 1970:** The play Hatfields and McCoys opened at Grandview State Park amphitheater. Written by Billy Edd Wheeler with music by Ewel Cornett, the show joined Honey in the Rock as a regular summer offering.

**June 21, 1920:** Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation's third-largest steelmaker.

**June 21, 1959:** Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. She rose to country music stardom in the 1980s. Since 2021, she has hosted the Mountain Stage radio program.



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## Worth Repeating – Worth Repeating

By Linda Crawford

Years ago, Eve saw in the garden of Eden fruit that was "pleasant to the eye" and "good to eat".

She ignored the warning to not eat the fruit and the result was disastrous.

Some fifty years ago, my father went up on our hill, dug some Yellow Root, and a made some tea. That tea was not pleasant to the eye. He handed it to me saying "It won't taste good, just sip some, put the rest in the refrigerator, and keep sipping from time to time," that tea absolutely did not taste good but by the next meal it had made me feel

better. Years before that (you have permission to laugh) a really fortunate outcome forever reminds me there are really bad dumb, stupid reasons for doing something.

Even if you have a history of not being allergic to poison ivy, letting your brother aggravate you into eating a poison ivy sandwich is not smart. It could have been disastrous.

Knowing what is safe to eat increases a sense of self-reliance. So, share what you are sure you know and learn from people you trust. There are books and probably in this day videos. Some people teach hands on

foraging.

Teaberry should be easy to find on the way to the small backwoods cemeteries. It smells just like teaberry chewing gum. Is anyone out there old enough to remember that, and do they still make it?

P.S. "This is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy." Winston Churchill, 1941.

# My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



There was a moment this past week when I had to really think about what day of the week it was, and I smiled because that is the essence of summer. I still wear my watch, but if I'm being honest, it's to keep track of my steps more than the hours these days. I wouldn't say I am a lady of leisure, but I am definitely enjoying my flexible summer schedule.

I have had quite a bit of family in town since school was out. My nephew Michael is getting married in July, so some of the family came into town the first weekend in June to stay here as a midway point to Elkins where the bridal shower was being held. My other nephew Landon stayed in my green guest room while his parents stayed at my parents' house. When they left and went back to Canton, Landon got to stay for a few more days to visit with his grandparents and aunts and uncle.

On Monday, we decided to go on a little adventure and take a little road trip. Maricia surprised us by taking the day off and joining us. The weather was perfect, so we decided to take advantage of the low humidity and comfortable temperatures. Our plan was to head to Charles Fork Lake in Spencer to rent kayaks and spend some time on the water. Unfortunately, when we arrived, we discovered you could no longer rent kayaks there. Not to be deterred, we decided to get back in the car and try another West Virginia lake.

We climbed in my Jeep and headed off to Stonewall Resort. Our first stop was the marina where we saw lots of fun boats to rent but no kayaks. I had a vague memory of seeing kayaks at the lodge, so we drove there next.

After walking around a bit, we found a small area where kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and paddleboats could be rented. It then took us a little more time to figure out where we needed to go to rent these items. Landon chose a kayak while Maricia and I went with a paddleboat. We spent an hour on the lake, but didn't go too far since our paddleboat didn't seem to steer well, and Landon's seat on his kayak was broken. Even with the faulty equipment, Landon had a great time and particularly enjoyed riding the waves from the bigger boats that came into the cove where we were.

When we returned to the parking lot, Maricia and Landon talked me into taking the top off of the Jeep. It was the perfect day with no rain in the forecast, so off it came. With the wind in our hair and the radio turned up, we headed home. We made a quick stop in Glenville at McDonald's to pick up dinner for the family and then made our way home. The evening was spent playing pickle ball, which has become a favorite activity for family and friends.

Wednesday morning, I drove Landon to Marietta to meet his mom. He needed to get back home for a baseball game that evening. I had to hurry home to clean, wash the sheets, and get more groceries because my niece Hannah and my sister Missy were coming to town on Thursday. Hannah would be staying with me. Both of them were coming not only to visit but to go see Crystal to get their hair cut and colored. Yes, that's right, my family comes to Calhoun County to get their hair done.

I got everything ready in time for my next guest and then gave myself time to read one of the books I had picked up at the library earlier in the week. I lost myself in the story and read until I had to leave for an historical society meeting. By the time the meeting was over, Missy and Hannah had arrived, so I spent some time with them at my parents' house, and then Hannah followed me home.

Over the weekend, the Mlynks and I took advantage of the good weather and headed back to Marietta for a little exploring. We tried out the Bakery and Coffeehouse in Williamstown and Spanglish in Marietta. Both were fantastic; the service was great, and the food was out of this world. I definitely recommend both! On Saturday I finally cleaned out my garage and organized it. Then I started cleaning up my Jeep. I got the inside all done before I ran out of steam. I will wash the outside sometime this week, and then I will be ready for some more road trips coming up soon. I have some more company coming on Friday, and we have big plans to explore more of West Virginia. I will fill you in on those plans next week.

I have been asked to write an explanation of how I go about writing my article each week. I will admit this request stumped me at first. I really hadn't thought much about it. Did I even have a process? So, after pondering for a while, this is what I came up with.

During my high school and college years, I began journaling. I think I was inspired by books, like *The Little House on the Prairie* and *Anne of Green Gables* series, where the main characters often wrote about their experiences and adventures. While I wasn't always consistent, I do have quite a few journals that are a pretty good record of those years. When I started writing *My Home Among the Hills* articles, I thought of them as another way of journaling. I was just sharing what I had been up to that week with other people. I talked about moving to West Virginia, starting a new job, and buying and restoring an old house room by room. There always seemed to be something to write about, but if I got stumped I would turn to two resources.

Since I have been teaching now for over twenty-five years, I learned early on that the only way to keep my sanity was to be a writer of lists and keeper of calendars. During a normal week, I have two or three lists going, and I am constantly updating

# 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)

I can not write much its late and I have to sleep. So good bye, love to Mother, & Ray, & all of the rest, and to your self I breathe the prayer that heavens choicest blessings may rest with you, in all your life.

May God bless you my dearest girl, Good bye.

Most affectionately  
Yours devotedly  
M.A. Avers

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols.  
In Front of Petersburg Va.  
March 28th, 1865

My Dear Father, Mother and Brother:

I will write you a letter to night which will inform you that I am in good health and truly hoping that you are all enjoying the same good blessing.

We left Deep Bottom at dusk last evening and marched out and across the Appomatox at Point of Rocks, and along the line toward the left. We had a weary march and stopped this morning about 3 o'clock, and lay down. We resumed our march at 10 or 11 o'clock today, and are now camped to night within about two miles of Hatcher's Run, and near where the battle was fought on last Saturday, the account of which you have in the papers. We advance in the morning at 4 o'clock nearly the whole of Grants Army will move, with Sheridans Cavalry, and I think will push right around and cooperate with Sherman.

I feel a good deal fatigued to night and can't write a very interesting letter. While I am writing this, I am eating one of them apples Adolphus sent me and it calls up thoughts of happy days gone by, when we all eat apples together. I will close, will write often as I can, and will be glad to hear from you any time.

I have a heavy responsibility on my hands, and feel it sensibly, its no small thing to conduct a regiment in the field, but I hope to succeed.

Good night, love to you all,  
Ever your affectionate,  
Michael

(Continued next week)

the calendars on my desk, refrigerator, and until I switched to the one on my phone, a datebook in my purse. These lists and calendars are both handy tools when I sit down to write my article. I consult them to remind me not only what happened that week but also what is coming up in the weeks ahead.

Once I look over my lists and calendars, I usually go one of three ways. If enough happened that week, I will simply write about events in chronological order. If not much went on, I might choose two or three events to focus on, or finally, I might have one theme I write about for the entire article. For instance, my article last week was mostly about my new job teaching 4 th grade at Pleasant Hill Elementary.

Once I decide the format for the week's article, I just start typing, like I'm talking to a friend. I don't edit or revise anything until after I have written one page, which is the normal length of my column. Once I have my page, I then go back and work on the flow of the piece. I spend most of my time on the first paragraph, which introduces my topics for the week, and my concluding paragraph, which wraps everything up. I might add a detail or delete something that doesn't seem to fit. Finally, I read through the whole piece to check for spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors.

If I have a process, that would be it in a nutshell. Sometimes, I might throw in a quote, song lyric, or personal anecdote, but mostly I am just sharing what has been going on in my life or what I have been thinking about with my friends, the readers. There really is no right or wrong way to go about it, but I hope this help.

## WAG Trap-Neuter-Return on June 28

On Wednesday, June 28, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the **Chloe, Orma, and Grantsville** areas to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program). We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Tues., June 27, as we will be trapping on Wed., morning. Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation. So far we have spayed and neutered 778 community cats (430 females and 348 males). Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Wed., the 28th. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 304-354-7506. If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats. Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to county residents at no cost to the caretaker. Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard McDonough Foundation, the W.Va. Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission.

## 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.)

**Monday June 12:** Fish, Parsley Noodles, Mixed Greens, Whole Wheat Bread, Fruit, Juice.

**Tuesday June 13:** Pork Chops, Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Whole Wheat Roll.

**Wednesday June 14:** Taco Salad, Whole Wheat Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Brownie, Jell-o with Fruit.

**Thursday June 15:** Baked Steak, Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Whole Wheat Roll, Juice.

**Friday June 16:** Cook's Choice.

**Monday June 19:** 50th Anniversary

Celebration!!!!  
**Tuesday June 20:** WV Day Center Closed.

**Wednesday June 21:** Cream Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Whole Wheat Bun.

**Thursday June 22:** Hamburger, Lettuce/Tomato/Onion, Coleslaw, Fruit, Whole Wheat Bun.

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

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

## MOV Health Department sets clinics for June

*Amy Phelps, Public Information Officer, Amy.j.phelps@wv.gov, Direct line: 304-420-1468.*

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department announces their family planning clinics for June. The Pleasants County Family Planning clinic will be held on Friday, June 16. Contact the office at 304-684-2461. The office is located at 605 Cherry Street in St. Marys.

The Health Department would also like to remind parents they are open over the summer for appointments for children's back-to-school vaccines. "It's never too early to get caught up on your child's needed vaccines," said Amy Phelps, Public Information Officer. "If you start early, you can be better prepared before the back-to-school rush begins." Vaccines available include TDAP and meningitis, as well as boosters for both. Gardasil for ages 9-45 and meningitis B for those 16 and older are also available.

The Health Department takes most private insurance as well as Medicaid, but those without insurance are welcome to make an appointment as well. An administrative fee will be charged, however, \$19.85 for one vaccine or \$36 for more than one. No one will be turned away if they cannot pay the fee. A parent's signature is required for vaccines, as well as the child's previous vaccination record. A copy of an insurance card, if applicable, also should be brought to the appointment. To make an appointment in Wood County, call 304-485-7374 ext. 123 or 124. In Calhoun, call 304-354-6101. In Pleasants, call 304-684-2461. In Ritchie, call 304-643-2917. In Roane, call 304-927-1480. In Wirt, call 304-275-3131.

## Grantsville Farmer's Market 6/15

We are located at our new location, the pavilion in front of the Old High School, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until October 1st. We will have vegetables, yard sale items, baked goods and honey. Stop on by! Shop Local!

## 32nd Anniversary of THE GREAT AMERICAN PETTING FARM

*Submitted By Bob Corey, WV Independent Supermarket Petting Farm Tour Coordinator For ALL Participants, 304-546-1631.*

Coming to Grantsville Foodland June 22nd!  
Welcome back to the 32nd Anniversary of THE GREAT AMERICAN PETTING FARM... touring throughout West Virginia... EXCLUSIVELY at participating "LOCAL" Independent Supermarkets throughout West Virginia... "where your hard-earned food dollar stays right at home!" The local WV store locations and dates are listed in an attachment along with interesting information on The Great American Entertainment Company, Their Mission Statement, Bullet Points for your listeners, viewers, and readers for this World Class, Safe, Petting Farm... which tours from coast to coast. The Petting Farm folks are a story unto themselves and are headquartered in Stephenville, Texas (www.greatamericanpettingzoo.com). For particulars, these outstanding WV Independent Grocers each individually contract the Petting Farm...to give back to their valued customers and "LOCAL" communities safe, wholesome family entertainment that everyone of ALL ages can enjoy. Who doesn't remember their first encounter with a farm animal, their cat or dog, or a pony ride for the first time? "A Thrill Lasts only a moment...An EXPERIENCE lasts a lifetime"! So, Please give this Tour the coverage you feel is warranted and enjoy writing a story which is truly GOOD NEWS for your listeners, readers, and viewers. In closing, The Petting Farm is FREE with any purchase from a Participating Supermarket and will be open each day from 12 Noon-7PM Daily-Rain or Shine. Many Thanks in advance for your valuable time and consideration. Any questions and/or clarifications you may need or have, call me anytime on my cell at 304-5461631. Thanks again and anything you choose to talk or write about is greatly appreciated. Have a great day!

Sincerely,  
Bob Corey

# Calhoun Youth Football and Cheer Camp

You will not want to miss the Calhoun Youth Football and Cheer Camp June 19-22 at CMHS.

Ages: Pre-K thru 6th grade (Flag-A Team 2023 School Year). Each child will need a sports physical, water bottle, athletic clothing, and cleats are optional.

There will be no hitting until regular season hours are reached. Regular season sign-ups will be going on all week.

See regular practice hours and game schedule below.

## 2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

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

First Day of Practice - Monday, July 17th

### Games:

- Sun., August 6th - Grid @ Home - 11 a.m.
- Sun., August 13th - Doddridge County @ Home - 1p.m.
- Sat., August 19th - @ Braxton County - 12:00 p.m.
- Sun., August 27th - @ Gilmer County - 1:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 10th - Ravenswood @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 17th - @Clay County - 1:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 24th - Elk River @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
- Sat., September 30th - @ Roane County - 1:00 p.m.
- Sun., October 8th - Webster County @ Home - 1:00 p.m.

(all start times are C Teams games with B and A Teams following)

### Playoffs

- 1st Round
  - Sat., Oct. 14th @ Ravenswood (1 and 3 seeds for South Division)
  - Sun., Oct. 15th @ Williamstown (2 and 4 seeds for South Division)

### 2nd Round

- Sat., Oct. 21st @ St. Marys (winners from Oct. 15th games)
- Sun., Oct. 22nd @ Braxton County (winners from Oct. 14th games)

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

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

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

# WV State Folk Festival Slated for June 15 - 18 in Glenville

By John G. Wolfe

Traditional folk music, arts and crafts, square dancing and contests are just a few of the many activities slated for the 73rd Annual West Virginia State Folk Festival to be held in Glenville, WV, June 15 - 18.

The Festival officially opens on Thursday, June 15, at 4 p.m. with the ringing of the "Rosie Riveter" Bell in the downtown city park.

The major focus of the festival has always been music and the festival offers a wide variety from fiddle contests, to gospel sings, and impromptu jams throughout the town Thursday through Saturday.

Along with the music a popular activity is square dancing held in the middle of downtown on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.

Over 40 crafters and artisans will be on hand to sell and demonstrate their crafts at various spots around town throughout the festival.

Along with the crafters will be a quilt show, singing storytelling and ghost story tents. A popular attraction that also has crafts, goodies and Folk Festival items

is the Country Store.

The store also serves as a festival information center.

The festival offers a variety of contests that include music, writing, spelling bee, West Virginia trivia, muzzleloading, corn hole, a 5K run, pets, car cruise-in and food contests that include pies, jams and jellies, and pepperoni rolls.

The Saturday parade features antique cars and will honor the Folk Festival Belles. This year there will be 22 Belles (age 70+), 21 youth Junior Belles and 12 Baby Belles representing 30 different counties.

Parade Marshals will be former WV House of Delegate member Brent Boggs and his wife Jean, who are always great supporters of the festival. Special activities will be held for children following the parade.

Throughout the festival transportation to and from events will be available via utility vehicles and a horse-drawn wagon ride tour is available.

A shuttle service will be operated by The Glenville Inn to take visitors to and from the hotel.

There will be plenty

of food featuring the traditional Lion's Club hot dogs, high school FFA strawberry shortcakes an ice cream social, cotton candy, calzones, and more.

Glenville State University will be the site of evening fiddle contests and music shows, a special art display of Ludwik Glass Factory glasswork and the Kemper carved bird collection. GSU librarian, Jason Gum, will do a presentation on the history of the Folk Festival downtown on Friday.

The University will also offer dorm rooms for additional places for patrons to stay during the festival.

The festival is a great way to welcome West Virginia Day, and will close on Sunday, June 18 with church service led by Rev. Donnie Stout beginning at 9 a.m. The service will take place at the historic Jobs Temple, a log cabin church ten miles northwest of Glenville near the Gilmer-Calhoun County line.

For more information about the festival visit the West Virginia State Folk Festival Facebook page or the website at [wvstatefolkfestival.com](http://wvstatefolkfestival.com).



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**



## SPECIAL EVENTS

<p><b>Wed., June 14:</b> County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 9 a.m. Upper West Fork Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Save The Children Parent-Child Group meet at the Upper West Fork Park 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Thurs., June 15:</b> Grantsville Farmer's Market, located at the Pavilion in front of the Old High School, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SPORTS Physicals at CMHS School Based Clinic - call to schedule. <b>Fri., June 16:</b> Yard Sale at Brohard Community Building, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Save The Children Parent-Child Group meet at Pleasant Hill Elementary 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sat., June 17:</b> Yard Sale at Brohard Community Building to benefit the Strait Creek Food Pantry, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Studio 88 Piano &amp; Vocal Recital, CCCOA, 2 p.m. Sing, Upper West Fork Park, 6 p.m. <b>Mon., June 19:</b> CCCOA 50th Anniversary Celebration with events starting at 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Youth Football and Cheer Camp begins at CMHS 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. <b>Tues., June 20:</b> The Children Parent-Child Group at Calhoun FRN 11 a.m. to Noon. First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Calhoun Middle Football Conditioning and Flex, CMHS, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Youth Football and Cheer Camp at CMHS, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Civil Air Patrol, 413 High St. Grantsville, 6</p>	<p>p.m. Republican Executive Committee Meeting, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m. <b>Wed., June 21:</b> SPORTS Physicals at CMHS School Based Clinic - call to schedule. Upper West Fork Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Calhoun Middle Football Conditioning and Flex, CMHS, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Youth Football and Cheer Camp, CMHS, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. <b>Thurs., June 22:</b> Grantsville Farmer's Market, located at the Pavilion in front of the Old High School, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SPORTS Physicals at CMHS School Based Clinic - call to schedule. Calhoun Middle Football Conditioning and Flex, CMHS, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p>
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## 2023 Schedule of Events

Informal Music Jam Sessions Happen all Over Town - All Day & Evening  
Free shuttle ~ Flag down a utility vehicle!

### Thursday, June 15, 2023

- 4:00 p.m. Festival Opens with Bell Ringing Ceremony - City Park  
Country Store Museum Opens - Court St.  
Craft Sales & Artisans' Corner Opens
- 7:30 p.m. Ghost Stories - Holt House
- 8:00 p.m. Old Time Square Dance - Square Dance Platform - Donations Accepted

### Friday, June 16, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. The Kemper "Birds of My Hollow" display - GSU Library 1st floor - closes at 4:00 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Country Store Museum Opens  
Craft Sales & Artisans' Corner Opens  
Art and Craft Show Opens - Holt House  
Quilt Show Opens - Methodist Church - closes at 4:00 p.m.  
Demonstrations - Times and locations to be announced
- 12:00 p.m. Storytelling Tent - Kirk Judd
- 1:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Ginny Hawker  
Storytelling Tent - Dave Prather
- 2:00 p.m. Over 50 Fiddle, Banjo Contests  
Register 1:30 p.m. - GSU Fine Arts Center - Donations Accepted  
Singing Tent - Vicki Glasscock  
Storytelling Tent - Sherrell Wigal  
West Virginia Trivia Contest - John G. Wolfe - City Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Chris Haddox  
Storytelling Tent - Barbara Seels  
"History of the West Virginia State Folk Festival" Presentation - GSU Librarian Jason Gum - 115 E. Main Street
- 4:00 p.m. Folk Festival Writing Contest Winners Announced - Jason Gum - 115 E. Main Street  
Singing Tent - Val Mindel  
Storytelling Tent - Jason Burns
- 5:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Emily Miller
- 6:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Open for Singing Jams (until 9:00 p.m.)  
Wagon rides - (until dark) Artisans' Corner - \$5 per person, children on lap are free
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Music Program - GSU Fine Arts Center - Donations Accepted  
Corn Hole Tournament - United Bank Drive-Thru Parking Lot (rain date - 7:00 p.m. Saturday)
- 7:30 p.m. Ghost Stories - Holt House
- 8:00 p.m. Old Time Square Dance - Square Dance Platform - Donations Accepted

### Saturday, June 17, 2023

- 7:00 a.m. Titan 5K Race registration until 8:00, race starts at 8:30 - City Park

- 8:00 a.m. Cruise In - Main Street
- 10:00 a.m. Country Store Museum Opens  
Craft Sales & Artisans' Corner Opens  
Art and Craft Show Opens - Holt House  
Quilt Show Opens - Methodist Church - closes at 3:00 p.m.  
WV State Pepperoni Roll Contest Registration - 115 E. Main Street  
Demonstrations - Times and locations to be announced  
Musicians & dancers gather in motel parking lot to entertain residents at nursing home.
- 11:00 a.m. Parade - Main St.
- 11:30 a.m. Wagon rides - Artisans' Corner - \$5 per person, children on lap are free
- 12:00 p.m. Kid's Activities (until 3:00 p.m.) - WVU Extension/ 4H with Amy Walker/Jamie Mullins - Artisans' Corner
- 12:30 p.m. Storytelling Tent - Jo Ann Dadisman
- 1:00 p.m. Gospel Sing - Trinity United Methodist Church - led by Ginny Hawker  
Pie Baking Contest Judging - 115 E. Main Street  
Black Powder Contest - Gilmer County Public Shooting Range, Sycamore Run Road
- 1:30 p.m. Storytelling Tent - Suzy McGinley
- 2:00 p.m. Under 50 Fiddle, Banjo Contests - Register 1:30 p.m. - GSU Fine Arts Center  
Singing Tent - Vicki Glasscock  
Junior Belles Presentation - City Park  
Spelling Bee - Nasia Butcher & John Wolfe - City Hall
- 2:30 p.m. Storytelling Tent - Linda Durrett
- 3:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Chris Haddox  
Pet Show - Lynn Welch - City Park  
All pets must be on leashes!
- 3:30 p.m. Storytelling Tent - Judi Tarowsky
- 4:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Val Mindel  
Ice Cream Social & Gospel Music Jam (until 6:00 PM) - First Baptist Church
- 5:00 p.m. Singing Tent - Chris Haddox
- 6:00 p.m. Belle Recognition Ceremony - Square Dance Platform  
Singing Tent - Open for Singing Jams 'til 9 p.m.  
Wagon rides (until dark) - Artisans' Corner - \$5 per person, children on lap are free
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Music Program - GSU Fine Arts Center - Donations Accepted
- 8:00 p.m. Old Time Square Dance - Square Dance Platform - Donations Accepted

### Sunday, June 18, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Church Service and Singing - Pastor Donnie Stout - Jobs Temple, Rt. 5 West, 10 mi. towards Grantsville.

## West Virginia State Folk Festival

PO Box 362 - Glenville WV 26351

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# CALHOUN REALTY TEAM

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

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

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

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

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## Business Directory

### Miller's Kwik Stop

Your One Stop Place to get your snacks & drinks while you fill up with gas - Mt. Zion across from the Highway Dept. (304) 354-5945

### Miller's Sudz & Sales

**Laundromat hours:** 8 to 8, 7 days a week  
**Steals & Deals hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. M,W,F,S 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tue. & Thur.  
Located in the Old Armory Building Mt. Zion, W.Va. 304-804-6006

### Mini Mart

21581 S. Calhoun Hwy Orma, WV 25268  
**304-655-6746**  
Hours of Operation 7 AM to 9 PM Everyday  
*Just Stop by and visit your local Mini Mart!*

### Western Auto

**OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT SALES, PARTS & SERVICE for Husqvarna, Stihl, Briggs & Stratton**  
Western Auto is also your home and garden store.  
315 Main St., Glenville 304-462-5631

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the deed of trust hereinafter described, and the undersigned having been required so to do by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Calhoun County Courthouse, Grantsville, West Virginia, on

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023,**

**at 10:00 O'clock in the forenoon, local time,**

at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all of the right, title and interest of NICKIES PLACE LLC, a West Virginia Manager-Managed limited liability company, in and to the real property described in a certain deed of trust dated August 10, 2021, to J. ERIC PETERS and ANDREW C. WOOFER, III, original Trustees, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 183, at page 541 thereof, possessed by the said NICKIES PLACE LLC, a West Virginia Manager-Managed limited liability company, as at the making of said deed of trust, which real estate conveyed by said maker is described therein as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stake at the northeast edge of the hard surface of United State Routes 33 and 119, and running thence S 50 W. 206 feet to the northeast corner of the concrete bridge spanning Millstone Creek; thence S 75 W. 4 feet to the edge of the hard surface of West Virginia State Route No. 16; and thence with the inside curve of the hard surface of said West Virginia State Route No. 16 and of said United State Routes 33 and 119, a distance of 396 feet to the place of beginning, containing one-twentieth (1/20) of an acre, more or less.

This conveyance is made and accepted subject to all of the exceptions and reservations which are contained in the deed from predecessors in title of the said parties of the first part, as to the oil, gas and other minerals within and underlying said real estate, and the mining and operating rights and privileges thereto appertaining. This conveyance is also made and accepted subject to any and all valid easements and rights of way on, over, throughs, across and under the tracts parcel of land hereby conveyed.

BEING the same property conveyed by Vonda Karen Laughlin, Patricia DeWeese, and Sharon Postalwait, to Nickies Place LLC, by Deed of even date and to placed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, immediately prior hereto.

Upon information and belief, the Real Property or its address is commonly known as the intersection of WV Route 16 and US Routes 33 and 119, Arnoldsburg, West Virginia.

Upon the following terms to-wit:

1. Minimum acceptable bid is \$50,000.00. The sum of \$2,500.00 by Bank or Cashier's check must be delivered at the sale to the Trustee by the successful bidder.
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12. In the event that the successful bidder at the sale fails or refuses to consummate his, her, its or their purchase, then the Trustee shall have the option to consummate sale with the next highest bidder at the sale.

Dated at Parkersburg, West Virginia, this, the 26th day of May, 2023.  
**ANDREW C. WOOFER, III**, Trustee,  
 Address: 2104 Dudley Avenue,  
 Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101,  
 Telephone: (304) 834-1145  
 Facsimile: (304) 834-1147

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**PUBLIC NOTICE IN CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities, have filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 550,000 customers in northern, central, eastern and northwestern portions of West Virginia in all or portions of the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lewis, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzell, Wirt, and Wood.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective June 30, 2023 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce a \$207,452,687 increase in base rates, which is an increase of approximately 13.0%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	Base Rate Increase	
	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13	17.2%

There are no resale customers of Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. 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. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to September 30, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention and refer to Case No 23-0460-E-42T. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: 5001 NASA Blvd., Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.  
 Monongahela Power Company  
 The Potomac Edison Company

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NOTICE that the Calhoun County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department, 341 South Calhoun Highway, Grantsville, WV 26147. The public is invited to attend and submit comments regarding amendments to the comprehensive plan. There are recommended amendments related to the vision statement, the governance and education sections, updated data included in the water and wastewater sections, descriptions of various county organizations, and additional language regarding temporary housing. A copy of the proposed amendments to comprehensive plan can be inspected at the Calhoun County Public Library, 250 Mill Street, Grantsville, WV 26147, and the Calhoun County Courthouse, 363 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147, during normal business hours. Members of the public can leave a voice message at (304) 293-1698 if they have any questions regarding the amendments to the comprehensive plan. Written comments can be submitted prior to the scheduled hearing by mailing comments to the Calhoun County Commission, P.O. Box 230, Grantsville, WV 26147 or by dropping off written comments prior to the hearing, to the Calhoun County Courthouse, 363 Main Street, Grantsville, WV 26147.

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**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

*Juan Simms*  
 Juan Simms, Clerk  
 Calhoun County Commission

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0030-E-D  
 MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY  
 Request to approve new depreciation rates for the Companies' existing and future capital assets pursuant to rule 20 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On January 13, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (Companies) requested that the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) approve new depreciation rates for their existing and future capital assets pursuant to its rules and statutory authority. The new depreciation rates have been suspended by the Commission until further notice with the intent to place any new depreciation rates into effect at the same time as any rates stemming from a base rate case filing. The base rate case was filed on May 31, 2023, Case No. 23-0460-E-42T. The requested net change in the annual depreciation charges is an increase of \$75,472,059 per year and is principally due to an increase in generation depreciation rates.

Should the total depreciation rate increase be granted in full and incorporated into base rates, the average monthly bill for their various classes of customers would be changed as follows:

Customer Class	Average Increase/month	Net% Increase
Residential	\$6.14	5.1%
Commercial	\$19.92	5.2%
Industrial	\$7,387.48	4.0%
Streetlighting	\$8.53	2.1%

The Companies estimate that for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the net rate impact of the requested increase will represent a monthly increase of \$6.14 to a total bill of \$126.34. The rate impacts shown above are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a net increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive net increases that are greater or less than average. Additionally, these proposed increases are based on a Class Cost of Service Study that will be updated in the Companies' upcoming base rate proceeding which will alter these proposed rate increases among the Customer Classes.

By Order dated March 3, 2023, the Commission set an evidentiary hearing that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 and continue (if necessary) through Friday August 25 in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the proceeding should file a written petition to intervene not later than June 30, 2023. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Ms. Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/defaultcfm> until the date of hearing by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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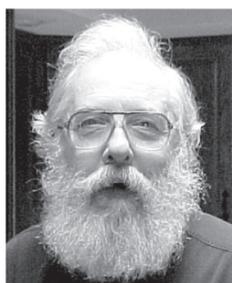
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# Creston News

by Alvin Engelke  
Phone 275-3578



# 1982 Foundation Weekly Update

Provided By Crystal Mersh

Jim Matheny brought a message on behalf of the Gideons at the Burning Springs M. E. Church as the minister was at Annual Conference at Buckhannon. "There have been real problems caused by those who do not believe what is written in The Book. It is now very clear that Christianity is under vicious attack and that would include church destruction by any means possible".

Wilma and Kim Mowrey motored up in Ohio for a family wedding.

A number of Creston residents went to Wheeling to participate in Rev. Craig Blankenship's 70th birthday gala. There was a lot of commercial traffic noted on the Ohio River.

Mary Brown, age 75, passed away. She was the wife of Basil (Junior) Brown. Burial was in the Wright cemetery.

There are now a lot of new fawns and some seem very small. With lots of first cutting hay already up not so many fawns will end up in hay binds and similar

equipment.

The local area experienced dry weather showers on Sunday. Many potato patches look good and some are in bloom but moisture is needed to grow fine tasty tubers.

The outfit that owns Coplin Clinic in Elizabeth is building a big addition to the building. WVU is expanding their medical business venture although there are reports of financial woes at the Morgantown based operation.

Elderberries are in full bloom now. That means there will be lots of the tasty berries to make pies, jellies and jams. Some rain will make lots of raspberries and blackberries. They taste good too.

Little Miss Woodchuck (Little Miss Ground Hog) was calling in Creston last week.

There is now a lot of talk about the proposed completion of the Mountain Valley Pipe Line to take the gas away from West Virginia to market. For some reason some seem opposed to

using the raw material here to make products, provide employment and generate wealth.

There is talk of banning fertilizer elsewhere so why not make it in West Virginia with our abundant natural gas which presently is very cheap - in fact selling for less than \$1/MMBTU. The Henry Hub price is \$2.25 just to show the gap between here & there. Of course EQT wants to export gas as LNG and perhaps some down at the Mouth of the Elk answer to Toby Rice.

Leon Jurasik was attending to business at the Creston Space Dock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooter Marks spent the weekend camping on Lemuel's Run.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude dropped to \$70.29/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$54.29/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$61.29 & medium \$0.29/bbl. Meanwhile gasoline, for the most part, locally took a 20 cents/gallon jump which would be \$4.80/bbl.

The week has been another busy one for sure. It is getting super exciting to see the progress and the vision unfold before our eyes.

I got a good appreciation for where I live this week as well. We should all pray for the people enduring that smoke for certain.

Here at home Teresa and Jason have been setting up new accounting systems to handle the construction accounts and processes for the reporting that will be required by the tax credit folks. They are doing a great job with that and it is just in time as we expect to close soon.

On the site this week, you may have noticed that we have shut off the thru traffic for your safety and ours. Please continue to stop by and just walk out to the stage, relax and check out the progress.

The final portion of floor was poured in the bath house. Chester and crew will finish the bath house next week and then move on to the pump house which will be located near the deep end of the pool.

Hardway will move on to the Tiki Taco Hut soon and fill in with the finish work on the bus garage. We hope to have the Taco Hut up and running by Labor Day. It will be a very nice outdoor structure with a upper deck overlooking the arena football field. It will be constructed with a thatched roof and bamboo railing. The

ticket booth which will be attached to the end of the bath house will also have a thatched roof. The entire structure will be connected with a concrete pad, and will therefore have a breezeway in between which will be the entrance to the pool.

The pool work fine details are continuing with lots of discussions between architect and builder. We have most likely a little more sloping and then we will be ready to start installing plumbing and preparing for the slab.

I worked on pool design to include the selection of the pool lounge chairs, umbrella over the chairs, and sail awning for all corners of the pool and the open area of the bus garage. We will be tying the entire space together with red and white awnings including retractable awnings on the stage and both sides of the Children's Learning Center.

Which brings me to the topic of the possibility for a private school. This discussion and decision will go before our board in the next 60 days. We hope to provide parents and children with an option for affordable high quality education in a caring environment reminiscent of the type of education that was housed in that building for years. Our hope is that we can accommodate children from birth thru preschool in our day care center, and then Kindergarten through

12 in our school. The Learning Center (TLC) will be the name of the educational facilities. We have had great response and lots of reach out on this potential from parents and teachers.

Today was meeting Friday, in addition to preparing for A Taste of the Caribbean tomorrow night. We had a detailed design review of the top floor as we are down to talking about inches here and there. The drawing below shows the layout which will include 2 - 2 bed/2bath units, 1 2 bed/1bath unit, 3 1bed/1bath units, 2 studio hotel suites and the library suite for entertaining and events. A patio will be off of the library suite which will be a really nice space to relax and enjoy with friends.

Next week.... we need to complete and get the arena football field in grass seed so I will have somewhere to mow. lol

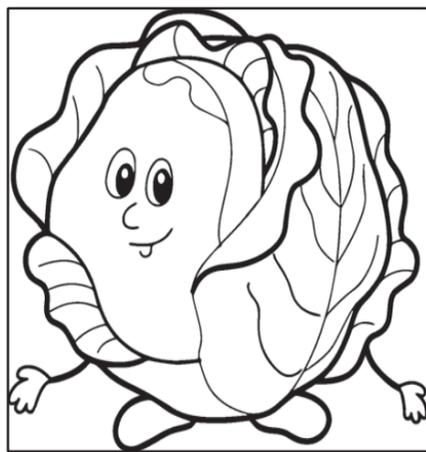
We will also be setting up a construction office in the parking lot to accommodate team meeting and access to the site.

With Whitley Cottrell coming on board we will look to revamp our marketing and fund raising activities to evolve over time. We are very excited to have Whitley on the team with her excellent relationships in the community and creativity.

I wish you all a great weekend. Enjoy this beautiful weather in Sunny Calhoun.

## Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram



This week is cabbage is very easy to use for so many dishes.

My husband's favorite was fried cabbage with noodles.

I put enough bitter in a skillet to cover the bottom then I put the washed cabbage (that's been torn to small pieces) in the melted butter on a low heat, you can load the skillet because cabbage cooks down, you might have to add more butter.

Stir them often so they don't burn. When the cabbage looks cooked, I add water, celery salt and some baby carrots on top.

While it's simmering, with lid on it, I put water in another pot to boil and cook noodles. When the noodles are done I drain them and rinse them twice to get all of the starch washed off. I check the cabbage to see it needs more water.

If it does, I add some, mix the noodles into the cabbage and carrots, put the lid back on and let it simmer.

Keep checking the water and make sure that nothing is sticking to the pan. About one hour before supper I put some polish sausages on top and then you have a one pan now, of course, my favorite cabbage dish is coleslaw. I make very good, but simple coleslaw.

I put the cabbage and carrots in my food

processor and when they are smaller (I really don't like chunky coleslaw).

I put the mixture in a bowl, mix in some salt, pepper and sugar. The next step is miracle whip is added.

Taste it so you can every ingredient to your taste. Some people use mayonnaise but I use miracle whip as it gives it more zing or zest.

How's about some stuffed cabbage? When we had our huge garden we grew a lot of cabbage so what we didn't want for the summer I put in the freezer.

I'd cut the head off and soak it all day in a bucket of salt water.

After supper I'd take it out of the bucket, rinse it off and turn it upside down in the dish drainer.

In the morning I would dry it off with a paper towel, pop it in a brown paper bag and put it in the freezer. I did the same process with broccoli and cauliflower.

Just pop them in freezer bags instead of brown paper bag. We had fresh vegetables all winter, of course, this frozen cabbage is only good for cooked food not slaw. I would pop the whole head (it's already been washed) in a huge pot of boiling water, when that was cooked I'd boil my rice in one pan and brown my hamburger and onions in

a skillet.

When the cabbage was cooked I'd pour it out of the pan and set it on a rack in the sink. I used two, great, big poultry forks (one jammed in each side) to pull it out. When it cools the leaves peel off so easy.

I made a whole roasting pan full and if there was any left they went in the freezer. I'd drain the rice and rinse it at least twice to get the starch off of it.

Then I'd mix the rice in the skillet with the hamburger and onions. I'd pour the mixture over the pulled off cooked cabbage leaves, pop them in the roasting pan, pour a large container of homemade stewed tomatoes over it, the whole pan and bake an hour (at least) at 325.

If I had any cabbage leaves left over they went in the fridge to make fried cabbage or vegetable soup. I saved the water from cabbage head cooking pot and put it in the freezer to add to vegetable soup.

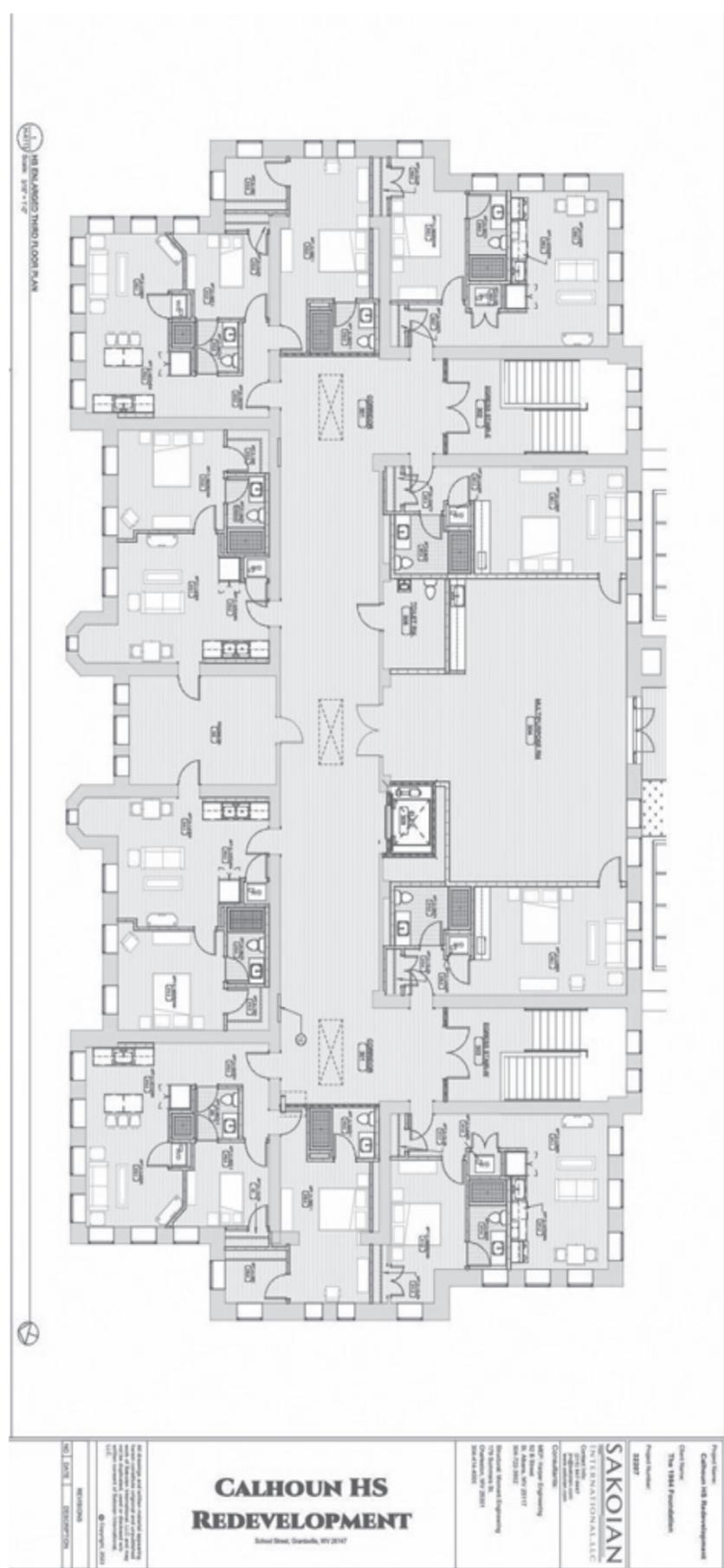


I use everything that I can use. I was hungry at one time in my life and trust me you don't forget it.

I'm going to tell you what to do about those pesky green worms on your cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower plants. Sprinkle self rising flour on them and other plants with worms. They eat it - it self rises - pow - no worms. Oh!

I hope all you kids are enjoying the pictures to color.

Next week is carrots. Yummmmm!!!!



# 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 17, Stephanie & the Band of Brothers (Mark IV); June 24, Mud Bog; July 1, Ruff Cut; July 8, TBA; July 15: TBA; July 22, Frank Conn & Partners.

## 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)

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

## Walnut Grove Church Fellowship June 16

Pastor Clark and the entire congregation of the Walnut Grove Community Church to join them in Fellowship Services on Fri., June 16th at 7 p.m. Pastor John Cummings will provide the service and singing will be provided by The Anchors Hold. Hope to see you there.

## Workforce Development Board Meeting June 16

Organization: Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley

Local Elected Officials Date: Fri., June 16th, 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.

## Studio 88 Recital June 17th

On Saturday, June 17th, Studio 88 will present a piano and vocal recital of Calhoun Co. and surrounding area students. The recital is sponsored by CCOA at 105 Market St., Grantsville. The piano recital will begin at 2 pm and the vocal recital will begin at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served.

## Country Kitchen Music & Events

Country Kitchen is located at 6553 Big Otter Hwy Ivydale, WV. Come and enjoy some great food and music after taking a ride on The Devil's Pipeline (Rt. 16).

Thursday: 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday:  
12 p.m. till close  
Bands play 8 p.m. to 11p.m.

B I K E R ' S WELCOME!!!!



## 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.



## 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.

## Creston Community Building Homecoming July 8th

The Creston Community Building is having a Homecoming celebrating 100 years! July 8 th, 2023 at 2pm. Refreshments will be served. Come out and enjoy a day of memories. Everyone is invited to share this special day with us. For info call Betty 304-485-9873

## Bingo for WAG 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

## Holbert Family Reunion July 22nd

The Holbert Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 22nd at the Calhoun County Park Barn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dishes and enjoy the day with family and friends. Hope to see you there.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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**

## 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.

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

In order to maintain upkeep of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery we are accepting donations at: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, PO Box 651, Grantsville, WV 26147. If you have questions or concerns please contact Cheryl Greathouse at 304-354-9513 or you may send an e-mail to cherylgreat@citlink.net. Please make checks payable to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund. Checks written payable to Pleasant Hill U.M. Church should state Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund in the memo. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## 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!

24 hrs. a day  
7 days a week

**Crisis Hotline**  
**1-800-579-5844**

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

## 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.

## 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.



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

## 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.

## 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.

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

**ATTENTION!**  
**WAYNE UNDERWOOD**  
**FIELD CLOSED UNTIL**  
**FURTHER NOTICE!**

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

We apologize for the inconvenience. There may be also times that the road is gated on both ends. Safety fence will be installed. We are digging a deep hole and there are lots of working going on all over the field. Therefore it is for the your safety and that of our workers that this field must be closed. Please feel free to watch the activities from the stage, but do not go off the stage. We will have a bit more seating there soon.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

# West Virginia and Government News

## WV AG Morrisey Gets Injunction Against Alleged Unlicensed Mobile Home Sellers: Defendants: Members of the Same Family

Contact: John Mangalonzo, Press Secretary, Phone: (304) 590-5026

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said a Putnam County Circuit Court judge this week issued a temporary injunction against four members of the same family who are allegedly engaged in the selling and installation of mobile homes without proper licenses.

The defendants, Gary and Veronica May (husband and wife), Tyler May (Gary's and Veronica's grandson) and Joshua May (Gary's and Veronica's nephew), conduct business throughout southern and central West Virginia. The injunction not only barred them from selling installing, repairing or remodeling mobile homes without a license, but also from harassing consumers who complained to the Attorney General's Office—and harassing employees of regulatory agencies (including the AG's Office), the Manufactured Housing Board, and even the media.

The injunction also barred the Mays from selling any real property during the pendency of

the case. "Most businesses that operate in the state do the right thing but if you cross the line, we're going to make sure there's enforcement," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Those who defraud consumers must be held accountable to the full extent of the law."

The Mays represented themselves during the injunction hearing in May. The Attorney General's Office presented evidence and 11 witnesses.

The Attorney General sued the family in March for alleged violations of the state's Consumer Credit and Protection Act. The lawsuit also asks the court to award restitution for consumers harmed by the defendants' alleged unlawful activities, among other things.

According to the lawsuit, the business allegedly does not have any of the licenses required to sell, install (which includes set-up), repair or remodel mobile homes. The Attorney General's Office has received numerous consumer complaints alleging a wide range

of unlawful activities by the defendants, including deceptive sales practices, sale of homes not fit for occupancy, faulty and unsafe installation of mobile homes, failure to make promised repairs and renovations and failure to return deposits.

The Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division received numerous complaints against the defendants. Those complaints were sent to the Manufactured Housing Board. The board then issued cease and desist orders (nine total), but the business "continued to engage in unlawful activities" and failed to resolve complaints, prompting the Attorney General to file the lawsuit.

Read a copy of the temporary injunction order at: <https://bit.ly/3MNaCzK>.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of this practice or any other scam can call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at [www.ago.wv.gov](http://www.ago.wv.gov).

## WV WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program Transitions to Electronic Platform

CONTACT: DHHRCommunications@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, W.Va. —The WV WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), administered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health, Office of Nutrition Services, has replaced its paper coupon booklet system with WIC Farm Market Direct, an electronic platform. As part of the new system, WV WIC FMNP participants will have a QR Code affixed to their eWIC card, allowing for electronic transactions with authorized farmers market vendors, and can check their card balance through a web-based portal.

Through WIC Farm Market Direct, authorized farmers scan the QR Code on the member's eWIC card with a mobile device to initiate the purchasing process of fresh fruits and vegetables. Farmers will then receive payment via direct deposit, which eliminates check processing fees. There

are currently 106 farmers participating in the WV WIC program; a listing of participating farmers and farmers markets is available on the WV WIC website.

WV WIC FMNP benefits may be redeemed from June 1 to October 31, 2023.

"This new technology platform has many benefits for both WV WIC participants and local farmers," said Heidi Staats, Director of DHHR's Office of Nutrition Services. "It simplifies the purchasing process for participants, reduces stigma by functioning like a credit/debit card, streamlines payments to farmers and farmers markets, provides real-time data for review and analysis, and ensures efficient and secure management of federal funds and benefits."

In 2022, DHHR's Office of Nutrition Services was awarded funds through the U.S. Department of Agriculture FMNP Benefit Delivery

Grant to invest in technology to streamline benefit delivery and improve equitable access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

"West Virginia was awarded FMNP expansion funding due to the successful implementation of an electronic FMNP system," added Staats. "This has allowed us to increase the FMNP benefit to the maximum level of \$30 for eligible WIC participants."

For more information about the WV WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Farmers-Market.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Farmers-Market.aspx). Farmers interested in becoming an approved WV WIC vendor may visit [dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/retailersfarmers](http://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/retailersfarmers) or contact the WV WIC Vendor Unit at 304-558-1115 or [dhhrwicvu@wv.gov](mailto:dhhrwicvu@wv.gov). To view and apply for careers in the public health field, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx).

## Attorney General Morrisey Joins Coalition Challenging California Truck Ban

Contact: John Mangalonzo, Press Secretary, Phone: (304) 590-5026

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey joined a coalition of 19 states challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to allow California to illegally ban trucks. That ban forces truckers to buy electric trucks and regulates trucking out of existence through mandating net zero emissions standards.

The Biden administration gave California the authority to force most buses, vans, trucks, and tractor-trailers to be electric by 2035. Currently, just 2% of heavy trucks sold in the United States are electric.

The ban on traditional trucks is part of the Biden administration's aggressive climate change agenda, which hikes prices for businesses and consumers.

Costs for electric

trucks already start at about \$100,000 and can reach the high six figures. And even worse—California's new regulations are setting the standard for the rest of the country. Eight other states have already adopted California's truck ban, and more are considering it.

That makes California a major decision-maker for the future of the national trucking industry.

"This 'authority' leaves California with a slice of its sovereign authority that Congress withdraws from every other state," Attorney General Morrisey said. "This woke climate agenda the Biden administration continues to shove into hardworking Americans' throats will cause massive job losses, increase costs and devastate the demand for liquid fuels, such as biodiesel."

In West Virginia, the trucking industry supports 34,360 jobs—trucks transported 61% of total manufactured tonnage or 65,448 tons per day, according to the West Virginia Trucking Association.

More than 84% of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

California's Advanced Clean Trucks regulation is in violation of the Clean Air Act and other federal laws, the coalition argued.

Attorney General Morrisey joined the Iowa-led petition with Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Carolina and Utah.

Read the full petition for review at: <https://bit.ly/45T3gn6>.

## Capito, Miller Introduce Bill to Block Implementation of EPA's Power Plant Proposals

Contact Peter Hoffman, 202-224-0146

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and U.S. Rep. Carol Miller (R-W.Va.-01) are introducing legislation to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its recently announced proposal that would force the closure of coal- and gas-fired power plants.

The Protect Our Power Plants (POPP) Act outlines the illegalities of the EPA's latest proposal, which attempts to severely restrict power generation at new and existing facilities, and states, "the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may not finalize, implement, or enforce" the proposed rule.

"With its Clean Power Plan 2.0, the Biden administration has made it quite clear they intend to ignore the Supreme Court's ruling in West Virginia v. EPA, put the people who help power our nation out of work, and increase energy costs for millions of Americans. In the face of this illegal overreach, Congresswoman Miller and I are standing up for workers and families in energy-producing communities across the country, including those in West Virginia. The Protect Our Power Plants Act would maintain America's status as a leading global energy producer and prevent the EPA's current proposal from inflicting further damage on our state," Ranking Member Capito said.

"The Environment Protection Agency has

overstepped their role and is waging war on power plants across the United States. The Biden administration and Washington Democrats continue to shut down domestic energy production in the name of their Green New Deal agenda while the United States should be focused on maintaining its energy dominance. West Virginia will not stand for this spineless, and frankly, ridiculous rule. Senator Capito and I are focused on promoting American energy policies that will ensure W.Va. remains an energy dominant state for years to come. The Protect Our Power Plants Act is a needed check on Washington Democrats' radical environmental policies and promotes American energy production," Congresswoman Miller said.

## West Virginians Encouraged to Apply for Outreach Grants to Raise Awareness for FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program

Contact: Andy Malinoski, W.Va. Economic Development, 304-553-9305, [Andy.E.Malinoski@wv.gov](mailto:Andy.E.Malinoski@wv.gov)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently announced the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program, a grant targeted at local and statewide governmental/non-governmental community organizations to spread awareness of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides eligible households with a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service and \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer,

laptop, or tablet.

The FCC will provide for a targeted amount of \$5 million to be divided among grant recipients. The West Virginia Office of Broadband encourages all eligible organizations to apply and spread awareness on how the ACP can help WV families save on their internet services. Applications must be submitted to <https://www.grants.gov> by 6:00 p.m. EDT June 30, 2023.

Eligible Applicants: -State or territory governments and subdivisions thereof -Local governments and subdivisions thereof -Public housing

- Social service providers
- Education organizations
- Workforce development training organizations
- Non-profit organizations (501(c)(3) status is not required)
- Community-based organizations;
- Community-anchor institutions
- Public service organizations
- A consortia of the entities listed above.

More information on the program can be found at [www.fcc.gov/acp-grants](http://www.fcc.gov/acp-grants).

## Warmer Weather Brings Out Snakes W. Va. Poison Center Experts Discuss Snakes

Contact: Carissa McBurney, Community Outreach Coordinator, W.Va. Poison Center, 3110 MacCorkle Avenue SE Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 347-1379

CHARLESTON, WV—With warmer weather, more people are out enjoying nature and there is an increase of snakes being spotted in the Mountain State. W.Va. has two kinds of venomous snakes: the Timber Rattlesnake and the Northern Copperhead. These snakes are more active when the temperatures increase.

**To prevent snake bites:** Northern copperheads like wooded areas, especially near water. Be especially careful when walking in high grass and underbrush, especially near the banks of ponds, creeks, and rivers.

Timber rattlesnakes prefer rocky, mountainous areas. Be sure to look before reaching or sitting on rock ledges or logs where snakes could be hiding.

Keep areas around your home clean and

free of wood piles, high grass, and underbrush.

If hiking, stay on the trails. Consider using a stick to rustle grass and plants along the trail. Use a flashlight when walking outside at night.

If you are expecting to be in areas where snakes may be, wear long pants and sturdy, close-toed shoes. If picking up brush, logs, or debris, wear leather gloves.

**Do not approach or kill snakes unnecessarily.** If a snake appears dead, do pick it up as snakes can still bite by reflex.

**To prevent snake bites, pet owners should:** Avoid letting pets roam around high grass, rocks, and wood piles. Keep pets on a leash while hiking or in the woods. Remove hiding places, such as wood piles, where pets regularly visit.

**If bitten by a snake,**

**DO NOT** try home remedies, such as ice, tourniquet, or the cut and suck method.

**If bitten by a snake, DO:** Immobilize the bitten area, limit use, and remove any restricting items. Transport to the nearest medical facility and call the W.Va. Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.

**The W. Va. Poison Center** provides emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to W.Va., 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the W.Va. University-Charleston. Call: 1-800-222-1222 or visit Website: [www.wvpoisoncenter.org](http://www.wvpoisoncenter.org).

# West Virginia and U.S. Government News

## Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$576,000 in Funding to Help Reduce Train-Vehicle Collisions and Blocked Crossings in the State of West Virginia

Contact: FRA Public Affairs, Tel.: (202) 493-6024, FRAPA@DOT.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced June 5th, it has awarded \$576,000 to the state of West Virginia in Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program funding for 2 projects. Nationally, the RCE Program will provide over \$570 million in funding for 63 projects in 32 states. This inaugural round of funding will address more than 400 at-grade crossings nationwide, improve safety, and make it easier to get around railroad tracks by adding grade separations, closing at-grade crossings, and improving existing at-grade crossings where train tracks and roads intersect.

Preventing blocked crossings and collisions is one of many ways President Biden’s Investing in America agenda will make a difference in people’s everyday lives by improving safety and convenience and creating good-paying jobs to rebuild our nation’s infrastructure. Last year, there were more than 2,000 highway-rail crossing collisions in the U.S. and more than 30,000 reports of blocked crossings submitted to FRA’s public complaint portal.

“Every year, commuters, residents, and first responders lose valuable time waiting at blocked railroad crossings – and worse, those crossings are too often the site of collisions that could be prevented,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “As part of President Biden’s Investing in America agenda, we’re improving rail crossings in communities across the country to save lives, time, and resources for American families.”

For years, FRA has

received complaints from citizens, states, and localities regarding the delays and disruptions caused by frequently blocked crossings that force residents to wait hours at intersections or take detours. These delays and disruptions can also prevent first responders from getting to emergencies quickly. Further, over 2,000 collisions occur every year at highway-rail grade crossings. The projects selected for funding in the first year of this program will greatly improve the quality of life in communities big and small, creating safer rail crossings and allowing people to get to and from their homes, schools, businesses, hospitals, fire stations, and workplaces without being stranded and delayed by a standing train.

“The Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program is another critical tool that FRA is using to make a lasting impact on the safety and transportation needs of communities nationwide,” said FRA Administrator Amit Bose. “With these project selections and the many more that are to come, we will save lives and reshape infrastructure in ways that allow individuals to move through their neighborhoods seamlessly and safely.”

Along with projects that build or upgrade physical infrastructure at railroad crossings, FRA awarded \$15.7 million for planning activities and \$33.1 million for project development and design activities that will build a pipeline of projects for future funding. Twenty two percent of all funding, \$127.5 million, was awarded to projects in rural areas or on Tribal lands.

Projects supported by RCE Program funding in

West Virginia include: Studying for the Potential Elimination of Existing At-Grade Rail Crossing on 19th Street in Parkersburg. (\$96,000)

City of Parkersburg: The planning project will study alternatives to eliminate the at-grade rail crossing on 19th Street in Parkersburg, which sees significant blockages daily, some lasting up to two hours. The Benefits of this potential elimination include improved supply chain fluidity, diminished wait times and risk of collision, as this crossing is near a commercial/industrial area. The City of Parkersburg is providing a 20 percent non-Federal match.

West Virginia Crossing Safety Action Plan Implementation (\$480,000)

West Virginia Department of Transportation:

The planning project will conduct a study on nine crossings throughout the state and provide strategies to improve safety, eliminate hazards, and reduce incidents. The West Virginia Department of Transportation is providing a 20 percent non-Federal match.

There are more than 130,000 miles of railroad track in the U.S. and improving safety in the communities where they run is a priority for the Department.

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Attorney General Morrissey joined in the Wisconsin-led lawsuit with Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

Read a copy of the settlement at: <https://bit.ly/3CFELmd>.

## WVGOP Chairwoman Statement Federal Indictment of President Donald Trump

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Charleston, W.Va. – West Virginia Republican Party Chairwoman Elgine McArdle issued the following statement following the news that former President Donald Trump has been indicted by the Justice Department:

“The federal indictment of President Donald Trump tonight is a new low, even for Joe Biden’s Justice Department,” said West Virginia Republican Party Chairwoman Elgine McArdle.

“The United States of America is a Republic, which means that neither the whims of one man nor the passions of a mob, rule our nation. Rather, we are ruled by law. This Justice Department has weaponized the rule of law to hunt and persecute Biden’s political opponents. This Justice Department has targeted parents who voiced concerns at school board meetings. This Justice Department

raided the home of, and indicted, a Pennsylvania pro-life activist for praying outside of an abortion clinic. Not once, not twice, but yet again, this Justice Department continues to target conservative Republicans and conservative Christians who are simply expressing the ideas protected by our Constitution!”

“Joe Biden is not only using the Justice Department as a political weapon, Joe Biden’s administration is attempting to criminalize the activity of anyone who dares to disagree with him, and who poses a threat to his political agenda and regime. In this country, we settle political disputes at the ballot box and we don’t imprison the leaders of the opposition.”

“This isn’t just an indictment against a former President, it is an indictment against the leading Presidential

candidate of the opposition party, and an indictment against our freedoms. In seven months, the first ballots will be cast in the next Presidential election. This must stop!”

“These acts are a radical departure from ‘democratic norms’ but Biden and his radical far-left Democrats do not care about our country. This indictment is an attack on conservatives, Republicans, traditional Americans, as well as the ideas and values that hold Western civilization together. Tolerating harassment or imprisonment of former Heads of State and presidential candidates resemble third world banana Republics, not the United States of America.”

“We strongly and unequivocally condemn this indictment. The Constitution and truth must prevail.”

## Capito: \$228,000 for WVUCancer Research

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, today announced \$228,000 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to West

Virginia University of cancer and helping them avoid the worst outcomes of this terrible disease. As the top Republican on the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, I look forward to seeing how researchers at WVU use this funding to advance their research capabilities when it comes to these diseases and disorders.”

Ranking Member Capito said.

## WVDEP, state agencies actively watching for potential air quality issues due to wildfire smoke

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Charleston, WV – The W.Va. Dept. of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), Dept. of Health and Human Resources’ (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health (BPH), and Emergency Management Division (EMD) are actively watching for potential air quality issues for fine particulate matter as smoke from Canadian wildfires continues to impact areas along the East Coast.

According to AirNow.gov, unofficial air monitors indicate counties in W.Va.’s Eastern Panhandle are currently the most

impacted in the state, with air quality index scores in the 151 to 200 range.

Citizens are encouraged to check the AirNow website to see real time air quality data in their area.

Air quality in this range indicates that some members of the general public may experience health effects and members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects

The rest of W.Va. is showing air quality index scores in the good (0-50) and moderate (51-100) ranges.

Per the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), citizens in areas with poor air quality are encouraged to limit their time outdoors and avoid strenuous activities. N-95 masks can help reduce smoke inhalation and potential health risks. 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.

## Attorney General Morrissey Announces \$102.5 Million Settlement with Suboxone Maker for Alleged Illegal Monopoly Tactics

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CHARLESTON — W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced June 2nd, that 41 states and Washington, D.C. have negotiated a nationwide \$102.5 million settlement with the maker of Suboxone, Indivior Inc.

W.Va. will receive about \$1.5 million from the settlement.

“Companies should not resort to improper means to control the market, all the while hurting consumers,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Competition is the driving force in a free market economy, and those who resort to improper means will be held accountable to the full extent of the law.”

Suboxone is a prescription medicine used to treat opioid addiction in adults.

In 2016, the bipartisan coalition of states filed a complaint against Indivior Inc, alleging the company used illegal

tactics to switch the Suboxone market from tablets to oral film form (that dissolves under a patient’s tongue) while attempting to destroy the market for tablets, in order to preserve its drug monopoly—in 2009, generic manufacturers were poised to begin selling their own pills.

The coalition argued the alleged unlawful conduct squelched the market for generic Suboxone tablets which were set to enter the market. This conduct allowed Indivior time to switch the market to its brand name film.

The agreement, which was submitted to the court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for approval, requires Indivior to pay the states \$102.5 million. Indivior is also required to comply with negotiated injunctive terms that include disclosures to the states of all citizen petitions to the FDA, introduction of new

products, or if there is a change in corporate control, which will help the states ensure that Indivior refrains from engaging in the same kind of conduct alleged in the complaint.

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Read a copy of the settlement at: <https://bit.ly/3CFELmd>.

Air Quality Index

AQI Level	AQI Category and Color	Index Value	Description of Air Quality
1	Good Green	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
2	Moderate Yellow	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
3	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups Orange	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
4	Unhealthy Red	151 to 200	Some members of the general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
5	Very Unhealthy Purple	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
6	Hazardous Maroon	301 and Higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

## Calhoun County Students Named to Glenville State University Honor Rolls

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

GLENVILLE, WV – The names of Calhoun County students who attained the Glenville State University President’s and Provost’s Honor Rolls for the Spring 2023 semester have been announced.

Shannon Waldron of Grantsville, Jesse Kargol of Mount Zion, and Mia Houchin of Orma have been named to the GSU President’s Honor Roll. To be named to the President’s Honor Roll, students must have a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Dalton Dearth of Big Springs, Kyla Lovejoy and Briar Stehman, both of Chloe, and Corey Foster and Lacy Whytsell, both of Grantsville, have been named to the GSU Provost’s Honor Roll. To be named to the Provost’s Honor Roll, students must have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

## Lindsey Posey Named to Dean’s List at Marietta College

MARIETTA, OHIO (06/02/2023)-- Marietta College’s Lindsey Posey of Mount Zion, West Virginia, has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean’s List.

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

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74 in a given semester is recognized as a Dean’s List student for that semester. Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy back in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835.

## Calhoun County Historical Society Holds Meeting

Submitted by Mellody Walburn

The Calhoun County Historical Society met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 8th, at the History Center on Main Street. President Bob Bonar called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. After the minutes and financial reports were read and approved, Mr. Bonar shared a brief program about the number of schools found in Calhoun County over the years. A handout was given to members listing these schools by the districts where they were located. Members then turned their attention to brainstorming ideas for possible grant projects. Many good ideas were suggested and noted. This discussion will continue at the July meeting. The evening ended with the society discussing the problem of planning and holding big events due to the low number of members and lack of volunteers. This issue has been a topic of every meeting for the last six months. The society has concluded that it will have to cancel big events like Christmas in the Village and scale back other planned activities until membership and/or community involvement increases. Anyone interested in becoming a member or volunteering for society events can contact President Bob Bonar.

## Glenville State University Hosts NHLA Log Grading Course

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



National Hardwood Lumber Association instructor Mark Depp (at right) observes as students in the Log Grading Course review and discuss various samples. (Courtesy Photo)

GLENVILLE, WV – Glenville State University recently hosted a two-day National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA) Log Grading course.

This course was instructed by NHLA instructor Mark Depp and included students representing multiple hardwood-related businesses.

Glenville State University’s Workforce Coach Gabrielle Dean has been working to identify training needs within the industry and helped create and

facilitate the training.

“The trainings that we have been offering are great ways for people to get their foot in the door with the industry or sharpen their skills if they already work in the industry,” Dean said. “We would also like to thank Weyerhaeuser of Buckhannon for letting us use their logs for our class and for transporting them to Glenville.”

The training was funded in part by a grant Glenville State received from the Appalachian Regional Commission Power Initiative.

Through the grant,

the Appalachian Hardwood Training Initiative aims to help strengthen the hardwood industry workforce and ensure a steady supply of future applicants.

Students who wish to enroll into the forestry program at Glenville State may also be eligible for a scholarship as part of the grant.

Hardwood industry companies are encouraged to contact Dean at Gabrielle.Dean@glenville.edu or (304) 462-6377 for additional information or for future training opportunities

## Calhoun County Board of Education Regular Meeting Held June 12th

By Melissa West

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board members led the Pledge of Allegiance. School Board members in attendance were Horst Motz, Tammy Yoak, Mitchell Morgan and Jimmy Gregory, President Board Jenna Jett was in attendance by phone.

Superintendent Kelli Whystell presented student recognitions (see page 13 for pictures) with the help of board members and coaches present.

Horst Motz acknowledged the community and award ceremonies, “As a board member I can not say enough regarding what the students are receiving from the fine teachers. I appreciate the teachers and service personnel who show their dedication to the school and community”.

Tammy Yoak discussed the criticism she had felt for being so positive all the time. “I feel it is better to come from a positive position rather than a negative, it’s a thankless job, not always easy and the pay is horrible. I will always be a champion for Calhoun County Schools”.

Middle School Empowerment Presentation and Discussion presented by several teachers and the students, Tucker Sampson and Anessia Kerby. Teacher Josh Johnson reported that they had zero behavior incidents during the last two weeks of school while the students

worked on their projects. The lack of behavior incidents was explained that students were interested and invested in their projects.

I asked the students what happened when a classmate did not understand the project or failed to meet the objections what would happen. Tucker Sampson informed me “before we move on we made sure everyone understood”.

Delegations: Board Member Shannon Waldron talked with the board in regards to students who work hard and have to make the choice between graduation and State Track and Field Events. Students in the past have had to make a choice between walking across the stage with their peers or attending a well deserved Sporting accomplishment. She noted the class of 2024 will mark the 100th graduating class from Calhoun County and the day of graduation is the same as the State Track and Field event. She asked the Board to consider changing the date of graduation so students do not have to choose.

Loretta Propst spoke to the board and parents in attendance about the content being taught to students in the county. She spoke that it is not for the school to be discussing any kind of alternative sexual content to children, it is a subject that should be discussed with their parents. “Even suggestive, under the table teaching is

not acceptable”. She does not want her grandchildren to receive less than prescribed teaching plans that will not prepare them for the future, such as reading, writing, arithmetic, science, history, civics, and the core educational values.

The board went on to vote to approve the minutes from their May 8 (regular), May 15 (special/work) minutes.

Board Member Horst Motz discussed the happenings at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. The options to take classes are open to Junior and Seniors and if there is availability, it open to freshman and sophomores. They maybe losing the Law class due to lack of interest.

Superintendent Whystell informed everyone that they just received word that the county was awarded \$672,810 for Safe School Entrance at CMHS, which includes all new doors on the entire ground level. A year long waiver has been requested for the installation of audio recording equipment in the special education restrooms due to not being able to find someone who can do the install.

Summer School/Camps started June 12th with 78 students total throughout the county.

Whystell informed

the Board Members that they would be seeing a lot of policy changes due to making changes to comply with the changes made by Legislature, some will have small changes and some will be new.

Old Business: The Board voted on and approved Extracurricular/co-curricular pay schedule and supplemental pay schedule.

New Business: Finance for approval May 8, 2023 included general fund invoices (\$1,125,492.45), supplements (\$20,000), May 2023 Financial Statement, blanket approval for month of June invoices, supplements, transfers and year end close (physical year), county salary schedules for FY2023-2024 approval from WV Dept. of Education, David Roach, State Superintendent of Schools.

2022 Balanced Scorecard Recognitions went to Pleasant Hill Elementary: Exceeds Standard of ELA Progress; Arnoldsburg Elementary: Exceeds Standard of Math Progress; and CMHS: Exceeds Standard of Graduation Rate 5-Year.

Local Course Standards for Approval for Elective Credit: ACT/SAT Test Prep Standards 9-12 and Community

Service Standards. Staff Development Approval Board Meeting Calendar for 2023-2024 approval.

Textbook adoption: World Language Adoption is being deferred

Contracts: Wanda Wayne (Community Schools Greenhouse and Community Garden), Debra Smith (Community in Schools Ambassador), Joyce Williams (Special Education Consultant), James Mullins (School Psychologist) and Therapies, Inc (Occupational Therapists).

Surplus: three bowl stainless steel sink. Hope Scholarships Intents 2023-2024: Jeremy Burrows, Kindergarten; Charles Gibson & Amanda McCartney, Kindergarten; Debbie Wolford, 6th Grade.

Policies out for comment: Substitutes in Areas of critical Need and Shortage, Employee Leaves and Absences, and Weighted GPA. Out of Country Field Trip Request: Puerto Rico Spring Break. CMHS Athletic handbook.

Transportation Requests: Hocking Hills in August and Columbus Zoo in July.

Personnel: Shirley Hupp retired; Ernest Tingler, Jami Laughlin, Taylor Scott, Andrea McMillion, Whitley

Cottrell, Lisa Walker, Michael Boatright, Argil Jones resigned from their various positions.

Policy 5000 Moves FY 2023-2024: Norma Randall-Myers, full time to half time Spanish teacher, CMHS

Employment for Summer School 2022-2023: Jo Hanna Deuley, Angie Naylor (pending certification).

Professional FY 2023-24: Norma Randall-Myers, Gabriella Wood, Shirley Hupp, Angie Naylor (pending certification) as Substitute teachers.

Michelle Goad, substitute multi-classified Aide II/ supervisory aides/ bus aide/specialized healthcare procedures.

Jimmy Yeager, substitute custodian and Terry Marks, Custodian II, CMHS (2 p.m. - 10 p.m.).

Tim Davis was hired as the Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. There is a list of job postings are available at the board office.

The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 7:07 p.m. The board had five student expulsion reviews and two expulsion hearings. I did not attend the end of the meeting to report on the Board Self Appraisal or Superintendent Evaluation. It is my understanding the meeting adjourned around 9:30 p.m.



Empowerment Students Anessia Kerby and Tucker Sampson gave a presentation to the crowd.

### Personal Based Learning

- Work will meet your own needs.
- You can work at your own pace.
- If you are doing good on one thing and failing another you can spare time to what works for you.
- More project-based learning.
- If you get done with your work, you can have time to yourself and maybe help other students.
- Teachers supervise and facilitate your work.
- No immediate deadlines.

### Is it going to be difficult?

- Yes, because it might be too difficult for students to handle.
- Yes, because they might struggle for a change.
- No, because we get to do more hands-on activities.
- No, because kids can learn at their own pace.

These two slides were part of the presentation.

# Calhoun County Schools Student Recognitions June 12th



Coach Melinda Fitzwater with Emily Sillaman, Girls 4x8 Relay Team State Qualifier Track and Field.

Coach Melinda Fitzwater with Emily Sillaman, 3200 Meter State Qualifier Track and Field.

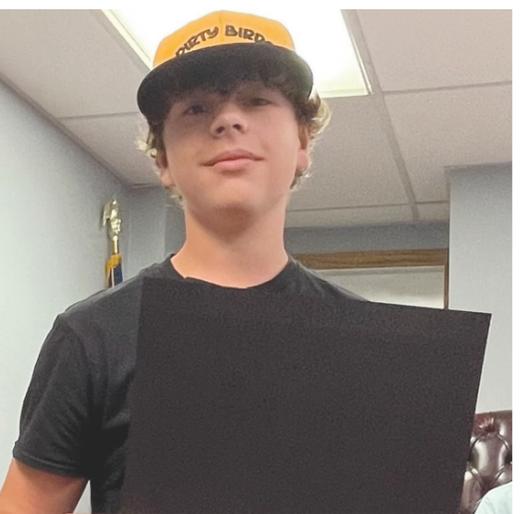
Coach Melinda Fitzwater with Mariah Taylor, Girls 4x8 Relay Team State Qualifier Track and Field.



Remedy Riddel, All Conference Middle School Softball

Coach Melinda Fitzwater with Chloe Sillaman, Girls 4x8 Relay Team State Qualifier Track and Field.

Superintendent Kelli Whystell with Paige Sterns, All Conference Middle School Softball



Temperance Caldwell, 10U Softball Champions

Orion Swearingen, All Conference Middle School Baseball

Ariana Bremar with Board Member Tammy Yoak, 10U Softball Champions



Colbie Wilson, 10U Softball Champions

Elizabeth Collins, 10U Softball Champions

**Students Recognized but not present:**

**Track & Field:** Joselyn Yeager, Region IV Champion Discus and State Qualifier; Lacy Hicks and Abby Waldron, Girls 4x8 Relay Team State Qualifiers.

**MS Softball:** Kendall Snodgrass, All Conference

**MS Baseball:** Reese Schoolcraft, All Conference and Chase Schoolcraft, All Tournament.

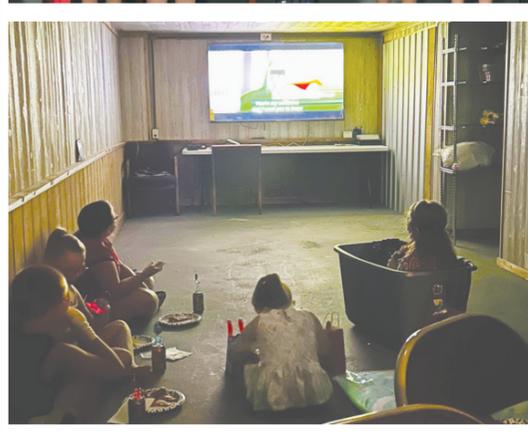
**Varsity Baseball:** Bryant Yoak, 1st Team All LKC.

**10U Softball Champions:** Addie Caudill, Embree Gungle, Mandy Johnson, Audrey McCumbers, Jaelyn McCumbers, Clara Barnhart, Vada Barnhart and Abigail Hardbarger.

**Empowerment Students Above and Beyond in Student Leadership:** Kendall Snodgrass, Trinity Probasco, Alex Starcher and Hanlea Campbell.

## Calhoun FRN held Drive-In Movie June 9th

Everyone who attended was invited to bring their "drive-in car, blanket and friends". Pizza, popcorn and refreshments were provided. Everyone enjoyed watching DC League Of Superpets. Pictures provided by Tina Persinger.



10U Softball Champions, Temperance Caldwell, Ariana Bremar, Coach Homer Wilson, Tori Cunningham, Colbie Wilson and Elizabeth Collins



Calhoun County School Board Members and Superintendent listening to students as they gave their Empowerment Presentation: Horst Motz, Tammy Yoak, Superintendent Kelli Whystell, Mitchell Morgan and Jimmy Gregory



Anessia Kerby and Tucker Sampson, Empowerment Students Above and Beyond in Student Leadership

## June 10th River Cleanup was a Success!!!!

By Melissa West

River clean up was held on Sat., June 10th with 30 volunteers of all ages from around the community. According to Lisa Cooper, the day was a huge success. A cooling station and snack bar was set up at the old swimming pool for the volunteers to enjoy some lunch after dredging the Little Kanawha River.

The REAP truck and trailer was stationed along the River to load tires as they were collected from the river, heading towards town bridge. The day consisted of 300 tires being pulled from the Little Kanawha River in just three miles by the 30 community volunteers and help from WVDEP-REAP.

A huge Thank you goes out to each of the volunteers who played a part in cleaning up The Little Kanawha River. This was the first time for this type of clean up and they hope to continue this event each year. It is great to see how the people of our community are coming together to make it a better place to live.

Pictures from the event were provided courtesy of Lisa Cooper, with some being given to her by participants of the event. Enjoy the scenes from the day.

