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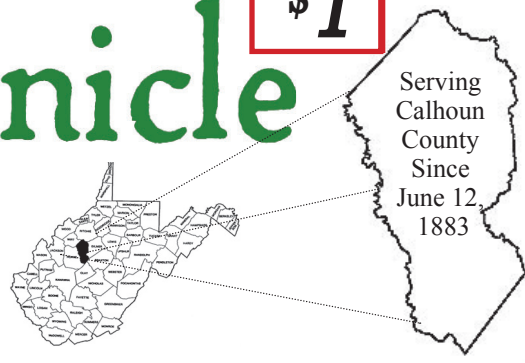
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U.S. Senate Candidate Chris Rose spoke at the Rebulican Executive Committee Meeting June 20th

By Melissa West



The Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee met Tuesday, June 20th for their regular monthly meeting in Grantsville. Senate Candidate, Chris Rose, attended the meeting to promote his 2024 run for West Virginia State Senate. West Virginia Governor candidate Yashida Yost was unable to attend, however she has plans to visit Calhoun in the future.

coal industry, including several media interviews on behalf of President Trump’s 2016 and 2020 Presidential campaigns. Chris and his wife, Amber (a registered nurse), had to relocate to north-central West Virginia so Chris could maintain employment and continue his mining career. During his mining career, Chris held numerous positions that ranged from skilled

Conservative, “said that he is running to be the next United States Senator from West Virginia because, like many others, he is tired of career politicians and elitist bureaucrats that put our country last. Rose believes that the current establishment prioritizes lobbyists, special interest groups, and other nations above the American people he wants to put the American people in the forefront of the Nations priorities. The country is dealing with record inflation that is eroding away the middle class; unsecured borders with an endless flow of illegal immigrants and drugs into our country; supply chain issues; unsecured elections; and the continuation of outsourcing American jobs to other countries. Instead of addressing these issues, current national leadership’s focus is on sending hundreds of billions of dollars to other nations and attacking our



Rose introduced himself to the citizens of Calhoun County. Rose is a fourth-generation coal miner who was born and raised in the southern coalfields of Appalachia. Chris grew up in McDowell County, West Virginia, and, along with his family, lived through and witnessed the economic damage and decline from decades of governmental overreach and regulations. The War on Coal destroyed many businesses and communities, and many of Chris’ family, friends, and loved ones were forced to move away from the Mountain State to seek employment. Chris and his family decided to stay and fight for West Virginia and its coal and gas industries, and that is a fight that he continues today. Chris began his advocacy for the coal and natural gas industries while attending Bluefield State College. While at BSC, Chris was one of the founding members and the first chairman of the Bluefield State College Republicans. After graduating from college, Chris continued his activism by campaigning for political candidates that promoted conservative values, defended our constitutional rights, and were supportive of the

Chris is a staunch defender of the 2nd Amendment. As an avid outdoorsman, a lifetime member of the NRA, and a member of WVC DL and GOA, Chris understands how important our right to keep and bear arms is to protect the rest of our constitutional rights. Chris Rose is an ultra-MAGA conservative and political outsider who stands with former President Trump and believes we must always put America first. Chris believes that it is time that the working class had a seat at the table in Washington. The political class had their chance, they failed, and now it is our turn. Chris will be the true voice that the everyday West Virginian rightfully deserves and so desperately needs. A vote for Chris Rose is a vote to put America first and to ensure that Mountaineers will forever be free. Rose, who refers to himself as “West Virginia’s Blue-Collar

constitutional rights. Rose answered questions after he spoke and a time of refreshments was enjoyed by everyone. Following the recess, Nominations were made and accepted for Vice Chair of the Committee, which were Ari White and Shari Johnson. The next item discussed was the bylaws. I had to leave the meeting for other obligations, so was not present for the vote; however I was informed by Chairman Roger Propst that the bylaws was passed as it was the foundation to build our County’s Republican Committee bylaws. The next meeting will be held on July 18th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grantsville Firehall at which time an election of the now vacant Vice Chair will be held.



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Darrill Hashman Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Brittany Frymier

The Friends of Minnie Hamilton Auxiliary Group were pleased to provide two high school graduates and one employee with their annual Darrill Hashman Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations to the recipients!!!!



Receiving a \$500 Scholarship was Lindsey Schoolcraft, pictured with Sally Hashman (wife of Darrill Hashman) and Cheryl Balisciano (Friends President).



Receiving a \$500 Scholarship was Kason Hupp, pictured with Sally Hashman (wife of Darrill Hashman) and Cheryl Balisciano (Friends President).



Receiving a \$1,000 Scholarship was Laura Simmons, pictured with Sally Hashman (wife of Darrill Hashman) and Cheryl Balisciano (Friends President).

The Extreme Tour Returns to Grantsville July 7th at 6 p.m.

Submitted by Cheryl Plato and Jerry Fee

Live music is and producers, to help an unlikely group of “secret revolutionaries” present a surprise free live event to Grantsville in order to bring the community together like never before! In May of 2023, almost 500 artists, from every major continent in the world, gathered in Music City, Nashville, Tennessee, for The Objective, an Artists Summit, established to discuss how to use artistic expression to help people in need and to bring people together in these unusually fractured times. Legendary veteran artists volunteered their experience and influence, to inspire and equip those gathered to use their gifts and skills to demonstrate Love, connect people in need with resources that can help them, and to make a difference, not just to make money. With the continued support and mentoring of this esteemed community of leaders, “up and coming” artist attendees have come together and hit the road as a team, under the name “The Extreme Tour,” determined to produce a series of events that will demonstrate Love, celebrate community, and promote relationship and understanding between diverse people groups. This is not necessarily a “normal” tour, though. The organizers contend it’s more than a tour, actually. Emphatically declaring that it’s a Movement! And they explain it has been planned in some very unorthodox and innovative ways that match this unusual charitable effort. For example, rather than partner with professional entertainment companies in the markets

being brought by the most unlikely tour and movement backed by Internationally Renowned Music Industry Icons set to surprise Grantsville with unusual live event! Over the past couple years, a shift has quietly been happening. Iconic world renowned artists like Ricky Skaggs, Kurtis Blow, Michael W. Smith, and Brian “Head” Welch (of NU Metal Supergroup: Korn) join forces with over 100 other Industry Leaders and award winning, platinum selling, artists



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OBITUARIES

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.

LOLA YVONNE (BARNHART) BURGESS

Lola Yvonne (Barnhart) Burgess, 81, of Silverton, WV, passed away June 18, 2023, in Camden Clark Medical Center following a brief illness.

She was born in Sandyville, the youngest child of the late Wayne and Gladys (Wilkinson) Barnhart.

Lola graduated from Gilmore High School in 1959 and attended Glenville State College. She had several jobs over the years, her favorite "job" was being a wife and mother and later on grandmother. She belonged to several community organizations. She previously served as chair of the Jackson County Republican Executive Committee and was chair of the Jackson County Republican Women's Club. Lola was president of the Silverton United Methodist Ladies Society, Lay Representative to the West Virginia Annual United Methodist Conference, and current treasurer of Silverton United Methodist Church. Lola loved animals, going to auctions and yard sales, attending church, and singing in the Jackson County Senior Choir.

In addition to her parents, Lola was preceded in death by her first husband, Howard DeWayne Burgess; sister, Wilda Snyder and brother, Paul Barnhart.

Lola is survived by her husband of 15 years, Charles Wayne Ankrum; daughters, Twila Harris of Ravenswood, Carol Burgess of Silverton; son, William Burgess and his wife, Jenny Beth of Ravenswood; step-sons, Jim Ankrum and his wife, Andrea of Alexandria, KY, Pat Ankrum and his wife, Richelle of Ravenswood; brother, William Barnhart of South Carolina; sister Twila Miller of Florida; grandchildren, DeWayne Harris, St. Albans: Katie Purdy (Zach), Poca; Logan Burgess (Nathan), Ravenswood: Heath Burgess (Allyson), Winifrede; bonus grandchildren, Hailee Scott, GA, Isaac Starcher, Spencer; and Shane Starcher, United States Army, stationed in South Korea; Step-grandchildren, Shane, Evan, Jacob, and Scout; Great grandchildren, Kolt and Nash Purdy, and Brennex Burgess. She also leaves behind her cat, Socks and grand-dogs, Bear and Izzy.

Service was held on June 22, 2023, at Casto Funeral Home in Ravenswood, WV, with Pastor Mike Ludle officiating. Burial followed at the Independence Cemetery, Sandyville, WV.



MATTHEW BURTON FRIEND

Matthew Burton Friend, 37, of Gassaway, WV sadly left us suddenly on June 16, 2023. He was born to parents Ricky and Rebecca Friend.

Matthew enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding 4-wheelers with his two sons. He was a lifelong resident of Braxton County, WV.

He is survived by his parents: Ricky and Rebecca Friend of Heaters WV, sons: Ryan and Nicky Friend of Big Otter WV, companion: Mackenzie Wimer of Gassaway WV, sisters: Shelly Traupman (Ronald Traupman) of Pittsburgh Pa, and Kelly Marsh (Roy Marsh) of Ravenna Ohio, 3 nieces: Katie Marsh, Allie Traupman, Lizzy Traupman, 3 nephews: Chase Marsh, Jacob Traupman, Skyler Marsh, and 1 great nephew: Clayton Marsh.

A funeral service will be held at Stockert Funeral Home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Stockert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Matthew Burton Friend.



PHILLIP NEAL "JOE" BOYLES

Phillip Neal "Joe" Boyles went to his eternal home June 22, 2023. Born to Dinsmore and Eleanor Sturm Boyles, at home in the hills of Calhoun Co. as a preemie of 2 1/2 -3 lbs. keeping him warm and cozy in a homemade incubator in the living room of their log cabin. God had a plan for him from the start. He was a faithful follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. He set a great example for his family with his faith, loyalty, and always finding the good in everyone.

He loved people which was very evident as a prominent downtown business owner of a barber shop ,A Mans Place. For 62 years he served the community as a barber. Whether visiting the local banks, having breakfast or lunch with buddies, or one of his customers , many friendships were made. He held these friendships near and dear to his heart.

He was a member of the Alfred United Methodist, Alfred, Ohio. He was also a member of Broadway Church of the Nazarene and member of their choir and 50 + club.

He loved Sports! Playing when he was younger to a spectator later on. He kept up with the little guys all the way to the professionals .Especially cheering on his home team Eastern Eagles .

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Sharon Ginther Boyles, grandson Heath Buck ,sisters Florence Ann Spencer(Richard), Sandra Carol Massar (Starling), brother in law Albert Peterson, sister-in-law Judy Ginther.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou Lutz Boyles; daughter Brenda Buck (Doug); son Joe Boyles(Laurie); step sons Steve Lutz (Karen), David Lutz(Janet); sister-in-laws Shirley Peterson, Joyce Nordstrom (Pete); brother-in-laws , John, Ray and Jack Ginther; grandchildren Matthew Boyles (Beth), Ashley Lawson (Mike), Jessica Hensley (Brad), Katie Radcliff (Clint), Tyler Buck (Haylee),and Janae Boyles; step grandchildren Katie Cross(Shane), Cassie Lutz, Matt Lutz (Samantha), Rachel Lutz and Brad Lutz (Shelby); great grandchildren Judah,Eliana, and Rhett Boyles, Nate,and Ava Lawson, Adelynn, Harper, and Ellison Hensley, Quinn, Eden and Violet Radcliff; step great grandchildren Jackson and Lila Lutz and Carson Lutz.

Funeral services were held June 24, 2023, at the Leavitt Funeral Home Belpre, with Rev. David Lutz and Rev. John Witmer officiating. Burial followed at Tupper's Plains Christian Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 5-8pm and an hour prior to the service.

He was born the son of Peter P. and Sarah Cottrell Schoolcraft. On September 16, 1982, he married Norma Spencer. She survives.

Willard served his country in the United States Army and as a National Guard. He worked at Smucker's for 40 years before retiring . He enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife Norma, he is survived by his children Donna Brady (Don) of Prichard, WV, Pamela Meadows and Kenneth Schoolcraft both of Lockney, WV; step children David Hendrix of Shreve and Mike Hendrix of Woodsfield, OH; 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; sisters, Audria McCumbers, Mollie Cain and Dollie King, along with many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death a brother Melvin Preston Schoolcraft and sister Mary Jane Nicholas.

Funeral service will be held Friday, June 30, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Nicut Rd., Orma, WV. Friends will be received 1 hour prior to the service at church. Burial will follow in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery.

Friends will be received Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at McIntire, Bradham & Sleek Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwill St., Wooster.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ohio's Hospice Lifecare, 1900 Akron Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.

Online contributions may be left for the family at www.mcintirebradhamssleek.com.



Big Bend Cemetery Flower Removal

Attention!!! If you have placed flowers on your loved ones grave and they remain on the ground, they will be removed July 1st.

Thank You,
Ron and Betty Walker

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

You 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

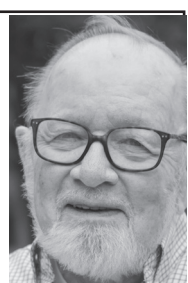
If you have family buried in the cemetery, please make a donation. You can send donations to Barb Roberts, 359 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV 26136 or for more information on how you can help the Nobe Cemetery call 304-354-7329. Please remove flowers that are on the ground by July 1st due to mowing. Thank you 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.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do women's blouses have buttons on the left, and men's shirts have buttons on the right? (Asked by a curious dresser.)

Reply: I've probably answered this at one time, but it has been a while now. So, let's have a review. The reason is historical, not just so you can tell men's shirts from women's blouses.

First, a little button background. The word "button" comes from the French bouton, meaning "bud" or "knob." Buttons have been around for a long time. The Greeks and Romans sometimes used them, but togas were generally "buttonless." Buttons became popular around the 14 th century when form-fitting clothes came into fashion. This was before plastics, so buttons were usually carved from wood or bone, or made from metal.

As a result, buttons were rather expensive and worn mostly by the rich. During the Victorian Era, buttons became a sign of wealth and were often decorated with jewels and precious metals. Being rich, well-to-do ladies were dressed by servants. Since most people are right-handed, ladies' buttons were placed on the servant's right side, which is the left side of the blouse.

Meanwhile, most gentlemen dressed themselves, so buttons were placed on the right side of a shirt, or on the wearer's right side. (Lefties lost again.) This style of the wealthy was copied and it is still used today. There you have it—right on the button!

Question: What vegetables are perennial? (Asked by a curious gardener.)

Reply: Somebody must be tired of planting! Like perennial flowers, perennial vegetables come back every year after harvesting. Here are the ones I came up with. Most common are asparagus and rhubarb, but there are also horseradish, Jerusalem artichoke and lovage (a member of the parsley family). Some of these may produce for up to 20 years.

There are probably others... I'm not much of a gardener. The Curiosity Corner is kind of perennial, but not a veggie.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "The great thing about a computer notebook is that no matter how much you stuff into it, it doesn't get bigger or heavier." -Bill Gates

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.

For Curiosity Corner background, go to www.curiosity-corner.net.

LETTER BOX

A few days after Judy Wolfram's "Wilted Lettuce" appeared, my neighbors passed me a big plate of.....Wilted Lettuce. For health reasons it was modified. Then again modified by me with a generous sprinkle of curry powder.

Fearing my brother and/or sister would read my first "journal" stenopad, I threw it in the creek. Yes, shame on me. My hawk-eyed father presented it to me " I found your note book." Over the years many note books were filled and thrown out, but not in the creek. They read too much like a "To do" and "Done" list. With all the threat of "Global Warming" maybe all I write now will be destroyed. God says we won't remember all the bad stuff anyway.

Thank You,
Linda Crawford,
Arnoldsburg, WV

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS Local Happenings:

B. B. Shimer, a merchant, of Freed, was a business caller in Grantsville one day this week.

Claud Board who has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. A. C. Board has returned to Stubensville, Ohio where he is employed.

The local independent ball team was at Spencer Sunday where they met with defeat in a game with Spencer by a score of 8—1.

The Board of Review and Equalization is in session this week for the purpose of hearing complaints of taxpayers as to assessment laid upon their property.

Norm Williams is erecting a meat market on Lower Street and opposite the Grantsville Hotel.

Mrs. J. A. Elder, and daughter Helen, of Ellenborough, are visiting the former's daughter Mrs. Ray Morford.

Only one bid was received by State Road Commission at Charleston for the construction of the one mile of road through Grantsville and was rejected. The amount of the bid was \$88,000.00, which was made by M. A. C. Board.

Richard Hamilton received a fractured skull when he was hit by a pitched ball while at the bat in the game between Spencer and Grantsville Sunday. He was taken to the Spencer Hospital immediately, and is recovering very nicely.

At a special session of the County Court held last Saturday for the purpose of receiving bids for the construction of a road through the land of Carr Shafer and Walter Scott, connecting the Barnes Run road with the State Road at Mt. Zion, a contract was awarded to W. J. Sturm and J. R. Ritchie, their bid being \$844.00.

1948, 75 YEARS

Broomstick News:

Mr. and Mrs. Romey Kimball of Springfield, Missouri are here visiting his aunt Mrs. Mart Burrows and family.

Margie Bayless of Parkersburg, spent Monday and Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bayless.

Mrs. Dosle Welch and son Clarence Welch

of Grantsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Holbert of Richwood, were visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Paul Ritchea and family, Tuesday evening.

Jean Blair is spending this week with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Loman Richards of Snyder Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchea were calling on Lester Roger of Joker Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayhurst of Pine Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bills and children and Mrs. Vinton Cottrell all of Brooksville, were Sunday guests of the latter's daughter Mrs. Lindsay Blair and family.

Glen Smith was visiting his father Amon Smith, Sunday afternoon on Pleasant Hill ridge.

Mrs. Oley Wilson and Mrs. Lindsay Blair were visiting Mrs. Hoy Kelley, Friday who remains seriously ill at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Russell Hathaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wright were business visitors in Parkersburg, Saturday, Cardie Burrows was calling on Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bayless Sunday afternoon, also visiting at the Bayless home Sunday were Mrs. Paul Ritchea and son Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bush and children of Bis Springs, were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Oley Wilson Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Coffee and four children of Akron, spent last week with her aunt Gay Hathaway and grandmother "Aunt" Belle Burrows. "Aunt" Belle returned to Akron with her granddaughter to visit with her daughter and family.

Mrs. Delford Wilson and children, Helen and Charles and Irene Hosey were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Marshall and family.

Paul Ritchea, Albert Selmon and Ronnel Hathaway attended singing at Tanner, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Morris Marshall gave a party for her nephew, Bob Wilson of Tunnelton, last Thursday night.

Games were played and at the close refreshments were served. Those present were, Bob Wilson, and Ben Williams of Tunnelton, Helen and Charles Wilson, Charles Williams, Albert Hosey, Mrs. Llyn Ross.

Alfred, Ronzel, Grace and Albert Selmon, Jean and Joe Blair, Patricia, Billy, Johnnie, David and Allen Marshall and the hostess, Mrs. Morris Marshall.

Edith Ritchea and daughter Grace Louise were ween end guests of her brother Jim Ritchea and family.

1973, 50 YEARS

Russett and Staten

News: Rev. Lewis Villers of Elizabeth filled his regular appointment at the Rush Run Baptist church Sunday.

The Vacation Bible school closed Friday night with a picnic. Average attendance was 55.

Dana Fowler and daughter, Lavaughn, of Sissonsville spent last week at their home here.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Stump of Steer Creek were Mr. and Mrs. Orvan Hathaway of Phillips Run, Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Perry of Lowell, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Daren Lowery spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vere Weaver of Big Run and Mrs. Ethel Weaver of Russett.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Williams of Weston were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fowler.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fulks spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Henry Stump of Big Run and attended Vacation Bible school at Rush Run.

Mrs. Hanning Poling and Leonard Fowler motored to Ohio Friday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eucal Knotts, and Mrs. Leonard Fowler returned home with them.

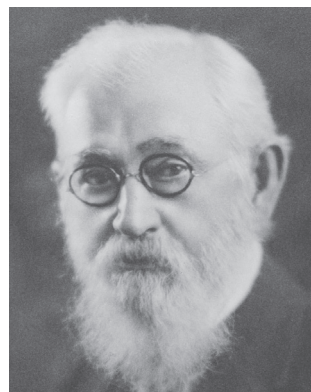
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knotts, of Steer Creek were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shields of Wolf Run, F. W. Burroughs of Russett, Mrs. Eva Knotts of Springfield, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Stump, Mrs. Frank Gainer, Oliver Dofflemeyer, Tom Knotts, Mrs. Betty Starcher and son, Calvin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hannah of Clarksburg, Mrs. Donna Shaffer and Mrs. Helen Perry of Lowell, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gainer of Russett had their grandchildren, Shellie Jean and Jimmie Gainer of Williamstown as guests last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lowman Fowler had their grandchildren, Brenda and Beth Ann of Parkersburg and all attended Bible School at Rush Run.



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



June 29, 1845: George W. Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston, ending 26 years of Democratic rule.

June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake's stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."



June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

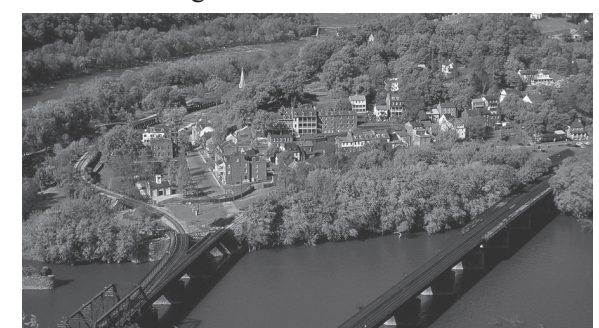
June 30, 1914: Statewide prohibition of alcohol sales became law years before it was enacted for the whole nation.



June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.



June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.



July 1, 1861: Francis Pierpont, governor of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, called the legislature into session. The general assembly re-established governmental functions, provided for the raising of military units, and elected new U.S. senators and representatives.

July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The Pocahontas County park is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.



July 1, 1971: Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

July 2, 1829: Potter and businessman Alexander Polk Donaghho was born. He began a pottery operation in Parkersburg, creating hand-thrown, salt-glazed crocks, jars and other pottery that are avidly collected today.



July 3, 1863: At Gettysburg, Union troops in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry took part in a fruitless charge against Confederate infantry-men during the

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waning moments of that historic battle.

July 4, 1882: The steamboats Scioto and John Lomas collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The Scioto sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

July 4, 1918: Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem "Appalachia," published in 1970, was her signature piece.



July 4, 1928: West Virginia dedicated Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. Droop Mountain was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.



July 4, 1938: Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner's family of 13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971, he released his first album, Just As I Am, including his first Grammy-winning song, "Ain't No Sunshine." In 2015 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



July 5, 1896: Cartoonist Kendall Vintroux was born at Fraziers Bottom. He began his career with the Charleston Gazette when he submitted a cartoon about the town of Poca's first paved road. Many of his drawings are now in the collection of the University of Charleston.

July 5, 1950: Army Private Kenneth Shadrick of Wyoming County was one of the first U.S. servicemen killed in action in the Korean War.

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

For more information on the project, it is located at 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 2530. You can also contact by calling 304-346-8500 or at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Senior Solutions

By Linda Crawford

"So low you can't go under it; so high you can't go over it; so wide you can't go around it so you must go in at the door." Great minds run in the same ruts.

A friend recently called – you could hear her beaming over the phone. We had arrived at the same conclusion over a same/similar problem. Ceiling lights are so high we can't change the bulbs. She bought a lamp of a dark corner; I brought one in from the living room so I'd have a place to read or work at night. It had taken three years for my ceiling light to burn out. The next one may last a life time. The

apartment has lots of day light.

Another too high – too low problem for me is canned goods. No step stools allowed. Cans aren't the only thing that can be dented if they fall. My head is between the top shelf and counter or floor.

When you remove all the junk from the drawers there is plenty of room for the cans. Dehydrated veggies and fruit go on the top or middle along with other light things which can be safely grasped with the "reacher bar thingy."

The heavier peanut butter and honey go on the shelf about the

counter. Gallons go on the top of the dryer – yep – where they can be tipped and poured into smaller containers.

Because the dryer requires bending and lifting clothes are hung on a hanger to dry then walked one thing at a time to the closet. Walking is good. It is exercise and gives me something to do.

Lehmans in Ohio used to have a young woman share a tip when they put you on hold. She always ended her message with a cheerful "Works for Me!" Maybe these ideas will work for you. Where there is God; there is a way.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



I can't believe the first month of summer vacation is almost over. Why does this time go by so quickly? Maybe it is because I am not paying such close attention to it.

During the summer months, my clock and calendar fade into the background, and time becomes somewhat irrelevant.

Some days I truly have to think about what day of the week it is. It is my favorite part of summer break.

This was a relatively quiet week, which was lovely. After getting one more unexpected day with my friend Kelly, due to her Monday flight being cancelled, I drove her back to the airport on Tuesday afternoon. I am so thankful to have an airport as close as Charleston and that it is very easy to get to from our neck of the woods.

My only complaint is there are no restaurants between here and there, except fast food.

While I was driving, Kelly googled places to eat near the airport. She found one that had good reviews and served a bunch of healthy choices. I had never heard of it, but it was close, so we headed that direction.

As soon as we pulled into the parking lot, I had serious doubts. It was just a small house, and when we walked in, we discovered it was literally one room with two tables. In the place's defense, I believe most people call in their orders and pick them up. This happened quite a bit while we were there. The tables were both full, but one of the people stood up and introduced herself as our waitress while the other man remained seated.

When it was obvious we were supposed to share the table with this man, we sat down. To say I was uncomfortable would be an understatement, but there was nothing to do but order. Kelly chose the special, which was chopped steak, and I ordered a personal pizza.

While we waited for our food, the waitress had us try their keto fudge and then ordered the guy at our table to let us taste his pie. We both tried to say that wasn't necessary, but she insisted. Thankfully his pie was in a to go box and untouched. We each took a small bite and thanked him. The fudge and pie were both good, so that gave us hope the food would be too. Thankfully it was.

The food took a little longer than expected so thank heavens the airport was near and not crowded. I got Kelly checked in and then headed home. I hate goodbyes, but we are already planning our next adventure so that helped. I spent the rest of the day doing laundry and reading a book.

I have read a number of good books lately. The latest one was called *The Wishing Game* by Meg Shaffer. It is the story of a beloved children's author who after years of silence suddenly writes another book and offers four of his fans the chance to come to his island for a competition. It was whimsical and sweet, and I enjoyed it.

This was Shaffer's first book, and I hope she writes more. I am now reading a fictional account of Agatha Christie's disappearance called *The Christie Affair*. I will let you know what I think when I finish it. I also have the latest book by The Glass Castle author Jeannette Walls sitting on my coffee table when I finish this one.

My summer days are counting down, and I still have lots of reading to do. On Wednesday I ran errands, cleaned house, and did some more reading before heading off to get my hair cut and colored. My nephew Michael is getting married soon, so Mom, Maricia, and I all had hair appointments.

After a fun few hours with Crystal, we all headed to church for Bible study. Thankfully, it was the week we eat dinner together so I didn't need to worry about hurrying home to make dinner with the few groceries in my fridge.

I took care of getting groceries on Friday and made plans with Maricia and Andy to go into Parkersburg on Saturday for some shopping. I haven't been clothes shopping in a while, and I also needed shoes for the wedding.

We spent the day crossing items off of our long shopping lists and then rewarded ourselves with lunch at Cracker Barrel. My peach tea and fried fish dinner were delicious, and I couldn't help thinking I was a lot more comfortable during this dining experience compared to my Tuesday lunch.

This week is going to be a busy one. I'm getting ready for another road trip, I have more company coming, and there is a family wedding about to take place.

Stay tuned for all of the details in upcoming articles.

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 questions about one of the contributing columns, please send us your inquiries and we will forward them,

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

Letters to Mary and Other Communications

(This series is made possible through the efforts of Michael A. Ayers' descendants. The letters were preserved by Ayers' grandson Ashford Ayers and compiled into booklet form by Alice Ann Ayers Brown, great-granddaughter of Michael and Mary Ayers.)

Michael A. Ayers-- A Calhoun Native In the Civil War

(Continued from Last Week)
H Qrs 11th WVa. Vols
in the field
Hatchers Run, Va.
April 1st. 1865

My Dearest Mary:

I am alive and in good health this morning, and hope this may find you enjoying the same good blessing of God.

My dear little girl I know you feel anxious about me. Well we are laying in line of battle in sight of the "Johnnies" works.

Our Regiment had sharp little fight yesterday. We lost two killed and about 20 wounded. We captured sixty-seven rebels. Took the whole of their picket line.

The boys of the 11th did splendid and I was compli-mented by the General for the affair. Now while I am writing a sharp fire is going on along the skirmish line, and a bullet comes over here once and awhile.

Was very heavy firing of artillery on our left yesterday, and we do not know how soon a heavy engagement may open. We are under arms all the time, and fortify at night.

We are now laying behind a line of breast works. I have no news of much interest except, among the wounded are William S. Stevens I shot in the arm by bullet and Ben Collins shot through the ankle. No other one in Co C were hurt. Unkle Joshua was along but was not touched.

Hum goes a ball, but we are becoming used to it. I hope providence may spare me to come back to you, if not may it be my portion to fall like a brave man and a hero.

I implore heavens richest and choicest blessing to be your portion all through life, and if we do not meet in this world we may in a better one.

I must close. Remember me kindly to the family, and write often, direct as usual, except to "Hatchers Run, Va."

Good bye, and God bless you is my sincere prayer.

Your Devoted
and affectionate
Michael A. Ayers

H Qrs 11th WVa Vols
in the Field
Hatchers Run Va. Apl 1st 1865

My Dear Brother and parents,

I am in good health this morning and hope you may all be enjoying the same good blessing. While I am writing skirmishing is going on between our pickets and the enemy.

We had a sharp fight yesterday morning. Our Regt went in and captured the rebel picket line, we took sixty-seven prisoners. We were under a pretty sharp fire of grape and canister and small arms. The boys did fine.

We had two killed and nineteen wounded. Sant Stevens and Ben Collins of Co C. were wounded. Corp Strickling and Sergt Cole of Co A were killed. Some of the wounded are dangerous.

We are in line of battle all the time. We threw up a line of works night before last and yesterday we advanced it a bout a half mile and fortified again.

I do not know how things are progressing on the other parts of the line, but think every thing is favorable. Sheridan is said to have taken the South Side Railroad.

I will write as often as I can and hope the kind hand of providence may spare me. I was in the thickest of the fire yesterday and was not touched. Genl Harris complimented me and the regiment for our conduct.

But we can't tell what is to happen so we can only trust providence.

When you write home tell them you have heard from me and write often, and let me know how you are all doing.

I expect we may have some sharp fighting before long, but, don't know. I feel sort of lost for news. We have had no papers for three or four days.

I will close. Will write soon. My love and kind regards to you all and regards to any of my friends you choose to give to.

Direct as usual except to Hatchers Run, Va. Good bye dear Brother father & Mother.

Ever you affectionate Son
Michael

Care 11th WVa Vol.
1William S. (Sant) Stevens, Union private, Co. C and F, 11th Regt., W.Va. Infantry; enlisted Aug. 18, 1862, wounded Mar. 31, 1865, at Hatcher's Run; discharged June 24, 1865; born Jan. 16, 1842, Monongahela Co., Va.; died May 18, 1898, buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

(Continued next week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

Fri., June 30: Chicken, French Fries, Onion, Pears, Whole Wheat bread

Mon., July 3: Cook's Choice

Tues., July 4: Closed

Wed., July 5: Chicken Salad, Whole Wheat Bun, Pasta Salad with vegetables, Fruit, Beets

Thurs., July 6: Oven Fried Fish, Potatoes,

Buttered Carrots, Fruit, Whole Wheat Bread

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

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 304-354-7017, to be placed on a list.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., June 29: Grantsville Farmer's Market, 1982 Pavilion, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calhoun Library Trivia Night, CCCOA, 6:00 p.m.

Sat., July 1: Car Show, Calhoun County Park, 9 a.m to 2 p.m.

Upper West Fork Sing, 6:00 p.m., Ruff Cut

Mon., July 3: Free Concert from City of Spencer, 7:00 p.m.

Tues., July 4th: Calhoun County Park Event, 5:00 p.m.

Wed., July 5: Upper West Fork Park Farmers Market

Thurs., July 6: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fri., July 7: Extreme Tour, Main Street Grantsville, 5:00 p.m.

July 8: Creston Community Building Homecoming, 2:00 p.m.

Bingo for WAG/Spencer Animal Shelter, Calhoun County Park, 4:00 p.m.

(Extreme Tour Continued from Page 1)
they visit, The Extreme Tour finds community agencies, churches, schools, and non-profits to stand with that are working to help the community. Instead of charging an honorarium or booking fee, The Extreme Tour comes for free! And they bring with them all of the equipment and personnel to produce these events, also at no charge!

Rather than playing these events as "paid gigs," the nationally and internationally touring artists that participate, come as volunteers, even covering their own costs to get from city to city to perform at the events. To be clear, though, these sacrifices are made to support the important work being done by community partners in the cities they visit, not as token donations meant to serve as photo opportunities.

The idea is to take this innovative idea to unexpected (even unlikely, or sometimes overlooked) regions, cities, neighborhoods, and venues. And, providing the resources and talent of The Extreme Tour team at no cost has enabled the members of this unlikely movement to support and stand with positive efforts in cities and communities coast to coast in the United States, and in over 25 countries, on virtually every major continent worldwide!

Now, we can finally announce that these up-and-coming artists, from all over the world, will descend on Grantsville in order to produce this free community concert and celebration on July 7, 2022, on Main Street in Grantsville, from 5-9pm!

Do not miss this rare opportunity to enjoy a free community event for the whole family, featuring some of the most promising new up-and-coming musical talent in the world, as they make themselves available for "meet and greet" interactive opportunities throughout the city and at the event! And, as they perform much more up close and personal sets than their normal stage shows in large venues and arenas may normally allow them to elsewhere. This will be a unique community event experience attendees will likely never forget!

More than just music, the full event will feature many other interactive experiences and activities that people of all ages and interests will enjoy. Extreme and Action Sports competitions, comedy, audience participation games, giveaways, and more will take place throughout the day. This will likely be one of the most exciting community events of the year!

For more information about the event, the roster, the community partners that are participating, or for information on how to support, or participate in, the effort, please contact Cheryl Plato at 304-354-0492 or 951-970-8442.

For any questions for the organization, or to set up interviews or press appearances, please send an email to xjerry.f@gmail.com. You can also find more information at www.theextremetour.com.

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.

2023 Calhoun County Middle School Football Summer Conditioning and Flex Dates

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

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

Summer Skills and Conditioning
June 26th, 27th and 29th - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

First day of practice is August 7th

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To schedule an appointment:
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Email calhounsbh@mhhs.healthcare



2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

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

First Day of Practice - Monday, July 17th

Games:

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

Playoffs

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

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

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

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

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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.

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June 16, 2023

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from Village Caregiving, LLC, to provide In-Home Personal Care Services in Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzell, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming counties in West Virginia. From Village Caregiving, LLC, CON File #23-12-12717-PC. The capital expenditure is \$1,500.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON TARIFF FORM NO. 10 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES MT. ZION PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT CASE NO. 23-0251-PWD-19A

On February 23, 2023, the Mt. Zion Public Service District filed a Rule 19A application to increase its water rates and charges and for emergency interim rates.

The Staff of the Public Service Commission has reviewed the application and has recommended the Staff Recommended rates and charges. Staff Recommended rates are designed to produce \$80,440 annually, or 21.40%, in additional review over current rates. The current approved rates and Staff Recommended rates are as follows:

| | Current Rates | | Staff Recommended | |
|--|---------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ | Increase \$ | Increase % |
| Usage Charge | | | | |
| First 2,000 gallons used per month | 18.19 | 22.08 | 3.89 | 21.39% |
| Next 8,000 gallons used per month | 18.19 | 22.08 | 3.89 | 21.39% |
| All over 10,000 gallons used per month | 18.17 | 22.08 | 3.91 | 21.52% |
| Minimum Charge (per month) | | | | |
| 5/8 inch meter | 36.38 | 44.16 | 7.78 | 21.39% |
| 3/4 inch meter | 54.57 | 66.24 | 11.67 | 21.39% |
| 1 inch meter | 90.95 | 110.40 | 19.45 | 21.39% |
| 1-1/2 inch meter | 181.90 | 220.80 | 38.90 | 21.39% |
| 2 inch meter | 291.04 | 353.28 | 62.24 | 21.39% |
| 3 inch meter | 582.08 | 706.56 | 124.48 | 21.39% |
| 4 inch meter | 909.50 | 1,104.00 | 194.50 | 21.39% |
| 6 inch meter | 1,819.00 | 2,208.00 | 389.00 | 21.39% |
| 8 inch meter | 2,910.40 | 3,532.80 | 622.40 | 21.39% |
| Leak Adjustment (per 1,000 gallons) | 11.74 | 12.91 | 1.17 | 9.97% |

Anyone desiring to review the Staff recommendation reports may do so on the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to protest the changed rates and charges must do so, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of publication of this notice. All protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests must be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified.

The Commission may adopt rates and charges which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges.

MT. ZION PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Capito Announces \$357,000 for WV Department of Agriculture

Contat: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced on June 20th, \$357,000 for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture to prevent pesticide contamination and protect water quality across the state.

“Ensuring West Virginia has the resources it needs to maintain and protect its natural environment is critical for the future of our state,” Ranking Member Capito said.

“I’m proud to announce this funding today, which will strengthen the West Virginia Department of Agriculture’s ability to address key environmental priorities such as managing pesticide programs, maintaining water quality for residents, and protecting endangered species.”

Children’s Crisis

The Children’s Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities.

The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

The helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help deescalate by phone or respond in person.

If you have a child in crisis, please do not be afraid to call for assistance.



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WAG ASKING FOR HELP FINDING FERAL CAT COLONIES

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

Our humane and effective Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program’s volunteers will live trap the cats, take them to the vet to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, respiratory disease, worms, and fleas, and returned them to their outdoor home, at no cost to the colony’s caretaker. The colony will be healthier and no longer producing unwanted kittens.

At four months old a female kitten can start breeding, and can have 2 or 3 litters per year. A mother cat nursing a litter of kittens goes back into heat when the kittens are only 3-4 weeks old. Removing cats from an area (i.e. catching and killing) is useless.

When cats are removed from an area, then new, unsterilized cats move in to take advantage of available resources – and begin reproducing. This well-documented natural trend is known as the “vacuum effect.” Trap-Neuter-Return stops the breeding cycle and eliminates mating behaviors, such as yowling, spraying, roaming, and fighting.

Trap-Neuter-Return also benefits public health because community cats are vaccinated against rabies. We can only trap once a month, so please contact us soon if we can help with a colony.

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.

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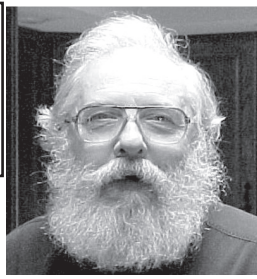
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



On July 8 there will be a celebration of 100 years for the Creston Community Building. The event will be at 2 P. M. at the old school house that was built to replace the old two room, two story building which, obviously was less than par for when the children walked upstairs the dirt would fall down on the children in the downstairs room. More on this next week.

Al Tichnell, 88 of Deever's Fork passed away. He formerly sang and played at the Creston sings.

Brian DePue, 83, who lived on the Barr Cut road passed away. Among other things he farmed the land that John Boggs gave to his ancestor Benniah DePue. John Boggs was one of the signers to create Roane County.

Robert B. Newman III, 88, of Marietta passed away. His grandfather was a prominent businessman in Creston circa 1900.

It was reported that the New York Times had a reporter at the Raleigh County tax sale to observe "Big Jim's" properties sell. A real coal miner, Chris Rose, was calling in Calhoun County.

Cap'n and Mrs. Spock attended the Rhonda Vincent concert in Glenville.

Sonny Burdette was doing some work at his place and participated in the Reedy ATV poker run.

The federal government owned TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) is a huge producer of coal fired electricity. The government men said they planned to close the coal plants and build natural gas fired electric plants but the "other side" have now sued to block the change.

Ira Lynch has been on the mend after spending some "quality time" at the hospital. He was told it would be a "little surgery" but that was not how matters worked out.

Connie Mollohan, Carl and Donna Ferrell were calling on Rick and Marilyn Tucker.

Jack Griffin, known as a well trained professional 'coon dog, showed his stuff when he treed 3 baby coons in a dump truck (up under the bed).

Exxon, the Rockefeller family company, announced that the firm has a team working to double the amount of oil produced from fracked wells.

Meanwhile some call for no more oil and gas and now New York state even wants to ban the sale of natural gas after 2025.

EOG Resources (formerly known as

Enron) announced that drilling in the Permian is to continue but that the firm intends to increase drilling in the Ohio Utica shale. Enron has interests at Creston.

Some say that the Creston news talks about things far away from Creston. While at one time Creston was mostly not impacted by what happens elsewhere although the eruption of Krakatoa in the then Dutch East Indies in 1882 caused such drastic global cooling that the Creston corn and wheat crops were frozen and ruined in June which, at the least, caused starvation locally.

CNX, part of the Standard Oil empire, announced the sale of some "non-producing" properties for \$125 million to someone.

The Henry Hub for natural gas price is now \$2.73/MMBTU and Rystad Energy, say that the second half of the year will have an average price of \$2.93 "as the situation will change".

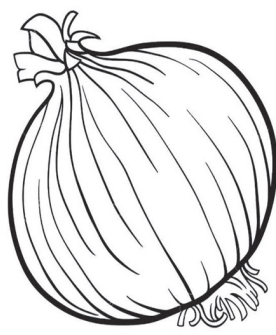
The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude fell to \$68.16/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$52.16/bbl. and Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$59.16 & medium \$68.16/bbl.

Terrorist Attacks Act would extend this vital anti-terrorism program for five years. The CFATS program was created after national security experts recognized a security vulnerability among chemical facilities following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the Oklahoma City bombing. These facilities often store substances that can threaten the safety of our communities if deliberately misused. In fact, terrorists are more likely to use industrial and other commercially available chemicals, many of which are found in facilities across the United States, than sophisticated nerve agents such as sarin due to their widespread prevalence, relatively simple pathway to weaponization, and potential to cause serious harm.

Background: The CFATS program, which is managed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), identifies and regulates chemical facilities that are vulnerable to terrorist exploitation. Facilities that are regulated by CFATS must report what chemicals they store to CISA and, if deemed high-risk, the facility then develops a plan to address three main security issues: release, theft or diversion, and sabotage. As of May 2023, CFATS covers approximately 3,200 facilities. The senators' Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram



Ahh! Green onions. I've always called them green tail onions. I love the smell and I love the taste.

I grow them in a container on my side porch. As I pull one out to use I put another set in the same hole.

I call them green tail onions. I use the whole onion. If I don't need the tails for what I'm making I cut them up, put them in a plastic zip-lock bag and put them in the freezer.

I use them in chicken noodle soup (canned or homemade), chili, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, and vegetable soup (canned or homemade) and, of course salads.

Back in the stone age when I was a young'un the president asked all

Americans who had a place to grow something to please do so. You see it was the second world war, so he called them victory gardens.

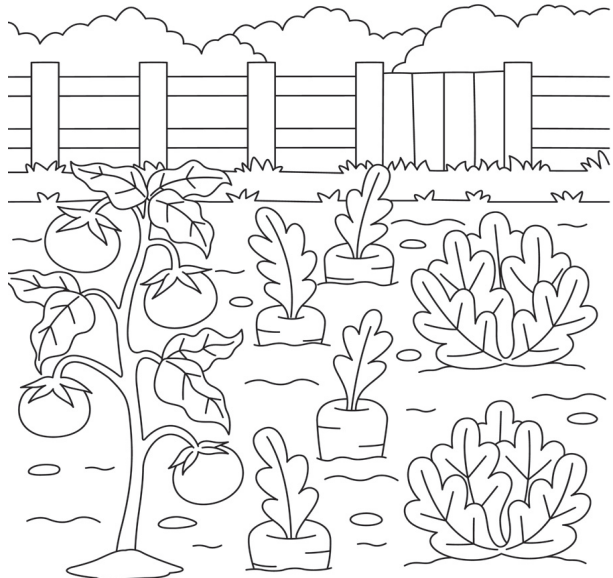
All the fresh fruits and vegetables went to our boys in the military. So my dad marked a small corner of our small city yard, for our garden. He dug it by hand and broke it up and raked it by hand too.

He and my mom planted a few tomato plants, come carrots, radishes and onion. Just

that small garden helped us a lot. With a small family (3) we got less rationing stamps and tokens.

Stretching one's budget was not an option it was necessary. So the onions and carrots got well used. The red, juicy tomatoes were a treat and just kept on giving. All of this proves that you can grow just about anything anywhere.

Next week will be peas.



1982 Foundation Weekly Update

Provided By Crystal Mersh

Weekly update Welp Mr. Shamblin had to come to terms with the fact that they are going to be building a swimming pool in the mud. He is a lovely man from Ravenswood who has built a large proportion of the recreational size swimming pools in WV.

He told me that he had to go to the Milton pool that he just finished this past Sunday and there were 300 people there enjoying the sun and water. Looking forward to when we can see happy lil faces swimming around. The pool team has been working on plumbing installation this week and framing up the sides to get ready for block work. Once they have the details dialed in as they do now, it will start to move fast.

The bath house is done. We were there investigating the pad that will be needed to be poured to add on the Tiki Taco Hut and for the entrance into the pool, as well as the entrance into the pool house.

Jeremy Hardway and I also had a look at how the walking track will circle behind the bath house and we think that this will allow us to virtually keep the same path which is great. We will have a traffic crossing of people at the entrance and the path but i am sure we can manage that.

The bus garage is coming right along. They hung 8 new windows, the two sliders, 2 doors and the Hope door this week. And they are working to complete the bright red tin siding. Shelia Burch and I were talking about the good deal we got on the windows and doors, and I told her that we will have to paint some cause one is tan and one is brown and the others are white. She told me she always got her windows at that outlet and that she liked it because they were imperfect. When she said that it resonated, therefore we will not be painting those two

windows. We will leave them to signify that we are all imperfect and it's ok to be that way.

The bus garage is turning out exactly as planned and looks better than I could have imagined. Once we are complete, we will begin looking for folks who may want to be part of a Recreational Cooperative providing kayaks, tubes, ATV activities, and outfitters expeditions.

The asbestos removal continues and is almost complete. We are going to need to go back and claw back some money from the folks who were supposed to have done it and didn't do a good job. Accountability is my middle name...and folks need to be accountable.

The arena football field needs the rocks removed, grass seed and mulch and it is done.

We are pricing steel and preparing the steel package. There will be lots of steel for bracing and the entire new building will be cold form steel. Let's hope we get a good price. Cam is also working on concrete pricing.

We are also working on permitting which is a

learning process for all. We are grateful to have Michael Plato working with us to make sure we get all the permitting in order and provide all the drawings and documents needed.

We are coming down the home stretch to closing on the tax credits. Robin Mersh wired the money yesterday and it should be hitting Calhoun Banks as we speak to fund the project in full.

It was a stressful day yesterday with all this happening. I am so grateful for my husband who has supported my crazy ideas on more than one occasion - this being the most recent.

We are working on planning all of our events until year end and we are excited about all of them. The Alumni Football game, the Volunteers Picnic, and the Fall Festival will be all coming soon.

It has been a great week and a productive week. Let's all get a little rest this weekend and be ready for a new and exciting week on Monday.

All my very best to you and yours.

Crystal



Capito, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Help Secure Chemical Facilities Against Terrorist Attacks

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Tom Carper (D-Del.), and James Lankford (R-Okla.) introduced bipartisan legislation to extend the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program, which is set to expire on July 27th. The program was created after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and ensures that facilities holding high-risk chemicals have security measures in place to reduce the risk of chemicals being stolen or weaponized by terrorists.

"Over the past several years, I have worked so that this program is both authorized and funded at levels to ensure the safety of chemical facilities across this country. By coming together in a bipartisan way,

we are demonstrating the importance of our nation's efforts to support a regulatory framework that strengthens our ability to prevent these facilities from being vulnerable to terrorists," Senator Capito said.

Background: The CFATS program, which is managed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), identifies and regulates chemical facilities that are vulnerable to terrorist exploitation. Facilities that are regulated by CFATS must report what chemicals they store to CISA and, if deemed high-risk, the facility then develops a plan to address three main security issues: release, theft or diversion, and sabotage. As of May 2023, CFATS covers approximately 3,200 facilities. The senators' Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from

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Capito Announces Over \$180,000 for West Virginia Veterans Legacy Program

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced on June 22nd, that \$183,368 from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Legacy Program (VLP) to support the W.Va. Humanities Council.

Through this program, 40 students at Grafton High School in Taylor County and University High School in Monongalia County have begun composing

biographies of veterans interred at the Grafton National Cemetery and W.Va. National Cemetery.

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EVENTS PAGE

Upper West Fork Park Events

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Scheduled events are as follows (Saturday sings are 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.): June 24, Mud Bog; July 1, Ruff Cut; July 8, TBA; July 15: TBA; July 22, Frank Conn & Partners.

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

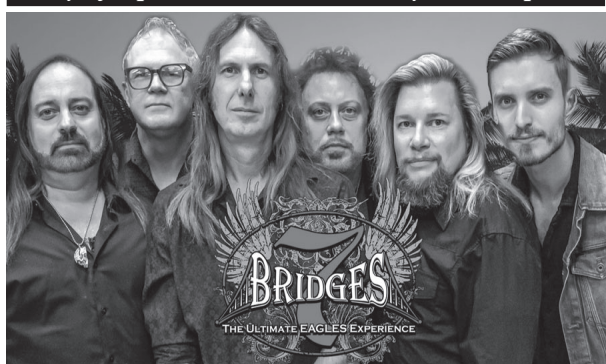
The West Central Beekeeper's Association will meet at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County), the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

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.

City of Spencer Free Concert July 3rd at 7 p.m.



Calhoun County Park July 4th Event

TUESDAY, JULY 4th
CALHOUN COUNTY PARK
 Admission - Donations
FIREWORKS
 9:30 PM

John Richards
 6:00 - 9:00 PM

"Rainbow"

"Monkey Jungle"

BOUNCY HOUSES
 5:00 - 8:00 PM

"Obstacle Course"

CONCESSIONS

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Saturday at 5pm

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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 8 th, 2023 at 2pm. Refreshments will be served. Come out and enjoy a day of memories. Everyone is invited to share this special day with us. For info call Betty 304-485-9873

Bingo for WAG July 8th

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

Holbert Family Reunion July 22nd

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

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 30th, located at 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.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

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.

Grantsville Farmer's Market

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

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.

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 you need someone to talk to, you are important!

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 7 days a week
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Lions Club Bingo

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

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.

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.

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.

Check Conditions

Travelers can check the forecast, traffic, and road conditions all along their route by visiting wv511.org before heading out.

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

West Virginia Poison Center,
1-800-222-1222
Call with your questions.

Country Kitchen Music & Events

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

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5 Sportsman BINGO NIGHT 12

SATURDAY, July 14th, 2023

DOORS OPEN 5 PM

Bingo from 6PM-9PM

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Anita West 304-655-8625 Early Bird List
 Charles Thomas 304-655-7137 for more information

All proceeds will go to upgrade playground equipment and operating expenses for the Upper West Fork Park



Capito Announces Over \$5.5 Million for W. Va. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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, announced on June 14, 2023, \$5,504,439 in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the West

Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). The funding will be used to support DHHR's Public Health and Emergency Preparedness program.

"One of the lessons our country learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is the need to prepare for public health emergencies in order to confront these events head on when they

strike," Ranking Member Capito said. "I'm pleased to see this funding from HHS headed to the DHHR to help our state prepare for health emergencies. As the top Republican on the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue my work with HHS, the CDC, and other institutions to be prepared for serious health emergencies."

USDA: Food Safety is the Main Ingredient to a Successful Cookout

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WASHINGTON, June 21, 2023 – Whether you're a grill master or a first-time barbecue cook, foodsafety should always be part of your routine to ensure a healthy and happy Fourth of July.

"Recent USDA consumer behavior studies have shown that individuals don't always properly wash their hands or use a food thermometer," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. "Show your family and friends that you're a true grill master by cooking food to a safe temperature and washing your hands after handling raw meat and poultry."

Ensure your food is safe to eat this Fourth of July by following these food safety steps:

- Clean: Scrub the grill clean before use. Clean utensils and plates before they touch food. No access to a faucet? Carry bottled water, soap and paper towels. Wash your hands before and after handling raw meat and poultry. Follow proper handwashing steps to stop bacteria from spreading from your hands to your meal. Make sure to wet hands, lather with soap, scrub for 20 seconds, rinse and dry.

- Separate: Avoid cross contamination. Separate raw meat and vegetables by using different cutting boards.

Place raw meat or poultry on one plate and cooked meat and poultry on another. Don't use the same utensils to place raw meat and poultry on the grill and take cooked food off.

- Cook: Use food thermometers to ensure your grilled food is ready. Insert the thermometer through the side of the patty until the probe reaches the center. Color is never a reliable indicator of doneness. Cook food to a safe minimum internal temperature by using a food thermometer:

Cook whole cuts of meat to 145 F with a three-minute rest time.

Cook fish to 145 F.

Cook ground meats to 160 F.

Cook poultry (ground or whole) to 165 F. Although frozen products may appear to be pre-cooked or browned, treat them as raw food and cook thoroughly. Products labeled as "Cook and Serve," "Ready to Cook" and "Oven Ready" must be cooked.

Chill: Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 F and 140 F—aka the Danger Zone. Perishable food should be consumed or refrigerated within two hours (one hour if outdoor temperatures are 90 F and above).

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at

1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHonline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Access news releases and other information at USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) website at www.fsis.usda.gov/newsroom. Follow FSIS on Twitter at twitter.com/usdafoodsafety or in Spanish at: twitter.com/usdafoodsafes.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways.

In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America.

To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

PSC Chairman Lane's Column

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W.Va. Day: Find Rewards through Service

In 1861, as the Civil War raged and brother fought against brother, the counties in the western part of Virginia began the process of seceding from the eastern part of the state.

Originally known as Kanawha, by the time President Lincoln proclaimed our official statehood the area had been renamed West Virginia. Our state constitution was ratified in March 1863, and on June 20, 1863, West Virginia became the thirty-fifth state in the nation, allied with the Union forces in the war. Today, June 20 is a state holiday known as West Virginia Day.

Even today, the roots of our citizens run deep in the values that our founders brought to this land.

Making a life in these mountains and valleys was never easy. To endure, people had to be strong and independent.

Mountaineers are always free, after all. At the same time, they understood the value of community and cooperation to survive and grow. Their work and sacrifice made West Virginia the wild, wonderful home we love.

I can think of no better way to honor that heritage than by serving the state and the citizens of West Virginia. In fact, I have dedicated my life to doing just that. I have worked hard and accomplished much, but I have done so alongside others who are equally committed to the welfare of West Virginia.

As we celebrate our beautiful state, I want to encourage you to consider doing the same. The state of West Virginia needs the skill of people from all areas of business. Most state agencies are headquartered in Charleston, but there are employees in every corner of the state. Job

opportunities range from cooks and secretaries to attorneys and historians and everything in between. Some of you might even consider running for office to represent your fellow citizens in the state Senate or House of Delegates.

The benefits of working for the state are considerable. State employees enjoy reliable health insurance packages, safe working conditions and a healthy retirement program. At a time when many corporations and public companies are cutting back on staff, the state has plenty of openings.

Most of all, there is a deep satisfaction that comes from knowing that you are part of the workforce that keeps West Virginia moving forward and growing stronger. In service to the state of West Virginia, you can build a rewarding career.

Capito: \$3 Million for WVU to Support Efficient Food and Beverage Production

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced June 15, 2023, that \$3,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to West Virginia University (WVU). This funding will be used to support the development of a fuel-flexible boiler that can utilize fuels like hydrogen, natural gas, biogas, and other manufactured gasses to produce hot water and steam for food and

beverage process heating needs. This funding was made available through FY 2023 appropriations funding.

"West Virginia University has proven their ability to lead on innovative projects, and we are continuing that tradition by the development of a fuel-flexible, efficient boiler for our food and beverage industry. This project supports entities like MountainTop Beverage that aim revolutionize this sector, and I am happy to see WVU once again lead the way,"

Senator Capito said.

BACKGROUND: The grant from the DOE partners with several businesses, including MountainTop Beverage in Morgantown, W.Va. that Senator Capito visited last week, that stand to benefit from more efficient and low-emitting boilers. Other partners to this project include ORNL, GTI Energy, Convergent Science Inc., Neighborhood Kombuchery, SoCalGas, Utilization Technology Development, and Fulton.

Rep. Miller Statement on Hunter Biden's Tax Evasion

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On June 23rd, Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) joined the Ways and Means Committee in an executive meeting where she voted to release the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) whistleblower's testimony on Hunter Biden's tax evasion case. The whistleblower's testimony included evidence of special treatment from the IRS and the Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding Hunter Biden's taxes

and financial situation. The whistleblower's report showed a lack of tax enforcement and intentional delays within the investigation from the DOJ. Congresswoman Miller released the following statement.

"The brave IRS whistleblower's testimony regarding Hunter Biden's financial situation is disturbing," said Congresswoman Miller. "As President Biden's son, he has been able to avoid many charges for the heinous

crimes he committed, while the IRS and DOJ continue to target everyday Americans for their Venmo transactions or their religious beliefs. No one is above the law and Hunter Biden must be held accountable for his crimes. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I will do everything in my power to protect those who continue to tell the truth and bring Hunter Biden to justice."

Capito, Colleagues Introduce Dental Care for Our Troops Act

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — June 20th, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), along with her colleagues Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), introduced the Dental Care for Our Troops Act, bipartisan legislation that would ensure that every service member has premium-free dental care.

"Dental care in our National Guard and Reserve is a growing issue, keeping tens of thousands of troops from being able to deploy and serve our country. I have heard firsthand how a lack of access to dental care affects military readiness, and this legislation helps

provide the access to care our troops deserve and need," Senator Capito said. "I am continually impressed by the men and women who serve in the W.Va. National Guard and the broad array of missions they support around the world. Our military relies heavily on the ability of National Guard and Reserve members, and I will continue to put forward solutions that support them."

BACKGROUND: The Dental Care for Our Troops Act would waive premiums and co-pays in the TRICARE Dental Program for all members of the reserve components. In addition to guaranteeing dental

insurance, this legislation would ensure that all service members are ready to deploy and serve our country when called upon.

Dental health is vital to military readiness, and despite being responsible for their own deployability, reserve component service members must cover their own dental insurance and dental procedures.

The Dental Care for Our Troops Act is supported by VoteVets, Reserve Organization of America, National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), Naval Enlisted Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner : Voter Registration Reminder Postcard Encourages Voters to Update Address or Cancel if Necessary

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Charleston, W.Va. — Official election mail in the form of a postcard will soon be sent to 15,860 West Virginia voters who may have moved without updating or canceling their voter registration.

These potential movers did not notify the U.S. Postal Service of any changes of address but appear to have moved based on other available data.

When voters update their address at other agencies or move to a different state, that information does not automatically update or cancel a voter's old, abandoned registration. Nor do those changes always make it back to the Secretary of State or County Clerks.

To identify those folks who may have slipped through the cracks, additional resources are used to

identify voters who may have moved.

This program compares publicly available voter registration records with data from Experian's "True Trace", which includes records from all 50 states, to find potentially abandoned registrations.

Voters identified through the program will receive a reminder postcard at their current voter registration address with instructions for how to update or cancel their registration record if necessary.

If a voter receives a postcard at their current address, then no action is required. If a voter does not respond, no action will be taken on their voter registration status.

This postcard is merely a reminder, participation is voluntary, and it will have no effect on voters' ability to participate in upcoming

elections.

Prompting voters to keep their registration current between election cycles is a proactive measure to maintain clean voter rolls.

Voters that receive a reminder and have moved to another address or state can update or cancel their abandoned voter registration by filling out the postcard and mailing it back to their county clerk using the return address printed on the card.

Existing registrations can also be updated at any time by visiting GoVoteWV.com or the QR code included.

For more information regarding voter registration, voters are encouraged to contact their county clerk using the directory posted at GoVoteWV.com.

West Virginia, USDA, and U.S. Government News and Information

U.S. Department of Agriculture, NASA Advance Exploration, Science

Contact: Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250

WASHINGTON, June 21, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) signed a memorandum of understanding today strengthening the collaboration between the two agencies, including efforts to improve agricultural and Earth science research, technology, and agricultural management, and the application of science data and models to agricultural decision making.

The agreement affirms the two agencies' interest in continuing their longstanding partnership on mutually beneficial collaborative activities furthering education, communication, and outreach activities to inspire the youth in America to pursue careers in STEM and agriculture. This partnership will build on NASA's Bridge Program to foster workforce development partnerships with higher education partners including Tribal and Minority Serving Institutions and the USDA's newly launched NextGen program, which invests \$262.5 million to cultivate the next generation of diverse food and agriculture professionals.

"From the heavens to the Heartland, NASA and the Department of Agriculture are reaffirming our commitment to getting essential data in the hands of America's farmers and preparing future generations to lead and strengthen America's agriculture industry," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "As the climate continues to change, NASA's Earth observation data will

only grow more critical to our nation's effort to create more climate-resilient food systems, helping our farmers develop more sustainable farming and aquaculture practices."

The agencies intend to explore opportunities to improve crop performance to meet Earth and space-based goals, including activities in support of NASA's Artemis program, which includes landing the first woman and the first person of color on the Moon, and establishing long-term lunar exploration for preparation of human exploration of Mars.

"From ensuring that future generations are able to reach new heights as they pursue careers in STEM and agriculture, to providing producers with critical data and improving global agricultural practices, USDA is honored to strengthen our partnership with NASA," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "We recognize the critical interface between planet-wide food security, climate change, and space, and together we are advancing cutting edge innovation, research, and workforce development to tackle some of Earth's greatest challenges."

Space exploration cooperation with the USDA includes plant-related research on the International Space Station and other space and ground platforms that have led to new ways to improve American and global agriculture, protect the environment, and help improve human health.

This memorandum of understanding will build on the partnership between USDA and NASA starting in 2015.

Examples of recent and ongoing efforts include:

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and NASA, along with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, an 1890 land grant university, partnered to send 16 young people to NASA Space Camp in 2022. Held at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, these week-long camps give youth the chance to learn robotics, teamwork, leadership and critical thinking skills and experience real-world STEM applications.

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and NASA created a free online tool called Crop-CASMA to help farmers and researchers use soil data to track droughts and floods, plan crop planting, and forecast ag yields. USDA incorporates the data into NASS's weekly crop progress reports to inform farmers and farm managers operational decisions and strategic plans.

USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and NASA scientists are developing a hyperspectral imaging system to monitor plant health for astronauts to use in plant growth chambers for their pick-and-eat crops – such as fresh salad greens – to eat during future space missions. ARS and NASA are also teaming up to discover other ways to grow sustainable, fresh food during space travel, such as plants that have the potential to continually flower and produce.

Learn more about NASA Earth Science initiatives and impact at: science.nasa.gov/earth-science

DHHR: Emergency Energy Assistance Program for Low Income Residents

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) today announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted beginning Monday, June 26, 2023, through June 30, 2023, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home energy bills.

Residents whose primary energy source is either gas or electricity must provide their shut-off notice when applying for Emergency LIEAP. Those using other primary energy sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance if their energy fuel is at a low level during the application period.

Households that

received direct payment of regular LIEAP benefits must verify that the payment was used for home energy by submitting a current receipt with the Emergency LIEAP application. Failure to submit verification of payment may result in a denial of the application.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its home energy bill. The income limit for fiscal year 2023 is 60% of the state median income. In these situations where an energy emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines and be in an emergency that will disrupt the primary home energy source if not met.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for Emergency LIEAP FY 2023 are listed below:

- 1 person \$2,049
- 2 Person \$2,680
- 3 Person \$3,310
- 4 Person \$3,941
- 5 Person \$4,571
- 6 Person \$5,201
- 7 Person \$5,829
- 8 Person \$6,419
- 9 Person \$7,009
- 10 Person \$7,599

*For each additional person, add \$590. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and Veterans income will be excluded for the current LIEAP application period.

To apply, residents must go to their local DHHR office. Calhoun DHHR can be called at 304-354-6118 for info.

Let the Healing Begin: Attorney General Morrisey Outlines Next Steps in Opioid Settlement Funds Distribution

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CHARLESTON — W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey during a news conference on Monday, June 26th, outlined the next steps in the distribution of opioid settlements to the state's counties and cities who signed onto the W.Va. First Memorandum of Understanding.

Shortly after the filing of the W.Va. First Foundation articles of incorporation, the Attorney General's Office mailed letters to all the counties and cities that have signed onto the W.Va. First Memorandum of Understanding, informing elected officials about the next steps following the creation of the foundation, as well as information about the settlement funds.

"This is a major step toward healing the battered communities in this state caused by the opioid epidemic," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Our mission to heal the wounds of the past is on solid ground as the framework desperately needed to facilitate the management of the state's and political subdivisions' is starting to take shape."

Included in the letters were several pages of answers to frequently asked questions about the settlements, the MOU, how funds can be used and how the foundation will operate.

The state legislature formally recognized the W.Va. First Foundation through the legislative process (Senate Bill 674), with zero nays. Gov. Jim Justice signed the bill into law on March 22, 2023.

The articles of incorporation for the foundation were filed with the W.Va. Secretary of State on May 18, 2023. The initial Board of Directors must be elected within 60 days of the chartering of the foundation, July 17, 2023, the board will have 11 members, five of whom will be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the

state Senate. To represent the interests of local governments, the MOU establishes six regions, and one member will be chosen from each of those regions.

The president of the County Commission of the most populous county—per the 2020 census—must convene a meeting of all local governments in the region to elect a director:

- Region 1:** Ohio County
- Region 2:** Berkeley County (meeting set for July 12, 1 p.m.)
- Region 3:** Wood County
- Region 4:** Monongalia County (meeting set for July 13 at the Monongalia County Center, 10 a.m.)
- Region 5:** Kanawha County (meeting set for July 12)
- Region 6:** Raleigh County (meeting set for July 5 at the Raleigh County Courthouse, 1 p.m.)

Settlement funds must be put to use to abate the opioid epidemic. The Attorney General and counsel for West Virginia cities and counties worked closely to develop and adopt the MOU which provides a mechanism to distribute opioid settlement funds and provides guidelines on how the funds may be used.

All opioid funds must be used in a manner consistent with the MOU's definition of an "Approved Purpose," which includes employing evidence based treatment strategies for substance use disorders or addiction, substance use prevention strategies, law enforcement efforts to curtail drug distribution, supporting addiction recovery programs, or decreasing the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids.

As the central organization dedicated to addressing the opioid crisis throughout the state, the foundation will receive 72.5% of each settlement or judgment, 24.5% of settlement and judgment dollars will be allocated to local governments and 3%

will be held in escrow by the state.

This allocation maximizes the amount of money that will be available for an opioid abatement fund and will distribute money throughout the state. This distribution will allow the money to help people and fund projects most in need.

The Attorney General also announced the selection of DRiWaterstone Human Capital, an Arlington, Va.-based executive search firm, to find an executive director for the W.Va. First Foundation, a private, nonstock, nonprofit entity created to distribute opioid abatement funds throughout the state.

I am looking forward to working with them to identify the best possible candidate to serve as the first executive director of the W.Va. First Foundation," the Attorney General said. "We are hopeful to have identified such a candidate in approximately 30 to 60 days."

The executive director will run the day-to-day operations of the foundation.

"So many precious lives have been lost and shattered by the opioid epidemic," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Indeed this is the time to begin the healing, but by no means will we let our guard down."

"We will continue to fight for the families affected by this epidemic and we will serve as the voices of the sons and daughters they have lost," the Attorney General continued. "We must prevent another generation from falling prey to senseless death and the W.Va. First Foundation will be a major step forward on the path to recovery."

Read a copy of the articles of incorporation at: <https://bit.ly/46mokT6>.

Missed the news conference? Watch a playback here: <https://bit.ly/46lIVYV>.

Gov. Justice, WVDNR report 19% increase in number of stocked trout in 2023

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CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced that the agency has stocked nearly 130,000 more trout in 2023 compared to the previous year.

Between January and May 2023, the WVDNR stocked 802,481 trout in lakes and streams around the state, which is a 19% increase over the 673,148 trout that were stocked during the same period in 2022.

"Our hatchery program plays a crucial role in creating an exceptional fishing experience for anglers across West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "This significant increase can be attributed to investments in our hatchery infrastructure and the dedicated work of our staff who make all this possible. My administration has focused on our Trout Stocking program, and directed investments toward it because it pays dividends. Not only do our residents enjoy our lakes and streams, but so do a lot of tourists from

all over the world who come here to enjoy our waters."

One of the most significant investments was the expansion of the Bowden Hatchery from 40 fish rearing units to 60, which allows the WVDNR to produce an additional 100,000 pounds of trout. Other improvements have been made to the Edray, Reed's Creek and Tate Lohr hatcheries to shore up fish production, as well.

In addition to hatchery facility improvements, the increase in trout production can be attributed to warmer weather during the winter months, which created ideal conditions for trout to thrive.

"As we look ahead to fall trout stocking, we are optimistic that we will be able to achieve record-breaking stocking numbers this year," WVDNR Director Brett McMillion said. "With more fish in the water, I want to encourage anglers all across West Virginia and beyond to get out there and enjoy a trout fishing trip this year."

It is important to note that the long-term growth of the trout population is dependent on various factors, including habitat, weather patterns and other environmental elements. The WVDNR remains dedicated to preserving and enhancing West Virginia's natural resources to ensure sustainable fishing opportunities for generations to come.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and valid form of identification while fishing for trout. To purchase a license and stamp or to learn more about trout stocking and fishing regulations in West Virginia, visit WVDnr.gov/fishing.



Education Leader Blatt Named Next West Virginia School Superintendent

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Charleston, W.Va. - The W.Va. Board of Education (WVBE) named Michele Blatt as the 34th State Superintendent of Schools during a special meeting on June 23rd, in Charleston effective July 1, 2023. Blatt, who currently serves as the Deputy State Superintendent, is a 17-year employee of the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and has managed many of the organization's executive functions and critical relationships during that time.

Blatt has served as Deputy for the past two administrations, and she succeeds current Superintendent David L. Roach who recently announced his retirement. Her leadership during the Covid-19 pandemic as part of the state's Joint Interagency Taskforce guided West Virginia through the shutdown and transition to re-open schools and other major operations.

In addition to her service at the WVDE, she is a veteran educator with more than 25 years' experience having served as a teacher and principal as well as various positions within the WVDE. This includes extensive work with West Virginia Legislature and county

school superintendents. Well respected among the ranks of WVDE employees and the broader education community, Blatt's appointment will ensure a smooth transition allowing continued focus on important initiatives.

"You would be hard pressed to find a person with her experience, expertise, leadership and commitment to public education and the children of West Virginia," said WVBE President L. Paul Hardesty. "Ms. Blatt's record is impeccable, and she works tirelessly to support the vast and growing needs of our educators and families. Additionally, she understands how to build coalitions and relationships to benefit the mission and vision of public education, and for that I am grateful."

"I am an educator at heart and have dedicated my professional life to supporting the education community," said Blatt. "There are no words to express what it means to serve in this capacity, other than to say that I am deeply honored and am looking forward to continuing to serve the educators, students and West Virginia as a whole. We have a lot of work to do, and I am ready to get to it."

Blatt holds a Bachelor of Education and two master's degrees from Marshall University.

The WVBE also accepted the retirement of Superintendent Roach during the meeting.

"I want to personally thank Mr. Roach for his public service and contributions to public education that span decades," said President Hardesty. "He has been instrumental to our focus on important programs and should be commended for his commitment to the educators, students and families of West Virginia."

"In accepting the retirement of Superintendent Roach, I want to say that I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with him," said WVBE Member Debra K. Sullivan. "I have found him to be a person who cares deeply about W.Va., and thanks to him we now have a well-defined path to increase student achievement in reading, writing and math."

Superintendent Roach's retirement is effective June 30, 2023.

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Glenville State University MBA Program Now Enrolling Students

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GLENVILLE, WV - Following recent approvals from the Higher Learning Commission and the W.Va Higher Education Policy Commission, Glenville State University is now able to offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

"Glenville State University is proud to be adding a Master of Business Administration degree to its list of graduate programs," said Dr. Mark A. Manchin, President of Glenville State. "We know this is a program that is in-demand and it helps students deepen their understanding of an everchanging business landscape and gives them a leg up on their competition."

Glenville State University's MBA program is designed to provide an educational

opportunity focused on the practical application of a theoretical approach to business in accordance with Glenville State's mission. The program consists of 36 credit hours - 21 credit hours in the MBA core and 15 elective hours - using an accelerated eight-week format.

"The MBA program is a wonderful opportunity for our region, the state, and beyond. I am so proud of the hard work of Drs. Dwight Heaster, Kandas Queen, and Mark Sarver and the rest of their business faculty colleagues in envisioning this initiative and bringing it to fruition. This is a game changer for Glenville State and for our state," said Dr. Mari Clements, Interim Provost.

To be accepted into the program, applicants must have a cumulative

undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher or transfer graduate credit of at least six hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must submit all undergraduate transcripts (and graduate transcripts, if applicable), an application for admission, and a professional resume.

International students are eligible to enroll in the hybrid program. International students must submit their attested transcript from an undergraduate university as part of their admissions file. An institutionally recognized course evaluation firm must complete a course-by-course evaluation.

Those entering the program without a degree in business will need to complete Applied Managerial Accounting and Applied Managerial Theories as part of their 15 elective credit hours.

Fall semester courses begin Monday, August 14 and registration is now open.

For more information about the MBA program at Glenville State University or to enroll, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@glenville.edu or call (304) 462-4128.

Calhoun Students Graduate from GSU

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

GLENVILLE, WV - Nine Calhoun County students have received their degrees from Glenville State University as part of the University's May 2023 Commencement.

Corey S. Foster of Grantsville earned an Associate of Science degree in Forest Technology.

Joseph A. Jarosz of Grantsville earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies as part of GSU's Milestone Initiative.

Jesse J. Kargol of Mount Zion earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies as part of GSU's Milestone Initiative.

Brooklyn N. Parsons of Grantsville earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies as part of GSU's Milestone Initiative.

Initiative.

Whitney L. Stevens of Grantsville graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management with a major in Forest Technology and an Associate of Science degree in Forest Technology. Stevens was also a Hidden Promise Scholar.

Cheyenne R. Varnell of Grantsville earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies as part of GSU's Milestone Initiative.

Shannon D. Waldron of Grantsville graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Field Forensics.

Gabriella R. Wood of Arnoldsburg graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree

with a major in English Education (5-Adult). Wood was also a Hidden Promise Scholar.

Shauna M. Yeager of Grantsville graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Field Forensics.

The Milestone Initiative signifies the important academic accomplishment of students who are working toward a bachelor's degree.

Founded in 1872, Glenville State University is a public liberal arts institution located in Glenville, West Virginia. The University offers a variety of traditional and online degree programs and several NCAA Division II athletic teams.

Join Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center for PACT Act Claims Clinic Thursday July 13th

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What: The Veterans Benefits Administration is coming to Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg to host a claims clinic focused on PACT Act benefits claims for the Veterans of North Central W. Va.

Who: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center and the Veterans Benefits Administration

When: Thursday, July 13, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center Front Lobby One Medical Center Drive Clarksburg, W. Va., 26301

RSVP: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center is requesting assistance to spread the word of this event.

Executive Director Barbara Forsha and other hospital officials are available for interview at LAJVAMC or in-studio upon appointment.

Please contact Public Affairs Specialist Sean McGinty at (304)203-8463 or Sean.McGinty@VA.Gov.

Background: The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The full name of the law is The Sergeant

First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The PACT Act expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras.

Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center is hosting the July 13 Claims Clinic to aid North Central W. Va. Veterans in getting PACT Act claims submit before the Sept. 30 "special enrollment period" concludes.

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SUMMER CAMP KICKS OFF WITH A GREAT START

Calhoun County Schools Summer Boost and Camps have kicked off this week. Students are having a great time. Among the opportunities have are Carpentry and Career exploration at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, STEM camp and Love of Music at Calhoun County Middle/High School, and Camp Foods for Summer Boost elementary students.



CGCC SUMMER CAMP WEEK 2

These are the kits the students will be taking home from the career they were learning about this week. Students are enjoying their time at Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Summer Camps. Come and join the fun with us!



SUMMER CAMP STEAM IS A BLAST!

Did you build a boat today? We did with limited materials while creating tornadoes. Summer Camp STEAM is a blast!



SUMMER CAMP WEEK 2

Calhoun County Summer school began their second week this Monday, June 19, 2023. This week, students have the opportunity to learn new and exciting activities. This week students have the chance to do Elementary Art, Camp Foods, Drama/Theatre, STEM, Cardio Drumming, and Carpentry. In Cooking Camp, campers made cinnamon rolls from scratch! There were several steps and everyone had a wonderful time participating. The campers took a break from cooking, they did some cardio drumming with Mrs. Stewart. In addition to this and as an attendance incentive for elementary students, there will be a field trip to the Roby Theatre in Spencer this Friday. Any elementary student who attends 2 days is eligible for this. All of these activities help to broaden student's experience and introduce them to fun and exciting activities. It isn't too late to enjoy these activities and enroll. Just stop by Calhoun County Middle/High School. Camp begins at 8:00 and ends at 3:00.



SUMMER CAMP COOKING ACTIVITIES

Kids cooking summer camp allows young chefs to indulge in their passion for food preparation. For children that enjoy being in the kitchen, an interactive full-day camp program is an ideal way of spending their summer. In Cooking Camp, our campers made banana bread and pizza. They all worked together and did a fantastic job!



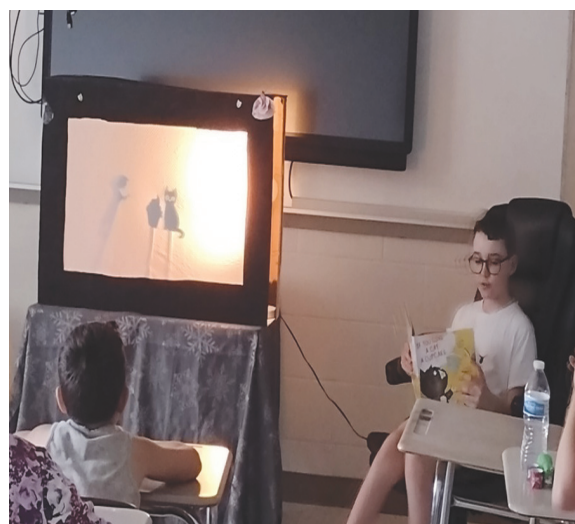
SUMMER CAMP STUDENTS MAKE BREAKFAST

Summer Camp students created a nutritious and delicious meal that kids love and simple to prepare. In Cooking Camp, our campers learned how to make biscuits, eggs, sausage gravy and chocolate chip cookies! They have been cooking from scratch all week and doing an amazing job!



DRAMA AND THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

In Drama and Theatre Class, students have created and worked on a performance using puppets. Shadow play is a performing art, that uses flat cut-out figures or shapes which are held between a light source and a translucent screen to tell a story or produce a show for entertainment. They are having a great time learning this artform.



SUMMER CAMP WEEK 2 ENDS



Summer Camp week two has come to an end. Summer camp is a special camp for children to come together and have fun. They try new adventures and learn new things in a safe environment away from home and thus develop a sense of independence. They also make new friends and socialize that develops their social skills and self confidence.

The campers have learned to build a boat, make delicious meals and treats, perform using puppets, creating tornados, and other fun activities. The summer camp cooking class made Rice Crispy treats.



They made two different types: regular and birthday cake flavored. They all participated and helped with the clean-up. It isn't too late to join in the fun.

STEM SUMMER CAMP is Fun!



STEM has been doing several hands-on activities this week with the students.

Students are having a great time exploring new and exciting ideas



Calhoun County Schools Student Service Partner with Minnie Hamilton and Westbrook to provide services



Student Services of Calhoun County Schools, in partnership with Minnie Hamilton Health Systems and Westbrook, continue to provide support, programs, and services to the students of Calhoun County throughout the summer.

Jeannie Bennett-Yoak, COO of Student Services, Charlotte Squires, Lead Coordinator of CIS/Student Services, Donna Schoolcraft, CIS Summer Support, Destiney Montgomery, PsychoSocial Program Coordinator, and Amanda Williams, Expanded School Mental Health Coordinator, are working to provide academic support, expanded mental health, social emotional support, implementation of programs such as "Not on Tobacco," community service, and basic needs accessibility among other supports and services.

Any student wishing to partake in summer school can still sign up. Session 2 begins July 17th.

If any parents/guardians have any questions or concerns, our Student Services staff can be reached by contacting CMHS, at (304) 354-6148, or you may contact Jeannie Bennett-Yoak at jlbennett@k12.wv.us or Charlotte Squires at charlotte.squires@k12.wv.us. "Calhoun County Schools working together to provide students with limitless possibilities."

STUMP FAMILY REUNION

Submitted by Roger and Loretta Propst

The Warder E. Stump, Sr. Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Mark the date for 2024, if the LORD tarries and we remain--(4th Sunday) July 28, 2024

Place: Chick and Patty Stump Residence on Sycamore Road (the old Big Run Road and former home place of Warder E. and Ethel Poling Stump

Time: 10:30 AM--11:15 AM Arrange Tables and Chairs
11:30 AM---NOON Social Time and Prepare Noon Meal
NOON Lunch
1:30 PM--2:30 PM Activities for Youth; Board Games; Door Prizes; Photos

Directions: Route 14 and Route 5 East from Parkersburg to Grantsville--Rt. 16 S. from Grantsville bridge and turn left at intersection old high school; follow County Rd. 7 travel approximately 5 miles passing ENON Church and bridge at bottom of horseshoe turn; turn right onto old Big Run Road and go approximately 3 miles to the farm and home place located at the bottom of hill on the right.

From Charleston, WV--I-79 N. to Big Otter Exit. Turn Left toward Grantsville onto Rt. 16 N to Millstone Y and turn Right; travel to 33-119 intersects with Rt. 16 and turn left travel N approximately 12 miles; turn right at intersection old high school, follow Route 7 and travel approximately 5 miles passing ENON Church and bridge at bottom of horseshoe turn; turn right onto Big Run Road and go approximately 3 miles to the farm and home place located at the bottom of hill on the right.

Please bring lawn chairs, tents, and any yard games you might enjoy. We've been asked to request attendees contact - Donis Lynn Yoder (740) 336-1600 or Loretta Hathaway Propst (304) 354-6293 so we will not have an overabundance of food. Donis and Carolyn are bringing a ham. Roger and I will bring 5 pies (variety), meat loaf, potato salad, and eating utensils/cups.

HATHAWAY FAMILY REUNION

The Curtis (Hattie or Dorfetta) Hathaway Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Place: Calhoun County Park, 380 Park Place, Grantsville, WV 26147
Directions: Rt. 14 and Rt. 5 East from Parkersburg to Grantsville--Rt. 16 S. from Grantsville bridge approximately three miles. The park entrance is on the left at the intersection of Sycamore Road. Follow signs to Herb Smith Barn.

From Charleston travel I-79 north to Big Otter Exit Turn Left on Rt. 16 N and travel approximately nine miles to the intersection of Route 33-119 and turn right two miles and then left onto Rt. 16. Travel N approximately ten miles. The park entrance is on the right at the intersection of Route 16 and Sycamore Road. Follow signs to Herb Smith Barn.

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Arrange Tables/Chairs
11:30 AM - Noon Social Time and Prepare Noon Meal
Noon Lunch
1:30 PM -m 2:30 PM Activities for youth; Board games; Door Prize drawings

Please bring lawn chairs, tents, and other necessities and a gift for prize drawings.

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