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Commissioner Helmick apologizes in Facebook post about loss of Broadband project...blames Federal Government

By Melissa West



The Chronicle received a screenshot of a Facebook post made (on left) by long time Calhoun Commissioner Kevin Helmick in regards to the money the county received in the form of ARPA Funds. Helmick, in his post apologized to the county for the failed Broad band project. He blamed the Federal Government for their lack of following through with a promised 4 to 1 match in funds.

Now, with a timeline coming down to the wire, our county is at risk of losing the funds they have already received.

The County Commission held a

Broadband Breakthrough

By: U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) June 27, 2023



Reliable broadband connection is something that impacts nearly all aspects of our daily lives. Think about it. We rely on internet connectivity to communicate with our family and friends, to access emergency services, to obtain information, to bank, and to conduct business. Also, as we experienced first-hand during the pandemic, internet is an essential aspect of our participation in the workforce and the education of our children.

Connectivity has been a challenge for West Virginia. Being the only state entirely encompassed in Appalachia and recognized across the world for our mountainous terrain, our topography has dealt us a challenging hand when it comes to adopting needed advancements to connect to the internet.

largest broadband federal funding allocation that I worked to secure through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund – otherwise known as RDOF – back in 2020. We are currently in a critical moment and one that we must take advantage of. Recently, I had the chance to speak to some of our top high school seniors in West Virginia. It was clear in talking to some of them that our best and brightest are unlikely to stay in our state without reliable broadband. The lack of internet connectivity will impact how they join the workforce, further their education, or perform the tasks of everyday living that have become more dependent on broadband. It is clear that the time to act is now, and I am confident in our ability to rise to the occasion in the face of this challenge.

But another big component of this funding announcement is the accuracy of mapping data, which is something I've worked diligently on for years. Specifically, I've raised concerns with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about the past inaccuracies in their broadband maps, which is especially important because broadband funding through the bipartisan infrastructure law is directly tied to the maps.

Without accurate maps, communities that lack access—like many of those in our state—ran the risk of being overlooked when it came to the funding distribution.

That's why Congress tasked the FCC to develop a National Broadband Map to determine where the unserved

special meeting on June 28th to discuss where they can utilize these funds for the county. See notes from the meeting in a separate article.

Calhoun Citizens for Accountability met on June 27th to discuss the ARPA Funds

By Emma Howell



A small group of Calhoun Citizens met to discuss their concerns for the possible loss of the \$1.2 million ARPA funds the county received.

The Commission announced a last minute meeting to be held on June 28th after Commissioner Helmick announced that the Federal Government had caused Calhoun's loss of the Broadband project

that the Commissioners committed \$1.2 Million dollars to last year and then failed to heed the warnings of neighboring counties that jumped ship earlier. Now, with the deadline for the project nearing, the Commission has to determine another way to spend the money that is designated for infrastructure spending.

The concerned citizens group wants to ensure that the infrastructure money is used in the best interest of Calhoun County. Examples of possible uses would be internet, water, power, transportation and investments that would create economic activity, growth and development. We need to ensure that the basic needs of our citizens are being met. Everyone needs access to adequate water for drinking, cooking and bathing. Why should our citizens have to haul water or buy drinking water?

The group's focus is primarily on requesting that the County use the money to fund waterline expansions in the Northern, Southern and Eastern parts of the County where service does not exist.

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County Commission Special Meeting June 28th: Water, Broadband and healthcare, which is more important for the people of Calhoun County? Who will get the money?

By Melissa West

The Calhoun County Commission held a special meeting on the 28th of June, 2023 for the purpose of discussing reallocating \$1.2 Million in ARPA funds that had been slated for broadband last year. Present were Commissioners Craig Arthur, Matt Walker and Kevin Helmick.

Businessman Eric Lupardus addressed the Commission to speak on the future of Calhoun County. Citing dismal statistics, Lupardus said that Calhoun is the 3rd least populated County in the State of West

Virginia. Suffering from a 26% decline. “A large portion of our citizens do not have water and addition is on the rise,” he said. Noting that the State overall is seeing a revitalization and the local Bootstraps Project continues to make great strides to create opportunities for the County, but we need to create opportunities for the County. He encouraged the commission to look for opportunities to promote tourism in our area and to bring the necessary infrastructure

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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.

SHARISA DEARIEN-WISEN

Sharisa Dearien-Wisen, 32, of Charleston, WV, passed away unexpectedly Monday, June 19, 2023.



She is survived by her children, Liam, Henry, Tredan, and Kamara; parents, Frederick Wisen of Charleston and Tamara Pennington of Grantsville, WV; siblings, April Wisen-Cole of Raleigh, NC, Florence Canada of Huntington, WV, Krystal Wilson (Mark) of Hurricane, WV, Fredrick Wisen of Beckley, WV, and William Wisen (Michelle Landmark) of Massillon, OH, Michael Wisen (Brianna Grimmert) of Rand, WV, and Katie Denny (Christopher) of Timberlake, NC, and many nieces and nephews.

Sharisa was a free spirit with an adventurous side. She loved her family and friends and never met a stranger. She would help anyone in need. Sharisa enjoyed spending time outdoors immensely. Some of her favorite things to do were four-wheeling, building bonfires, and acting goofy.

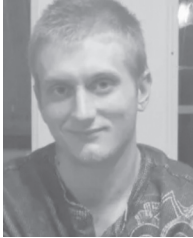
Funeral services were held on July 1, 2023, at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home, 1118 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV, with Pastor Robert Dearien, Liam's grandfather, officiating. Sharisa was to be cremated after the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to help with funeral expenses by contacting the funeral home or contributing to her "Go Fund Me" account at <https://gofund.me/f985ae47>.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.barlowbonsall.com. Barlow Bonsall Funeral was entrusted with arrangements.

DYLAN LEE ROBERTS

Dylan Lee Roberts, 33, passed away June 23, 2023 in Vincent, OH. Dylan was born in Grantsville, WV.



A Memorial Service in Calhoun County will be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg.

GEORGE GAIL SETTLES, JR



George Gail Settles, Jr., of Arnoldsburg, WV, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2023 at home with his loving wife.

He was born in Clarksburg WV. He was the oldest son of George Gail Settles and Helen Frances (Zahn) Settles.

George is survived by his wife of 45 years, Karen (Bragg) Settles. He is also survived by his daughter Jennifer (Rick) White of Summersville WV, his son George W Settles of Leivasy WV, his daughter Mary (Jimmy) Waszkiewicz of Akron OH and two brothers, David (Francine) Settles of Akron OH and Derald (Neva) Settles of Manchester OH. George also leaves behind 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his daughter Kathryn Wood.

George held many titles throughout his life, but he had a passion for law enforcement and being able to help people. Early in his career he was an officer in the city police department in Cowen. He was also a sheriff's deputy in Webster County before relocating to Calhoun County to be closer to family. He was a long-time public servant of Calhoun as a founding member of the Arnoldsburg VFD. He was also chief deputy for the Calhoun County Sheriff's department for many years. He later spent 15 years as the county OES director prior to taking a position with the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the state of West Virginia.

George was an avid lover of anything outdoors. Whether it be camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding with his grand-daughters or working in the hayfield, he was happiest when he was able to spend time outside. He also greatly enjoyed visiting and reminiscing with friends and family about years past and countless memories.

A funeral service was conducted by Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, at the Leatherbark Community Church, on July 1. Rev. Rick Metheny officiating. Interment will be in Carpenter Family Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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

"Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve." - Earl Grollman

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!

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love." - Washington Irving

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

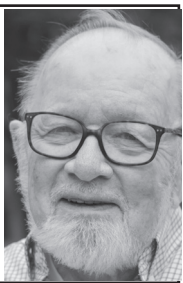
If you have family buried in the cemetery, please make a donation. You can send donations to Barb Roberts, 359 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV 26136 or for more information on how you can help the Nobe Cemetery call 304-354-7329. Thank you in advance.

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



It's been a while, so time for a quiz. Some of the questions come from one that was sent to me the other day. (No, don't ask how I did!)

Questions:

1. What is the sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the winner until the contest ends?
2. Which fruit has its seeds on the outside? (An easy one.)
3. What is the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any other form but fresh?
4. Only three words in English begin with "dw." Name two of them.
5. How many filaments are in a three-way light bulb?
6. Is it possible in baseball for a pitcher to have four strikeouts in one inning?
7. (One more for you baseball fans.) There are seven ways a baseball player can be legally on first base without getting a hit. A base on balls, or a walk, is one way. The answer to question #6 is another. (I knew you would peek!) What are the other five ways?
8. On a clock, at noon and midnight, the hour and minute hands are exactly together with each one pointing in the same direction. How many times between noon and midnight do the hour and minute hands cross each other?
9. What do "i.e." and "e.g." stand for?
10. Name six or more things you might wear on your feet that begin with the letter "s." I'll give you a head start: "shoe."

Answers:

1. Boxing. (Professional wrestling not accepted.)
 2. Strawberry
 3. Lettuce
 4. Get out of that dictionary! The answers are "dwarf," "dwell" and "dwindle."
 5. Two. These filaments can be used separately to produce one of three different amounts of light, depending on wattage.
 6. Yes. If the catcher drops or misses the ball on the third strike (passed ball), and doesn't tag or throw the batter out at first base, it's counted as a strikeout, but not an out.
 7. O.K. So far we have (1) walk and (2) passed ball (including wild pitch). Then, we have (3) hit by a pitched ball, (4) catcher interference, (5) defense error, (6) fielder's choice (when a runner is thrown out at second base instead of first base), and (7) designated pinch runner.
 8. Ten times. Check it out for yourself... they don't cross at 11 o'clock.
 9. The abbreviation "i.e." stands for the Latin id est, meaning "that is," or "which is to say." Meanwhile, the abbreviation "e.g." stands for exempli gratia, meaning "for example," or "for instance." These are often mistaken for one another, but now you know the difference!
 10. Socks, stockings, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, snowshoes, etc.
- C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. - Mark Twain
- 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.

Late Breaking News !!!

By Shari Johnson

An observant citizen in Calhoun driving up Russet Road, on the evening of Thursday, June 29th, 2023, noticed a Toyota, Tacoma with a trailer and several pieces of lawn equipment in the back of the truck, about 4 miles east of Grantsville.

Noticing it again on Friday, and wondering why a truck with that type of equipment would be left over night alongside the road, the individual stopped to check it out. As he walked around the truck he noticed the feet of a person laying on the ground.

Unsure of the circumstances he enlisted the help of someone else and together they discovered Keith Winestock of Marietta, in a pool of blood from an apparent self inflicted gunshot.

The State Police were notified about 1 p.m. Friday, and through their investigation it was determined that the death occurred sometime late Thursday evening.

Winestock had no known connection to Calhoun according to his family and apparently randomly chose Calhoun to stop.

2-1-1 For Information

West Virginians can utilize the 2-1-1 program, operated by United Way of W.Va. It connects callers with health and human services resources through trained certified specialists, to learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more. "United Way of W.Va. provides an important service to West Virginians by helping users navigate the vast number of resources available to aid with healthcare issues, food shortages, mental health questions and more," said Sen. Joe Manchin. "This program is more important now than ever, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic." "United Way's new 2-1-1 will make information on a wide variety of local support services more accessible," said UW president Margaret O'Neal. "Whether it's information for locating a health clinic, finding child care programs, or getting housing assistance, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, go-to resource for individuals and families." To utilize these resources, West Virginians can call 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898-211, visit www.wv211.org/contact, or call 1-833-848-9905.

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS Walnut News:
The farmers of this section are busily engaged in hoeing corn and cutting wheat.

The storm of June 23rd did quite a bit of damage for the farmers of this neighborhood. The lightning having killed a milk cow for John Barr and a yearling heifer for W. R. Helmick.

We are having a good Sunday school this summer everybody is invited to come as there is room for improvement.

The "Hope" is preparing to drill a well on Mrs. Alice Farrar's farm.

Miss Reva Knotts attended meeting at Rocky Flat last Sunday.

Miss Susie Farrar was calling on Miss Mabel Edgell of Losie Sunday evening.

Mr. Robert Chenoweth of Minnora attended Sunday school here last Sunday.

Misses Thelma Arnold and Dovie Dobbins will leave for Gassaway where they intend to spend the 4th.

Industry News:

We are having quite a bit of rain to this section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M Maze and sons Nathan and Clyde spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Coberley, of Elizabeth.

Mrs. C. V. Mills and children of Elizabeth are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Maze.

Mr. James Maze and Lon Davis who have been working at Fairmont, came home Saturday.

Miss Ruby Hayburst is staying with her sister Mrs. Glen Mills of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and children of Grantsville were visiting at this place Sunday.

H. L. Belt was a business caller at Grantsville Friday.

R. E. Maze who has been in ill health for some time is reported much better.

Brooksville News:

Mr. Hamp Betts and little daughter Noasha of Carpses Christi is here visiting his father and mother in law, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shanks.

Mrs. Bill Banks and children of Clarksburg are here visiting relatives.

Rolland Saunders who has been employed at Clarksburg motored here in a new Chevrolet car for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blackshire and little son Bruce and Mrs. Albert Blackshire of Akron, Ohio are here visiting the latter's mother Mrs. E. C. Bower and sister-in-law Miss Mattie Blackshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shanks and children spent Sunday at Palestine visiting relatives.

Mrs. Belle Henderson and daughter Misses Mildred and Hazel of Akron, Ohio are here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crowley and little sons Billy and Barrett of Annamoriah and Mrs. T. C. Cain all spent Saturday visiting Mrs. H. S. Knight.

1948, 75 YEARS

Arnoldsburg News:

Mr. and Mrs. Holden Sturm of Barberton, Ohio, are here visiting their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Mallie Sturm of Sycamore, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Price of Pennsylvania are here this week visiting the latter's brother Amos Cogar and family.

Mrs. Harrison Marks is visiting her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bisel Marks of Spencer this week and receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. F. N. King was visiting her brother John Lockney and family Sunday.

Mrs. Hettie Ingram of Spencer was here visiting her sister Mrs. Haven Roberts and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lynch and son Ronnie of Phillips Run are here this week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler and children Nancy and John, arrived her Sunday from Detroit, Michigan, where Mrs. Fowler and children will spend several weeks.

Miss Mary Francis Roberts was the guest of her cousin Miss Anna Neal Buch at Ripley, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rossing hays and children of Parkersburg were here over

the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haverty.

Jesse Run News:

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall of Altizer were the guests of her mother Mrs. Clark Bailey of Beech, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Craddock were shopping in Grantsville Friday.

Mrs. Ester Griffin was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leroy Cottrell of Leatherbark over the weekend.

Vere Price and Junior Nicholson have been putting up hay on the farm of Mr. Nitz near Mt. Zion. Those helping them have been D. W. Price and Donald Craddock.

Mrs. Velta Starcher was visiting her mother Mrs. Emma Sampson over the weekend.

Frank Lynch of Carbon is visiting his daughter and her family at the present time.

Mrs. Eva Sampson of Spencer spent Saturday night with her brother and his family, Roscoe Craddock.

Earl Kirby has been spending some time with his brother and sister, Don and Opal Kirby.

Those shopping in Spencer Thursday, were Mrs. Velto Starcher and son Carl, Mrs. Alta Starcher and children, Mrs. Emma Sampson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starcher.

Minnora News:

Earl S. Rinehart of Milo was shopping and greeting friends in Minnora Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Greta B. Suttle has spent the last three weeks at Racine. She is employed by a restaurant company as cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Jarvis was shopping and looking after business in Spencer, Friday.

1973, 50 YEARS

Nicut News:

Rev. Doy King of Nettie filled his regular appointment at Gip United church June 23 at 7:30. He and his wife, Madalene, also attended Sunday School on Sunday morning before returning to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Sears and girls, Linda and Wanda, of Wadsworth, Ohio, spent the weekend of June 16 at their home here doing some mowing and work on their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Okey Jett and two daughters, Mrs. Arlene Morrison and Mrs. Juanita Waffer, and son Richard all of Orville, Ohio, spent a few days this week at their home here and did some visiting at Spencer, Uler and Oka. They also visited the King and Tanner cemeteries.

Janice See of Gip, Hope Sparks and Charlotte Maxwell of Fayetteville all joined them at the farm. These three are also daughters of Mrs. Jett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean White and nephew, David Parsons were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sears and children on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carry Reed of Daniels Run were visiting Mrs. Reeds brother. On Thursday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hardway and boys Phil and Wayne, and attended the funeral of Theodore Byard.

Beech and Leatherbark News:

Mrs. Wanda Houchin and children, Debbie and Marsha, and Albert Smith were shopping in Grantsville, Wednesday.

Mrs. Clara Roberts and sons, Gary and Doug, of Hartville, Ohio, and Mrs. Judy Uplinger of Spokane, Washington, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson at this time. Mr. and Mrs. John Shelton and baby were also visiting the Wilsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lowe of Spencer, Cecil Hall, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallbrown and Lizzie Nicholas were visiting Clay Wallbrown Saturday.

Those visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Flesher were Mrs. Alice Conley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Parker and daughter, Ruth, Tava Wilson, Clara Roberts, Mrs. Carol Flesher and son, Jeff, Cathy Whytsell, Nettie hall, Thurman Flesher and Connie Grancone.

There were 39 present at the Beech Methodist church June 10. There was one birthday, Mrs. Lovie Laughlin.

Mt. Zion News:

There were 59 present at Mt. Zion Sunday school July 1. A fellowship dinner was held at the church. Rev. McKee preached before Sunday School, also Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Haught and family of Hagerstown, MD, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Haught and family of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wright and son, Chuck of Richmond, VA, spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Horace Haught.

Jay Wright has spent a few weeks visiting his grandparents.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

July 6, 1806:

Statesman Charles James Faulkner was born in Martinsburg. Faulkner served in the West Virginia legislature, U.S. Congress (1851-59, 1875-77), and as U.S. minister to France.



July 6, 1848: Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

July 6, 1883: Judge "R. D." Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan Massacre trial in 1921.



July 7, 1928: The Madonna of the Trail monument was dedicated in Wheeling. It is one of 12 such statues erected along the National Road to honor America's pioneering women.

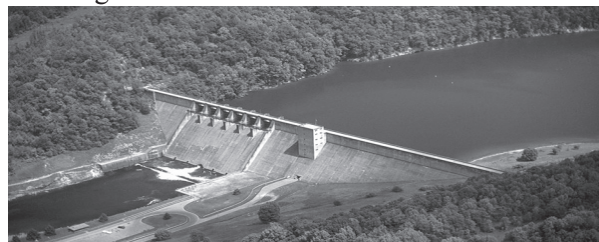
July 8, 1894: Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed portraits, families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.



July 8, 1924: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as "Roll Over, Beethoven." Berry's hit "Johnny B. Goode" was supposedly written as a tribute to Johnson.



July 8, 1961: Sutton Dam was dedicated by Governor Wally Barron. The Army Corps of Engineers operates the dam for purposes of flood control, low-flow augmentation and recreation.



July 9, 1942: An explosion at the Pursglove No. 2 Mine at Scotts Run near Morgantown killed 20 men. It was one of three fatal accidents at the mining operation in an eight-month period.



July 9, 1989:

Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached.

With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.



July 10, 1769:

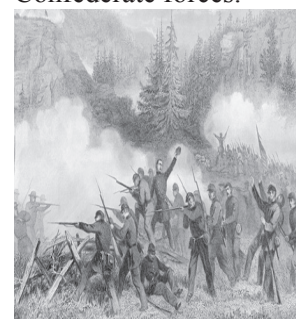
Physician Jesse Bennet was born. He performed the first successful caesarian section in America in 1794, on his own wife and without proper equipment and with no antiseptics. He later established a large practice in Mason County and served as an Army surgeon in the War of 1812.

July 10, 1936:

The temperature in Martinsburg reached 112 degrees. It tied the record for the state's hottest recorded temperature, which had been set August 4, 1930, at Moorefield.

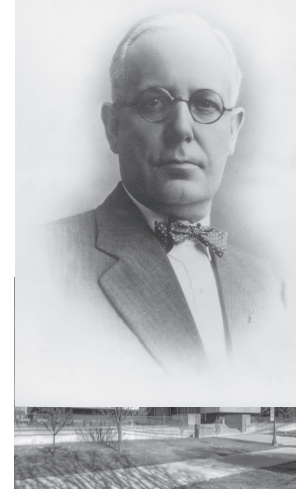
July 11, 1861:

The Battle of Rich Mountain was fought in Randolph County. Union troops under the command of General George McClellan defeated Confederate forces.



July 11, 1867:

John Jacob Cornwell was born on a farm in Ritchie County. He served as the 15th governor of West Virginia.



July 11, 1976:

Gov. Arch Moore dedicated the West Virginia Culture Center. The facility was built to showcase the Mountain State's artistic, cultural and historic heritage.

July 12, 2003:

The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences in downtown Charleston opened to the public. It combines a modern performing arts center with a visual arts museum and an interactive science center.



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My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



It feels like I just sat down to write my article. Oh wait, I did. This week's article had to be completed early due to the Fourth of July holiday. I usually write my article on Sunday afternoon and basically recap my week.

Today is only Tuesday, so not much has happened since Sunday. Therefore, I have decided to share with you some memories of past Fourth of July holidays.

Before I take you on a walk down memory lane, let me share with you what I will be doing this evening and every Tuesday evening when the weather permits. My family has started an unofficial Calhoun County Pickleball Club. Players range in age from 79 to 7, and we play Tuesday evenings on the tennis courts at the town park. We are definitely still learning the game, but it is great exercise. My eye to hand coordination is still terrible, but practice make perfect, right? We recently heard the town is discussing doing some renovations of the park; I sure hope that is true. Our pickleball group would really appreciate it!

I have mentioned many times that my family is big on traditions. We had lots of them growing up, and the Fourth of July was no exception. I grew up on a little ridge in Ohio called Key. Our neighbors were all friends, and we celebrated many holidays together. The Taylor Family were our closest friends. We went to church with them, vacationed with them, and spent both Christmas Eve and the Fourth of July with them. When I think about the 4th, most of my memories center around this family.

There is a lovely city park in Wheeling called Oglebay. If you have never been there, you really need to check it out. There is something there for everyone to enjoy. The Taylor Family traditionally rent a cabin there for the week of July 4th and have been doing so since my mom was a young girl. This tradition now spans four generations. The Taylors graciously invited us to come visit them while they were there, and there was always a big picnic for the actual Fourth of July.

I can remember going to sleep the night before so excited about the next day. Our bags would be packed with bathing suits, towels, sunscreen, and whatever food we were contributing to the picnic. My mom's taco salad was a crowd favorite that I remember us taking quite frequently. I would fall asleep dreaming of all the fun we would have the next day.

By the time I was in middle school, our first stop of the day was always the par three gold course and driving range. While the moms hung out at the cabin and got ready for the picnic, the dads took all of us kids golfing. We did all 18 holes and then hit some balls at the range. I thought nothing of it as a kid, but from an adult's perspective, I now know what troopers our dads were wrangling kids whose ages ranged from 12 down to 6.

Our next stop was usually back to the cabin to change and head to the pool. I can still feel how cold the water was in that big pool and how proud I felt when I was big enough to swim to the island in the middle. Oglebay's pool looks quite different these days, but in my memories, it remains the same. We would spend the afternoon there, and when we got hungry, our moms' huge beach bags would supply us with snacks to hold us over until the big picnic dinner.

Smelling like sunscreen and chlorine, we would eventually make our way back to the cabin to eat. This picnic was a family-neighborhood-church event, so most of the people in my little world were there. We would eat until we couldn't swallow one more bite. At this point, groups would form. Some would go paddle boating, others would go miniature golfing, and the rest would head to the zoo found in the park. Because I volunteered at the zoo for a number of years, I usually skipped that stop and split my time between the first two.

When dusk began to fall, we knew it was time to head back to the cabin to gather our belongings and climb into one of the cars heading down into Wheeling for the fireworks. We always found some spots in the parking garage on the river. It was the best place to watch the show. Those fireworks seemed to last forever.

When the finale ended, we would all say goodbye and head home. Inevitably, my sisters and I would all fall asleep in the van as we made the 30-minute drive back to Key.

I have celebrated the 4th in many ways and in many places since those days, but those childhood memories will always be my favorite.

Happy Fourth of July, friends!

MOVHD sets Food Handler's classes

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

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department will hold its Food Handler's class for the month Tuesday, July 18 at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department's Parkersburg office, 211 Sixth St. Classes are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., each lasting around two hours. Classes cost \$10 and there is no appointment needed. For more information, call 304-485-7374.

In addition, there will also be a Test-Only ServSafe Day on July 26 at the Parkersburg office.

Test fee is \$100 and must be prepaid. For more information and to register, call 304-420-1460.

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 in the field Va. In front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865

Dear brother, father & mother,

This will inform you that I am yet alive and well, and hope these lines may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

I could tell you a good deal if I had time, that has happened since I wrote you yesterday. We bursted out from our works this morning, and drove out the rebels and last night exceeded anything I ever heard for fighting, it was a perfect roar nearly all night. We pushed on about 3 miles toward Petersburg and found the enemy about 2 miles from the city. We charged a fort and captured it. We lost 2 killed and 24 wounded among them Capt Stoddard, Lt Collett and St. Berry. I came through safe, but was very near being hit several times.

I expect we will have to fight again tomorrow. So I must close and get some sleep. I did not sleep any last night as we had orders to charge the works at 6 this A.M. did not do so however.

Good bye. Adolphus write Mollie a letter and tell her I am well, but in a fight every day almost.

Love to you all,
ever your affectionate,
Michael

Head. Quarters 11th WVa Vols

In the field, South West,

of Petersburg Va.

April 3, 1865

My Dear Mary:

I am glad that I yet have the opportunity of writing you a letter. Since writing my last letter, I have passed through a great deal of danger. Saturday night our forces attacked the enemies lines and broke them. Yesterday morning we advanced on them, and took a portion of the works, capturing several prisoners and a lot of artillery. Our Regt took a battle flag. The firing during the night was the most terrific I ever heard, it was a perfect roar all night. After breaking their lines, we marched down toward Petersburg for about 3 miles, when we found the enemy, we immediately went into action.

Our Brigade (the 3rd) consisting of the 10th, 11th. & 15th Va. Regts charged on Fort Whitworth which we captured together with 67 prisoners including one Colonel, 2 Captains & 1 Lieutenant. We suffered a good deal in killed and wounded as we went up under a very heavy fire of small arms, grape and canister. Capt Stoddard was dangerously wounded, Lieut. Collett & Berry were also wounded. We lost 3 men killed and 24 wounded, making our loss for both engagements foots up five killed and 48 wounded.

And to day we took possession of both Petersburg and Richmond. The rebels fled in great confusion, we have taken thousands of prisoners, and I feel so full of enthusiasm to night I hardly know what to do. I believe the war is about over, and oh; what a happy day that will be.

I must say that the 11th Regt has covered herself with glory. I never saw men act so brave and gallant in my life.

The black troops took possession of Richmond and Petersburg, but our Division knocked the key out yesterday that locked the Confederacy.

I must tell you that Genl Harris has complimented me upon two separte occasions for the conduct of my command and I feel a good deal flattered. I am getting along superb with the boys and I think they will all stick to me.

I would like to see you so well to night, but cannot and will hope to see that time soon come, and I believe it will.

I am in good health and hope this may find you enjoying the same good blessing.

I cannot write all I wish to night so I will quit. Regards to all the family and Alfred & Martin and their families and tell them I am doing fine.

I will write soon again as I can. Oh! My Dear Girl you can scarcely appreciate my feelings to night over our great success.

No more. Good bye, accept my love, and most affectionate regards.

I am as ever your
Most affectionate
Michael

Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols

Appomattox C.H. Va.

Apl 10, 1865

My Dear Father and Mother and Brother,

I once more have the pleasure of writing you a few lines which will inform you that I am in good health, at this time, and hope you may all be enjoying the same good blessing.

I know you feel very anxious about me and wish to know how I have got along. I am happy to say that I have not received a scratch, though I have been in some very hot places.

I can scarcely tell you how I feel over the glorious results of our tremendous campaign. Yesterday we captured Genl Lee and his whole army. Our march since we broke their lines in front of Petersburg last Saturday has been a continual success, and our Regiment has bore a very distinguished part in the

(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.)

Thurs., July 6: Oven Fried Fish, Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Fruit, Whole Wheat Bread

Fri., July 7: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Potatoes, Fruit, Whole Wheat Bun

Mon., July 10: Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Pineapples, Whole Wheat Bun

Tues., July 11: Cook's Choice

Wed., July 12: Fish,

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Oranges, Whole Wheat Roll

Thurs., July 13: Chicken Tenders, Mac n Cheese, Fruit, Carrots, 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

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

Lions Club Music, 6 p.m., Starling Holbert

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

Sun., July 9: The Curtis (Hattie or Dorfetta) Hathaway Family Reunion will be held at the Calhoun County Park, 380 Park Place, Grantsville, WV 26147, lunch at noon.

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

Mon., July 10: County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 9 a.m., Little Courtroom

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

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

Tues., July 11: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol, 6 p.m. 413 High Street

Sing, Upper West Fork Park at 6 p.m.

Waste Not/Want Not July

By Judy Wolfram

9 Affordable Garden Tips:

Gardening season is now in full swing!

With high grocery prices nowadays, I'm guessing there are a lot more gardens around. So, here are some gardening tips:

1. Epsom salts sprinkled around your melon plants will grow sweeter melons.
2. Sprinkle self-rising flour on your cabbage plants, and cabbage worms will swell up and die.
3. Gophers will stay out of the garden if you place dryer sheets in their pathway.
4. Rusty, bent barbecue forks make great braces for plants. Tie plants to them with panty hose.
5. Old colanders make good hanging baskets or to carry produce when it is time to pick.
6. You can apply fertilizer with old-fashion flour sifter.
7. Old pots and pans can be used for watering plants, as a container garden, or as scoops for compost applications. Or, how about using them for butterfly baths?
8. To keep worms off your young plants, slit a paper cup one side and wrap it around your plants at the base. It works as a collar worms can't pass.
9. If you want to save on your water bill, but still need to water your plants. I have a few tricks I use. When you change the water in your fish tank, save it and water the garden with it.

Same goes for water from water vases, hard boiled eggs, boiled vegetables or pasta after it has cooled. When you rinse out food cans or bottles, reuse that water too.

Keep a watering can near your sink to put extra (non-soapy, no chemicals) water in. You'll be surprise how much water is wasted before you started saving.

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 sends us your inquires 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

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.

(Calhoun County Commission Meeting held June 28th - Continued from Page 1)

Roger Hanshaw have said they'd be willing to help. It's time to get rid of the third world country view point. We are one of the last county's in the country economically. It's east to get into the State house. We need to move this community forward and leave a legacy behind."

Eric Ritchie, Chief Operational Officer speaking on behalf of Minnie Hamilton was second to address the Commission in hopes of receiving ARPA funding for their current Hospital expansion. Ritchie informed the Commission that Minnie Hamilton was built in the early 60's with two wings added in the 70's. It is now beginning to experience infrastructure failure having had sanitary line issues causing the necessary shut down of departments. Through the Covid experience they were able to evaluate where the building was out of compliance. With multiple issues Minnie Hamilton looked at building an entirely new facility which would come with a \$40 million price tag. Their solution was to renovate the part of the building that was built in the 1960's which will cost just shy of \$20 million dollars. The organization have met with Delegate Hanshaw, Senators Queen and Jeffries as well as organizations such as the USDA to garner grant funding. They've been awarded \$4 million for phase 1 of the project but still lack \$800,000 to complete that part of the project. For phase 2 that applied by working with the USDA for a 30 year loan in the amount of \$7 million.

Ritchie told the Commissioners that they believe this is the County's opportunity to make a nominal investment into the Hospital which has been encouraged by other funding agencies. To fully fund the project will be \$19.8 million. They are two weeks away from beginning construction.

Commissioner Helmick asked if the requested \$777,000 in ARPA funding would take care of the \$19 million project? Ritchie responded that it would only complete the sanitary lines of phase 1. New lines will be installed around the outside the building followed by tunneling under the building and into two rooms allowing easier infection control for the hospital during construction and less patient impact.

Commissioner Walker asked, if the

Commission could not fund the entire \$777,000, had they used all of their other resources for funding. CEO Steve Whited answered saying that if they did not have this funding it would be pushed off to another phase and that the Nursing Home would be greatly impacted.

Crystal Mersh of the 1982 Foundation asked if the expansion of the facility would also expand services to which Whited informed that it will expand the emergency, outpatient services, and behavioral health. They are trying to get into the position to be able to provide dialysis. When Mersh asked if Addiction recovery would be a part of that, Whited said that with current Legislative changes admittance of patients for that need is allowed and the hospital is working to have the ability to have units for local treatment.

Both Public Service Districts had staff available to speak to the needs of the county water systems. Board Member Tammy Yoak of the Pleasant Hill PSD expressed to the Commission that water is extremely important and everyone deserves to have it. She expressed how overwhelmed she felt with situation coming in as a newly appointed PSD Board Member and realizing that the Normanridge Project, which has been 10 years in the making, was being held up by 7 years of incomplete audits (costing \$26,000) by the previous PSD Board. Pleasant Hill's request for the available ARPA funding was to pay for the 7 years of back audits, air mapping, repairing or replacing the Big Springs booster Station, generator, and Operational equipment such as a UTV to travel impassable roads and a shared box trailer for hauling line repair materials.

Yoak told the Commission that before we considered expansion of the water system we needed to take care of the current infrastructure.

Mt. Zion PSD members, Robin Hughes, Lori Garrett and Anita West appeared requesting help in the amount of \$416,805 that included the purchase of an F450 utility truck, generator and sewer upgrades.

Annamoriah resident Charlotte Blair knows the hardships of not having water. She appeared in January before the commission to request their consideration of expanding Water Service to the Route 5 west location and presented the names of over 30

customers willing to sign onto the project. When hearing Tammy Yoak say that the expansion should not currently be considered Blair asked if they were saying that the Annamoriah project could not be done?

Commissioner Craig arthur answered that of course we need the upgrades what would expedite the project but he further stated that the Commission needs to think ahead, "Which we've not been known for," he noted. His desire is to meet with State leaders where there is a possibility of a 1-4 match in funding assistance.

Anthony Woods of the state Auditor's Office provides advice on the use of ARPA funds and attended by phone. When asked about the timeline on funding he stated that the \$1.2 million dollars has to be committed to a project by 2024 and spent by 2026.

Commission Walker followed by saying there has to be a cost estimate, an engineer, more discussion with Luke Peters. If we have so many issues, we have to take care of those matters regarding the Water expansion.

Blair continued in frustration to speak of how those involved in the Normanridge Project had dropped the ball. "Minnie Hamilton could be full of people infected with poor drinking water. I'm tired of having to carry water to cook. People are hauling water left and right and have for years. When is this Government Gravy Train of funding going to run out. This is an emergency. I hear a lot of talk, but I'm seeing no action!"

Commissioner Arthur said "It's plain and simple we dropped the ball and we have to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Crystal Mersh reminded the Commission that there were recommendation made 6-8 months ago to transfer the broadband money and that it was he Commission responsibility to oversee these Boards and projects.

Anita West of the Mt. Zion PSD spoke up saying that "It's only your responsibility to appoint the board." However, the West Virginia Code in Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 3 says of the Jurisdiction powers and duties of county Commissions: §7-1-3. Jurisdiction, powers and duties. The county commissions, shall also, under the rules as now are or may be prescribed by law, have the superintendence and administration of the

internal police and fiscal affairs of their counties.

Crystal Mersh, who has been very active in the Community's economic growth and keeping in contact with State leaders, spoke again saying that we needed to speak with Delegate Hanshaw who has told us there were funding matches. She then asked the Commission how much money was in the County's account. The response was \$897,000 in general and \$450,000 in the "slush fund."

Commissioner Walker said that he was open to a meeting to which Mersh replied "They've said we need to have a plan, what is it?"

Melissa West, of the Calhoun Chronicle spoke to the Commissioners saying that if a child doesn't have water, CPS can remove those children from a home. If a family is unable to provide the basic needs for their family in any capacity it is always a risk of a child or an elderly family member to be removed from the home so those needs are met. Minnie Hamilton is important, but the water should be first priority.

Commissioner Helmick stated that the State would only help where there were so many houses per mile. This caused Charlotte Blair to question why Sassafras Ridge received water when there didn't appear to be that many house in that area. Helmick's response was that the water was going to a county park. This caused concern for Arthur that a park location was considered more important than a main route.

Former Judge Larry whited asked if anyone contacted the Governor's office regarding their Contingency fund? No answer was given.

Steve Whited returned to the floor saying that from the water perspective, its likely there won't be any funding until the consolidation is done, citing his concern that the water projects would fail to meet the time constraints because of the DEP and USDA's threats to withhold funding if the consolidation didn't occur.

Mt. Zion PSD also requested a centrally located office stating the substandard conditions of the current offices and the need for one combined office.

The commission will either hold a special meeting or just announce their decision at their next regular meeting on July 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Little Courtroom of the Courthouse.

How The \$1.2 Billion Broadband money will be dispersed in West Virginia

Senator Shelley Moore-Capito's office provided an explanation of how the funds will be dispersed for Broadband throughout the state.

For your background: The \$1.2 billion will go to the state and from there, it will go to different subgrantees that the state deems eligible. The subgrantees will be internet service providers (ISPs). Although we don't have a specific number for Calhoun County yet, by law, the funding will be distributed based on need in unserved and underserved communities – and we know there is great need in Calhoun County.

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING July 10, 2023 9:00 a.m. AGENDA

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| Call To Order: | VI. Old Business: |
| | A. Solid Waste |
| I. Pledge of Allegiance: | Request for Monthly Funding |
| II. Approve Minutes: June 14, 2023 | B. ARPA Funds |
| III. Delegations/ Requests: | VII. Personnel Items: |
| A. Michelle Toman – Suicide Prevention | A. Hannah Johnson – Hourly Increase for Certifications |
| B. Robert Petrovsky – Mayor Town of Grantsville | VIII. Appointments to Boards and Authority: |
| IV. Reports | IX. Grants and Resolutions |
| A. E-911, LEPC and OES | X. Erroneous Tax Assessments/ Consolidations: |
| B. Ambulance | XI. Fiduciary Items: |
| C. Wood Festival Committee | XII. Financial Items: |
| D. CRI | XIII. Invoices Paid Need to be Approved: FY23 and FY24 |
| E. County Park | XIV. Financial Statements: |
| F. FRN | A. Financial Statement June 2023 |
| G. Home Confinement Report | XV. Bonds, Wills, Settlements and Orders: |
| H. Sheriff's Report and Requests | XVI. Executive Session: |
| I. Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation | XVII. Adjournment - Next Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2023 |
| V. New Business: | |
| A. Arnoldsburg Volunteer Fire Department Audit FY22 | |
| B. Surplus Property Sheriff's Department | |

Attorney General Morrissey Issues Statement on SCOTUS Student Loans Ruling

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

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey issued a statement following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Friday that deemed the HEROES Act does not authorize the Secretary of Education to issue mass cancellation of student loans.

Relying in part on the major-questions doctrine and West Virginia v. EPA, the Supreme Court held that Congress did not empower the President to "seize the power of the Legislature" on this issue.

The Biden administration had proposed a program that would cancel \$400 billion in outstanding federal student loans under the Act, a post-9/11 statute enacted to

Read a copy of the SCOTUS ruling at: <https://bit.ly/3NzHCM5>.



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

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

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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated **November 5, 2010**, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Calhoun County, West Virginia Commission in **Trust Deed Book 158, Page 523**, whereby Mary Ann Taylor and Rodney Taylor did convey unto Tony Morgan, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Michael A. Hicks as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Book 187, Page 670; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee has been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder and will offer said real property for sale at public auction at the front door of the Calhoun County Courthouse in Spencer, West Virginia, on:

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

That certain lot, tract, or parcel of land, together with all appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining and all improvements thereon, including a 2011 CLAZ FH mobile home, Identification No. CAP025103TNAB, lying and being situate on Sugar Camp Run of Yellow Creek, in the District of Sheridan, County of Calhoun, State of West Virginia, further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of Lynn Camp of Leading Creek Road where the fence could cross the same, if extended, and running thence with the center of said road the following three calls: N 00-40 E, 142 ft; N 4-50 E, 320 feet; N 4-20 W, 379 feet; thence leaving said road, S 88-30 E, 197 feet to a stone; thence S 15-15 E, 910 feet to a stone; thence N 76 W, 326 feet to the place of beginning containing 4.77 acres, more or less.

The foregoing real estate was conveyed unto Rodney Taylor and Mary Ann Taylor by Douglas Taylor and Shirley Taylor by a deed dated June 30, 1975, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 125, Page 20.

However, it is expressly understood and agreed between the parties hereto that this deed of trust is made and accepted subject to all of the exceptions and reservations which are contained in the deeds from the predecessors in title of grantors as to the oil, gas, and other minerals within and underlying the aforesaid real estate, together with the mining and operating rights and privileges thereto appertaining.

It is further expressly understood and agreed between all of the parties hereto that this deed of trust is also made and accepted subject to any easements and rights-of-way which may now be operative over, through, and across the aforesaid real estate.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with Special Warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property. The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate tax liens. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

TERMS: The above-described property will be sold by the undersigned Trustee, or his agent, by auction to the highest bidder, subject to the right of the Trustee to reject bids deemed by him to be inadequate. The owner of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust and the owner of any other interest in the property to be sold shall have the right to bid.

Payment in full is required on the day of sale by cash, or such other arrangements as may be acceptable to the secured party.

The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale, or to adjourn the sale, without further notice other than announcement at the time and place of sale as set forth above.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Michael A. Hicks, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

Decedent	Decedent's Address	Date of Death	Date of Will
Jeannetta Jean Jarvis	2617 W. Beacon Ave. Spokane, WA 99208	February 2, 2022	March 20, 2020

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
Robert T. Jarvis	307 W. Broadway P.O. Box 1086 Philipsburg, MT 59858	Son	July 5, 2023

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

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

Enter this 5th day of July, 2023.

Jean Simers
Clerk of the County Commission
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that proceedings in the following estates are pending before the County Commission of Calhoun County, West Virginia, at the Courthouse in the City of Grantsville, West Virginia:

Decedent	Personal Representative	Address
Freda R. Yoak	Frank and Sharon Yoak Turner	P.O. Box 901 Grantsville, WV 26147

July 5, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the preceding estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Calhoun County Clerk's office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provision of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue of jurisdiction of the commission, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Any person interested in filing claims against an estate shown below must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code, 44-2 and 44-3. All persons having claims against one or more of the estate(s) shown above, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims, with the voucher thereof, legally verified, to the Clerk of the Calhoun County Commission at Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 363 Main Street, PO Box 230, GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA 26147 on or before **SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**. Otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear on or before said day to examine said claims and otherwise protect their interests.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the preceding named decedent(s) will proceed with or without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission
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IN RE: CHRISTOPHER A. LANE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR
THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.: 22-21432-GLT
NOTICE OF SALE OF THE DEBTOR'S REAL PROPERTY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Christopher A. Lane, is selling the following property:

Certain real property described as: (1) a portion of Real Estate known as Parcel # 07-03-0023-0030-0004 located along RT 33/119 Arnoldsburg, WV 25234 consisting of approximately +/- 1.5 acres and (2) a portion of real estate known as Parcel # 17-07-0286-0082-0000 located along Wilsonburg Road, Clarksburg, WV 26301 consisting of approximately +/- .9 acres (the "Property").

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT pursuant to the Bid Procedures, each Qualified Bidder (as defined in the Bid Procedures) shall be invited to participate in an auction (the "Auction") held at the same time and date as the Sale Confirmation Hearing scheduled for July 20, 2023, as referenced below. Qualified Bidders shall have the ability to participate in the Auction remotely. Any party interested in submitting a competing bid shall contact Lara S. Martin, Esq., 601 Grant Street, 9th Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15219 or via email lmartin@bernsteinlaw.com

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Auction shall be conducted at the Sale Hearing, which shall commence at 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on July 20, 2023. The Sale Hearing shall be conducted before Chief Judge Gregory L. Taddonio in Courtroom A, 54th Floor U.S. Steel Tower, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, to consider the confirmation of the Sale to the Successful Bidder (as defined in the Bid Procedures) or any higher and better Qualified Bidder. The Sale Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned or rescheduled from time to time upon court approval. Once the Auction has concluded, the Court shall consider the confirmation of the Sale to the successful bidder at the Sale Hearing.

Additional information is available by contacting Counsel for the Debtor, Bernstein-Burkley, P.C., Lara S. Martin, 601 Grant street, 9th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 T: (412) 456-8102 F: (412) 456-8135, lmartin@bernsteinlaw.com

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Call the helpline at 1-877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

Please reach out, there is always someone to talk too.

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.

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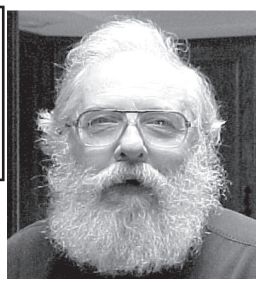
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



The Creston Community Building Centennial and homecoming will be July 8 at the community building at 2 P. M. Everyone is invited.

A little over a century ago it was determined that Creston needed a new school building as the prior structure was less than satisfactory. In addition to dirt falling on the students in the downstairs room when folks walked upstairs there was no playground. The area that was used belonged to a neighbor and if his wife didn't care for you, then your children were not allowed to play on the land. This, of course, created an untenable situation for all concerned.

A decision was made to purchase a tract of 2 1/2 acres for \$1200 which would be at least \$36,000 in today's inflated funds and building a modern new school house. In those days such decisions were made locally and Creston is in Spring Creek District of Wirt County so the Spring Creek Board of Education was in charge. That is local control of education including what is taught. The budget did not allow for sufficient funds to build a new structure so there had to be a special levy for the entire district. Spring Creek District goes all the way across the Sanoma Road to W. Va. 14 at Blue Goose. Of course a new bigger school building at Creston would have been of no benefit for those folks and they would have had no reason to support and pay for such. However, the folks over there did want a new year round passable road from the ferry at Sanoma to the road on Left Reedy at Blue Goose. Local road maintenance was

under the jurisdiction of the Spring Creek District road folks and the road levy did not generate sufficient funds to build the knapped rock road that folks wanted. It would require a special road levy on the entire district and that would be of minimal benefit for the residents of Creston. Folks got together and agreed to work to pass both special levies. The Sanoma road was built and the new Creston school was constructed. There was a cost overrun (to use modern terms) and the allotted funds were not enough to finish the school. A team of local folks led by Al Blankenship, whose children attended the Ann's Run school volunteered and finished the job, pro bono. Mr. Blankenship ended being the supervisor for the construction of the Sanoma road.

The Creston area was hazy as a result of the forest fires in Canada. In Parkersburg one could actually smell wood smoke as, apparently, there was more smoke there. At the same time, some people want to ban wood fired pizza ovens in New York City (and no doubt elsewhere) to "protect the environment". A nice rain seemed to clear out the smoke.

Nancy Engelke was undergoing tests in Marietta.

The electric power plant in Pleasants County remains "in limbo". It was involved in the big deal in Ohio by First Energy, the Creston electric company. First Energy paid \$61 million to Ohio house speaker Larry Householder (and friends) for a law that gave the firm \$18 billion (from customers) to help operate their aging nuclear power generating

plants. Just recently the Ohio politician who was a close ally of John Kasic, was cuffed and led off to start his 20 year "vacation". Who knows what is included in local electric bills?

The USDA (Department of Agriculture) has approved Bill Gate's "lab grown meat". Under such rules no one would be eating pizza since, with dairy cattle banned there would be no cheese and there would be, obviously, something wrong with Italian sausage, pepperoni, etc. Now Gates is talking about GMO (genetically modified) mosquitos that would bite folks and then either transmit disease or so called vaccines to an unsuspecting population.

The annual report of world energy use came out and 82% of all energy world wide comes from fossil fuels. Banning gas cook stoves to impact the globe is absurd. Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon/Mobil and Chevron have noted that natural gas is not a "short term bridge to greener energy" but is and will be the main source of energy & raw materials for decades to come. It was also reported that use and demand for natural gas has increased 42% from 2010 to 2020.

Speaking of natural gas, the Henry Hub (Louisiana) price is \$2.76 but the price of natural gas produced on Owl Hill was just 56 cents/mcf.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude inched up to \$69.64/bbl. with condensate fetching \$53.64/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light brought \$60.64 and medium \$69.64/bbl.

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

I really like fresh garden peas. They are so sweet and tasty. Kind of like a vegetable candy. I'd pick them in the early morning after the kids went to school and Frank went to work. I'd set the bucket aside and do my other chores. I'd feed chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits, fill water buckets, and gather eggs. But at 1:00 I was in the living room and in front of the TV watching my ABC soaps (All My Children, One Life To Live and General Hospital) and shelling peas. A bucket for pods to be cooked for the chickens or out on the compost pile and a big colander for the peas. The peas got washed, set in the sink to drain thoroughly, and put in freezer bags that were put in the freezer.

The easy way to cook peas is just drop them in boiling water with a little butter (real) and salt until done. A different way would be make a white



sauce while the peas are cooking.

Use 3 or 4 tablespoons of real butter that are in a pan and melting over a low heat. Make sure it doesn't burn. Slowly sprinkle all purpose flour (not self rising) until it's smooth and not lumpy. Stir in milk a little at a time until it's a consistency of gravy. If it's too thin add a little flour and it's too thick add a little milk. When its done to your liking mix in the already cooked and drained peas. Oh, boy creamed peas. How my mom used to add what she called pearl onions to the peas and cream sauce. But I never did.

One of my kids wouldn't eat anything with onions in it. I don't know if they still have those tiny pearl onions., she also would add them to just plain peas. I put peas in pot pies, vegetable soup, homemade chicken noodle soup, and cooked them with carrot rounds. I just add butter and salt and pepper. If you choose you can make a pea salad. Start with a bag of frozen peas and add small chunks of sharp cheddar cheese, some pieces of cut up raw broccoli (don't forget to peel the woody stems) and raw cauliflower and whatever dressing you choose. Mix all ingredients together and then slice a hard boiled egg on top for garnishment, you sprinkle a little paprika on top of you wish. I only use fresh or frozen peas as I feel that canned peas are ugly in color (they look sick) and taste like a tin can smells. But if I must use them as a side dish (yuk) I add a little bit of canola or olive oil and some garlic salt. It helps some. Next week is green beans, wax beans and lima beans.

1982 Foundation Weekly Update

By Crystal Mersh

Weekly Update Lots of smoke and lots of hot air in Calhoun this week!

But we got a lot done anyway! Thanks to our excellent team of contractors, engineers, architects, and now our excellent staff of Teresa Jones Overton Steve Boggs Jason Cunningham Whitley Cottrell!

We have got the best team for certain and they are making things happen and happen quickly!

Then we we chased money (and let me tell you Daddy Rabbit is mad as a hornet), had a visit by EMS of WV who are in charge of floodplain, chased docs to file for NIP Neighborhood Investment Program again, and we worked hard on building a swimming pool.

Mr. Shamblin and team are now rolling right along. This crew works so very hard every day installing the plumbing and gravel preparing for the block work.

They made great progress this week

working in rain, smoke, heat and humidity. My hat is off to you guys.

The other crews finished up what they had while waiting on materials and/or permits. We now have the permit for the main building, the gym and the new structure...thanks to the hard work of the team, our Mayor Bob and Micheal Plato.

Also thanks to CEC who continue to support our efforts and are working hard to get the information needed for the permitting; however, this seems to have been a bit morelet's just say.....facilitated to find a reasonable and reasoned path forward.

I will say that unnecessary and illogical roadblocks take time and money... and energy. It might not be so frustrating if it was something other than cheap shots to stall progress....but ce la vie.

We ordered the steaks for next weeks Spice event which had to be ordered from Omaha Steaks due to the unusual cut.

Pichana is not so common here it seems. lol. This cut is the Rump Cap or Sirloin Cap and it so very flavorful. We also have Venezuelan tamales and empanadas coming from Atl made by a Venezuelan Goddess. This should be a good one.

Shana Beard Spaur is working on all things salad as there will be a very special salad bar as is the tradition in Brazil.

I missed two big deals on Marketplace for which I am still kicking myself.

We have lots of fixtures and furniture purchased from Marketplace....much of it in Atlanta that we need to start get assembled up here so we can get dimensions. We will need to get to that before summer is over.

So next week it is more of the same.....pool, permitting, planning and 4th of July.

Wishing you and your a safe and enjoying holiday. Stay in the shade a have a hotdog or two.

Save The ildren Parent-Child Group Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

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

Group location and dates for the month of July: NO Groups 7/10-14/23

Calhoun FRN on Tuesdays from 11-12 (NO GROUP JULY 4 OR 11)

Upper West Fork Park on Wednesday from 1-2 (NO GROUP 7/12 OR 19)

Pleasant Hill Elementary on Friday's from 4:30-5:30 (NO Group 7/14)

Arnoldsburg Elementary on Fridays from 1-2 (NO GROUP 7/14 or 28)

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

Read to Me:

Share a picture in a book, magazine, or news article with your child. Be sure to point at what you're looking at and chat about it. For example, "Look at the blue shirt the lady is wearing I have one too!" Or "This is a picture of diapers, like the ones you wear." Let them pick the next picture. and talk about what you see together.

Brainy Background:

Around age one or later, babies start to understand that pictures represent real things. As you connect pictures and real things—especially,

things they know—you help them understand symbols. These chats are a critical step in learning to read later.

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

Come and join the fun!
Debra Smith, KRA

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You can also get information by going to www.WV811.com To prevent potential injuries from accidental utility line dig-ins, state law requires customers and contractors to call WV811 at least two working days before digging. Third-party damage is the leading cause of accidents involving utility lines. WV811 will alert Dominion Energy West Virginia and other participating utilities of customer and contractor plans to dig.

WV811 will ask these utilities to mark the approximate location of their underground gas lines and utility cables, so that customers won't find them by accident. Also, for safety's sake, customers and contractors should only dig around utility lines by hand. If you do come in contact with a pipeline or smell natural gas (though natural gas is odorless in nature, mercaptan, a non-toxic chemical odorant that smells like rotten eggs, is often added to make it easier to identify), be alert and follow these steps:

--Stop work and evacuate to a safe distance.

--Alert everyone on the premises.

--Do not strike a match; use a telephone; operate engines and motors; or switch on/off appliances, lights, or even a flashlight in the area where you smell gas. These items can produce a spark that might ignite.

--Once safe, call 911 if there is blowing gas.

--Call the emergency number provided by the natural gas operators in your area: DEWV customers call 800-934-3187.

--Do not try to fix the pipe or slow the rate of leaking gas.

--Do not try to extinguish a gas-burning fire unless there is a threat to life.

--Do not operate any of the gas company's valves.

For natural gas safety information, visit www.dominionenergy.com/safety/call-before-you-dig or www.WV811.com.

UPDATE ON THE Cabot Recycling AUCTION!

The First Cabot Recycling Center's AUCTION for rehoming furniture was a SUCCESS! We planned a RAIN CHECK DAY, for July 29 th , 2023, at noon. So, go through those out buildings, garages, and your house and find treasures that you just don't use, and donate them to Cabot Recycling so they can be auctioned off to someone who really needs them. ALL proceeds will go to Cabot Recycling to assist in their ability to serve our area as they have always done. COME RAIN OR SHINE! IT IS INDOORS, WITH REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY. (If you have trouble bringing your donation to Cabot Recycling between 8 and 4, M-F, call this number to have someone pick it up for you the week before the Auction.

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.): July 8, TBA; July 15: TBA; July 22, Frank Conn & Partners.

HATHAWAY FAMILY REUNION

Submitted by Roger and Loretta Propst

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.

STUMP FAMILY REUNION

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.

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

Creston Community Building Homecoming July 8th

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

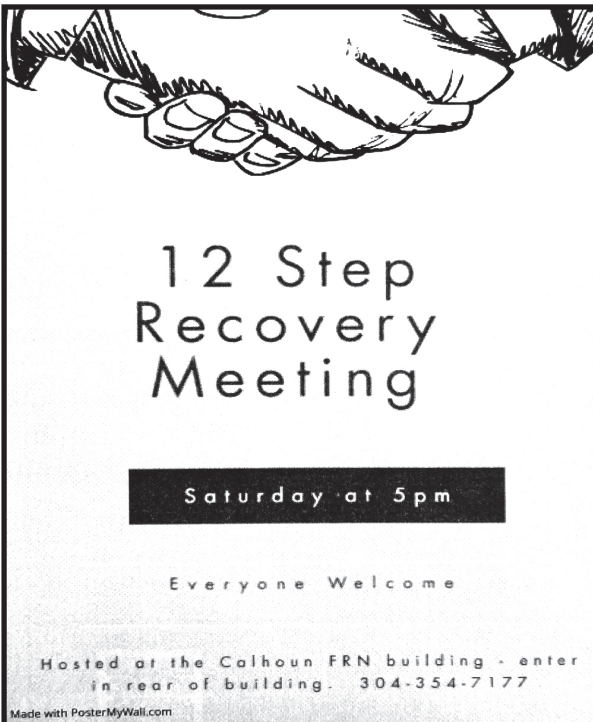
Holbert Family Reunion July 22nd

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.

Creston Poker Run Schedule

Creston Community Building 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.



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more information call our local office at 304-354-6898 or our main office in Parkersburg at 304-428-3688. The Calhoun County WIC Clinic is located at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville every Wednesday from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The Calhoun County WIC Office will be closed every Friday.

Tire Collection


Tire collection will be held the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, west of Grantsville on Rt. 5. Tires accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, accepted, with a limit of 10 tires per person, open to residents of Calhoun only. Bring valid W.Va. ID. Sponsored by W. Va. DEP and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.

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.

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.



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



Sportsman BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY, July 14th, 2023

DOORS OPEN 5 PM

Bingo from 6PM-9PM

Location: Arnoldsburg Community Building
1280 Arnoldsburg Rd

\$20 for 20 rounds of Bingo

Prizes Include...Angler Kayak, 1200V Gas Generator, Crossbow, 52 qt. Rtic Cooler, Tree Stand, Over 1,400.00 in Case and Boker Knives, Gift Certificates, Tents and so much MORE!

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



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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.

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Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Life-line, 1-800-273-TALK, is partnering with First Choice Services, a non-profit organization based in Charleston, to answer calls from West Virginians and offer assistance during their time of need. Calls to 1-800-273-TALK will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All call line staff have received training in applied suicide intervention skills, the gold standard in screening and assisting suicidal callers. Please reach out if need someone to talk to, you are important!

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline

1-800-579-5844

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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.

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COUNTRY KITCHEN

304-286-5600 Exit 40 1-79 Big Otter, WV

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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Attorney General Morrissey Files Suit Against Cemetery Monument/Gravestone Seller for Allegedly Deceiving Consumers

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

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey has filed suit against a Clendenin monument/memorial seller for allegedly taking money from consumers and not delivering what they paid for.

Glenn A. Naylor II, who does business as Naylor Monument Sales and Naylor Monument Company LLC, sells gravestones, headstones and other monuments. He is charged with violating the state's Consumer Credit and Protection Act.

The lawsuit is seeking "to enjoin and restrain the Defendant from engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with the sale of memorials

and monuments and related activities."

"It's really simple: you must follow the law if you want to do business in West Virginia, and be honest about your work," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Those who defraud consumers must be held accountable to the full extent of the law. The allegations in this case are serious as it involves consumers who are at their most vulnerable state after the death of a loved one."

The state began investigating Naylor's business practices in 2022 after receiving numerous complaints from consumers—that the business took their money but did not deliver or install the cemetery monuments.

The defendant also allegedly dodged calls from consumers seeking answers.

In one instance, a consumer in Cross Lanes placed an order in October 2021 to engrave the date of her mother's death on her headstone, paying in full. Naylor has not done the job—he has not responded to the consumer's calls and text and has not returned the money.

"Most businesses that operate in the state do the right thing but if you cross the line, we're going to make sure there's enforcement. Plain and simple," Attorney General Morrissey said.

Read a copy of the complaint at: <https://bit.ly/3Nw5C2Z>.

Statement from The Office of Governor Jim Justice

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

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice underwent routine and successful gallbladder removal surgery this afternoon. Despite never having gallbladder issues before, he had a sudden flare-up last Thursday evening. After consultation with his doctors, they recommended it be removed.

Gov. Justice is currently resting well, in good spirits, and anxious to get back to work serving the great people of West Virginia.

Air Quality Update: WVDEP, DHHR statewide air quality advisory remains in effect

CONTACT: Terry Fletcher, 304-926-0499, Terry.A.Fletcher@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Division of Air Quality and the state Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health's (BPH) statewide Air Quality Advisory for fine particulate matter issued Wednesday remains in effect as smoke from Canadian wildfires continues to impact air quality.

According to AirNow.gov, Air Quality Index (AQI) scores for most of West Virginia are in the 151-200 range (Red), which indicate that some members of the general public may experience health effects and members of

sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects. Sensitive groups include children, people suffering from asthma, heart disease or other lung diseases, and the elderly.

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

Citizens are encouraged to check the AirNow website to see real time air quality data in their area and surrounding states. Please make sure you are viewing the interactive map for your area using

the "contours" setting for Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM).

More information about the AQI, including activity guides for when air quality reaches unhealthy levels, is available here.

Click here for information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on protecting yourself from wildfire smoke.

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

Capito Announces Over \$2.1 Million in Congressionally Directed Spending for West Virginia Ag Business Projects

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 27th, \$2,155,126.30 from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for three West Virginia agricultural business development projects. This funding, which was secured through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests made by Senator Capito for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, will be used to support West Virginia agriculture business development resources, increase food safety and monitoring, and improve the dairy industry across the state.

In total, Senator Capito secured \$250,950,000 in direct spending measures for initiatives and projects

across West Virginia through the FY 2023 appropriations omnibus package.

"I'm pleased to have secured this funding to help West Virginia's agricultural industry and support our hardworking farmers. I have seen firsthand how businesses in West Virginia are revolutionizing the agriculture sector, and creating innovative ways to make West Virginia products more accessible. I'm looking forward to seeing how these funds will help expand our agricultural industry, grow our dairy industry, and increase our means of monitoring food safety," Senator Capito said.

Individual awards listed below:

- \$1,106,700 for West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) Dairy Workforce Development: This

funding aims to increase the West Virginia dairy industry's financial stability, opportunity to be self-sustaining, and public education.

- \$818,362.30 for the W.Va. Department of Agriculture (WVDA) Agribusiness Development Project: This project would provide agribusiness development through training, technical assistance, and access to capital for new and expanding agribusinesses.

- \$230,064 for West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) Process Authority: This funding aims to reestablish an entity for the validation of thermal process for makers of acidified and low-acid canned foods in the state of West Virginia, known as process authority.

Capito, Ernst, Cotton: New Findings Exposing Hypocrisy in Biden Admin's Green Agenda

Contact: Peter Hoffman, 202-224-0146

WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 29th, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, joined Senators Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) to expose how the Biden administration is greenlighting bureaucrats' burning fossil fuels to jet off to climate conferences around the world while waging a relentless war on American-made energy at home.

The senators previously requested the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) to calculate the greenhouse gases emitted from the Biden administration's travel to the United Nation's climate conference last year. They released the findings of this report today, which revealed that even though President Biden signed an executive order requiring agencies to track and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from travel, GAO reports the State Department still does "not have a systematic way to calculate greenhouse gas emissions from U.S. delegation travel."

Taking action in response to the report, Capito, Ernst, and Cotton are also introducing the Executive Branch Emissions Transparency Act to calculate the future use of the fossil fuels emitted by the travels of the president,

his climate czar John Kerry, and the rest of Biden administration.

"Americans are tired of bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. who don't practice what they preach when it comes to protecting the environment," Ranking Member Capito said. "In the Biden administration, the same people who are closing down power plants across the country and forcing Americans to buy electric vehicles are also the ones flying to climate conferences and using fossil fuels without apology. I'm proud to join Senator Ernst in continuing our push for accountability and stand up for those who are understandably frustrated by the hypocrisy we've seen time and time again."

"The gas is always greener when you're burning fossil fuels in the name of saving the planet," Senator Ernst said. "While giving lip service to greenies, Biden bureaucrats are blatantly emitting the greenhouse gases they demonize. The double standard is clear, and Americans have had enough of this hot air. It's time for Biden bureaucrats to face the facts: according to their own actions, American-made fossil fuels are not the enemy. I am committed to exposing this hypocrisy."

"Joe Biden and his officials say they are addressing an 'existential' crisis by participating in climate

conferences, all while traveling on private jets to and from the conferences. The Biden administration should instead focus its efforts on American energy production—or at the very least, let American taxpayers know about the private travel they are paying for," Senator Cotton said.

The Biden administration's excessive fossil fuel usage in the name of "saving" the planet is growing, and it doesn't stop at the UN climate conference. For example:

- Last year, the president's official Climate Envoy John Kerry led a delegation of 259 officials from 17 different agencies and offices that traveled (via plane) to Egypt, where they ironically "launched the Net-Zero Government Initiative, inviting governments to lead by example and achieve net-zero emissions from national government operations."

- Kerry also flew to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in Jan., stating "it was truly extraordinary" to be part of a "select group of human beings ... able to sit in a room and come together and actually talk about saving the planet."

- In April, Kerry was jetted off to Japan to attend the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy, and Environment.

Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column

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

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there is a small army of secretaries and clerical workers keep the whole operation running smoothly.

Most positions at the PSC are covered by the West Virginia Division of Personnel (DOP) Civil Service System. In order to be eligible for these positions you need to complete the steps necessary to be placed on the DOP register.

To see what positions we are currently trying to fill, go to our website at www.psc.state.wv.us and click on "Employment Opportunities."

You will also find a link there that will take you to the DOP registration site. Positions are posted for a limited period of time, but may be reposted if not filled, so check back often.

If you are just starting your career, or if you are interested in making a change, I hope you will consider applying to the Public Service Commission.

This may be the opportunity you have been looking for.

Capito Announces Funding For Emergency Food Assistance

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, today announced that the W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture will receive \$798,894 from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The funding, which was made possible through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), will be used to help both the Facing Hunger Food Bank in Huntington and the Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway, W.Va., address gaps in emergency food system coverage. "Unexpected emergencies can be devastating for individuals and families across W.Va., and in times of need, it's important to have an outlet to put food on the table," Senator Capito said. "This critical funding from USDA will help ensure that food banks, like those in Gassaway and Huntington, are able to support West Virginians when they fall on hard times".

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

Capito Introduces Legislation to Reform EPA's Air Quality Standards Process

Contact: Peter Hoffman, 202-224-0146

WASHINGTON, D.C. — June 22, 2023, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, led a group of her colleagues in introducing legislation to improve how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administers the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) program under the Clean Air Act, making the program more cost-effective for states to implement and protecting American jobs.

The National Ambient Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2023 would improve the processes both for EPA to revise current NAAQS and for states to implement the standards. Under the Clean Air Act's NAAQS program, the EPA sets standards for six criteria pollutants, including ground-level ozone and particulate matter. Earlier this year, the EPA proposed to make the NAAQS for particulate matter (PM2.5) more stringent and is considering updating the standards for ozone and lead. Historically, the EPA has consistently missed statutory deadlines for both reviewing standards and for providing implementation guidance to states. Capito's legislation would address these issues and set a more reasonable and attainable schedule for EPA actions.

"As the EPA is currently in the process of updating its air quality standards, we must ensure states and employers aren't unfairly penalized by unrealistic or burdensome new rules," Ranking Member Capito said. "The NAAQS Implementation Act of 2023 would provide needed clarity and flexibility as the EPA proposes and implements these air quality standards, while at the same time protecting American infrastructure and manufacturing jobs."

Cosponsors of Capito's legislation include U.S. Senators John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Cynthia Lummis

(R-Wyo.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

"The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has continually moved the goalposts on air quality standards," Senator Barrasso said. "These everchanging standards have significant consequences for economic growth, manufacturing, and job creation in every corner of America. This important bill will rein in this regulatory overreach and ensure the EPA can no longer change the rules in the middle of the game."

"Local governments and businesses shouldn't be punished by cumbersome new rules arbitrarily set by federal agencies," Senator Cornyn said. "Our legislation would give states the certainty and flexibility they need to comply with new air quality standards without sacrificing critical jobs and infrastructure, and I applaud Ranking Member Capito's leadership on this issue."

"The EPA is considering sweeping, one-size-fits-all changes to air quality standards that would place excessive compliance burdens on states, small businesses, and even individual homeowners," Senator Sullivan said. "In Fairbanks and North Pole, the EPA has already threatened to mandate air quality standards on an impossible timeline, burdening the community and the state and jeopardizing our ability to fund much-needed infrastructure improvements. It's remarkable that the administration is even entertaining this rash of new red tape on an economy still reeling from historic inflation and endless permitting delays. I'm glad to put forward legislation with Senator Capito to restore sanity to the EPA's air quality standards, ensuring they account for the unique circumstances of communities in Alaska and across the country and do not unnecessarily hamper the economic well-being of Americans."

OUTSIDE SUPPORT:
"Manufacturing

in the U.S. is among the cleanest in the world. Unfortunately, when federal agencies continually revise standards it creates unpredictability, making it extraordinarily difficult to create new manufacturing jobs, protect workers, modernize our infrastructure and drive investment in America. The NAM thanks Senator Capito for introducing the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Implementation Act of 2023, which brings regulatory certainty for air quality standards, including the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations for particulate matter (PM2.5). With a more predictable process, the U.S. can continue to build on its strong record of environmental stewardship by boosting domestic manufacturing, which is environmentally cleaner than our international competitors," Jay Timmons, President and CEO, National Association of Manufacturers, said.

WHAT THE BILL DOES:
The National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Implementation Act of 2023 would:
- Change the mandatory review of NAAQS from 5 to 10 years.
- Authorize the EPA to consider technological feasibility consideration when revising NAAQS.
- Ensure the EPA issues timely implementation regulations and guidance when revising NAAQS.
- Ensure that for certain ozone and particulate matter nonattainment areas, states are not required to include economically infeasible measures in their plans.
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Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia joined the West Virginia and Louisiana led brief.

Read a copy of the SCOTUS ruling at: <https://bit.ly/3Jxpem8>.

Capito: \$648,000 for Clean Drinking Water

Contact: Kelley Moore, 202-228-1462

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — 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 28th, \$648,000

for W.Va to improve access to clean and safe drinking water.

"In order to ensure every West Virginian has access to clean and safe drinking water, we must invest in our water infrastructure systems in every part of our state, which I've sought to do through the

EPW and appropriations committees," Ranking Member Capito said. "The funding announced today will support our efforts to improve water systems throughout W.Va. and help us best serve residents in small and disadvantaged communities."

PACF Names Sjostedt Ritchie Executive Director Emerita

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Marie Caltrider and Judy Sjostedt Ritchie

Marie Caltrider, Board of Directors Chairperson of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates (PACF) announced that its Board has honored its longest-serving Executive Director, Judy Sjostedt Ritchie, with the title, Executive Director Emerita. Sjostedt Ritchie returns to private industry in July to assume a key leadership role with family businesses, as she and her husband focus on community and economic development in Ravenswood.

Caltrider said, "Judy has devoted her life's work to the PACF and our region's betterment—our Board is deeply grateful. She's done an outstanding job of leading this Foundation for twenty-four years with integrity and compassion. Judy leaves the PACF in a strong financial position with a capable team ready to build upon the wonderful philanthropic impact that our donors make possible. We've carefully planned for this major transition; Fred Rader is advancing to Executive Director. Fred has worked closely with Judy and is well-prepared to step into this important next role."

The fifth Executive Director in PACF's 60-year history, Sjostedt Ritchie said, "In every organization, there comes a time to pass the baton, so the work continues smoothly forward. It's been an incredible privilege to have served our donors, grantees, and community. I have great hope as I move on—a community foundation is much more than any one person. The PACF is a diverse community of many good people who envision that in working together, we can build thriving communities whose people are welcoming, engaged,

and resilient." Under her tenure, PACF achieved tremendous growth, enhancing its sustainability and professionalism. The PACF will celebrate Sjostedt Ritchie's service and Rader's new role at its 60th Anniversary reception, Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at the Parkersburg Art Center.

Since arriving in June 1999, Sjostedt Ritchie's legacy of positive impact includes:

- Growing assets from \$7.6 million to \$80 million in partnership with PACF's donors.
- Substantially increasing its annual grant-making capacity from \$341,957 to \$3.6 million.
- Distributing \$47 million of total grants.
- Ensuring PACF was among the first accredited under the National Standards for Community Foundations in 2006, maintaining continuous accreditation since, and receiving "clean and unqualified" annual audits.

- Securing PACF's first permanent headquarters at 1620 Park Avenue; remaining debt-free and developing operating, building and technology reserves.

- Establishing PACF's competitive edge over the commercial gift funds; transforming it from solely a trust enterprise to a corporate model venture.

- While rapidly expanding, holding annual operating costs to an average of 1.2% of assets.

- Successfully navigating PACF through a global pandemic and economic volatility.

- Cultivating regional philanthropy with three permanent affiliate foundations thriving within PACF serving Doddridge, Ritchie,

and the Little Kanawha Area (Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt) counties and a Lewis County area fund initiated; with three others originating under PACF, operating independently in Pleasants, Jackson and Mason counties.

Launching the Civic Leaders Fellowship, now in its 12th year, employing 140 students, retaining 70% of graduates within 3-hours' drive radius of PACF, and delivering a \$32 return on investment for each donor \$1 supplied (per Ohio University study).

Introducing Give Local MOV, raising over \$2.5 million since 2014 for area nonprofits.

Establishing a national reputation for leadership, having served on the Council on Foundations Community Foundations Leadership Team, as a Center for Community Foundations Excellence educator, and conference presenter.

Spearing statewide philanthropy as founding Board Chair for the WV Grantmakers Association (now Philanthropy WV) revitalization under the WV Community Foundations Consortium.

Building a diverse, highly competent regional Board of Directors and enlisting 200-plus volunteers annually.

Receiving numerous accolades for PACF, among the most notable being the 2019 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development's Award for Public Private Partnerships from Dr. Ben Carson and multiple WV Governor's Awards for Volunteerism and Service.

Sjostedt Ritchie said, "The PACF is a constant work in progress. The good faith intentions of many people, past and present, are always shaping its growth, transforming its role in response to the changing needs of different generations. I encourage everyone to work with the PACF so that our region can look forward to a more promising future. I will forever cherish having served in this role."

WVDNR SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR RIVER OTTER CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced June 27th, the start of a new citizen science project to identify the distribution of river otters across the state and is asking members of the public to report sightings through an online survey. The survey can be completed online or by using the Survey123 mobile application. To learn more about participating in the survey, visit WVDnr.gov/surveys and scroll down to River Otters.

As part of the survey, participants will be asked to report river otter sightings and provide details about the otter's location, the number of otters observed and what the otter was doing. Submitting a photo of the otter is encouraged.

The survey, which is similar to the box turtle and rattlesnake citizen science surveys the WVDNR have conducted, will provide updated information about the bodies of water river otters currently occupy. Data collected during the survey will help the WVDNR better manage river otter populations across West Virginia. River otters, which were once extirpated in West Virginia, were reintroduced to the state by the WVDNR in the 1980s. Since then, river otter populations have stabilized and are increasing in certain areas. To learn more about other citizen science projects and surveys, visit WVDnr.gov/surveys.

Attorney General Morrisey Applauds US Supreme Court Decision Giving Americans Stronger Religious Freedom Protections

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CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is lauding the U.S. Supreme Court decision Thursday that gives Americans a broader right to religious accommodations in the workplace.

"The Supreme Court made the right decision reiterating the fundamental right of every citizen to freely exercise their religious freedom," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Many spend most of their time at work and people should not be expected to choose between their jobs and their faith."

"No one should

be forced to sacrifice their dedication to their religion in order to keep a job."

The Attorney General co-led a 22-state coalition in an amicus brief in February which supported the case involving Gerald Groff, an evangelical Christian who faithfully observes Sunday Sabbath.

He was a mail carrier in Pennsylvania when the United States Postal Service signed an agreement with Amazon in 2013 to deliver packages on Sundays and holidays.

Groff resigned in 2019 after USPS refused to grant him a blanket exemption from Sunday

shifts.

He then sued, alleging the Postal Service subjected him to discrimination for refusing to accommodate his religious beliefs and practices under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia joined the West Virginia and Louisiana led brief.

Read a copy of the SCOTUS ruling at: <https://bit.ly/3Jxpem8>.

Rep. Miller Meets with Glenville State University Faculty and Gilmer County Commission Officials

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) visited Gilmer County and met with the Glenville State University President and faculty as well as the Gilmer County Commission officials. During the commission meeting, Congresswoman Miller discussed new renovation proposals for the Gilmer County Courthouse.



(Rep. Carol Miller with President Dr. Mark Manchin and faculty of GSU).

are two great examples of how a community should work together,” said Congresswoman Miller. “As Glenville State University faculty and the Commission Courthouse continue to be a resource for students, families, and residents of Gilmer County, I will continue working with the federal government on policies that prioritize the people of West Virginia.”



Rep. Carol Miller with Gilmer County Commission Officials

USDA Awards \$4.5 Million to Next Generation Project to Cultivate Future of Agriculture

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INSTITUTE, W.Va. – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded \$4.5 million to the West Virginia Agriculture Professionals’ Next Generation project, a West Virginia State University (WVSU) led project which aims to foster the next generation of diverse food and agriculture professionals and promote and support agriculture education and innovation. The project will be led by Dr. John Kessell, Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR) program leader at WVSU.

The Next Generation project will offer a range of opportunities for aspiring agriculture professionals, including paid experiential learning opportunities, scholarships, non-formal education activities and innovative recruitment and retention initiatives. The project also aims to help shape the future of agriculture in West Virginia and beyond.

“We are excited to unveil our Next Generation of WV Agriculture Professionals initiative,” Kessell said. “This NextGen program will prove to be beneficial in providing qualified graduates of WVSU to be prepared for the USDA workforce. The project will secure funding for 30 NextGen Scholars that covers tuition, room and board for each

recipient while offering 1,500 hours of paid experiential learning in various USDA careers. By providing diverse, talented, and committed professionals with the tools and resources they need to succeed, we can help to create a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future for our state and our country.”

The project will offer immersive Food, Agriculture, Natural resources and Human science (FANH) internships throughout students’ post-secondary education with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and provide scholarships to students entering into FANH majors at WVSU.

Scholarships will also be awarded to students that have successfully completed the agriculture education completer program offered by the West Virginia Department of Education and endorsed by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

The NexGen program will also provide W.Va. Agriculture Education teachers throughout the state and later throughout the country with 17 completer curriculum courses. Each course will highlight USDA FANH careers while offering curriculum, assessments and lesson plans that teachers can use that will be aligned with state and national agriculture

education standards. For more information on the Next Generation project, please visit USDA’s website at nifa.usda.gov.

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West Virginia State University is a public, land-grant, historically black university, which has evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multi-generational institution, located in Institute, W.Va. As a “living laboratory of human relations,” the university is a community of students, staff, and faculty committed to academic growth, service and preservation of the racial and cultural diversity of the institution. Its mission is to meet the higher education and economic development needs of the state and region through innovative teaching and applied research.

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Attorney General Morrissey Praises US Supreme Court Ruling: Race-based College Admissions are Unconstitutional

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CHARLESTON — W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Thursday said the U.S. Supreme Court was correct in ruling that race-based college admissions are unconstitutional, a decision that will effectively end affirmative action in college admissions.

“However you look at it, discrimination is

wrong and has no place in our society,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Race-conscious admissions practices at many public colleges foster division and stereotypes, not unity.”

Attorney General Morrissey joined a 19-state coalition led by Oklahoma that argued federal law prohibits universities

from discriminating against Asian-American applicants in their admissions processes, and that discrimination on the basis of race in higher education admissions at public colleges is unlawful.

Read a copy of the SCOTUS ruling at: <https://bit.ly/437ofjn>.

Glenville State University SGA Members Attend Leadership Conference

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Glenville State University Student Government Association members (l-r) Dylan Day, Marcell Guy, Samantha Tanner, Jahzeiah Wade, and Michael Miller in front of Blackwater Falls. The group stopped for some sightseeing on their way home from the WV Student Leadership Conference. (Courtesy Photo)

GLENVILLE, WV – Several Glenville State University Student Government Association members recently joined their peers from 12 other two- and four-year colleges and universities from around West Virginia at the 18th annual West Virginia Student Leadership Conference (WVSLC). The WVSLC serves as a training event for student government representatives, many of whom are newly elected to their roles. During the conference, students learned leadership skills, networked with other student body leaders, and shared ideas for engaging their campus communities.

The event provided workshops on a variety of leadership topics and an opportunity for student leaders to exchange ideas and work together to find solutions to issues that are important to them and the students on their campuses. Much of this year’s discussions focused on effective communication skills and community and stakeholder engagement.

“The WVSLC is one of my favorite times of the year because it

allows our Glenville State student leaders to step out of their comfort zones and collaborate with their colleagues on difficult issues that are facing student governments and higher education. Along with leadership training and collaboration, the student government leaders were able to leave the conference with connections and friendships that will last long after their SGA terms are over,” said Conner Ferguson, Director of Student Life.

The three-day conference was filled with dynamic sessions, workshops and roundtable discussions. Students discussed a variety of topics, including the role of student government, how to engage with local, state and federal officials, increasing community involvement, and combating mental health issues on campus. Students were also able to socialize and trade ideas with peers from other colleges to network and facilitate ideas that they can share across campuses.

“The team and I

were extremely blessed to be able to attend the conference and we also learned heaps of information and got some new ideas for programs. We now plan on incorporating some of those ideas into our upcoming term to help the students of Glenville State University,” said Jahzeiah Wade, GSU’s Student Government Association President.

During the conference, sessions were led by college faculty members, advisors, and students. Sessions gave participants the chance to interact one-on-one with other student government leaders and share ideas that they can bring back to their respective campus communities to utilize.

The WVSLC is co-sponsored by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Community and Technical College System, with Shepherd University assisting with the coordination of the event. This year the WVSLC was held at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center in Davis, West Virginia.

PSC opens investigation of fire hydrants

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CHARLESTON, WV – On Friday, the Public Service Commission initiated a general investigation to examine the maintenance and testing of fire hydrants.

Although the Commission has no requirements for water pressure or volume for fire suppression, the state Department of Health and Human Resources requires that, “Under no circumstances shall fire flows be less than 250 gallons per minute.”

One of the primary charges of the Commission is to require public utilities to perform in a manner designed to safeguard the interests of the public and the

utilities. Whether a fire hydrant is owned by a public utility or served by a utility, the utility has responsibilities to assure that the hydrant will perform adequately. If adequate flow cannot be delivered by a particular hydrant, that hydrant is not fulfilling its purpose as part of the water distribution system and the utility owning or serving the hydrant is not providing adequate service.

For that reason, the Commission has ordered that on or before July 28, 2023, all public utility owners of fire hydrants or that serve private fire hydrants shall provide certain information to the Commission.

Information sought includes the number of hydrants owned or serviced, their age, descriptions of the infrastructure supporting them, problems or complaints encountered, and maintenance schedules and practices.

PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane said, “We are seeking information and will evaluate when we receive it and then we will determine if further action is necessary.”

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on “Case Information” and access Case No. 23-0555-W-GI.

Attorney General Morrissey’s Mobile Office Sets July Stops for Mid-Ohio Valley

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CHARLESTON

W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with Mid-Ohio Valley residents in July to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

“These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and

secure.”

Brooke Albright, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

July 6: 11 a.m. to noon – Pleasants County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 301 Court Lane, St. Marys

July 18: 11 a.m. to noon – Gilmer County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 201 N. Court St., Glenville

July 25: 11 a.m. to noon – Wood County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 1 Court

July 31: 11 a.m. to noon – Tyler County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 121 Main St., Middlebourne

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Brooke Albright at 304-777-9906.

In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

Calhoun FRN Director's Report

July 2023

By Tina Persinger

Basic Needs (food, clothing, utilities, Transportation)
 - Our Food Pantry is open daily from 9:00 – 2:00. We have a weekly menu choice market. Our numbers are continuing to climb. (We served 879 family pantries, 105 Senior Boxes up to 98 deliveries weekly, Summer Feeding 53 kids)
 - The FSC grant can help families with children 18 years or younger with basic needs assistance. No Income guidelines. No appointment needed. (We did 17 FSC referrals)
 - We have 6 people trained to do car seat inspections and if qualify we will have car seats available
 - Pharmacy in Partnership with Minnie and Copland (45 families)
 - New Services: Government phones – (issued 9 and 3 no due to zipcode)
 - Bill Pay – (5 families)
 - We do Dollar Energy for shut off notices

- Facebook posts
 - Movie Day (10 attended)
 - Weekly activities with summer feeding (53 kids)
 - Treatment
 - DUI Classes (2)
 - Chess App (11)
 - St. Joes outpatient (5 new, 17 attending, 2 ongoing)
 - Recovery
 - Monday evening with Lori Fleagle.(17)
 - We have meetings available Wednesday(0) Friday(18) Saturday(21)
 - Tour Bo Mar
 - Trainings
 - WV Peer Recovery Conference (2)
 Foster / Kinship Care
 - We are accepting our 3rd round of families for the Healthy Grandfamilies program. The program is designed to help family members that are helping to raise their grandchildren, or even niece or nephew. (1)
 - The program is currently by Mail – I mail the lesson – they complete, and return (stamped envelope) and I send next lesson and a gift card.

- We are trying to grow our Calhoun FRN membership and our LKC membership. Please send me their email address and I will get them added.
 - If you would like to or would like to suggest a monthly guest speaker please let me know asap
 Important Dates
 - July 5th: Food Truck (Will need volunteers to help unload)
 - July 7th Extreme Tour Concert
 - July 21st : Food Mobile – Arnoldsburg
 - August 1st: Summer Feeding Back to School Bash
 - August 7 – 8th Reground your response Train the Trainer – Morgantown
 - August 15th – Back to School Bash at Calhoun Middle High School
 - August 21-22 Healthy Grandfamilies Conference
 - September 6th – Truck day – need volunteers to help unload
 - September 14 th: Save-a-life day
 - Sept. 15th Mobile Food Truck- TBA
 - September 26th – October 31st Circles Training each Tuesday lots of giveaways and information on how to become financially more stable. (completing lessons will be required in 23-24 grant cycle to receive FSC support from us)
 - October 4th – truck day – we will need volunteers to unload.
 - October TBA – Movie Day Adams Family 2
 - November 1st – Truck day – volunteers needed to unload
 - November 3rd – Community Baby Shower
 - November 13th , 14 th – Christmas Sign ups and give-a-way
 - November 17th – Mobile Arnoldsburg
 - December 6th – Truck Day – will need volunteers to unload
 - December TBA – Smurfs Movie
 - December 19th – PJ and Pancakes at Calhoun Middle High School

Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
 - Prevention Growing Membership



Applications for 14th Judicial Circuit Court vacancy now available

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 CHARLESTON, WV – The Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission is currently receiving applications to fill the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Richard A. Facemire in the 14th Judicial Circuit Court serving Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, and Webster Counties.
 Candidates must submit their completed applications and letters of recommendation or comment no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.
 Applications and letters of recommendation will not be considered if received after the deadline outlined above. Both must be submitted either via email to JVAC@wv.gov, or by mail to: Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission c/o Office of the General Counsel to the Governor
 Office of the Governor
 State Capitol
 1900 Kanawha Blvd E
 Charleston, WV 25305
 For more information about the application process, please call the Office of General Counsel at 304-558-2000.
 Interviews will be held in Charleston on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Applications for 13th Judicial Circuit Court vacancy now available

CHARLESTON, WV – The Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission is currently receiving applications to fill the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Louis H. Bloom in the 13th Judicial Circuit Court serving Kanawha County. Candidates must submit their completed applications and letters of recommendation or comment no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Applications and letters of recommendation will not be considered if received after the deadline outlined above. Both must be submitted either via email to JVAC@wv.gov, or by mail to: Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission c/o Office of the General Counsel to the Governor
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 1900 Kanawha Blvd E Charleston, WV 25305
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 Interviews will be held in Charleston on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Gov. Justice thanks Dr. Jeff Coben for his service; announces progress on transition to departments of Health, Human Services, and Health Facilities

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced today that Dr. Jeff Coben, Interim Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, will make his planned departure from DHHR effective July 5, 2023.
 “Dr. Coben has done a tremendous job heading up DHHR and assisting through the many facets of the upcoming transition to three new departments,” Gov. Justice said. “I ask all West Virginians to join me in thanking him for his service to our state. As he resumes his duties as the Associate Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Public Health at West Virginia University, I am also thankful for his continued leadership and vision on behalf of the people of West Virginia.”
 Gov. Justice today appointed Dr. Sherri A. Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP, as Interim Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources until the statutory termination of the DHHR and creation of the successor Departments of Health, Human Services, and Health Facilities, on January 1, 2024, pursuant to the terms of House Bill 2006. Her

appointment is effective July 5, 2023.
 “Having the opportunity to help shape the future of public health for West Virginia is an honor,” said Dr. Sherri Young. “I want to thank Gov. Justice for this incredible opportunity and I look forward to working together closely with Secretary Persily and Secretary Caruso as we support and protect the health of our West Virginia citizens.”
 On May 24, 2023, Gov. Justice announced that Dr. Young would be appointed as Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health. He also appointed Dr. Cynthia Persily as Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Human Services, and Michael Caruso as Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health Facilities.
 Secretary Coben has signed an order delegating the powers and duties that will be statutorily vested in the new Departments of Human Services and Health Facilities to Secretary Persily and Secretary Caruso, respectively, effective July 5, 2023. Secretary Young will retain the powers and duties pertaining to the Department of Health.
 The W.Va. Dept. of Health will include the

Bureau for Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Center for Threat Preparedness, Health Care Authority, Office of Inspector General, and Human Rights Commission.
 The West Virginia Department of Human Services will include the Bureau for Behavioral Health, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, Bureau for Family Assistance, Bureau for Medical Services, Bureau for Social Services, and Office of Drug Control Policy.
 The West Virginia Department of Health Facilities will include Hopemont Hospital, Jackie Withrow Hospital, John Manchin Sr. Health Care Center, Lakin Hospital, Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Welch Community Hospital, and William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital.
 The three new cabinet secretaries will develop a memorandum of understanding to establish the Office of Shared Administration, which will provide shared services from centralized units such as finance, human resources management, management information services, and constituent services.

School Clothing Allowance Application Period Opens

CONTACT: DHHRCommunications@wv.gov
 CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The W.Va. Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance will begin accepting school clothing allowance applications on July 1, 2023, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools and will close applications on July 31, 2023. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.
 The following will automatically receive school clothing allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June 2023:
 Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance.
 Parents or guardians of children in foster care.
 Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under 130% of the Federal Poverty Level.
 Families who received school clothing allowance in 2022 and currently have Medicaid coverage should receive a school clothing allowance program application by mail in late June 2023.
 Others may be eligible for school clothing allowance benefits, but the monthly income for a family of four may not exceed \$3,007. Verification of income for July 2023 must be submitted with applications for school clothing allowance.

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2023:

No. of Persons in Household	Monthly Income Limit	No. of Persons in Household	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,473	6	\$4,029
2	\$1,984	7	\$4,541
3	\$2,495	8	\$5,052
4	\$3,007	9	\$5,564
5	\$3,518	10	\$6,076
+ \$512 for each additional person.			

“In 2022, 81,029 W.Va. children were assisted by the school clothing allowance program,” said Janie Cole, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance. “This program fills an important need for children and families with back to school preparations.”
 School clothing allowance program recipients will receive an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the school clothing allowance benefit as a check.
 Families, caretakers, and guardians may apply online at www.wvpath.wv.gov or request a paper application be mailed to them by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31, 2023.
 Those needing to update their address may do so at www.wvpath.wv.gov or by calling DHHR’s Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.
 The W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) provides a wide range of necessary and life-saving services to many West Virginia residents.
 DHHR is comprised of the Bureau for Behavioral Health; Bureau for Child Support Enforcement; Bureau for Family Assistance; Bureau for Medical Services; Bureau for Public Health; Bureau for Social Services; Office of Inspector General; and W.Va. Children’s Health Insurance Program (WV CHIP).
 For more information, visit dhhr.wv.gov or call 304-558-0684.

Calhoun County Library Trivia Night

By Caitlin Weaver

We had our biggest group yet for June Trivia Night! 9 teams competed in 6 rounds of trivia questions, with the Historical Society Team taking the win. J&B Drugstore provided us with Gift Cards for one of their delicious milkshakes to give to the winning team members. With such a great turn-out we would have been pretty crowded at the Library, so we greatly appreciate the CCCOA allowing us to use their space. We also got to test out our new buzzer system provided by Minnie Hamilton Health System. It will definitely help us keep things as fair as possible. Thank you so much to our Trivia Night sponsors/supporters! Check our facebook page for details about our upcoming July Trivia Night.



Winning Team Members—Bob Bonar, Terry Harris, Mellody Walburn, Maricia Mlynek, Andy Mlynek, Erin Barnhart



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