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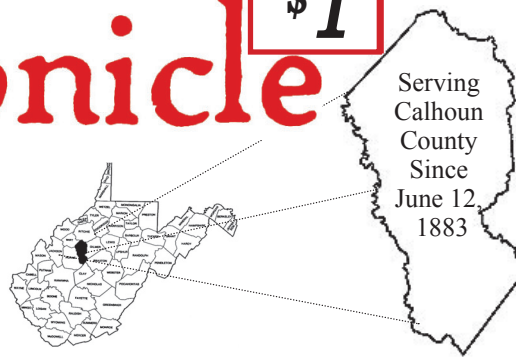
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Are you ready for some Calhoun County Red Devils Football?

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McCROSKY RECEIVES QUILT OF VALOR

Submitted by Robert R. Sowa



Charles and Sherry McCroskey

He served as an International Policeman. In Afghanistan he helped protect Police Stations and Academies, and helped train the police. He served in Special Forces for the Marines and Airborne. He was injured in three separate bombings, the last of which caused injuries to his back, and surgery has been recommended.

Charles McCroskey has also served in civilian law enforcement for the municipalities of Spencer and Grantsville, and the Sheriff's department of Roane, Gilmer and Calhoun counties. He currently is the Officer in charge of Police in Grantsville. He also bailliffs court for the Sheriff's departments of Gilmer and Calhoun County.

Charles McCroskey says he has all the uniforms from his various jobs, and says he can still fit them all. He says that if Uncle Sam would call him, he would gladly return overseas to serve again.

Charles lives with his wife, Sherry, in the Pleasant Hill area of Calhoun County, WV.

Retired Special Forces Charles Edward McCroskey was presented a "Quilt of Valor" at the North Bend State Park Lodge Memorial Day weekend.

A "Quilt of Valor" (QOV) is a quality hand-made quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war. The presentation of the quilt says "Thank you for your Service and Sacrifice".

was made by the Crazy Quilters of Braxton County. The quilt top was pieced together by Bonnie Mitchell presently of Rising Sun, Maryland. It was quilted by Sheila Maxey of Lewisburg and bound by Cathy Sowa of Frametown, WV.

Most of Charles McCroskey's career, both civilian and military, has been spent in law enforcement. He was in the military for nine (9) years, most of which was spent in Afghanistan.

This particular quilt



Pictured with the Quilt of Valor: Charles and Sherry McCroskey with Cathy Sowa (quilter) and Robert Sowa.

1982 Foundation Weekly Update

Provided By Crystal Mersh

Progress is happening on multiple fronts on and off the site. There is so much going on that it would by now be absolutely impossible for Teresa Jones Overton had the new team members not arrived just when they did.

Jason Cunningham is setting up detailed accounting systems that allow for tracking of expenses by account and grants to facilitate the required reporting. Whitley Cottrell is developing a longer term plan for marketing and fund raising.

evaluating interior demos needed to prepare for the apartments and elevator shaft. Once this demo is complete then the walls of the apartments will be roughed in so that electrical and plumbing can begin.

Jeremy Hardway and I have been working on the details of the Tiki Hut and the ticket booth. Both will have thatched roofs and bamboo railing. The Tiki Hut will serve folks in and outside of the pool. The ground floor deck will be where the food is prepared and the upper deck will be

us in a number of ways. We also participate in their rural development initiative called the Pioneer Network hosted by GSU.

Last but not least, the pit's transformation into an arena size football field continues with the installation of drain pipes and grading to smooth the surface.

We are hoping that this week will be a good week to get caught up from last weeks rain days. We will also be doing the detailed design review of the 4 kitchens this week.



On the construction side, the pool needed to go down another foot or thereabouts, but it should be ready for plumbing and the slab now. The pump house will begin next week, as the bath house was finished this week.

Work continues on the bus garage with the installation of the new front windows and starting the window installation on the side. The oil change pits were filled this week and will have cement poured to close them and make more room for storage.

In the main building Cira was on site completing some additional asbestos removal. It looks like we will be able to save 4 chalkboards for the classrooms which is awesome. WV Demo was also on site

for dining and relaxing. You will get a chance to sample all our tacos at our Volunteer Celebration on July 22.

We gave USDA a tour and overview of our funding strategy. USDA have been very helpful to

We wish you a productive week next week and stay safe and healthy. Stop by and check out the progress from the front porch (the stage). It is a wonderful place to relax.



OBITUARIES

BETTY GLO KERBY

Betty Glo Kerby, 83, of Mt. Zion, WV went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 11, 2023 at her residence.

She was born in Mt. Zion in Calhoun County, and was the daughter of the late Clarence and Ellenora O'Dell Little.

Betty was a caregiver and a member of Saint Paul United Methodist church and Walnut Grove Community Church. She was a choir director for the Calhoun County Community on Aging. Betty loved listening to 50s, 60s, gospel music and especially Elvis. She enjoyed painting, word searches, reading Amish books and talking on the phone to her family and friends.

Left behind to cherish her memory, is one sister, Sharon Vannoy of Parkersburg, WV; five brothers, Gale (Bernice) Little and Denver (Patricia) Little both of Parkersburg, Ronnie (Judy) Little of Keyser, WV, Donald (Patricia) Little of Sand Ridge, WV and Stanley (Tammy) Little of Millstone, WV; and many nieces and nephews that she loved like her own children. She will always be loved and missed by many.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Dale, Hale and Guy Little; and three loving husbands, Raymond Anderson, Harry Curry and Warren "Bud" Kerby.

Services was held on June 15, 2023 at Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer, with Pastor Clark Samples officiating. Burial followed at St. Paul Cemetery in Calhoun County, WV.



Barbara Ball of Belpre, Ohio, Eva J. Martin (Bruce) of Washington, WV; six sisters; five brothers; 14 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Greta was preceded in death by her first husband, Denver Bailey; second husband, Dale Yoho; third husband, Clifford E. Bargeloh; three sons, Dennis, Beldon, and Randy Bailey; two brothers; two sisters.

Funeral services was held on June 14, 2023, at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, South Parkersburg with Pastor Glen McBride officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen South Cemetery. Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the Yoho (Bargeloh) family.

SHIRLEY ANN TANNER

Shirley Ann Tanner, 87 of Ivydale WV entered her heavenly home on June 11, 2023, with her family by her side, especially her husband of 69 years Arnold Tanner.

Shirley was born in Fairdale, WV to the Late Wayne and Edith (Duncan) Cozart. She is preceded in death by her son Gary Tanner.

Shirley put up a long fight with Alzheimer's, but anyone who knew her, knew her smile, love, joy, her laughter, and her positivity.

Shirley is survived by her husband Arnold, daughter, Connie (Tanner) Meany (Greg) of West Chester, PA, sisters, Doris Dickens of Nebo, WV and Violet Edwards of Big Chimney, WV, grandchildren, Chasity Cloutier Tanner, Gary Tanner, great grandchildren, Christa, Trey, Bailey, Great-great grandchildren, Tanner and Jameson.

Funeral Service for Shirley was held on June 15, at Nebo Baptist Church, Nebo, WV with a visitation for friends and family with Kenneth Tanner officiating.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Tanner Family.



GRETA JANE YOH0 (BARGELOH)

Greta Jane Yoho (Bargeloh), 88, of Belpre, Ohio, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023, at her residence. She was born in Gilmer Co., WV, a daughter of the late Noah Cottrell and Fronia Jones Cottrell.

Greta was a homemaker, she enjoyed travelling, church activities, and previously volunteering at Parkersburg Christian School.

Greta is survived by a son, John Bailey of Belpre, Ohio; three daughters, Judy Cotton of Belpre, Ohio,



ARGEL "AL" DEAN LEWIS

Argel "Al" Dean Lewis, 89, of Argillite, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

Argel was born in Grantsville, West Virginia, a son of the late Hallie Lewis Holbert.

He was a 1950 graduate of Calhoun High School and was retired from the Corp. of Engineers in Huntington, West Virginia. He was a member of Wildwood Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky and was a United States Army Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years Janet McCarty Lewis; a stepdaughter Rachel (D.D.) Gullett; a stepson Rick Smith of Ashland, Kentucky; three step grandchildren Noah Gullett, Ira Gullett, and Bethany Gullett.

Funeral service was conducted May 8, 2023, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, Kentucky by Pastor Tom Leach. Burial will be in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East, Greenup County, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Wildwood Baptist Church 3414 Charles St, Ashland, KY 41102 or Community Hospice Care Center 1480 Carter Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101. Condolences may be made at www.rlrfuneralhome.com.



TERRY GALE REED

Terry Gale Reed, 54, of Big Springs, WV, died June 11, 2023.

He was born in Grantsville, WV, the son of the late Donald R. and Lucy B. Cox Reed. Terry was a member of Warehouse Church, Parkersburg. He enjoyed life, talking, hunting, was a Dallas Cowboys fan and had a loving heart.

Terry is survived by his loving daughter, Abbigale Reed of Grantsville; sisters, Carolyn Byrd (Richard) of Parkersburg and Linda Goodnight (Tim) of Pennsboro; brother, Jimmy Reed (Melissa Ann) of Cairo; Uncles, Clinton and Clell Cox; Aunt Fonda Holstine; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held June 17 at Raiguel Funeral Home, Harrisville with Pastor Mike Hardbarger and Pastor Jack Seabolt officiating. Burial followed in the Hardman Chapel Cemetery, Smithville.



DALE KENNETH LYNCH

Dale Kenneth Lynch, 65, of Brohard, WV, departed this life on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at his residence.

Dale was born in Parkersburg, WV, a son of the late Richard Gerald Lynch and Oma Jean (Haught) Lynch of Deerwalk, WV. He was a proud graduate of Harrisville High School with the class of 1975 where he excelled in football. Following high school, he went to work for Allegheny Power for over 30 plus years as a shift supervisor. He then worked for Hawkeye Research Inc of Harrisville, WV where he did deed and title searches. He later retired from USA Compression of Clarksburg, WV where he served as an emission analyst. Dale was an avid hunter and traveled to Alaska hunting for many

years. Most of all, he loved benchrest shooting.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Belinda (Lowers) Lynch; his daughters, Shelly Denise Starcher (Greg) of Parkersburg, WV and Melissa Dawn Lynch (Alex Goodnight) of Walker, WV; grandchildren, Krystal Starcher, Gregory Starcher, Karly Starcher, and Aislinn McComas; siblings, Keith Lynch (Jane) of Big Bend, WV; Cynthia Eakle (Keith) of Parkersburg, WV; Bruce Lynch (Betsy) of Walker, WV, and Anita Yeager (Joe) of St. Marys, WV.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by grandson, Dakota Starcher.

In accordance to Dale's wishes, he will be cremated. Raiguel Funeral Home of Harrisville, WV is assisting the family with the arrangements.

The family prefers donations in Dale's memory be made to the Ritchie County Humane Society, 2220 Pullman Road, Harrisville, WV, 26362

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

I want to hear from you!

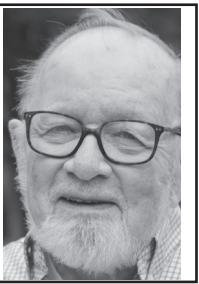
To our loyal readers, please feel free to let us know what you think of the Chronicle, or things you would like to see more of. I am doing my best to provide you, the reader a great newspaper each week.

If you have suggestions, please send them to The Calhoun Chronicle, PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email them to contact@calhounchronicle.com

Thank You,
Melissa West
Office Manager

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Which is it: "duck" tape, or "duct" tape? (Asked by a curious handyman.)

Reply: So, "duck," or "duct?" Take your pick... it's been called both! This adhesive tape was invented in the 1920s, but wasn't manufactured commercially until the early 1940s. It was originally used in WWII to keep moisture out of ammunition cases, and because of its waterproof features, it was called "duck" tape. Also, it was made from duck cloth, which is a durable, tightly woven cotton fabric. Heavy weight cloth is used in awnings, tents, etc.

Lightweight duck cloth is used in summer clothing. The original tape had a nice Army olive-drab color to it.

After the war, there was a building boom, and the tape found use in connecting ductwork together. It didn't take long for the color to be changed to silver, so as to better match the color of ductwork. From there, "duct" tape came into use.

Question: I would like to know how cellular phones work, especially talking from a cellular phone to a phone in your home. (Submitted by John Garry, Greenwood, S.C.)

Reply: The analog and digital functions of cell phone technology are quite complicated, so only a general description of the cell phone process will be given. Basically, a cell phone is a radio, albeit a rather sophisticated one. Before cell phones, there were radio telephones for mobile communications, commonly used by police and fire departments. The problem was that a tower antenna for these radios was limited in channels (maybe 25 or so), and therefore, there couldn't be a lot of users at the same time. Also, the range was limited.

A cell phone company divides a region into adjoining cells, say ten square miles each. This is where we get the name "cell" phone. Each cell has a base station consisting of an antenna tower and a small building with radio equipment. The carrier company is allotted a large number of frequencies or voice channels, and these allow many people to talk at once.

So, you talk into the cell phone transmitter and the sound of your voice is encoded and sent out on radio waves, analogous to a broadcaster in a radio station. The signal is transmitted from cell to cell until it reaches the person's cell phone that was called. If the receiver is outside the cell phone company's area, the companies have agreements to use each others' cells and the call "roams" to the cells of other companies until it reaches the cell phone that was called.

If there is no agreement, or if you are in an area without any coverage (like a remote or hilly region), you are informed that there is no signal, and you cannot make the call. Try going to the crest of the next hill or move to an elevated place.

As for calls between wireless cell phones and land-line (home) phones, the radio waves aren't blocked by the house walls, so they're able to receive them just fine. Think about radios - they can be operated most anywhere in the house. The same is true for home phones and cell phones.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): Double emphasis. SILENT and LISTEN have the exact same letters.

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

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This Week In Calhoun History



This Week In West Virginia History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS

Liquor man, Fred Jackson, of Arnoldsburg, was caught and brought before a Justice by state officers on day this week and pleaded guilty to a charge of making liquor. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and \$100 fine.

Local Happening:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shimer at Freed a pretty little daughter, June 7th.

Jefferson D. Bell age 62 died at his home near Industry May 29th after several months illness from tuberculosis besides his wife he is survived by five sons and four daughters and his aged mother "Aunt Judy" Bell who is 93 years of age and resides with her daughter and his only surviving sister at Fairmont. Rev. J M. Snider conducted the funeral at the home on the 30th at 3:30 Interments were made in the Bell Cemetery.

Mrs. John Busch and children Virginia and Grant, of Pennsboro were visiting

relatives in Hartley and Freed vicinity for several days.

Mrs. Freeman Swiger and two sons Marcus and Roy will arrive Sunday from Clarksburg for several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Elliott on Five Mile.

Mrs. Geo W. Elliott came home from Parkersburg last Thursday where she had been for a few days in the Camden Clark Hospital.

Miss Ruth Fluharty who had been staying at the home of G. W. Elliott for several days returned to her home last Sunday near Elizabeth.

1948, 75 YEARS

Minnora News:

A very find and much needed rain, fell in this valley Saturday morning.

Ottice Brannon spent a few days in Huntington this week, buying a line of mid summer and fall merchandise.

James Stalnaker spent a few days in Weston attending school for the Instructors under the G. I. Bill for the farmer soldiers.

Rev. H.C. Eison, of Pulman, will preach on the 5th Sunday in June at

Minnora, at 10:30 a.m. everyone welcome.

Carl Jett of Beech was shopping in Minnora Saturday.

Rev. Rex Anderson was shearing sheep in this section Saturday.

L.W. Bailey who has been working on the pipe line for the past several years has quit and come home to cut his wheat and put his grass.

Rev. Charles Wilkinson filled his regular appointment at Minnora Sunday night and he will start to a preacher's school at Buckhannon, June 22nd.

Naomi Stalnaker was calling on Mrs. Greta Saturday night.

Johanne and Jenette Hamilton, who are attending college at Glenville spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hamilton.

P. G. Jarvis has begun to work on his new house near Minnora.

Mrs. L. W. Bailey who spent several days in Akron returned to her home this week.

Clark Stalnaker was shopping and looking after some business.

Homer Witte has cut and put up his alfalfa.

1973, 50 YEARS

Milo News: There were 32 in Sunday School June 10.

Miss Joy Gimbert of Sydney, Australia was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lora Griffin.

Roy Pence and son of Charleston, Okey Morris and son of Chloe, David Masters of Brownsville were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jett this week.

Earl Wayne became ill and was taken Wednesday to Jackson Memorial hospital in Ripley where he remains a patient.

John Sampson of Florida and Glenn McKown of Mt. Zion were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Siers this weekend were Dalton Siers and daughters from Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Westfall and some from Parkersburg.

James Stalnaker left Monday for South Carolina, where he will be employed. He was accompanied by his brother Euell, who will spend a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Sims and son Mark

before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Siers were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jett of Orma Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Griffin of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young of Spencer were recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lora Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boggs and family of Orville, Ohio, were Thursday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Boggs and family. Kenna Boggs and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fields and children of Wakeman, Ohio, were weekend guests of the Boggs family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lora Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey were in Spencer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cline and sone Ronnie of Mineral Wells were Sunday afternoon guests of her mother Mrs. Maby Bailey. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Bailey and Joyce and Jo Lynn Boggs who will spend a week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ragland and son Allen, Mrs. Roy Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Boggs and children Jo Lynn, Joyce, Steve, and Danny and Kenna Boggs attended the Wood Festival in Grantsville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jarvis of Columbus were here this weekend working on their mobile home which they recently moved to White Oak.

Mrs. Thelma Moore returned to her home Friday from the St. Joseph hospital in Parkersburg where she spent a week after having the misfortune of getting her leg broken.

Crummies Creek

News: Those calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dare Crawford on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hathaway and children of Parkersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dillon and children of Barberton. Mr. and Mrs. Oda Carpenter of Arnoldsburg and W. T. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crawford of Spencer were calling on his father W. T. Crawford Saturday.

Denver Chenoweth and Buzz Hawkins of Nicut were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Elza Wallbrown Sunday evening.

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



June 22, 1926: Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Virginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.

June 23, 1944: A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more.

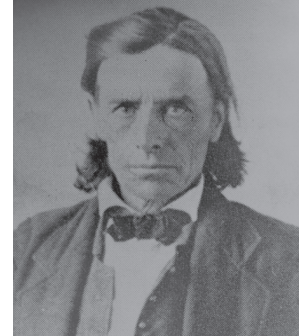
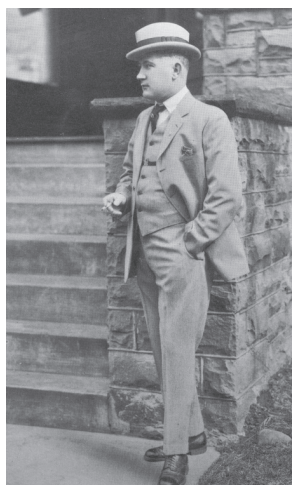


June 23, 2016: Eight inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. The Meadow, Cherry and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort, killing 23 people.



June 24, 1842: Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.



June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

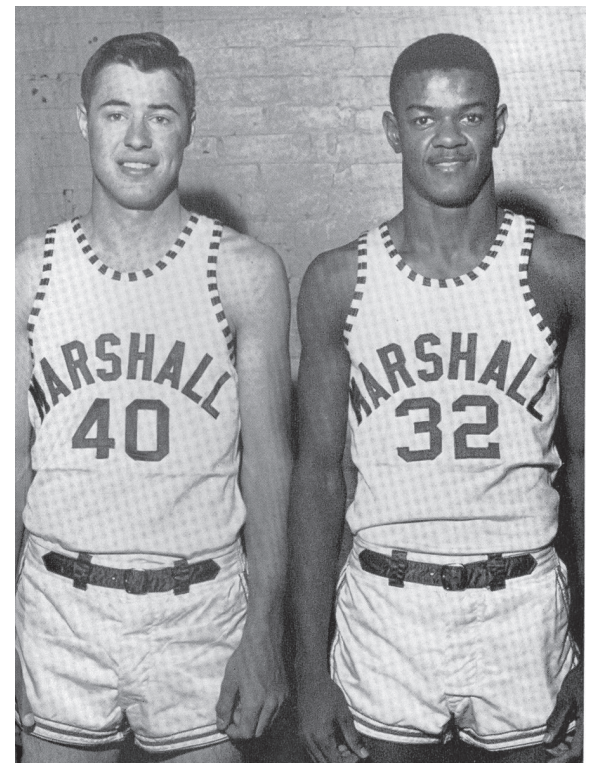


June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for The Good Earth.

June 26, 1936: Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University).

When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted, and field goals made.

Pictured on left is Co-Captains Jack Freeman and Hal Greer.



June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

June 27, 1961: Honey in the Rock was first performed at Grandview State Park near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.

June 28, 1936: Athlete Chuck Howley was born in Wheeling. Howley played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. He was an All-Pro six times and named to six Pro Bowls.



June 28, 2010: Robert C. Byrd died at the age of 92. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958, and he served until his death.



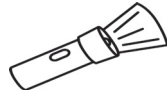
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Let There Be light

By Linda Crawford



Ever since God said, "Let there be light," mankind has expanded on the idea. My earliest memory of enjoying the electric going off was in Blue Creek. Mom used an oil lamp in the kitchen while she prepared dinner. My sister and brother kept me entertained with kind of scary stories. We were each wrapped in a blanket in a chair in the living room. Gas provided heat, a way to cook and hot water.

In 1953 that was downright modern. A neighbor had gas lights. They said if you touch the white baggy looking filament, it would disintegrate. And it did. Well, they had not said "don't."

My grandparents on Pink Road, memories are mixed. There was a single bare bulb hanging from the ceiling in the dining room, oil lamps

were used for closer work or playing checkers. Grandma loved Chinese checkers. All the rooms had lots of windows and doors with small tilt in windows above the doors. When the weather was right and light, no other light was needed.

There was no electric in the house up the road from theirs. We moved there in 1958. Back then, people had to buy the poles. Once we had electric it gradually went up the road and even across the creek to Roane County.

Again, the oil lamps and lanterns provided light during frequent outages. Flashlights with batteries were precious and was "religious" about them being put where they belonged, so they could be found in the dark. Night could be pitch black in the country.

As she aged and lived

alone, she kept lights on all over the house. Electric was cheaper than a serious fall. Fast forwarding, home for the past three years is an "all electric" apartment. From daylight the sold doors are open, both letting in light and letting the neighbors know everything is okay.

Additional light is seldom needed not even for writing. At night lights outside provide enough to safely navigate to the nearest light switch. The backup system is battery operated lights that look like light switches. They lie flat and are light weight, no pun intended.

My next bright idea comes from an elderly man who had no running water, used wood for heat and no electric. Someone gave him something that charged all day outside and at night he took it in for the only light he had. We'll see, won't we?

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Last week I ended my article by saying I was about to begin a number of road trips and that I would share the details with you later. I have just returned from the first of those trips, and boy did I have a great time. This first adventure was to Summersville, West Virginia.

While I was living in Florida, one of my closest friends was my co-teacher Kelly. She and I actually developed and began a middle school program for the private school we worked for. We taught together for the last three years I lived in Florida. We had lots of adventures together both in school and out. She and her husband Jim always made me feel welcome in their home and even included me in holidays on the rare occasions when I didn't fly back to Ohio.

Because of busy schedules, Covid, and then an unexpected flight cancellation last year, Kelly and I haven't seen each other in four years. Kelly had read a lot about the New River Gorge and all it had to offer, so we decided to take a mini-vacation to that area. The plan was for Kelly to fly into Charleston on Friday the 16th; then I would pick her up and take her back to Grantsville for the first night. This way she would get to see my family, who know and love her too. Besides a flight delay of two hours, our vacation was off to a good start. We spent the evening on my parents' deck and then headed home to get some sleep before we took off the next morning.

We hit the road after breakfast and gradually made our way to Summersville. We couldn't check into our cabin until 4:00, so we decided to head directly to the Canyon Rim Visitor's Center so that Kelly could get her first glimpse of the New River Gorge in all of its glory. It was a beautiful day, and the view did not disappoint.

There were even whitewater rafters coming down the river to make the scene even better. Kelly had read about a nature journaling class offered by the ranger program, so we decided to check that out next. We spent an enjoyable half hour learning about what nature journaling is and how to go about it.

We decided to get a closer view of the bridge by going on a driving tour to the bottom of the gorge. It took us about 45 minutes to complete the loop on a narrow, windy road, but the views were definitely worth it. We even pulled over at one spot and hiked out to the river to watch a group of rafters go through a rapid. It was a beautiful spot, and Kelly was thrilled when we encountered a weasel in the parking lot. I must admit we had to look up what it was because I had never seen one either. We were getting hungry by this point and had received a recommendation to eat at a restaurant called the Local. The food was delicious, and we headed to our cabin happy and full.

Our home among the hills was a cute little A frame cabin that was about as close to Summersville Lake as you can get. We headed there after picking up a few groceries for breakfast. We had a full day planned for Sunday, so we turned in early. The next morning, we were up bright and early to hit the trail. A park ranger had warned us that the trails get very busy so to go early. We took his advice and were only the second car in the lot for the Longpoint Overlook trail. The trail meandered through the woods and ended up on a rock cliff overlooking the water. The view was definitely worth the huffing and puffing I did in spots along the 3.9-mile hike. I would definitely recommend it.

We ate lunch at the Cathedral Café in Fayetteville and were once again very satisfied with the restaurant and its food. After lunch, we made a quick stop at the cabin to change clothes, grab beach towels and books and headed to the lake. We found a gorgeous spot on a flat rock overlooking the lake and spent a lovely hour reading and just soaking in the sights. I can see now why Summersville Lake is called "the little Bahamas of the East."

We were determined to make the most of our last day, so we jumped back in my Jeep and headed off to check out Hawk's Nest and Babcock State Parks. We encountered a wedding at the latter place, and Kelly got her picture taken on one of the West Virginia swings. By this point it was getting late, and we were getting hungry.

After dinner, we did some more reading and then headed to bed. The plan was to sleep in, pack up, and find somewhere fun to eat on our way back to the airport where Kelly's flight was scheduled to take off at 3:00.

Everything went according to plan until Kelly received a text while we were eating lunch at First Watch in Charleston. While her flight to Charlotte was still on time, her connecting flight to Jacksonville was cancelled due to weather. Thankfully we had planned to be at the airport two hours early, so I went in with Kelly to see what could be done. The answer was nothing, so Kelly's flight was rescheduled for Tuesday, and I brought her back to Grantsville. We are going to spend the evening planning our next

Pleasant Hill Elementary Kinderboost July 17-28

For all PHE students who will be in Kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year.

The program will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Jo Hanna Deuley at jo.deuley@k12.wv.us for details and to RSVP.

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)
Parkersburg, W.Va.
March the 28th., 1865

Dear Brother (Michael Ayers),
As Hugh intends to start to the regiment tomorrow morning, we will write a few lines and send by him.

We are all well as usual and sincerely hoping that these few lines may find you enjoying the same Blessing.

Yours of the 17th and 20th is received; we were glad to hear from you once more. We had loved to send you something else by Dils but as you were going to move, perhaps if we was to send anything you would not get it. So we will just send a letter. I have no news of importance. There was a considerable fire in town last night, burnt down one square on Court St. The square that the City Bakery was in.

I seen Peter M. Booher Sunday evening, he said he left you on the 18th. Spoke very highly of you, and said you was getting along fine. Told me that Bery Hyman is dead. It was sorrow to hear it, as he was a first rate boy always a friend of mine, I understand that Henderson Bell and J.D. Collins has got home and that Joseph Bush and John Tingler is dead.

The weather is beautiful here now. Everything looks like spring, well you must write soon as we will be very anxious to hear from you again.

I must close. Accept our love and well wishes, I remain your affectionate brother
Adolphus B Ayers

Camp 11th. W.Va. Vols.
In the field Va.

South of Petersburg
March 29th, 1865

My Dearest Mary,

I will just write you another note this evening to let you know that I am well, and do most fondly hope this may find you in the enjoyment of good health, and happiness.

We started this morning, as I stated we would, but only came about a mile and went into camp. We may move from here tonight as we are still under marching orders, but I do not know. There was a large force left here as we came up, and since dinner we have heard some artillery firing in the direction which they went.

We are now at the end of Grant's Military Railroad at Hatcher's Run. I would like to rest a day or two, for the men are very tired, having been marching since last Saturday.

I will write again the first opportunity. Direct to Indnt Div. 24th. A.C. Via City-Pouch.

Accept my love and tender regards, and believe I am ever your true and affectionate lover and friend,
Michael

(Continued next week)

Jaelyn Jett Awarded Top 10 in the Nation for National History Day Accomplishment.



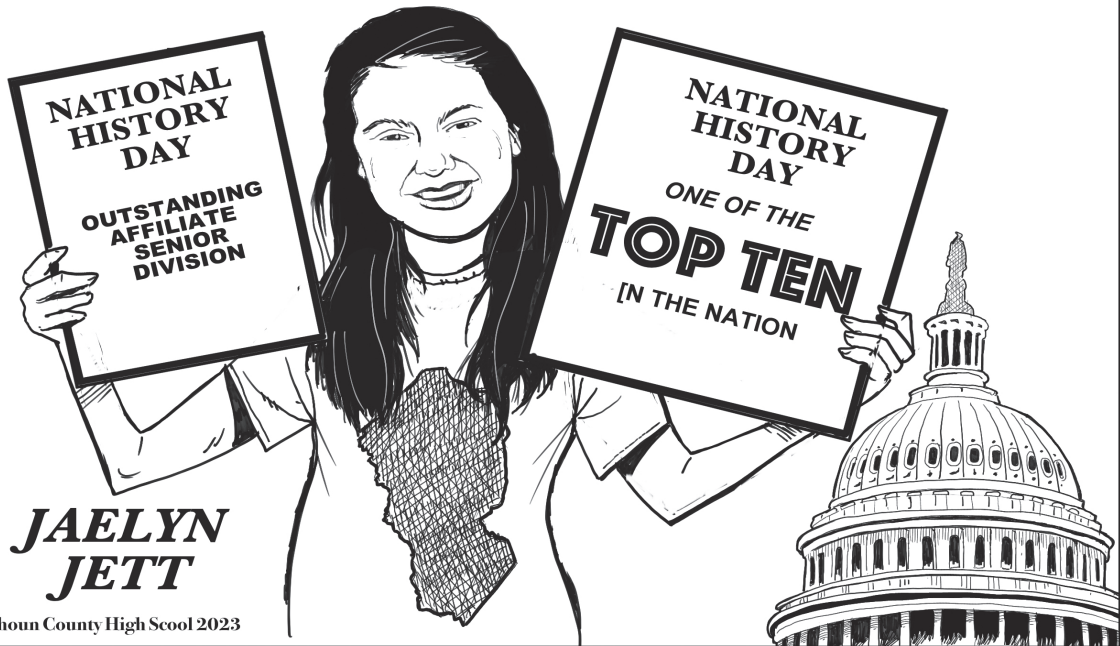
Submitted by Neil Grahame, MountainStar Studio

Calhoun High School graduate and 2023 valedictorian Jaelyn Jett just returned from Washington, D.C. where she competed in the National History Day national competition.

She finished as one of the top ten students in the nation. To my knowledge no other West Virginia student has ever accomplished this.

I drew the attached cartoon in recognition of her accomplishment.

STRAIGHT OUTTA CALHOUN COUNTY



New Books at the Calhoun Library!

Submitted by Caitlin Weaver

ADULT FICTION Wartime Library by: Greenhouse Mysteries Are Here by: Adam Rex
Killing Moon by: Kate Thompson; In by: Wanda Brunstetter

Jo Nesbo; The Survivor Memoriam by: Alice
by: Iris Johansen; Winn; and The Five-
Cross Down by: James Star Weekend by: Elin
Patterson; The Wishing Hilderbrand
Game by: Meg Shaffer;

The Chateau by: Jaclyn **INSPIRATIONAL**
Goldis; Beware the Her Only Wish
Woman by: Megan by: Shelley Shepard
Abbott; The Little Gray; and The Amish

J U V E N I L E FICTION
The Girl From Earth's End by: Tara Dairman

CHILDREN'S
Oh No, the Aunts

Please join us for our next Trivia Night on June 29th at the Calhoun County Committee On Aging building at 6 p.m..

For more details you can contact the library at 304-354-6300.

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Thursday, June 22: spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed green salad, pear and whole wheat roll.

Friday, June 23: Kraut, Italian Sausage, Potatoes, Carrots, whole wheat cornbread and fruit.

Monday, June 26: Chicken Tenders, Cheese Sauce, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Fruit, and whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, June 27: Pinto Beans, Onions, Spinach, whole wheat

cornbread and fruit.

Wednesday June 28: Meatloaf, Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Fruit and whole wheat bread.

Thursday June 29: Spagetti and Meat Sauce, Tossed Green Salad, Pears and whole wheat roll

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 CCOA, 354-7017, to be placed on a list.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed., June 21: meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Pleasant Hill Elementary 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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.

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority will be holding a monthly meeting, 4:00PM, Mom's Place Too 340 Main Street Grantsville.

Youth Football and Cheer Camp, CMHS, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., June 22: 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.

Fri., June 23: Brohard Community Building Clothing giveaway, 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

Save the Children Parent-Child Group

Country Kitchen Bike Night and music by Corey Hager, Big Otter, 8 p.m.

Sat., June 24: Brohard Community Building Clothing giveaway, 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

Mud Bog, Upper West Fork Park, Noon

West Central Beekeeper's Association meeting 1 p.m. at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School.

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Dip N' Donate for Randy Gainer, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mon., June 26: The Order of the Eastern Star Grantsville Chapter will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Grantsville Masonic Building

Tues., June 27: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5 from 11 a.m to 1 p.m.

Civil Air Patrol, 6 p.m. at 413 High Street Grantsville.

Wed., June 28: Save the Children Parent-Child Group meets at Upper West Fork Park, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Calhoun County High School Red Devils workout with the WV National Guard 6/12

On Monday, June 12th, the Calhoun Red Devils Football team had the chance to have a photo/PR opportunity with the WV Army National Guard. The team that came for the evening were amazing and ran an awesome conditioning practice for the football team. The kids did a fantastic job pushing through one of the hardest practices they have probably participated in. Under the Friday Night Lights on October 20th the team will be sporting their amazing military appreciation jerseys for the game honoring our armed forces (picture on page 1). The WV Army National Guard will be present to support the Red Devils. The team and coaching staff can not thank them enough for what they have done with the kids. This will be a game you do not want to miss! Please come out support our Football Team!!!! These kids and coaches have worked very hard and deserve the community support.



On April 19th, Mason Siwicki competed in the Trig-Star math competition at Glenville State University. The event was supported by the WV Society of Professional Surveyors and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. After receiving 1st place at GSU, his score was compared with other winners across the state. He was notified this week that of all the participants in WV, he was ranked the top scorer. Later this month Mason will be taking the National Trig-Star exam representing WV.

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The week of June 11th-16th Emily Anderson attended American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State. Throughout the six days she listened to guest speakers including Senator Shelley Moore Capito and other WV state elected officials. She participated in learning about our state government and learned many leadership skills. Girls State has a mock election, where Emily ran for the House of Delegates. She was elected into the House among her peers. With this, she made history and was given the opportunity to take part in the very first joint Legislative session between Mountaineer Boys State and Rhododendron Girls State. The bill that she took part on passed through both the House and the Senate. It was titled Community Mental Health Initiative. This bill extended access to facilities and services for mental health in the state of WV. Emily said "It was one of the best things I have ever experienced, and Girls State will always hold a special place in my heart!" Emily is a senior at Calhoun Middle High School and is the daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson.



Contact: Stephen Whited, CEO

Minnie Hamilton Health System named top critical access hospital

Minnie Hamilton Health System in Grantsville, WV was recently named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) for Best Practices in Quality in the country.

The top 20 CAHs, including Minnie Hamilton Health System, scored best among CAHs as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for Best Practices in Quality.

The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The top 20 CAHs have achieved success in overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance.

This group was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2023 top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

The top 20 CAH best practice recipients have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance:

Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures.

Patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

"Minnie Hamilton Health System is proud of the efforts of the physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," says Stephen Whited, CEO. Our results as a top quality performer means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."

About Minnie Hamilton Health System: Minnie Hamilton Health System is a comprehensive, vertically integrated health care delivery system comprised of a critical access hospital, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Centers, school based health centers, a nursing home, dental clinics, and behavioral health clinics, located in Calhoun and Gilmer Counties, WV.

Our mission is the dedication to improving the health quality of life of all people in our service area through an innovative delivery system of services and education; we do this through teamwork and dedication of staff, and our commitment to work with our community partners. Minnie Hamilton Health System collaborates with many organizations, including larger health systems, to provide the necessary services our communities rely on.

Those organizations include but are not limited to Mon Health System, WVU Medicine, University Health Associates, Charleston Area Medical Center, Glenville State College, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, Marshall University, West Virginia University, Gilmer County Health Department, Mid-Ohio Valley Rural Health Alliance, Westbrook and many others. For more information visit www.mhhs.healthcare.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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Library Trivia Just Got Better! Thank you Minnie Hamilton Health System!

Minnie Hamilton Health System donated buzzers to the Calhoun County Library for their monthly Trivia Night activity.



Pictured above is Steve Whited from MHHC with the Calhoun Library Staff Cailtin Weaver and Amy Norman.

Next Library Trivia is June 29th so come on out and join us at 6 p.m. at the Grantsville CCOA 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.

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Thank You

The family of Freddie Sims would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during the death of our husband/father. Whether it was food, flowers or simply a kind word it was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Stumps Funeral Home for their handling of all the arrangements. May God Bless each on.

Thank You, Sims Family
Nellie, Vicki, Sandy, Mike and Cindy

In Memory

Happy 26th Birthday Alex Mackenzie Dawson.

Blowing Kisses to Heaven!!! The next time that I meet you will be at Heaven's Door, you'll be there to meet me and I will cry no more. I'll put my arms around you and kiss your lovely face and then this broken heart of mine will fall back into place! Love and miss you dearly!

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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.
2. Subject to any and all reservations, exceptions, conditions, grants of rights of way and easements made by the grantor and its predecessors in title prior to the granting of the deed of trust being foreclosed upon.
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4. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
5. Sale is subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes and special assessments, if any, as well as any sale of the subject real estate for unpaid taxes.
6. The premises described hereinabove, including any and all improvements thereto, are sold "AS IS - WHERE IS" with no warranty express or implied.
7. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the deed of trust described hereinabove reserves the right to bid at this sale.
8. The successful buyer at the sale will be responsible for paying any and all transfer stamps, excise fees and recording costs with respect to the trustee's deed.
9. Neither the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the underlying deed of trust nor the substitute trustee shall have any duty to cause any existing tenant or person or persons occupying the subject property to vacate said property.
10. Any personal belongings remaining in the subject premises after sale shall be deemed abandoned and may thereafter be disposed of at the successful bidder's or bidders' discretion. Any person or entity claiming ownership of or any interest in any such property should contact the undersigned prior to sale about any such claim.
11. The successful bidder at the sale and the Trustee shall execute a Memorandum of Sale at the conclusion of the sale, and the terms of the Memorandum shall control.
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, Wetzel, 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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Class II

The Calhoun County Commission will be accepting bids for painting the common areas of the Calhoun County Courthouse located in Grantsville, West Virginia. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on July 10, 2023 at the Calhoun County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office. The scope of the work will consist of: painting all interior walls and ceilings in the common areas of the three floors of the courthouse. All materials and labor are to be supplied by the successful bidder.

The Calhoun County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions may be directed to the County Clerk's office at 304-354-6725.

The Calhoun County Commission will sell to the highest bidder the following vehicle on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. on the courthouse steps:

2015 Ford Taurus

The vehicle will be sold in as-is condition. Terms are cash on day of sale. Contact the Calhoun Sheriff's office for information about the vehicle.

Capito, Baldwin, Tester, Cramer Introduce Bill to Increase Affordable Housing for Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – This week, U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) introduced the Volunteer First Responder Housing Act, bipartisan legislation to provide affordable housing opportunities for volunteer firefighters and first responders to help recruit and retain more volunteers, especially in rural and under-served communities.

"Hundreds of rural communities across West Virginia rely on volunteer firefighters and EMS professionals," Senator Capito said. "This bill works to address the staffing and retention issues many stations face—some which were a result of the recent pandemic—by providing housing incentives. The goal is to encourage these local heroes to continue their brave work in their communities, and this bill gives them access to opportunities enjoyed by other public servants to help accomplish that."

According to the National Fire Protection Association's 2020 U.S. Fire Department Profile, 65% of firefighters nationwide are volunteers, and local governments across the country rely on these volunteers to respond to a wide array of emergencies. Recruiting and retaining

volunteer firefighters is critical for thousands of communities, yet local volunteer fire departments, especially those serving small and rural communities, find it difficult to meet staffing needs and attract younger volunteers. Since 2019, there has been a 4% overall decrease in volunteer firefighters across the nation – the lowest total reported since 1991.

The Volunteer First Responder Housing Act would expand eligibility for qualified volunteer first responders to participate in certain federal housing assistance programs and provide a greater incentive for more volunteers to stay and continue to serve their communities.

"Cities, Towns and Villages in West Virginia rely significantly on volunteer first responders and continually find it difficult to recruit those professionals to stay and serve in their communities. And the West Virginia Municipal League applauds Senator Capito for her introduction of The Volunteer First Responder Housing Act that will add additional incentives to help attract top quality talent in our communities," Travis L. Blosser, WVML Executive Director, said. "The availability and affordability of housing can be a challenge when recruiting paramedics and EMTs to our rural

counties. The Volunteer First Responder Housing Act will provide tools to help EMS personnel in West Virginia more easily establish homes within the communities they serve," Chris Hall, Executive Director of the West Virginia EMS Coalition, said.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND: This legislation makes it possible for more volunteer emergency responders to participate in the Single-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. This existing program assists approved lenders in providing loans to low- and moderate-income households to build, rehabilitate or improve a home in eligible rural areas. The bill will allow volunteers to participate in the loan program even if their income exceeds the maximum allowable income level by up to \$18,000.

This bill also makes volunteer emergency responders eligible to participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Good Neighbor Next Door Sales Program. This existing program gives law enforcement, teachers, career firefighters, and emergency medical technicians a 50% discount from the list price of a home located in a revitalization area.

Marshall University adds bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences

Contact: Michele McKnight, Assistant Director of External Affairs, Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, 304-691-1713

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – The Marshall University School of Pharmacy is now offering a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B.S.P.S.).

The new undergraduate program will prepare students for entry-level positions in industrial, academic or research environments and continued pursuit of advanced degrees in medicine, pharmacy or research.

"Targeted industries requiring bachelor's degree-level pharmaceutical sciences skills include pharmaceutical manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, food and beverage manufacturing, biomedical and bioscience, testing laboratories and technical

consulting services," said Dr. Eric Blough, dean of the School of Pharmacy. Marshall's B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences is also offered as part of accelerated dual degree programs that result in a B.S. / Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) or B.S. / master's degree in pharmaceutical sciences.

"This new academic program is a fast track to becoming a pharmacist," said Blough. "The fourth year of the B.S. program overlaps with the first year of the Pharm.D. program, which enables students to graduate with a Pharm.D. in seven years rather than the traditional eight years."

The program is now accepting applications for the 2023 fall semester. Prospective students must meet

Marshall University admission requirements and have a minimum composite ACT score of 21 with a math score of 21, or a minimum SAT composite score of 1060 with a math section score of 530. Students who have not met the above requirements may gain admission to the B.S.P.S. program by completing Math 127 or 130 and English 101 with a grade of C or higher and at least 15 credit hours of college coursework with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Additional information about the bachelor's and dual degree programs is available at <https://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/bs-pharmaceutical-sciences/>.

Emotion Helpline

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



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

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

Talk to someone who cares and can help. Call the helpline at 1-877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

Capito, Colleagues Introduce "Save Our Gas Stoves Act" in Senate

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) joined seven U.S. Senate colleagues to introduce legislation to prohibit the Biden administration from banning gas stoves. The Save Our Gas Stoves Act – led by U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) – explicitly prohibits the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) from implementing a proposed rule that would impose intrusive and costly standards on the kitchen stovetops of millions of Americans. Companion legislation was introduced in the House by Representative Debbie Lesko (R-Ariz.).

"The current administration has shown time and time again that

they are anti-energy, but now they are trying to dictate what people can use in their kitchen by proposing a rule that would essentially ban gas stoves," Senator Capito said. "I'm proud to join my Senate colleagues in introducing this legislation that will stop government overreach and prohibit the Department of Energy from implementing rules that would force consumers to buy a kitchen product based on the energy source and not based on what makes the most sense economically. I will continue to fight regulations and policies that are disconnected from reality and could ultimately harm Americans economically."

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Calhoun County Magistrate Court Case Disposition, May 1 to May 31, 2023

Felony Cases:

- Case:23-M07M-00011, Eric Joseph Blake, Sheriff of Calhoun Co, J W Bassett, LD, Dismissed.
- Case:23-M07M-00014, April Carpenter, Failure to appear, RP, Dismissed.
- Case: 23-M07F-00015, Thomas Roberts, Failure to meet an obligation to provide support to a minor, LD, Preliminary Hearing Waived.
- Case: 23-M07F-00016, Michael Allen Metz, Domestic Battery or Domestic Assault-Third Offense, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Probable Cause Found.
- Case: 23-M07F-00018, LaFawn Laughlin, Fraudulent claims to insurance companies, RP, Preliminary Hearing Waived.
- Case: 23-M07F-00019, Donald Poe Gunn, Fraudulent claims to insurance companies, RP, Preliminary Hearing Waived.
- Case: 23-M07F-00020, John Paul Hanley, Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes (Life Registration), LD, Preliminary Hearing Waived.
- Case: 23-M07F-00021, Isaac Charles Grounds, Driving while license revoked-DUI, Calhoun County Prosecutor, RP, Probable Cause Found.
- Case: 23-M07F-00022, Jonathon Paul Hanley, Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes (Life Registration), LD, Preliminary Hearing Waived.
- Misdemeanor Cases**
- Case:21-M07M-00389, Christopher Lee Remele, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription, WV State Police, Brian E Young, RP, Guilty Plea Agreement.
- Case:21-M07M-000389, Christopher Lee Remele, Driving loc, WV State Police, Brian E Young, RP, Dismissed.
- Case: 22-M07M-00239, Joe Allen O'Brien, Petit larceny; penalties, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 22-M07M-00239, Joe Allen O'Brien, Injuring or tampering with vehicle, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 22-M07M-00275, Richard Lee Davis, No Proof of Insurance, WV State Police, Jeffrey B Hunt, LD, Dismissed.
- Case: 22-M07M-00275, Richard Lee Davis, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate,; penalty for misdeme, WV State Police, Jeffrey B Hunt, LD, Dismissed.
- Case: 22-M07M-00308, Kenna Clay Boggs, DUI, WV State Police, Brian E Young, LD, Dismissed-Deferred Sentence.
- Case: 22-M07M-00330, Angel Dawn Grimmet, Driving while impaired 1st offense, WV State Police, Sgt. Christopher J Weekley, RP, Dismissed-Deferred Sentence.
- Case:22-M07M-00343, Gary L Johnson, keeping vicious dogs, RP, no contest per plea agreement.
- Case:22-M07M-00346, Gary L Johnson, Keeping vicious dogs, RP, Dismissed – Plea agreement.
- Case: 22-M07M-00398, Stephen Jude Eisler, Driving under the influence w/ an alcohol concentration in blood >=.15 (Misdemeanor), WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 22-M07M-00398, Stephen Jude Eisler, No insurance, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 22-M07M-00398, Stephen Jude Eisler, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equ, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case:22-M07M-00398, Stephen Jude Eisler, Implied Consent, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 23-M07M-000098, Kelly Nettles, Overtaking and passing school bus; penalties; signs and warning lights upon buses, WV State Police, TFC David C Moore, RP, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 23-M07M-00018, Holly N Adams, No Seatbelt Juvenile 9 years of age in front seat without restraint, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case:23-M07M-00018, Holly N Adams, Speeding 58 in a 40 mph zone, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 23-M07M-00018, Holly N Adams, Driving while license suspended or revoked; General, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Not Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 23-M07M-00020, Brian Dale Ray, Driving while license revoked – DUI, WV State Police, Brian E Young, RP, Guilty-Plea Agreement.
- Case: 23-M07M-00040, Waynetta Mae Hefner, Battery, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Case: 23-M07M-00070, Michael Lee Skiles, Obstructing officer; penalties; definitions, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Guilty-Plea Agreement.
- Case: 23-M07M-00070, Michael Lee Skiles, Fleeing from officer; penalties; definitions, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, Guilty-Plea Agreement.
- Case: 3-M07M-00099, Jeremy Carl Ferrell, Domestic Battery 1st, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Guilty Verdict.
- Case: 23-M07M-00104, Marquis A Barr, Failure to change OLN 20 days, WV State Police, Brian E Young, LD, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Case: 23-M07M-00107, Brennen Ferrell, Driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, less than .15, WV State Police, TFC David C Moore, LD, Guilty Plea.
- Case: 23-M07M-00107, Brennen Ferrell, Open Container, WV State Police, TFC David C Moore, LD, Guilty Plea.
- Case: 23-M07M-00109, Alec Richards, Speeding, WV State Police, TFC David C Moore, LD, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Case: 23-M07M-00112, Colton Pepper, Speeding, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Guilty Plea.
- Case:23-M07M-00118, Eric Joseph Blake, Joyriding, Calhoun County Prosecutor, LD, Guilty Plea.
- Case: 23-M07M-00122, Jaron D Jett, Operation with cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Dismissed.
- Case: 23-M07M-00124, Gary Allen Starcher, Operation of vehicles with safety belts, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, No Contest Plea/Nolo Conendre.
- Case: 23-M07M-00125, Harold Gene Miller II, Operation without cert. inspection to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Dismissed.
- Case: 23-M07M-00126, Jimmie Nicholas, Operation without cert. inspection to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Case: 23-M07M-00126, Jimmie Nicholas, Operation of vehicle with safety belt, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Case:23-M07M-00127, Daniel W Holliday, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescript, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Cas: 23-M07M-00128, Sherwinn E Williams Jr, Limitations on overtaking on the left, WV State Police, Josh Richards, RP, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.
- Case: 23-M07M-00129, Austin Dean Metheny, Operation of vehicles w/ safety belts, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, Guilty Plea.

the oil region of the Utica shale. There are billions of barrels and now it can be recovered. The new wells are in Columbiana County.

The new world order people put out a report stating that by 2030 we would no longer be allowed to eat meat and that folks would be restricted to 3 pieces of new clothing/year. We must protect the planet, don't you know. To see the fact check completed by cnn go to cnn.com/factsfirst/politics/factcheck_e5e088b0-0b69-400b-aa5d-b5cfb9168d33 and read the information.

President Trump has been charged under Woodrow Wilson's Espionage Act enacted during World War I. Wilson used the law to throw thousands of his enemies into prison.

Wilson's men came to Creston and had a big meeting. They showed pictures of German soldiers roasting Belgian babies on spits.

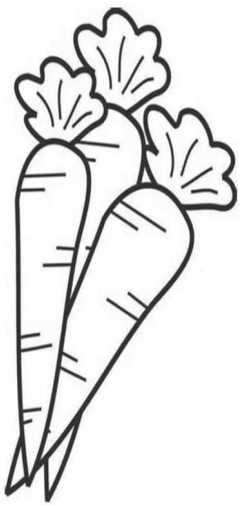
Old Hiram Campbell who had been in the Union Army said soldiers did not do such things. Of course there

is the small matter of how these pictures came about. The head government man said Campbell was guilty of some crime and everyone heard him and they could have the trial right then and the government men could take him away to prison. The crowd took offense as Mr. Campbell was well thought of and to use modern language he was not guilty of disinformation or misinformation or any other PC garbage. The Creston folks "suggested" that the government men get back on the boat and leave town and never come back. Old Hi Campbell was able to live out his life at home.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$70.78/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$54.78/bbl and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$61.78 and medium \$70.78/bbl. Henry Hub natural gas rose to \$2.63 and gasolene most places locally took a big jump in price. One of the prognosticators said that later in the year prices would skyrocket

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram



3 tablespoons of honey (which is very good for you), salt and pepper to taste, and some chopped up chives and parsley for a topping. Cook the carrots in the water (add more if you need to), cover and cook until carrots are done.

Don't let them go dry. When the carrots are done, drain (water to chicken mash), and toss lightly with the other ingredients.

Add chives and parsley for topping or whatever you would want.

For my cooked carrots I add a bit of butter and a few pieces of dill.

You can also cook your carrots and fix them like yams in a skillet with butter and brown sugar.

I always add while carrots to a roast beef or chicken along with potatoes and onions.

When we had a lot of carrots I would scrub, peel, cut sticks or circles, pop in freezer bags and have fresh tasting carrots all winter. Yummy!!

If you are trying any

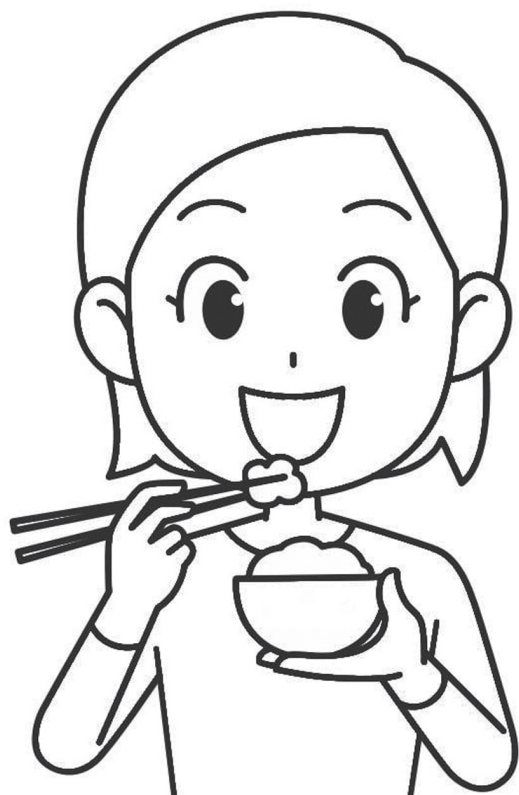
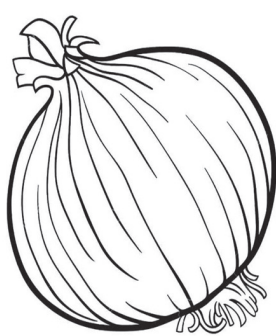
of my recipes, please let me know how it turned out and if your family enjoyed them.

Also, do you have a recipe you are looking to try, please let us know and we will do our best to find it for you.

You can send your comments to the Calhoun Chronicle at PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email contact@calhouncronicle.com or you can always call the office and talk to a staff member at 304-354-6917.

Kids or adults, we would love to see any of the pictures you have colored, who knows it maybe featured in the next issue.

Next week is green onions



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 24, Mud Bog; July 1, Ruff Cut; July 8, TBA; July 15: TBA; July 22, Frank Conn & Partners.

Free Clothing Giveaway June 23-24th

The Strait Creek Food Bank is having a clothing giveaway at the Brohard Community Building on June 23-24th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. while supplies last.

Lots of brand new children clothing and girls shoes, and left over items from their yard sale.

Dip N' Donate Dinner for Randy Gainer June 24th

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church along with Nobe Chapel Baptist Church will be hosting a Dip N' Donate dinner for Randy Gainer to help with travel and medical expenses associated with cancer treatment.

Benefit will be held Saturday June 24, 2023 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

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.

West Central Beekeeper's Association

The West Central Beekeeper's Association will meet at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County), the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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

12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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

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.

Pulled Pork Fundraiser July 7th

Proceeds go towards paying fees to Worlds Miss Tourism National Pageant in Nashville, TN July 20-23rd. Delivery in Grantsville only between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are offering pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cupcake, drink and your choice of macaroni, potato or pasta salad for \$10. You also have the choice of taco salad for \$5 or a 2 hotdog meal that comes with chips, drink and choice of macaroni, potato, or pasta salad for \$8. Call 681-533-7345 or 304-517-0884 to place your order or to make a donation. Thank you in advance for helping these young girls get to Nashville to represent the State of W.Va.

Creston Community Building Homecoming July 8th

The Creston Community Building is having a Homecoming celebrating 100 years! July 8th, 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.

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

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.

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. Please remove flowers that are on the ground by July 1st due to mowing. 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.

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

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.

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.

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

Country Kitchen Music & Events

Riley Knotts June 10th Dave McCormick June 16th

LIVE MUSIC CRAFT BEER
FOOD WV WINES

ESTD 2023

COUNTRY KITCHEN

Corey Hager June 23rd Chasity Dye June 24th

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.



BIKER'S WELCOME!!!!

W. Va. and U.S. Government News

Gov. Justice joins Niterra North America Inc. to kick off major plant expansion in Sissonville

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

SISSONVILLE, WV – Gov. Jim Justice and Niterra North America Inc., formerly known as NGK Spark Plugs U.S.A. Inc., held an event on June 13th, to announce the commencement of construction at Niterra's Sissonville, West Virginia campus, marking a significant milestone in their expansion efforts. This investment enhances their operations and reinforces their dedication to the state of West Virginia.

"Niterra's continued investment in our state is an incredible testament to the West Virginia community we've built together," Gov. Justice said. "West Virginia is now regarded around the world as the best place to start a business, expand a business, and to live, work, and raise a family. This expansion will create new job opportunities and contribute to the economic growth and prosperity in Sissonville in a major way, so we thank Niterra from the bottom of our hearts for their commitment to West Virginia."

The Sissonville campus, established in 1994, is home to the NGK Spark Plug and NTK oxygen sensor assembly plants. What began with 90 permanent jobs has now grown to over 500 full-time and 70 temporary positions. The campus expansion will add 75,000 square feet of space and approximately 30 new

job opportunities, further solidifying Niterra's regional presence.

"Niterra remains committed to contributing to the economic growth of Sissonville and West Virginia," Niterra's Regional President and CEO Michael Schwab said. "We are dedicated to investing in our employees and the communities in which we operate and are excited about this expansion in our operations."

Despite the challenges posed by economic downturns and the COVID-19 pandemic, Niterra prioritized its workforce, ensuring no layoffs or furloughs occurred. In fact, they encouraged their employees to actively participate in community volunteering and even provided compensation for their time. Niterra remains dedicated to fostering economic growth and prosperity in Sissonville and throughout West Virginia.

"We are thrilled to be here today and to celebrate the expansion of such a staple in our community," Secretary of the WV Department of Economic Development Mitch Carmichael said. "We have seen much growth throughout the years and can't wait to watch Niterra continue to help with providing jobs and stability to our hard-working citizens."

In addition to

the groundbreaking ceremony, Niterra partnered with One Tree Planted and planted a commemorative tree on the expanded campus, after announcing their donation of 1,000 trees to the community.

About Niterra North America, Inc.

Founded in 1936, Niterra North America, Inc., formerly NGK Spark Plugs (U.S.A.), Inc., has been a global leader in technology, innovation, and world-class quality in designing spark plugs and oxygen sensors. Today, Niterra continues this tradition by transforming their business portfolio, expanding core ceramic technologies, exploring new capabilities, and developing solutions and services that address social issues while contributing to a sustainable society.

Known for their exceptional quality and reliability, NGK Spark Plugs will continue manufacturing spark plugs under their trusted brand, while ceramic-related products will be produced under the NTK Technical Ceramics brand. Niterra North America, Inc. maintains its headquarters in Wixom, MI and operates manufacturing, inventory, and distribution facilities in Irvine, CA, Sissonville, WV, and Chicago, IL.

For more information, please visit www.niterra.com.

Budget Revisions from Calhoun County Commission Special Meeting June 1st

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST			
Line Item Approval In-House Transfer #8 2022-2023			
FROM:			
ACCOUNT	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
402	106	RETIREMENT	600.00
402	341	SUPPLIES	1,020.00
406	106	RETIREMENT	720.00
413	103	SALARIES	1,000.00
424	213	UTILITIES	9,000.00
424	230	CONTRACTED SERVICES	30,000.00
700	105	PEIA	1,000.00
711	111	WORKERS COMPENSATION	5,000.00
711	112	EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	2,000.00
			50,340.00
TO:			
ACCOUNT	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
402	211	TELEPHONE	260.00
402	220	PUBLICATIONS	1,360.00
406	105	PEIA	50.00
406	211	TELEPHONE	70.00
406	221	TRAINING	600.00
413	218	POSTAGE	1,000.00
424	459	CAPITAL OUTLEY	39,000.00
700	104	FICA	1,000.00
711	103	SALARIES	5,000.00
711	104	FICA	2,000.00
			50,340.00
		<i>Matthew Walker</i>	
		Matthew Walker, President	
		<i>Craig Arthur</i>	
		Craig Arthur	
		<i>Kevin Helmick</i>	
		Kevin Helmick	
		June 14, 2023	
		Date of Approval	

Attorney General Morrisey: DEA Take Back Sites Collect More Than 5K Pounds of Pills in W.Va.

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

CHARLESTON — State Capitol by the West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced West Virginians turned in nearly three tons of pills during this spring's National Drug Take Back Day.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reports approximately 5,612 pounds of prescription pills were collected at 70 collection locations across the state.

"Our office is proud to participate in this national effort to keep unwanted prescription medications out of the wrong hands," Attorney General Morrisey said. "This initiative makes our communities safer and aids in our fight against opioid abuse in West Virginia."

The state total included prescription meds collected at the

Attorney General's Office, which has participated in Drug Take Back Day each year since 2013 in coordination with Capitol Police.

Representatives from Attorney General Morrisey's office also partnered with the Granville Police Department; the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office; the Mercer County Sheriff's Office and Community Connections Inc.; the Tyler County Sheriff's Office, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Nationwide, a total 332 tons were collected in around 4,955 sites during the Take Back Day in April, according to the DEA. The program has collected 8,650 tons since its inception in 2010: W.Va. has collected a little more than 62 tons since that time.

The DEA spearheads Drug Take Back Day. During the event, local and state law enforcement agencies collect unused medication and responsibly dispose of it. The DEA typically hosts two prescription drug Take Back days per year—one in the spring and one in the fall.

The Attorney General Public Health Trust previously awarded prescription drug incinerators to law enforcement agencies across the state. The incinerators are used to destroy unwanted/expired pills and are shared among law enforcement agencies.

The incinerators were awarded through the Dispose Responsibly of Prescriptions (DRoP) initiative, which also distributed drug disposal drop boxes throughout the state.

Capito Announces Over \$125,000 for West Virginia Sexual Assault Prevention

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

WASHINGTON, D.C. — 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 \$125,380 in funding from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the W.Va. Foundation for Rape Information and Services. The funding from the CDC aim to

prevent sexual assault

and rape by leveraging the coalitions that exist, such as the work at the W. Va. Foundation for Rape Information and Services. As the top Republican on the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, I will keep working with the CDC and other institutions to secure needed support that help West Virginians live in an environment free from these terrible crimes," Ranking Member Capito said.

the Center for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and Control's (CDC-NCIPC) Rape Prevention and Education: Assessing Coalition Capacity program.

"Sexual assault is one of the most evil crimes and we need to take whatever steps we can to prevent it from occurring. It's reassuring to see this funding from the CDC aim to prevent sexual assault

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Fax: 304-354-7447 CITY ZIP CODE
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REQUEST FOR REVISION TO APPROVED BUDGET
Subject to approval of the state auditor, the governing body requests that the budget be revised prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds for which no appropriation or insufficient appropriation currently exists. (§ 11-8-26a)

CONTROL NUMBER: 23
FUND: GENERAL
REV. NO.: 7
PAGE: 1

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION
GOVERNMENT ENTITY

REVENUES: (net each acct.)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
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NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Revenues (ALL PAGES)

COUNTIES-TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM OTHER FUNDS MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE

EXPENDITURES: (net each account category) (WV CODE 7-1-9)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
401	County Commission	157,046	5,475		162,521
424	Courthouse	1,118,943	390,025		1,508,968
430	Community Development	43,156	2,500		45,656
442	Federal Grants	10,000		10,000	
699	Contingencies	9,541		9,000	541
704	Regional Jail	410,000		150,000	260,000
711	Emergency Services/OES	372,000	46,000		418,000
715	Ambulance Authority	350,000		275,000	75,000
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NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Expenditures					

APPROVED BY THE STATE AUDITOR

BY: _____ Date _____
Deputy State Auditor, Local Government Services Div.

Matthew Walker 6-2-23
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OF ENTITY APPROVAL DATE

Calhoun County Commissioners Meeting held June 14th.

By Melissa West and Emma Howell

The Calhoun County Commission held their regular meeting on June 14th. Matt Walker, Craig Arthur and Kevin Helmick (attended by speaker phone).

Commissioner Walker opened the meeting by thanking the 911 staff who had "held down the fort" in the absence of a director until the appointment of Kelli Barr.

Commissioner Walker acknowledged that progress was made in the county with the Little Kanawha River Clean up, the 1982 Foundation work and the work on the Upper West Fork Park flooding issues.

Chip Westfall (former county commissioner) was the first delegate to speak to the Commission on behalf of the Sound and Light Project for the Calhoun Middle High School auditorium.

He informed the Commission that Deirdre Purdy had been the heart and soul of the fundraiser, and had become very knowledgeable about the technical side of it and holding the companies accountable for which the committee is entrusting for the upgrades.

The current funds they have raised for the project is currently \$25,000 total donations from Calhoun Banks, Minnie Hamilton and the Calhoun Commission, \$27,000 from individual citizen donations, Calhoun Schools \$10,000, PACF \$15,000, and \$20,000 from Speaker Roger Hanshaw, Senators Ben Queen and Patrick Martin.

The amount needed to complete the first phase of the project is \$130,000 for which the school will be provided with a better system than when the school was built according to Westfall.

The Sound and Light organizers requested \$30,000 from the Calhoun County Commission to complete the project. After this there is still an additional \$70-80,000 needed to get the project where they want it to be for the school.

The new system will have a safe guarded equipment and operation room and lightening strike protection.

Commissioner Helmick said that the Commission needed to aid in keeping the school up to standard and made the motion to provide the \$30,000 with a second by Craig Arthur and all three Commissioner's voting in favor.

An executive session was entered into at 9:10 a.m. and back out of at 9:22 a.m. regarding personnel matters, no action taken.

Kayleigh Kyle of the USDA, Rural partners network, introduced herself to the Commission and provided them with information about what her agency could provide for Calhoun County by dedicating time and resources in rural communities.

Julie Posey of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) also addressed the Commission and provided them material about what the PACF could offer in regards to grants and scholarships.

Sheriff Graham

reported to the Commission that Carl Ballengee, Interim Sheriff, was instrumental in preparing his office prior to him being appointed. Many things had been let go according to Knight but with the help of Ballengee and Prosecuting Attorney Nigel Jeffries things were getting back in order. The disarray of the case files will be reorganized with the help of Prosecutor Jeffries who has offered his help and has been



in contact with Knight daily.

Graham also praised the Sheriff office staff members, Melissa Falls and Trevia Fulks for having been very helpful. Sheriff Knight reported that along with himself, his staff have taken training on the Home Confinement system that is now up to the standards expected by the Calhoun Circuit Court and by the recommendation of the Prosecutor who has said it is a now a legitimate source of sentencing to be utilized.

Through the training, Graham and his office staff can monitor home confinements and quickly be notified of violators. The county is being charged by the monitoring company for 12 boxes but do not currently have that many in use. Seven will be returned and removed from the county's monthly bill.

In effort to save money, Sheriff Knight stopped the radio installation on the second new cruiser because he believes there is enough current stock in the Sheriff's Department to equip the other car.

Jason Wilson of Minnie Hamilton EMS informed the commission and Sheriff that he had just sold an ambulance and had removed the radio from it, offering it to the County for use in the vehicle.

The first of the new cruisers should be done next week which now bears "In God we Trust" on the rear of the cruiser. An AED will be installed in the cruiser as soon as it's purchased. In his closing, Knight complimented the helpfulness of 911 staff and of the West Virginia State Police.

Matt Walker asked Sheriff Knight about the hold on the second car. Knight informed him that he had put a hold on the other sheriff car to get an estimate from a local agency for equipment.

He further said that "For the money that was paid we thought it was turn key but that wasn't the case. Miller was very understanding that the hold was put on." As for equipment found in the old jail, the Sheriff's office will use what it can and send the remaining to Cabot Recycling with some equipment to be

auctioned.

Currently, the Sheriff's office is evaluating the following equipment: 13 light bars and 9 radios. Joe Tanner attempted to put some radios together that were not very old, but the drives didn't make it out of the cars that were previously sold, so many will be gotten rid of.

Kelli Barr, newly appointed 911/OES Director reported that the number of calls for each agency were as follows:

Arnoldsburg VFD: 7, WVDNR: 3, Grantsville VFD: 10, Minnie Hamilton EMS: 101, Upper West Fork VFD: 7, WV State Police: 89. Barr also reported a smooth transition to her new post. Barr informed the crowd that the next 911 Board Meeting will be June 22, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Jason Wilson reported for Minnie Hamilton EMS that there were 13 ALS transports, 26 BLS transports, 2 calls canceled in route, 2 DOA's, 18 Refusals, 1 Treated and transferred to Aeromedical, 2 calls placed on standby And 67 calls from 911 activity.

Wilson said that this had been the busiest



month so far with over 9,000 miles put on the ambulances.

Donnie Pitts, President of the Calhoun County Park Board reported that the old play structures had been removed and were in terrible condition. They are now starting the process of installing the playground equipment that had been donated by Sandfork School. The Park will once again be hosting an Independence Day event that will consist of Music, childrens activities and fire works.

Luke Peters of the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council reported that the Calhoun County Park Bathhouse grant is now with the state for consideration.

Shelia Burch, Director of the Little Kanawha Valley Development Corporation encouraged the Commission to consider the Pioneer Network as a huge resource for local grant funding and to let her know if she could help to put any projects into their portal.

New business on the Commission's agenda was a motion to accept the transition from EMS to Minnie Hamilton which passed with full Commission Support.

Also under new business was the the Dark skies ordinance public hearing announcement which has been scheduled at the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Hall on August 3rd, 2023 at 6 p.m. (see page 13 for an article on Dark Skies by Jasmyne

Tingler)

Commissioner Walker stated that the 1.2 Million dollars in ARPA funds were now in need of reallocation. Projects such as the water extensions would be looked at but there were considered to be too many time restraints. The mention of Minnie Hamilton for consideration was made but Walker also added that there were a lot of others to be considered and they were not going to make a quick decision.

Commissioner Craig Arthur continues to be in conversation with Speaker Hanshaw who is now in the process of setting up a meeting with the Governor's Office and Ann Yearling to submit what Calhoun County would like to see accomplished.

Helmick also relayed that he was not ready to make any decisions.

Crystal Mersh of the 1982 Foundation asked the Commission in regards to the allocation of funding if there are certain matches that the Commission was considering as a driving force? "Speaker Hanshaw has bent over backwards to help us and attention to his recommendations should be considered," she said.



Matt Walker noted that he did think that it is necessary and was aware of the time restraints on the projects.

Mersh also asked how much funding was necessary for the Annamoriah and

Munday Road extension projects, which Craig Arthur responded that those projects totaled \$3.8 million from an engineering study done in 2023. She plead with the Commission to not allow the opportunity for matching funds to be missed.

Craig Arthur commented on behalf of the Commission that they needed to do a better job at looking at what the County has or needs addressed so that issues such as those faced with the delays in the Norman Ridge project don't happen again.

A project that commissioner Matt Walker has been involved with is now back into consideration as the DNR and the county work to create two Public stream Access Points.

Walker said that he had been working diligently with Nic Taylor at the DNR and had narrowed two locations down; one being the City of Grantsville at the City Park and the other being a private land owner at Cain's Riffle in the Brooksville area. An agreement between the county and DNR is being considered which will put the county in charge of the river access points for 20 years. A Motion to agree to accept the public stream access process between the Calhoun county commission and the WV Department of Natural Resources was made and passed.

A Capitol Asset policy was on the agenda as a result of the State audit recommendation. County Clerk Jean Simers said that it was a basic policy that defines what are capital assets for the county and how they're categorized. The County will categorize anything purchased over \$17,000 and have a list for future audits.

Those in the county who have worked hard for the care of animals

and have had a great concern regarding the fact that Calhoun has not had an Animal Shelter available when needed will be happy to hear that the Commission has now approved the purchase of a parcel of land located centrally on Mount Zion for the use of an Animal Shelter.

The property is approximately 5 acres with a poll building that can be used for the shelter as well as a house and trailer on the property that could possibly be used. The commission voted and unanimously approved the purchase.

Walker said that he would like to set up a future meeting with parties involved to move forward. Crystal Mersh spoke saying that the Boot Strap Organization had applied for a grant for medication and kennels for an animal shelter.

The Calhoun Solid waste authority's request for monthly funding to assist until a large grant comes through was for the amount of \$3014.40. Motion approved by all three commissioners.

Personnel items on the agenda were addressed with the hiring of Richard Dye as custodian for the courthouse effective in May 2023 and the move of Trinity Yeager from part time to full time at 911. Motion approved.

Two appointments were made for board of authorities, Robin Hughes was appointed to replace Shelia Burch on the Mt. Zion PSD board and Sharon Pitts was appointed to the Calhoun Library board. Both appointments were approved.

To see the Calhoun FRN Director's Report for June 2023, please see page 13 for their services provided.

* Update - The location for the WAG Animal Shelter has been reported to be at Country

Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney Nigel Jeffries Court News

Information printed with permission from Prosecutor Nigel Jeffries

The Calhoun Chronicle will be reporting to the community news from the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

The Chronicle has been given permission from Prosecutor Nigel Jeffries to reprint any information he posts on his Facebook account about the cases he brings to court and the outcomes, to allow the community to be aware of his work towards keeping the county safe



On June 5, 2023, Carlos Cottrill (pictured on left), was sentenced to six (6) months in the regional jail upon his conviction for misdemeanor domestic assault.



On June 6, 2023, Bryant James Hall (pictured on right), was sentenced to two (2) years in the regional jail upon his conviction for misdemeanor "unlawful restraint" and misdemeanor "domestic battery".

Late Breaking News!!!!

On the morning of Monday, June 19th, as I opened the Chronicle office, the police sirens went zooming through Grantsville to answer a call from the Minnie Hamilton substation in Arnoldsburg concerning an individual who arrived at the station reporting they had a deceased body in their vehicle. The cause of death has not been reported, awaiting ruling from the medical examiner. WV State Police, WV DNR, and Calhoun Sheriff Graham Knight were all on scene. Stay tuned for more details offered by law enforcement, as it is an ongoing investigation.

TREASURER MOORE ANNOUNCES MORE STUDENTS NOW AWARDED HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

More Applications Slated to be Approved by July 1
 Contact: Jared Hunt, Deputy Treasurer – Communications Director, West Virginia State Treasurer’s Office, 304.341.0709 (Direct)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore, chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, announced June 7th, his Office has approved the Hope Scholarship for more than 5,000 West Virginia students for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, with several hundred more students potentially being awarded in the coming weeks.

“There has been a tremendous interest in the Hope Scholarship this year and our Office has been working diligently to ensure every eligible West Virginia family that wants to take advantage of this program to educate their children can do so,” Treasurer Moore said.

As of Monday morning, June 5, the Office had approved 5,099 Hope Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year that begins this fall. There were 6,321 applications

received by the May 15 deadline and 1,029 are still being processed in various stages of submission, review or on hold awaiting further documentation. All applications are set to be reviewed by July 1.

So far, the Office has only deemed 179 of the submitted applications as ineligible for the program, while 14 families decided to decline the award after being approved.

“If current trends hold, we could approach nearly 6,000 students receiving the Hope Scholarship this fall – remarkable growth for the second year of this program,” Treasurer Moore said. “That tells me West Virginia families have a strong desire for school choice and educational freedom options for their children.”

The Hope Scholarship Program

is an education savings account available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child’s education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience through the approved Hope Scholarship Program Schools and Education Service Providers.

The scholarship amount varies each school year; for the 2023-2024 year, it will be \$4,488.82. The first portion of Hope Scholarship funds will be distributed to approved students through the program’s online portal by Aug. 15, with remaining funds distributed by Jan. 15, 2024.

More information on the program is available at www.hopescholarshipwv.com.

Glenville State University Among Top U.S. Schools for Preparing Future Teachers in the Science of Reading

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



GLENVILLE, WV – The undergraduate teacher preparation program at Glenville State University has been recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) for its rigorous preparation of future teachers in how to teach reading, earning an “A” grade in NCTQ’s new report, Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction.

The program is among just 23% nationwide and three in West Virginia to earn an “A” from NCTQ for meeting standards set by literacy experts for coverage of the most effective methods of reading instruction—often called the “science of reading.”

National data shows that more than one-third of fourth grade students—over 1.3 million children—cannot read at a basic level. By preparing teachers in the methods that research has shown to work best, we can change these devastating results.

To evaluate the quality of preparation being provided, a team of experts at NCTQ analyzed syllabi, including lecture schedules and topics, background reading materials, class assessments, assignments, and opportunities to practice instruction in required literacy courses for undergraduate elementary teacher candidates at Glenville State University. To earn an “A,” programs needed to meet NCTQ’s targets for coverage of the five core components of scientifically based reading instruction—phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and

comprehension – and not teach more than three instructional methods that are unsupported by the research on effective reading instruction.

While some portion of children will learn to read naturally, over five decades of research have established the components of explicit, scientifically based reading instruction that help most students become successful readers. Research suggests that over 90% of children could learn to read if their teachers used instructional methods grounded in the science of reading.

“Glenville State University is very pleased with NCTQ’s recognition and evaluation of its reading instruction for elementary education majors. To be among the top 23% of programs nationwide and to be recognized for the work of our faculty and the content of our reading courses reflects the high level of preparedness that we strive for our students to have when they graduate and step into their own classrooms,” said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

“Glenville State University’s Teacher Education Department is honored that the Elementary Education K-6; Early Education PreK-K Teacher Education Program has earned an “A” letter grade from the National Council on Teacher Quality for preparing future teachers in the Science of Reading,” said Dean of Education, Connie Stout-O’Dell. “Pre-service teachers majoring in Elementary Education K-6 complete a series of reading courses focusing on the core components

of scientifically based reading instruction. They also participate in hands-on experiences in reading instruction in local elementary schools. Our university is appreciative of the partnerships we have with our local elementary schools. These partnerships allow for practical applications of reading instruction for our pre-service teachers.”

The new NCTQ analysis of teacher preparation programs’ coverage of the science of reading was developed over the course of two years, involving teams of literacy experts, researchers, teacher preparation leaders, and educators. NCTQ evaluated 693 traditional undergraduate and graduate programs across the country, including 10 in West Virginia. Overall, just 112 programs earned an A and 48 earned an A+.

“Glenville State University’s Teacher Education Program emphasizes teaching its students how to systematically implement research-based literacy instruction, primarily the Science of Reading. The Science of Reading is based on over 30 years of research that will assist teachers in effectively teaching children how to successfully learn to read. This aligns with West Virginia Department of Education’s recent initiative, “Ready, Read, Write West Virginia.” I’m ecstatic that GSU has achieved an “A” from NCTQ. It’s an honor to instruct preservice teachers with the confidence they are receiving exceptional training in literacy according to NCTQ,” said Associate Professor of Education and Director of Teacher Education Field Placement, Dr. Shelly Ratliff.

Visit www.nctq.org to see the full NCTQ report, for more information about Glenville State University’s coverage of the science of reading, and to see other rankings

West Virginia Ranks 42nd in Child Well-Being but Inaccessible, Unaffordable Child Care Will Continue to Push More Families into Poverty

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Charleston, W.Va. – W. Va. ranks 42nd in child well-being, according to the 2023 KIDS COUNT® Data Book, a 50-state report of recent household data developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation analyzing how children and families are faring. This year’s report focuses on the rising cost of childcare. The state’s lack of affordable and accessible childcare short-changes children and causes parents in W.Va. to frequently miss work or even quit their jobs, while those who can find care are paying dearly for it. These childcare challenges cost the American economy billions of dollars a year and stymie women professionally.

During the 2023 legislative session, childcare providers pushed for enrollment-based subsidies. Kristy Ritz, the W.Va. Association for Young Children executive director and member of the KIDS COUNT network, said that by basing reimbursements on enrollment instead of attendance, the bill would have created more financial stability for providers. That, in turn, would allow providers to increase their childcare slots, helping parents avoid years long waitlists. If more W.Va. parents can get their kids in care, more parents can work, according to Ritz.

The Data Book reports too many parents cannot secure childcare that is compatible with work schedules and commutes. The Data Book reports that in 2020-21, 13% of W.Va. children birth to age 5 lived in families in which someone quit, changed, or refused a job because of problems with childcare. And women are five to eight times more likely than men to experience negative employment consequences related to caregiving. Even if parents can

find an opening at a childcare center near their home, they often can’t pay for it. W. Va.’s average cost of center-based childcare for a toddler was \$7,955, 9% of the median income of a married couple and 35% of a single mother’s income. While the cost of care burdens families, childcare workers are paid worse than 98% of professions. Median national pay for childcare workers was \$28,520 per year or \$13.71 an hour in 2022, less than the wage for retail (\$14.26) and customer service (\$18.16) workers.

The stakes are high. Last year, W.Va. KIDS COUNT reported that 21% of West Virginia’s children are living in households with a high housing cost burden. Now due to the childcare crisis, that number could certainly rise. Each year, the Data Book presents national and state data from 16 indicators in four domains: economic well-being, education, health, and family and community factors, and ranks the states according to how children are faring overall.

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the failings of the childcare market also affect the health of the American economy, costing \$122 billion a year in lost earnings, productivity, and tax revenue, according to one study. All of these challenges put parents under tremendous stress to meet the dual responsibilities of providing for their families and ensuring their children are safe and nurtured. Their report also found:

While 10% of white children lived in families in which someone quit, changed, or refused a job because of childcare, this figure was 17% of Black children and 16% of Latino children.

More than 60% of childcare workers reported having difficulty

paying their own food and utility bills in the most recent month.

Infant childcare is so expensive that one analysis indicates it costs more than in-state college tuition in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

The main federal mechanism for subsidizing care, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, partially offsets costs for only 1.3 million of the more than 12 million kids in childcare. Of children eligible for subsidies under federal rules, only one in six receives them.

Transitioning from a faltering childcare system to creating a flourishing one will take new thinking and investing at the local, state, and national levels. An executive order issued by President Biden in April is aimed at expanding access, lowering costs, and raising wages. It could prove to be a helpful framework, but more is needed: Federal, state, and local governments should invest more in childcare. State and local governments should maximize remaining pandemic recovery act dollars to fund needed childcare services and capacity. Congress should reauthorize and strengthen the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, while the W. Va. legislature should pass a bill to base childcare reimbursements on enrollment, rather than attendance.

Public and private leaders should work together to improve the infrastructure for home-based child care, beginning by lowering the barriers to entry for potential providers by increasing access to start-up and expansion capital. To help young parents, Congress should expand the federal Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program, which serves student parents.

Manchin Secures Congressionally Directed Spending Funds for Fairmont State Aviation

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Fairmont State University has received \$270,000 for its Aviation Center of Excellence (ACE) through a 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request. The ACE will use these funds to expand its capacity and increase its ability to serve students by purchasing aviation equipment.

Joel Kirk, Director and Chief Instructor of the Aviation Center of Excellence spoke of the impact that receiving this request will have on the ACE.

“These funds will allow us to provide more training positions, increase the throughput rate for student completion, and improve the safety, proficiency, and quality of our programs,” Kirk said.

Senator Joe Manchin

filed the CDS request in order to combat the shortage of workers in aviation nationwide and help West Virginian students excel.

“As our nation faces a workforce shortage in the aviation industry, programs like Fairmont State University’s Aviation Center for Excellence are as important as ever,” said Senator Manchin.

“I proudly secured this funding to provide state-of-the-art equipment to the Center to properly train and prepare students for a career in the industry. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for funding through Congressionally Directed Spending and other programs to ensure W.Va. universities have

the resources they need to help our students thrive.”

Fairmont State University’s Interim President, Dr. Dianna Phillips expressed gratitude to Senator Manchin for his contribution and described the influence these funds will have on Fairmont State’s Aviation program and the W.Va. aviation industry.

“We are extremely grateful for the advocacy and support Senator Manchin has provided Fairmont State’s Aviation Center for Excellence,” said Dr. Phillips. “By acquiring new training equipment and upgrading existing resources, Fairmont State will be able to educate more students and graduate more pilots, leading to a stronger airline workforce in W.Va.”

Girl Scouts Silver Award Press Release

Submitted by Bonnie Sands

Night Sky Event by Jasmyne B. Tingler



Girl Scouts member Jasmyne Tingler Presenting to a packed house.

Mt. Zion, WV -Calhoun County Park —On April 29, 2023 Girl Scout Cadette Jasmyne B. Tingler completed a major component of her Girl Scout Silver Award, by helping organize a Night Sky Event at the Calhoun County Park with fellow amateur astronomers.

Ever since she was young, she has had admiration of the night sky.

After a camping trip at the rim of the Grand Canyon, Jasmyne realized how light pollution impacts our

visibility of the solar system.

She wanted to help educate others on what we are doing to our night sky.

To get started she had meetings with the Calhoun County Night Sky, who helped her make connections with various people and programs who have the same admiration for the night sky.

As they met, the Night Sky Event became a reality, and she started researching the impact light pollution plays in our community.

At the event, held on International Astronomy Day, Jasmyne shared her findings; learned what light pollution is, how it impacts people and ecosystems, and ways to prevent it. Various sessions regarding astronomy also included astrophotography, the James Webb Telescope, the most recent Aurora, the planet Saturn, how to start a club, and general astronomy.

Each presentation was recorded too and put into a YouTube channel named Night Skies: <https://www.youtube.com/@NightSkies2023>.

A special thank you to Donnie Pitts, Linda Jarvis, John Dennis, Girl Scout Troop 38205, the Calhoun County Park, presenters, and those in attendance, all helping make this a successful event.

For more information please contact Jasmyne Tingler: Scoutjbtng11@stu.k12.wv.us or Sarah Tingler/ Leader, 304.203.5114



Fellow Scouts L-R Carissa Sands, Jasmyne Tingler and Makenna Cunningham.



Calhoun County's FRN Director, Tina Persinger. She was able to give out 6 lunch kits and milk to each child who stopped by her office on June 15th. Each lunch kit consisted of a turkey sandwich, applesauce, cheese slice and cheese stick, and juice.

This was made possible by the Mountaineer Food Bank.

Calhoun FRN Director's Report June 2023

Submitted by Tina Persinger

Basic Needs (Food, housing, utilities and Transportation)

- Our Food Pantry is open daily from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We have a weekly menu choice market. Our numbers are continuing to climb. (We served 952 family pantries, 105 Senior Boxes up to 91 deliveries weekly. Mobile 200).

- The FSC grant can help families with children 18 years or younger with basic needs assistance. No income guidelines. No appointment needed. (We did 13 FSC referrals and 26 kiddos to Wood Festival)

- We have 6 people trained to do car seat inspections and if qualify will have car seats available.

- New Services: Government phones now available

- Bill Pay for Mon Power, Mountaineer Gas, Hope Gas and Frontier.

- We do Dollar Energy for shut off

Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

- Prevention
- Facebook posts
- Treatment
o DUI Classes (2)
o Chess App (11)
- Recovery
o Monday evening with Lori Fleagle (10)
o We have meetings available Wednesday (0) Friday(15), Saturday(20)
o Tour Bo Mar

Foster/Kinship Care

- We are accepting our 3rd round of families for the Healthy Grandfamilies program. The program is designed to help family members that are helping to raise their grandchildren, or even niece or nephew.

- The program is currently by Mail – I mail the lesson – they complete, and return stamped envelope) and I send next lesson and a gift card.

Growing Membership

- We are trying to grow our Calhoun FRN membership and ur LC membership.

Please send me their email address and I will get them added.

- If you would like to or would like to suggest a monthly guest speaker please let me know asap.

Important Dates:

- June – August 8th: Summer Feeding start (Weekly engagement activities weekly)

- June 22 - 23rd: WV Peer Recovery Conference virtual

- June 23rd: Accept donations from Brooksville Vacation Bible School

- June 28th: Sister Grant Conference hosted here

- June 27th: Farmacy starts

- July 5th: Food Truck (Will need volunteers to help unload)

- July 7th: Extreme Tour Concert

- July 21st: Food Mobile – Arnoldsburg

- August 1st: Summer Feeding Back to School Bash

- August 7th-8th: Reground your response Train the Trainer – Morgantown

- August 21-22: Healthy Grandfamilies Conference

- September 14th: Save-a-life day

- September 15th: Mobile Food Truck – Grantsville

- October: Movie Day - Adams Family 2

- November 3rd: Community Baby Shower

- November 13th, 14th, 16th: Christmas Sign ups and give-a-way

- November 17th: Mobile Food Truck - Arnoldsburg

- December 9th: Movie Day – The Smurfs

LETTER BOX

AN EDITORIAL - "They've Stopped Listening to Anyone but Themselves."

Are you aware that Calhoun County Schools has decided to scrap traditional teacher-centric methods of instruction for the entire student body of Calhoun Middle School beginning at the start of school year 2023-24? Instead of presenting lessons in each basic core subject, they are initiating project-based learning in which traditional subjects must be integrated into the projects students will be completing. The program is called Pathways, and I fear beginning a program like this when our students are already behind in the core subjects because of Covid and school shutdowns, will be a disaster.

Calhoun County is one of only two schools in West Virginia to agree to pilot the program. One must ask why? Additional funding is being provided to our county for the program, an amount has not been confirmed. The planning for this extreme change of teaching methods began in January 2023. Input from the community and parents was not solicited. The Board of Education has not been allowed to vote on such a radical change. Don't you think they should? The Superintendent has taken it upon herself to make this change without being transparent. These students do not belong to the school system, but rather to the parents who are responsible for their upbringing. They should be involved in every facet of their child's education. These students will fall even further behind than they already are and will not be ready for the rigors of high school academics. The Superintendent and Board of Education members are accountable to the citizens of Calhoun County, not the other way around.

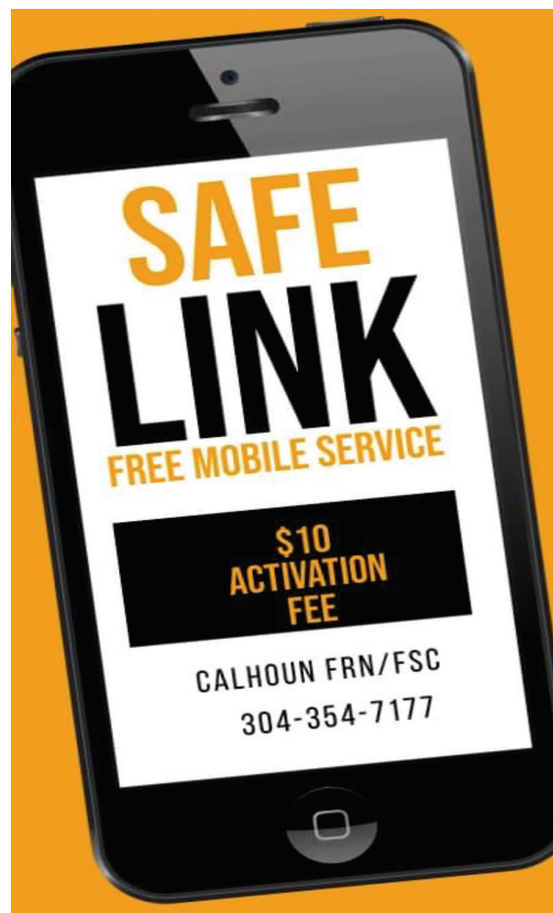
Due to a county policy, BOE members cannot respond to members of the public speaking to them as a delegation, and if they do, they are "called down" by the Superintendent. Speakers are limited to five minutes. Again, they are accountable to us, not us to them. This is our school system.

"PATHWAYS" is a program, in my understanding—very little has been communicated outside of "hints and hushes" by the Superintendent and the Board members—and I was enlightened somewhat by an "EMPOWERMENT" power point and presentation by teachers chosen to "teach" this program and the students favorable to the initial representation. We did not hear from any students who felt "left behind" which I have personally been told that is the case. We were assured by one of the presenters that the "students" would help them catch up. I have heard from a reliable source that some children spend time during these sessions in other rooms.

I do not apologize for being upset by this matter. The kind of condescension being exhibited to the parents and community by the school system is unacceptable. I was subject to snarky comments as I spoke to the BOE at their June 12 th meeting, and I do not appreciate it one bit. This behavior is going to cause parents to seek opportunities outside public education for their children's education which will cause significant loss of state funding Calhoun Schools. I have great-grandchildren that I love dearly, and their education is of utmost importance. I desperately would like to see them graduate from CCHS and enjoy the extra-curricular activities of music and athletics. So incredibly sad!



Thank You,
Loretta Propst



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Thank you Tina and the entire FRN crew for all you do for the citizens of Calhoun County. You are making a difference in this county.

Around Calhoun

By Chronicle Staff

Grantsville Farmers Market which is located at the 1982 Foundation in Grantsville, is open on every Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



They have a variety of vendors that come and set up, usually around 5 vendors who sell: Baked Goods, Eggs, Honey and Honey products. Vegetables and plants, and Yard Sale items. There is no fee to set up a table.

For more information about setting up a vendor table you can call Karen at 304- 613-5041. Come on out and support your local farmers.



The First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry is a non-profit pantry operated by co-directors Donna Umstead and Lewis Craddock. The pantry is supported by donations from the churches around Calhoun and individual donors along with a few little grants.

The workers who come every week and volunteer their time to help with distributing the food is a wonderful crew.

The pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm. You can receive food two times a month if needed. The pantry is located at 1500 East Little Kanawha HWY Grantsville, WV 26147.

If you would like to make a donation it can be sent to: First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 237 Grantsville, WV 26147. If needing assistance you can call 520-465-8657.



Volunteers: Row 1: Karen D'Imperio; Row 2: Shari Johnson, Margaret Bennett, Sharon Stump, Jewell Agee, and Donna Umstead; Row 3: Patti Toth, Bert Wilson and Lin Williams; Back Row: Theodore Holbert and Jckie Starcher

Work continues on the Roane Medical Clinic Arnoldsburg site. A triple wide has been pulled into the lot, however as of printing it had not been put together. It appears it won't be long before it is up and running and seeing patients.



Upper West Fork Park News

Submitted by Anita West, Secretary/Treasurer Upper West Fork Park

Little Kanawha Conservation District (LKCD) recently completed a flood control project for the Upper West Fork Park. Thanks to the Calhoun County Commission for the funding and LKCD for performing the work, the park will be much safer now from flooding. This project had the cooperation from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the WV DEP. We wish to thank all those involved with the project. We are so grateful to get this project completed.



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