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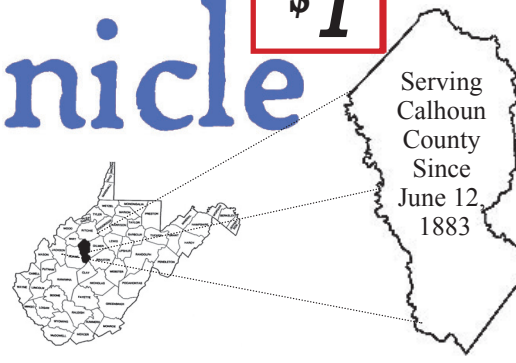
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Thursday, July 20, 2023

Local Calhoun Arrests

By: Shari Johnson



Timothy Rhodes

According to a criminal complaint filed in the Magistrate Court of Calhoun by Sgt. C.J. Weekley, Timothy Rhodes, who is required to register in Calhoun County, West Virginia as a sex offender due to a guilty plea in Roane County, WV in November 2016 for the charge of Attempting to Commit a Felony, to-wit: Soliciting a Minor via computer. In this case the victim was a minor female and the defendant was at least four years younger than the defendant at the time of the incident. Because the victim of the sexually motivated offense was a minor the defendant is required to register as a sex offender for life.

The defendant is required to register as a sex offender in Calhoun County, West Virginia because on August 17, 2022 the defendant registered at the WV State Police Grantsville Detachment advising that he was living at 435 Arnoldsburg Road, Arnoldsburg, West Virginia (Calhoun County). The defendant is to register all required sex offender registry information at the detachment in the county he resides to wit: Calhoun County.

According to the act, the defendant is also required to register 10 business days of change of address. The undersigned officer's investigation showed that the defendant had moved from the address of 435 Arnoldsburg Road, months prior to April 4, 2023. The defendant has not registered with the WV State Police Grantsville Detachment as required that he had moved as of the request for a warrant from this criminal complaint on June 28, 2023. Mr. Rhodes has not registered at any other WV State Police Detachment with the information.

Also, during the August 17, 2022 registration, the defendant advised that he worked at D&D Motors in located at 650 Parkersburg Road

Spencer, W.Va. D&D Motors advised that on June 1, 2023, the defendant sent them a text advising that he was no longer going to work there. D&D Motors advised that he has not worked there since the date of the text. As of

the request for a warrant from this criminal complaint on June 29, 2023, the defendant has not registered this change as required at the WV State Police Grantsville Detachment. This is over the 10 business day requirement to notify the WV State Police of the employment change according to the WV Sex Offender Registration Act.

Sgt. Weekley requests a warrant for two violations of WV statute 15-12-8(c) for Failure to Provide Registration Changes (Lifetime Registration) which reads: Any person required to register for life pursuant to this article who knowingly provides materially false information or who refuses to provide accurate information when so required by the terms of this article, or who knowingly fails to register or knowingly fails to provide a change in any required information as required by this article is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than five years.

Timothy Rhodes was arrested and is being held in the Central regional jail with a \$20,000 bond for Calhoun County's 2 count arrest, and on a \$70,000 bond for a Roane County arrest on five counts of the same charge.



(Jamie Dawn Jarvis)

In a criminal complaint filed October 24th, 2022, Trooper Josh Richards stated that on October 8th, 2022, he was investigating a possible Entry of Building Other than a Dwelling, to-wit: a hunting cabin near Stinson, involving a Robert Scott Patterson, age 35. During the course

of that investigation, Robert Scott Patterson gave a Mirandized statement to Trooper Richards detailing what items were taken by him from the hunting cabin as well as the current whereabouts of the subject item. At that time, Robert Scott Patterson did advise the Trooper that the accused, Jamie Dawn Jarvis, was presently in possession of the two (2) game cameras and (2) SD cards.

On 10/11/2022 Trooper Richards executed an arrest warrant on Robert Scott Patterson for the aforementioned Entry of a Building Other than a Dwelling and at that time he obtained Robert Scott Patterson's consent to search his cell phone. Thereafter, Trooper Richards observed several Facebook messages on Robert Scott Patterson's phone wherein Jamie Dawn Jarvis tells Robert Scott Patterson that she is "Broke. . . and needs to pedal some." Additionally, Jamie Dawn Jarvis tells Robert Scott Patterson that she wished Trooper Richards would just come to pick up the stolen property that she was in possession of so he "Wouldn't have an excuse to come back." This Trooper notes that based on his recollection this message was sent on a date and time when this Trooper was working a vehicle crash near Jamie Dawn Jarvis' residence at 938 Pink Rd. Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County, WV.

Furthermore, Jamie Dawn Jarvis, in reference to controlled substances, tells Robert Scott Patterson that "I hide it behind the door in the laundry room, out of sight."

On October 17th, 2022, at approximately 1700 hours this Trooper Richards, along with with Cpl. B.E. Young of the WVSP Grantsville Detachment executed a search warrant on the address fo 938 Pink Rd., Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County, WV, in relation to drug activity and stolen property. At the outset, it should be noted that two individuals currently on probation out of Calhoun County Magistrate Court for drug possession were present in the residence at the time of the search. As a result of the search, this Trooper found approximately two
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J & B Drug Store is celebrating 75 years!



Friday, July 21st, J & B Drugstore will celebrate 75 years in business and serving our community!!

They will be giving away free hotdogs, cookies, a variety of other items; plus a chance to spin the wheel for prizes. Stop in and enter their drawing for two Coleman Camp Chairs and a cooler full of goodies!

Thank you for giving J & B Drug Store the opportunity to show their appreciation to their customers and to Calhoun County. See you Friday!!



Volunteers Needed for Another River Cleanup July 22nd



The Cabot Recycling Station is once again hosting and encouraging a River clean up Day on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Volunteers and John Boats needed. The crews will be starting at River Street at Nu Look at 8:30 a.m. Please share and spread the word. For information contact Brenda Bush. Pictured above is just some of the volunteers who assisted in the previous River Clean up!

Calhoun Board of Education Meeting held July 10th - Superintendent Resigns.

The Calhoun County Board of Education met Monday evening, July 10th for their regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting included the approval of the request for proposal (RFP) for LED auditorium house light equipment and installation of theatrical state lighting and contract with Knight Sound and Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$67,467.46. The need arose from a lightning strike that damaged equipment and was not covered by the school's insurance. Additional issues came from aging equipment and unsupervised use by many people. Through

the Lights and Sound Project volunteers, funding was raised, with the final amount given by the Calhoun County Commission at their June meeting. Deirdre Purdy and Chip Westfall who were instrumental in organizing the funding project addressed the board during the meeting.

The meeting agenda was revised shortly before the meeting to include the resignation of Superintendent Kelli Whytsell, which is effective August 4th, 2023. While this had been rumored for some time, there had been no official notice until the revised agenda. We wish

Mrs. Whytsell the best in her future endeavors.

A letter received from the School Building Authority of West Virginia was announced On June 12th, the Calhoun Board of Education received notice from the School Building Authority of the awarding of the MIP grant funding request in the amount of \$622,810. The money is for upgrades, including a safe school entrance and door replacement at Calhoun Middle/High School. An additional letter and official grant award contract will be sent in the coming months. Special Meeting on July 18th.

OBITUARIES

JACK WAYNE JONES SR

Jack Wayne Jones Sr., 75 of Troy, WV; (Little Cove Community) formerly of Eustis, FL; departed this earthly life on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at his residence follow a brief illness.



He was born in Bluefield, VA; son of the late Albert and Helen Lewis Jones.

Jack is a United States Army Veteran, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. After his military service, he worked as an Agricultural Soil Consultant, teacher, Fertilizer Sales Rep. and consultant, and a proud member of the Orlando Florida VFW. In his spare time Jack enjoyed hunting, Fishing, spending time outdoors, gardening, working with his tractor, living the quiet life in West Virginia, and spoiling his grandchildren whenever possible.

On October 16, 1968 Jack was united in marriage to Claudia Baker Jones, who survives at their home on Little Cove. Surviving are 3 children, Kara Close (Oren) of Sorrento, FL; Jack Jones Jr. (Michelle) of Eustis, FL; and Christina Bell of Ocala, FL; and 3 siblings, Claude Jones of WV; Lewis Jones and Joyce Miller of VA. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with his parents, Jack is preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Daulton and Claudia Weeks, and 3 siblings, Thelma "Sammy" Williams, Junior Jones, and Mack Jones. Jack's request for burial in the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave Bushnell, FL 33513 will be honored and we at Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., are proud to assist the family of Jack Wayne Jones Sr., with local arrangements.

DANNY CHARLIE BUTLER

Danny Charlie Butler, 76, of Reedy, WV, passed away on July 12, 2023, at home. e was born the son of the late Aristotle and Mary Cottrell Butler of Orma, WV.

After graduation, Danny served in the Army and then returned home to WV. He worked for Pennzoil until retirement. He also worked at Kellwood and Terrell's Metal and Farm Supply.

Danny is survived by his children, Steve Butler, Amy Cole (Todd), and Ann Chapman; grandchildren, Tyler Chapman (Mikaela), Allie Groves (Drew), Seth Chapman, and Johnny Cole (Lindsey); one brother, Thomas Butler; and Lisa Brookover.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Sharon Marie Butler; son-in-law Tim Foster; and siblings: Victor Butler, Milton Butler, Aristotle Butler, Jr., Nina Conley,

Flossie French, Macel Carpenter, Louisa Yearian, and May Colledge.

Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, conducted a graveside service on July 16, 2023, at Fairview Church Cemetery, in Calhoun County, WV

RONZEL BOATRIGHT

Ronzel Boatright, 71 of Mt. Zion, WV; departed this earthly life on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at the Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV; following an extended illness. He was born in Calhoun County, son of the late Ray and Leta (Stump) Boatright.

Ronzel spent most of his working life as a pipe liner in the oil and gas industry and in his spare time enjoyed spending time with family and friends, living the quiet life in WV; wood working, tinkering on lawn equipment, and spending time with his dog Loki.

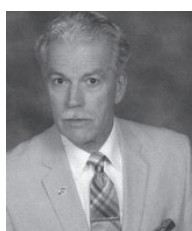
He is survived by his long term companion, Lori Rosenbaum, children, Michael (Nikki) Boatright, Heather (DL) McKown, Jeremy (Ivory) Boatright, his grandchildren: Caleb (Rachelle) Schoolcraft, Darrien McKown, Tea (Brandon) Roseberry, Devan McKown, Mikayla, Kiera & Rylan Boatright. He is also survived by great-grandchildren: Reese, Chase, Brantley & Rayden Schoolcraft, Breeilyn McKown & Addison Boatright-Roseberry; his sisters Marie Morrell, Allie Boggs & Velma (Richard) Parsons; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Ronzel is preceded in death by his sister Almeda Starcher, brothers Ronnie & Roland Boatright, nephew, Jason Boatright, and brother-in-law Bill Morrell.

Ronzel request for cremation has been honored and we at Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV 26351 are humbled to assist the family of Mr. Boatright with cremation arrangements.

RONNIE C. BATTEN

Ronnie C. Batten, 76, of Mineral Wells, WV departed this life at Belpre Landing Nursing Facility, Monday, July 10, 2023. He was born in Gilmer County, WV, a son of the late Foster C. and Pauline Radcliff Batten.



Ronnie graduated in 1966 from Sand Fork High School in Gilmer County, WV. In 1966 Ronnie went into the Army and served for his country in the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1968. On August 30, 1969 he was united in marriage to Pamela Turner.

He was a Christian and a member of the Grace Gospel Church. II Corinthians 5: 6-8 "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in body, we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

In addition to his parents, Ronnie is preceded in death by one sister and three brothers, Macel Carr, Warner Batten, Lytle Batten, and Eugene Batten.

Ronnie is survived by his 2 brothers, Lorn Batten of Stow, Ohio and Gary Batten of Weston, WV; and a sister, Marsha Skolnik of Bedford, OH.

Funeral Services were held on July 13, 2023 with Roger Benson officiating at Grace Gospel Church, 6239 Pike St. Parkersburg, WV. Burial followed at the Meadow Lane Cemetery Glenville.

Memorial Donations may be made to any church of choice. Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home was honored to serve the Batten family.

AMY ELIZABETH CUTRIGHT

Amy Elizabeth Cutright, 33, of Parkersburg, died July 8, 2023, at the WVU-Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. She was born in Elizabeth City, NC, a daughter of Kelley Null of Parkersburg and the late Lawrence E. Cutright. She enjoyed the outdoors, spending time at the beach and loved her pets.



In addition to her mother, she is survived by four siblings, Jessica (Evan) Cochran and their children Jayla, Braxton, Oaklynn, and Waylon; Gary Stanley (Amber) and their children Jake, Matthew, and Cameron; Natasha Cutright (Mark) and their son Zeke; Sabrina Cutright (RJ) and their sons Randall and Edward; maternal grandfather, Larry "Butch" Rogers (Beth); paternal grandmother, Mary Cutright; and bonus father Greg Stanley (Carol). She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Memorial Service was held at the Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg with Reverend Darren Alkire officiating. Memorial donations instead of flowers may be made in Amy's memory to the Humane Society of Parkersburg or Relay for Life. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.LeavittFuneralHome.com.

JOSEPH ELLIOT LONG

Joseph Elliott Long, 68, of Grantsville, formerly of Cowen, passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at WVU Hospital - Ruby Memorial.



He was born in Sutton and was a United States Navy Veteran in special helicopter training. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with his family. He loved watching Christian movies and previously worked as a Security Guard.

Joe is survived by his wife: Wanda Martin Long; step-children: Corrina Christian, Sharlet Christian, Allyn Christian, and Terrie Christian; grandson: Luke Barbe; brothers: Daniel Ross Long and James David Long; and sister: Sheila Diane (William) Connelly; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Ken and Wanda Cobb; and numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother: Judith Farley Long.

In keeping with Joe's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.adamsreedfh.com. Adams-Reed Funeral Home was honored to be serving Joe's family.

JEARL (JOEY) JOSEPH McCUNE

Jearl (Joey) Joseph McCune, 51 of Calhoun County, West Virginia passed July 10, 2023.



He was born in Spencer, West Virginia. He is survived by his parents Sandra and Jearl McCune; his brothers Jimmy, Tony, and Jason McCune; and his son Brandon and daughter Josie.

Jearl (Joey) was a loving father to his daughter Josie. Joey enjoyed working with his hands and was an excellent tradesman working on cars. His life was too short and he will be missed.

Graveside service was held on July 18, 2023 at E.B. Morris Cemetery, Adonijah, West Virginia. Wilson Smith Funeral Home was honored to be serving the McCune family.

NELMA ELAINE WHITE

Nelma Elaine White, 75, of Rosedale, WV, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2023, at her home after battling a long illness. Elaine was born in Rosedale, WV. She was the oldest daughter to the late Edward and Georgia Miller.



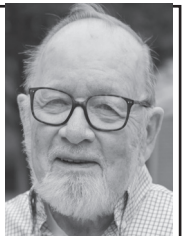
Left to cherish her memory are her husband Buck White of 51 years, and her four sons and daughter-in-laws, Mike White and Janet Mazanek of Rosedale, Fred and Barbara White of Sand Fork, Ermine and Ashley White of Sand Fork, and Sherman and Sue Ann White of Rosedale. Elaine is also survived by siblings, Mildred Muniz, Linda Jones, Clarice Burns, Darlene Rexroad, Roger Miller, Benny Miller, Adrian Miller, and Fred Miller and her 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Elaine was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord with all her heart. She enjoyed attending church and reading her Bible. She also loved taking care of everyone's babies and kept a smile on her face till her very last day.

A graveside service for Elaine was held by Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, on July 18, at the Miller Cemetery by her home.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: How did the wedding phrase "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" come about? (Asked by a curious bride-to-be.)

Reply: With regard to this phrase, keep in mind that these customs have been passed down over time and there are various interpretations. "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" is a popular saying. It is thought to have come from England, where something old was like a garter from a happily married woman. The idea was that this would pass along the happiness to the new couple. Nowadays, the groom passes the garter along to single guys.

Something new is easy: usually the bridal gown or dress. Something borrowed represents social participation or approval of the wedding. In older times, it might be a piece of gold to show how important the event was. Something blue is thought to represent the moon, the protector of women. (Maybe you're only supposed to get married "once in a blue moon?") Just guessing.)

How about the bridal shower? This is thought to be left over from the dowry system. A bride used to bring money and goods from the father to the groom's estate... her dowry. Whether true or not, there's an old story about a generous fellow who wanted to marry a girl. But, he had given so much away that he was rather poor and the bride's father blocked the wedding by withholding the dowry so the couple couldn't afford to be married.

Hearing this, the townspeople "showered" the girl with household goods and gifts so the dowry wasn't needed and the two were wed. Maybe not the same, but bridal showers still help out today.

Another good question... why is it customary for the bride's family to pay for the wedding? Originally in some societies, the groom or his family purchased his bride from her father. The term "wedlock" basically meant a promise to pay for the bride, and "wedding" literally meant "bride's price." To offset the bride's price, the bride's family paid for the wedding. We've done away with paying for the bride, but the custom of the bride's family or father paying for the wedding survives. How well I know. Been there, done that.

C.P.S. (Curious Postsript): "A jury consists of twelve people who determine which client has the better lawyer." -Robert Frost

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

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS

Local Happenings: Bob Maze and brother Joe, of Industry were attending to business in Grantsville, Saturday.

J. C. Vanhorn of Belpre, Ohio was a pleasant caller at the Chronicle Book Store Monday.

Will Hathaway and family, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting relatives in Grantsville and vicinity this week.

W. H. Ayers, of White Pine, was looking after business interests in Grantsville Monday.

Lester Riggs and Scott Greathouse, of Joker, were looking after business interests Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo W. Hamilton one day this week, a baby girl.

Miss Erma Sharp, of Russett, was a caller in Grantsville Thursday.

K. M. Hunt, of the Grantsville Garage and Supply Co., is looking after business matters at Huntington and Pittsburg this week.

Charley Johnson of Bull River, who has been employed in the oil field in Columbia, South America, for a few months returned home this week.

M. H. Kight, of White Pine, was business caller in Grantsville Monday.

Henrietta News: Quite a large crowd from here attended the Circus at Grantsville the 12th.

Miss Lucile Freeman of Nobe is visiting her uncle Scott Peninger this week.

Miss Murrill Johnson is staying at the home of her uncle B. H. Ayers of Nobe.

Misses Alma Bennett, Thelma Burns and Murrell Johnson, Messrs Howard and

Everett Burns and Andy Busch and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stewart attended the ball game at Grantsville Sunday.

Mr. George Whipkey of Grantsville was seen in out burg Monday.

Mr. Brooke Summers of Trace Fork, was visiting at the home of C. R. Johnson Sunday.

Carl the little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris of Grantsville is visiting his aunt Mrs. Everett Burns.

Dodril News: Mr. Victor Stump left here Friday for Akron, Ohio where he expects to be employed the next few months.

Mrs. R. F. Bennett spent last week with her mother at Weston.

Mr. Alva Bennett made a business trip to Grantsville Saturday.

Mrs. Alma Critchfield and daughter Mary of Richwood, were visiting the former parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bennett last week.

Freed News: Rev. O. P. Richards of Big Bend preached at Hoy U. B. Chapel, Sunday night.

Irene, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fox, has been real sick.

1948, 75 YEARS

Barnes Run News:

Mr. and Mrs. Helma Slider and children, Lufau, Adrian and Gloria Gray all of Charleston were visiting home folks over the weekend.

Mrs. T. H. Slider has returned to her home after spending the past few days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Everly Husk.

Bennie Jones and father of Big Springs, were calling on Helma and Vergil Slider, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ayers of Pullman, was visiting at he home of Mrs. T. H. Slider, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elah Starcher of Parkersburg has had her tonsils removed, She has some home until she is able to go back to work.

Adrian Slider of Charleston spent the weekend at the home of his uncle Everet Starcher of Rocksdales.

Mrs. Nellie Starcher and daughter Wanda Lee were in Grantsville Thursday. Mrs. Starcher was having some dental work done.

Mrs. Lizzie Reynolds and son Eugene were shopping in Grantsville, Saturday.

Veon, Delbert and Holly Slider of Parkersburg, were calling on their uncle Ray Slider, Saturday evening.

Rosa Starcher is taking care of the Hur cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ola Bennett and children, Darrell and Donald of Barberton, Ohio, have returned to their home after spending the past two weeks with home folks.

W. H. Slider was calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. T. H. Slider and Mrs. Everly Husk done some work in the Hur cemetery, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kerby of Stone Cliffe is spending a few days at Joker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordie Van Horn and Annis Slider were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Sampson Saturday.

Miss Scottie McCoy was calling on Miss Etta Burroughs, Wednesday.

Minnora News:

Funeral services were held at Minnora last Wednesday for Rev. H. C. Conley of Charleston. Rev. Chatman a close friend brought the funeral message. The Minnora choir the message in song and the Cunningham funeral was in charge.

Mrs. L. W. Bailey spent last week in Grantsville, visiting with Mrs. Knotts and this week she is spending with her sister Mrs. Okey Jarvis of Chloe.

Office Brannon spent a few days in Charleston this past week buying a line of fall and winter merchandise.

Mrs. Emma Deal and son Leroy returned to their home in Akron, after spending several weeks with her mother Mrs. C. L. Stalnaker.

1973, 50 YEARS

Jesses Run:

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Walley of Alabama bought a farm on Coon Fork of Barnes Run road and plans to move to the farm in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Vere Price spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Price and children of Hurricane.

Mrs. Opal Eagle spent Monday of last week at the Senior Citizens club at the community building at Arnoldsburg.

Rex Eagle of Shreve, Ohio, spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eagle.

Everette Starcher was released from the Calhoun General hospital Saturday. Charles Eagle accompanied him home.

Helma Starcher and sons, Roy and Kenneth, and Ronald Starcher were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Everette Starcher recently.

Russell Everson of Parkersburg was calling on Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eagle Saturday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagoner during the weekend were Bailey Wilson, Bob

Endrance and daughter Sheila, of Ashland, Ohio, Mrs. Wanda Wagoner of Follensbee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wagoner and children of Spencer.

Mrs. Opal Eigel was calling on Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis and family was calling on his mother Mrs. Dennis, Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Cayton of Weston, Rev. and Mrs. McClellan Nicholson and children, Connie and Scott of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Walley of Scottsboro, Alabama, Bob Dennis. Mrs. Mary Starcher and two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Starcher, Mr. and Mrs. Kessler Starcher, Mrs. Ocie Starcher and Junior Starcher.

Chloe News: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watkins and children spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moss of Lodi, Ohio, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murphy of Creston, Ohio, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Siers and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murphy.

Mrs. Mary Siers and girls of Fairmont were visiting Mrs. Ora Siers last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Yost and children spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yost.

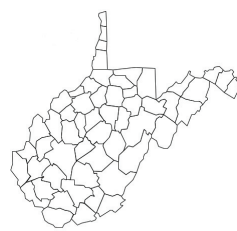
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tanner were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Justice, Thursday.

Mrs. Minnie Kelley, Mrs. Jessie Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McGeorge were in Sutton, Monday.

Buck Mollohan of Akron is holding a tent meeting at the Jim Starcher farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lowe of Massillon, Ohio, have been visiting Ivy Helmick. Other guests of Mrs. Helmick were Mr. and Mrs. Creed Lamb, Mrs. Maxine Witte, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tanner and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fitzwater were visiting Mrs. Inez Westfall of Ivydale, Friday.



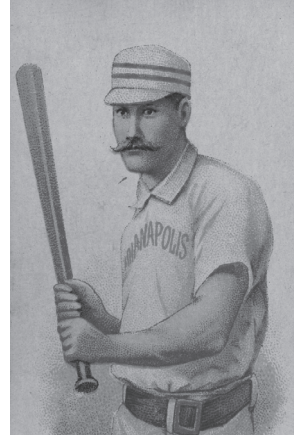
This Week In West Virginia History

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

July 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest sitting senator. Goodwin was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's death.

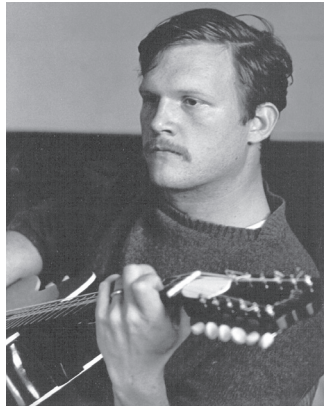


July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. Knotts will be forever remembered for portraying Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show.



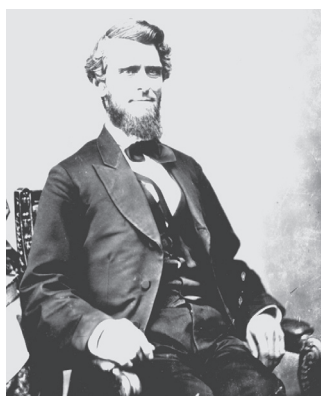
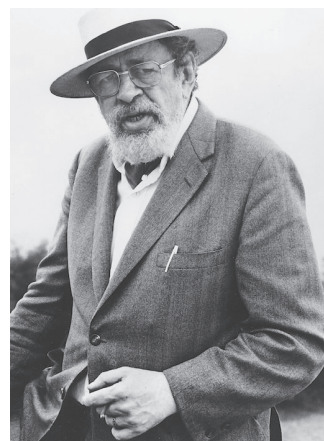
July 22, 1859: Athlete "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played bare-handed, was one of baseball's premier shortstops of the 19th century.

July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson played a major role in spreading the popularity of old-time music.



July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and the Pocahontas Fuel Company for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber and especially financial institutions.

July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, The Night of the Hunter (1953), a gripping suspense story adapted to film in 1955 and for television in 1991.



July 24, 1823: Arthur Boreman, West Virginia's first governor, was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Middlebourne, Tyler County, when he was still an infant.

July 24, 1919: Sam Taylor of Mercer County became the first West Virginia State Police trooper. During his tenure, Taylor tracked moonshiners and bootleggers, and helped set up new state police detachments.

July 24, 1929: Cornelius Charlton was born in East Gulf, Raleigh County. Charlton was killed in battle during the Korean War, and he was honored

posthumously with the Medal of Honor.



July 24, 1942: Actor Chris Sarandon was born in Beckley. A film, stage and television performer, some of his credits include The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Princess Bride and an Oscar nomination for Dog Day Afternoon.

July 24, 1983: Kansas City Royals player and Glen Dale native George Brett was involved in the "Pine-Tar Bat Incident." After hitting a game-winning home run against the New York Yankees, the umpires ruled that Brett's bat had too much pine tar on it and called him out. The ensuing melee at home plate is classic baseball lore.

July 25, 1864: A colony of eight Catholic nuns set out from Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Maryland, for Parkersburg. The sisters, who created a monastery there and named it DeSales Heights, ran a boarding school for young women for 75 years.



July 26, 1942: Camp Washington-Carver was dedicated and opened to the public. The camp, located at Clifftop, Fayette County, was the first statewide 4-H camp for African-Americans in the country. The camp's Great Chestnut Lodge is West Virginia's largest log structure.



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

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

Library Book Sale

The annual library book sale will start July 31st during regular business hours.

Take as many books as you want for a donation.

For more information call the Library at 304-354-6300 or stop by and check out what we have.

Thank you for supporting your local Library.

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



At the end of last week's article, I said I was off to my next adventure. While I could have meant that figuratively, I was literally packing that evening to head off on a family vacation to the mountains of Virginia.

After much searching on VRBO (Vacation Rental by Owner), I found what looked to be a perfect log cabin nestled in the mountains right on the banks of the James River. My parents, their little dog Rascal, the Mlyneks, and my nephew Landon would be accompanying me on this road trip.

Over the last 10 years, we have taken my nephew Michael and my niece Hannah on a couple of summer trips, but Landon was too small for those. He has pointed this out to us on a number of occasions, so this trip would finally be his chance to go on one of our adventures. Our destination was a little town called Eagle Rock, Virginia.

Our cabin was down a long gravel road on the edges of the Jefferson National Forest. As we pulled up to the house, we were surrounded on all sides by mountains, trees, and cornfields with the river at the bottom of the hill. The beauty of God's creation was all around us, and it was ours to enjoy for six glorious days. We quickly unloaded the minivan we had rented and then began exploring our temporary home.

There was a huge screened-in porch on the front of the cabin complete with rocking chairs. On the back of the house was a two-level deck that overlooked the James River. This place really encouraged you to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. Now don't get me wrong, the inside was beautiful too. The cabin was an open floor plan complete with a living room, dining room, and kitchen centered around a stone fireplace. Down the hall were three large bedrooms and two bathrooms. The leather furniture and comfortable beds made being inside very inviting too. The finishing touch was a loft where Landon was delighted to find both a pool table and a ping pong table.

Mom, Dad, and Rascal settled in on the porch to relax and bird watch while the rest of us headed out to get groceries for the week. We had made a menu on the trip down, so we were prepared with a list of what we would need. We grabbed a coffee at a local coffee shop and then made quick work of our task so we could get back to explore the area around our cabin. After we unloaded and put everything away, we changed into tennis shoes and headed off to find the kayaks our hostess had left by the river for us to use.

We literally followed a mowed path through the cornfield to the riverbank. After we located the kayaks, we decided to keep following the mowed path along the river. We picked red raspberries, saw a set of old locks, and ended up at some railroad tracks. We decided to walk along these tracks and try to follow them back, but a tunnel soon put a stop to that idea. Andy blazed a trail through the weeds, and we made our way back through the cornfield. Over the course of our time there we heard quite a few trains blow their whistles before going through that tunnel, and we looked forward to hearing it each time.

The next few days were spent making the most of every moment. We kayaked and swam on the first day, which was a good thing because the weather didn't cooperate much after that. The next day we decided to head out and explore the area. Our first stop was the Roaring Run hiking trail which wound back and forth along the Roaring Run stream. Along the way, we passed rock walls, natural waterslides in the stream, and crossed five footbridges before making it to the Roaring Run Falls. Our next stop was the swinging bridge in Buchanan. The sky was looking pretty threatening, so we decided to make a short stop there and head back before the storm hit.

We made it back just before a huge thunderstorm rolled in. Our front porch was the perfect place to watch God's fireworks. This storm and a few others that happened over the week made the water too high and muddy for any more water sports. Instead, we made a trip into the historic town of Lexington where we visited the museum at the Virginia Military Institute, built lots of puzzles, played games, ate great food, and read books. It was a lovely family vacation and lots of great memories were made. I was sad to see the week come to an end, but there are still a few more weeks of summer, and I am determined to make every day count.

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.

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.

Coplin Health Systems Celebrates 45 Years

Contact: Lori Chenoweth, 304.614.2363

ELIZABETH, WV (July 14, 2023) – This year marks an exciting milestone for Coplin Health Systems as it celebrates 45 years of providing quality healthcare to residents in the region.

Rob Dudley, CEO of Coplin Health Systems, said it is remarkable to reflect on the rich history of the organization and its positive impact on the local communities.

"Since our founding in 1978, Coplin Health Systems has made great strides and grown into an extensive healthcare network that includes twelve clinics serving residents in four counties across two states," Dudley said. "While our medical facilities have improved and the number of patients served has increased, our core mission of providing quality health and wellness services and compassionate care has not changed. We remain committed to our mission and have expanded our services to meet the evolving needs of the communities we serve throughout the years."

The history of Coplin Health Systems dates back to the first half of the 20th century and a family of doctors who were loyal, passionate, and believed that people shouldn't have to travel for healthcare. Dr. Okey W. Coplin and his son Dr. Robert Coplin offered in-home healthcare to Wirt County community members.

The original Coplin Clinic was opened in 1948 by Dr. Robert Coplin after serving in the Army in World War II, a couple of years after his father passed away. The clinic was a general practice facility but expanded a year later to include a seven-bed hospital.

Dr. Darrin E. Nichols, Chief Medical Officer of Coplin Health Systems, said the success and longevity of Coplin Health Systems resulted from hard-working medical staff adhering to the highest standards and striving to deliver quality healthcare.

"Coplin Health Systems' team of dedicated and compassionate healthcare professionals have proudly worked together to improve the health and well-being of our patients for the past 45 years," Dr. Nichols said. "Our vision is to improve healthcare every day, so we're not just here when people get ill; we are here to keep our patients and community well."

Coplin Health Systems provides quality care to patients of all ages. Healthcare services offered include primary care, same-day care (short-term/urgent medical needs), women's health, occupational health, behavioral health services, chronic disease management, and on-site pharmacies

Recently, Coplin Health Systems announced the expansion of its Wirt County Family Care site. When completed in the Spring of 2024, the approximately \$2 million project will add just over 4,000 square feet to the existing footprint of the health center. The addition will include: new medical treatment rooms, the addition of dental operatories, a larger physical therapy space, new space for behavioral health, offices for staff, a larger conference room, and a large storage area.

We appreciate the understanding of our patients as we move forward with the project of expanding our Wirt County Family Care facility and services to fulfill our mission of serving the health and wellness needs of our communities.

To find a Coplin Health Systems location near you or for more information, visit coplinhealth.com.

About Coplin Health Systems: In 1978 Wirt County Health Services Association (d.b.a. Coplin Health Systems) was established as a non-profit organization. Since then, Coplin Health Systems has expanded into twelve different facilities located in Wirt County, Jackson County, Wood County in West Virginia and Meigs County in Ohio, including five school-based clinics. Coplin Health Systems specializes in primary care services. Coplin's healthcare providers offer a full range of services for the entire family.

They provide access to preventative and quality primary care services, as well as acute care services, regardless of one's ability to pay. Coplin is an advocate for children and families, alongside the communities and strive to give them the best possible care. Learn More About Coplin Health Systems.

Calhoun Citizen of the Week



Shari Johnson of Mt. Zion
 Occupation: Publisher of the Ridgeview News
 Hobby: Guitar playing, fiddle playing, Singing, Crafting
 Favorite Food: Pizza
 Favorite TV Show: Currently it is Father Flannegan
 Best thing about Calhoun Co.: Down to Earth People
 Worst thing about Calhoun Co.: Politicians who don't value the people
 Pet Peeve: Attitudes of Arrogance

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 20: Cooks Choice

Fri., July 21: sloppy joe, whole wheat bun, raw vegetable salad, peaches, tomato juice.

Mon., July 24: Rib, Onion, Peppers, Ranch Potatoes, Peas, Whole Wheat Bread, Mixed Fruit.

Tues., July 25: Chicken, Beets, Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Whole Wheat Bread.

Wed., July 26: Baked Beans, Wieners, Mixed Vegetables, Kale, Fruit,

Whole heat Cornbread.

Thurs., July 27: Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Oranges, Pineapples, Whole Wheat Bread.

Suggested donation scale for meals:

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., July 20: Old Fashion Gospel Tent Meeting, Calhoun County Park, 7:00 p.m.

Sat., July 22: Holbert Family Reunion, Calhoun County Park Barn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Billiard Tournament, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 8 p.m.

Upper West Fork Park Sing, 6 p.m.

Sun., July 23: Stump Family Reunion, Chick and Patty Stump residence on Sycamore Rd, begins at 10:30 a.m.

Tues., July 25: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, RT 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Save The Children 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 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)

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

Debra Smith, KRA

WAG Trap-Neuter-Return Chloe Area July 25th

Submitted By Linda Buchanan

On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Chloe area to have them spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that a cat has been part of a Trap-Neuter-Return program).

We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Monday, July 24 as we will be trapping on Tuesday morning.

Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation. So far we have spayed and neutered 785 community cats (437 females and 348 males).

Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Tuesday the 25th. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 304-354-7506.

If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know. Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats.

Trap-Neuter-Return is provided to Calhoun County residents at no cost to the caretaker.

Partial funding for Trap-Neuter-Return is provided by The Oakland Foundation, The Bernard McDonough Foundation, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Calhoun County Commission.

Fairmont State University offering new scholarship for students with excellent high school GPAs

Contact: Keely Stiles, Fairmont State University, Digital Content Specialist, Office: 304-367-4891, E-mail: kstiles@fairmontstate.edu

Fairmont State University is now offering a new scholarship for incoming students. The Falcon Excellence in Residence Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship for incoming/new students who choose to live on campus during their journey as a Falcon and have a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher. The \$2,000 scholarship will be applied to student's first-year tuition at Fairmont State (\$1,000 a semester). The scholarship does not require ACT/SAT testing scores.

"We realize that a lot of students spend all four years of high school working very hard," said Alicia Kalka, Associate Vice President of Enrollment and Student Life. "But sometimes these high-achieving students just don't test well. We don't want these students to feel as if all that work has gone down the drain due to one low test score, which is why we decided to find a way

to reward these high-achieving students with the Falcon Excellence in Residence Scholarship."

In order to receive the \$2,000 scholarship students must:

- Be admitted to Fairmont State and enrolled in classes
- Have a completed housing application (please note students must accept their offer of admission to fill out a housing form)
- Be a first year student and have a 3.5 high school GPA
- Must live on campus in any residence hall (except Morrow Hall)

Those who meet the criteria will have the \$2,000 applied to their student account automatically (no additional scholarship application is necessary).

"We want to see every student who comes to Fairmont State succeed," said Vice President of Student Success Ken Fetting.

"We hope that offering scholarships like this will not only alleviate financial worries for students but also encourage them to live on campus where they will be close to resources like tutoring, mental health counseling, academic advising, student health services, and other resources Fairmont State provides to help them thrive."

To apply for admission to Fairmont State University visit www.fairmontstate.edu/apply. If you are an admitted student interested in the scholarship and you still need to apply for housing, you can do so by visiting www.fairmontstate.edu/housing.

Students or families who have questions about the Falcon in Residence Scholarship may contact the Office of Admissions and Welcome Center at (304) 367-4010 or admit@fairmontstate.edu.

Update on The Sound & Light Project

Submitted by Deirdre Purdy

In August 2021, something burned out critical parts of the Calhoun Middle-High School auditorium sound & light systems. It may have been lightning. No one knows. We do know that the house and stage lights were gone. The auditorium was dark and dangerous.

The Calhoun Board of Education put replacement of the systems in the November 2022 levy, but the levy failed by 38 votes.

The Sound & Light Project was formed in January 2023 with a goal of helping do what the schools couldn't do alone - provide a new sound system and all new LED lights for the stage and house lighting.

We received previous donations from Minnie Hamilton (\$10,000), Calhoun Banks (\$5,000), our county commission (\$10,000) and the BOE (\$10,000), plus \$27,000 from generous citizens.

The Calhoun County Commission recently

donated \$30,000, making a total of \$40,000 they have provided.

Speaker Hanshaw together with state senators Ben Queen and Patrick Martin found us \$20,000.

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation awarded us a \$15,000 grant.

And on July 10th, the Board of Education and Superintendent Whytsell announced that the auditorium would be this year's priority project and provided \$80,000.

Altogether we have collected \$207,000, which is very close to the total we need to complete the project. Completing the project means:

- 1- New sound system with professional installation & training
- 2- All new LED stage lighting with professional installation and training
- 3- All new LED house lighting with professional installation.
- 4- The rewiring,

installation of new dimmers and all related electrical work.

We are waiting for a site visit by our vendor, Knight Sound & Lighting (GoKnight.com), with their electrical contractor to get a proposal on #4, which is estimated to be between \$40 and \$50,000. We are also waiting for an estimate for the installation and training on the sound system.

Right now we have (including promises) \$47,500. We can still use every small donation.

There will surely be unexpected costs before we are done.

Knight Sound & Lighting has set a block of time in late October to early November to do all our installation and training.

With good luck, no major setbacks and the creeks don't rise, the auditorium's new Sound & Light will be ready for Mr. McHenry's Christmas Concert.

2023 Calhoun County Middle/High School Senior Football Schedule

- August 11: 6:00 p.m., Away, Braxton-Scrimage
- August 18: 6:00 p.m., Away, Clay-Scrimage
- August 25: 7:00 p.m., Away, Gilmer County
- Sept 1: 7:00 p.m. Home, Valley (Wetzel)
- Sept 8: 7:00 p.m., Away, Tyler Consolidated
- Sept. 15: 7:00 p.m., Away, Wahama Senior/Middle School
- Sept. 18: 5:30 p.m., Home, Wahama-JV
- Sept. 22: 7:00 p.m., Away, ST. Marys
- Sept. 25: 6:00 p.m., Home, St. Marys-JV
- Sept., 29: 7:00 p.m., Away, Trinity Christian
- Oct. 6: 7:00 p.m., Home, Williamstown-Breat Cancer Awareness
- Oct. 13: 7:00 p.m., Home, Wirt-Homecoming
- Oct. 20: 7:00 p.m., South Harrison-Military Appreciation
- Oct. 27: 7:00 p.m., Home, Webster-Senior Night
- Oct. 30: 6:30 p.m., Home, Clay-JV

2023 Calhoun County Middle School Football Summer Conditioning and Flex Dates

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

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

Flex Practices

July 24th, 25th, 26th (Helmet fitting) and 27th - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm

July 31st - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First day of practice is August 7th

2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

Games:

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

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

Playoffs

1st Round

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

2nd Round

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

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

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

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

Minnie Hamilton Health System

SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

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July 20, 2023

1280 Arnoldsburg Road, Arnoldsburg, WV

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July 25, 2023

Fairground Road, Glenville WV

5pm to 7pm

Free event for all ages

Minnie Hamilton Health System

Sports Physicals

Calhoun Middle/High School - School Based Health Clinic

Dates: July 28th

Sports Physicals performed on this date will be at no cost to the patient.

To schedule an appointment:

Call 304-354-9732 or 304-354-9244

Email: calhounsbhc@mhhs.healthcare

Old Fashion Gospel Tent Meeting

Old Fashion Gospel tent meeting. A ministry of Faith Baptist Church of Shinnston, WV

July 17th-21st at Calhoun County Park 7:00pm nightly.

For more information call Pastor David (Mike) Kirby at 304-871-0339.

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

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

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

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

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ADVERTISEMENT AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES

Pursuant to W.Va. Code §5G-1-3, the Administrative Council Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center is seeking Expressions of Interest from qualified design professions to provide Architectural/Engineering Designed Services to include design and construction phase administration for a Welding Classroom & Culinary Classroom Renovations at Calhoun Gilmer Career Center.

Qualified firms are invited to contact Mr. Bryan Sterns, Director for Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center to obtain a copy of the Statement of Qualification and submission requirements via email: bsterns@k12.wv.us Statements of Qualification must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time on July 25, 2023, at the Administrative Office of Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center, 5260 East Little Kanawha Highway, Grantsville, West Virginia 26147.

The Administrative Council for Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center reserves the right to reject any and/or all statements from interested firms and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in its best interest in accordance with WV Code 5G-1-3.

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**Town of Grantsville
Resurfacing of the Town Park Tennis Courts
Request For Bids**

The Town of Grantsville is seeking sealed bids for the resurfacing of the Town Park tennis courts. The scope of the work will entail cleaning of the existing surface as required, application of a tack coat for adhesion and application of a 1/2 inch scratch and leveling course and a 1-1/2 inch overlay asphaltic concrete to an area of approx. 110' x 125'. Bids will be accepted until close of business July 24, 2023. All bids must be received by this date, either delivered in person to 362 Main St, Grantsville, WV 26147 or mailed to PO Box 146, Grantsville, WV 26147. Bid envelopes must be clearly marked on the outside with "sealed bid" and addressed to the Town of Grantsville. The bids will be opened on July 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and the approved bidder will be notified. All bidders are welcome to observe the opening of the bids, which will be conducted at the City Building located at 362 Main St. Grantsville, WV 26147 on July 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. In accordance with the Town's procurement policy, all factors including bid price will be utilized in accepting the final bid recipient. The Town will require a target completion date for the resurfacing and should be included in the sealed bids. A contract between the winning bidder and the Town will be drafted after the bid is awarded. The Town of Grantsville reserves the right to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within 30 days after the date of the bid opening.

For further information please contact The Town of Grantsville at 304-354-7500. A pre bid meeting will be scheduled for all interested bidders on July 20, 2023. This meeting will serve to answer any questions regarding the project or its parameters.

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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on July 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan** for the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund Program (DWTRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Project Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact

Katheryn Emery
WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
601 57th street, SE
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Pleasant Hill Public Service District wishes to obtain engineering services for one or more projects involving its water system that may proceed individually or in groups. These projects may encompass improvements involving water mains; storage tanks; treatment facilities; or raw water supply. It is understood that projects may include the extension of the water system into unserved areas where interest has been expressed by potential customers.

Engineering services required may include any or all of the following services: preliminary design, assistance with funding applications, final design, bidding, services during construction, construction inspection, and any general services required to complete the project.

Procurement of these services shall be in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of West Virginia and any applicable federal agencies. Services may be provided on a lump sum basis or an hourly basis. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit an expression of interest detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, familiarity with local conditions and related prior experience. The goal of the competitive procurement process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, technical qualifications and related prior experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents may be interviewed.


Please submit **3 copies** of all requested information to: **Luke Peters, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council, 709 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101 by the close of business on Friday, August 4th, 2023.** Questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to **Luke Peters at the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council (304) 699-3712.**

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken through federal and/or state agencies and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by these agencies and the State of West Virginia pertaining hereto.

The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions. Alternative Federal and State funding requirements may also apply.

The Pleasant Hill PSD will afford full opportunity for minority and women-owned business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to the invitation and will not discriminate against any firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap status or national origin in the contract award.

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Brooke Lancaster, PA-C

We are excited to announce that D. Brooke Lancaster PA-C has joined the Minnie Hamilton Health System team. Brooke graduated from Calhoun High School in 2012, she then went to West Virginia Wesleyan and completed her Bachelor of science in biochemistry. She went on to study at Marshall University in the field of clinical and translational science, and earned her Master's degree in that in 2018. After Marshall, she went on to study to become a Physician Assistant at Shenandoah University and graduated in late 2020. Prior to working here, she was working in family medicine and urgent care role in Clay County, WV.



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Public Service Commission request Public Comment Hearing in Charleston on Appalachian Power Fuel Cost Cases

Contact: Andy Gallagher, 304-340-0820, agallagher@psc.state.wv.us

CHARLESTON, WV – The Public Service Commission of West Virginia will hold a public comment hearing at 5:30 p.m. on July 24 in the main hearing room at PSC headquarters, 201 Brooks Street in Charleston. The purpose of this hearing is to listen to public opinion, concerns and ideas concerning Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power's three most recent Expanded Net Energy Costs (ENEC) cases.

The Commission would like to hear comments in relation to the 2021 and 2022 cases that specifically

concern the Independent Technical Prudency Review of the Actions Affecting the Operations of Amos, Mountaineer, and Mitchell Coal Plants. It will also hear comments related to the companies' request for a rate increase of approximately \$641.7 million in the 2023 ENEC case.

"We look forward to this opportunity to meet face-to-face with the public," said PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane. "We highly value the feedback from the public when making decisions on cases such as these."

More information on

this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us.

Click on "Case Information" and access Case Nos. 21-0339-E-ENEC, 22-0393-E-ENEC, and 23-0377-E-ENEC.

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1982 Foundation Weekly Update

By Crystal Marsh

Building the future for generations to come.

This week's update is going to an update on the progress of the hardest part of the transformation.....the community. Remember the building is the easy part.

It is interesting for me to compare and contrast many different things from two years ago and to now. We are precisely where we should be on the emotional change curve in my opinion and I will expound on that later.

When I first arrived, you want to know exactly how many people said to me "Crystal things are great in Calhoun. We have grown over the last 40 years. The government is stable and working for the people. The school system is serving the children and delivering a quality education." Exactly ZERO.....and that includes a few of those I see now as lining up on the side of "snarkiness"

in what they believe is being against me. It is not against me at all. My future is set. My children and my grandchildren's futures are set. I have worked hard all my life and been blessed beyond measure. The people you are lining up against are in the picture below and many others in this region just like them. Notice I did not say county because this project will have a positive impact over a broad section of north central WV. It is beyond the comprehension for some. But in another 18 months it will become more apparent as to the impact this project will have.

So let's summarize factually precisely where we were 2 years ago:

-50% of the last 10 years the county was in the red...they spent more money than they brought in

-The proficiency of students in math and reading were and still are in the 20 and 30 percentiles. Some in the lower grades even less.

-We did not have regular financial reporting of the county's fiscal affairs for over 7 months, and then when we did there were numerous errors due to old computer systems that had not been maintained.

-We had a lot of run down broke down buildings including the one The 1982 Foundation purchased with no hope of any movement.

-We had a community that was consistently described as "apathetic" from hundreds of people I talked to. Apathetic means loss of caring. I later realized what they really meant was loss of hope.

-The first County Commission meeting I attended there were maybe 10 people there and again I remember a very hopeless response to my enthusiastic description of our plans and intentions to help revitalize the community. Warning in fact from community leaders of gloom and lack of interest by the people.

-We had an EMS system and Sheriff's office that were of high concern to most and likely contributed to unnecessary losses.

-People spoke of disagreements, concern for corruption, and frankly their disgust for how the county/school was ran in whispers knowing what was happening was not right and feeling that they had no option for a better situation. And I heard this from everyone I spoke to..... literally everyone.

So let's compare that to where we are now. The facts are:

-We routinely have over 50 people attending the County Commission meeting and being involved in their government. We have over 1000 people watch every single commission meeting. This is unbelievable. People are interested for the first time in a long time. People are asking good questions, and learning a lot about government and their rights and obligations as citizens.

- The Commission meetings are conducted and managed in a manner that issues are addressed and followed up timely to keep projects moving and ensuring accountability.

-The County Commission just approved funds for water projects that have literally been waiting for decades for one reason only. The people made the priority clear.

-We have had a massive clean up effort across the county including the demo of the adjacent structures of the old high school and the Rainbow Hotel which were a safety hazard and eye sores with no hope of healing.

-We see kids coming out to see how their government works and being part of the voice of the people.

-We know the counties fiscal state and can call out issues like the "padding" of certain line items in the budget.

-We have a new Sheriff who will be staffing/equipping his office soon and returning that needed function to ensure the safety of our courts and county.

-We have many new boards and new board members to bring the next level of progress without ties to the past.

-We see more and more people showing up when concerns arise at the BoE meetings. Although there is still much to untangle and improve in that process. The people who go there and ask questions deserve answers and hiding behind a policy written by the board themselves allowing them to limit input and dodge questions is at a minimum silly and at a maximum unconstitutional.

-We will soon have an animal shelter which is so badly needed and has been served by a few faithful who stepped in the gap using very often their own funds to deal with this county responsibility.

-We see Christmas parades and events attended in crowds unheard of before. And we see attendance at all events increasing and growing.

-We can sense an air of hope for better for our county and a realization that we do not need to wait on a grant to get

something that we can do for ourselves via program such as our Bootstraps program. We have turned from our victim mindset and are realizing that we are not banished to the bottom county in the bottom state on every list. And that where we land is in the hands of the people. This makes us happy and fulfilled.

Bottomline.....that is a lot of looking in the mirror and staring in the eyes of big issuesand fixing them. Our county is light years ahead of the dismal hopeless society I met two years ago.

You can love or you can hate me. I know it really has nothing to do with me. But for the record I love you ALL. You are my people and I am loyal to you and my home. And as I have said before I came to make a difference.....not make friends. Fortunately I have been able to do that too.

I have studied and led change on many levels and what we are experiencing is text book change with all the normal behaviors and emotional responses that come along with it.

The cycle is something like this:

-Elation in the first months at the thought that a better future could maybe be a possibility.

-The comes denial..... well maybe it is not so bad because if we want better we will have to confront our issues and potentially each other to fix them. This scares us because it would be new and we are not experience is how to do this.

-The comes anger..... everything was fine before this started. We now see the factions that have always been there in such a pronounced way that it makes us very uncomfortable. Leaving folks who would rather be angry than engage. Then develops an unhealthy undercurrent whispering negativity with the hopes of killing prosperity for the masses so as to secure the existing socio-economic power structure and their cherished place in it.

-Then comes depression.....the folks who want change fear the old guard will kill it as they always have done. And the old guard is scared that they are losing their long term choke hold and perceived power and prestige that comes along with it. When you hit depression which can last for months..... it is then certain that the change effort will be successful.

-At last comes acceptance and then pride. Then progress happens at a pace never conceived by all working together to common goals. We still will not agree on things and that is healthy, but when we do disagree there will be a logic to it and not just territorial and historical basis.

When there is pride inside and shining through to the outside of the community amazing things really do happen.

-So where are we now?

We are at the beginning of the depression stage. Good news is it is going to happen and cannot be prevented due to

momentum and the desire at the grass roots level. Bad news is that it could last a while. Best medicine for it: get busy like never before. Use this period to force the projects forward and bring the change that will benefit all people, all businesses, and most of allall of our future generations. Learn to lean on each other.

Learn how to trust each other. Learn how to lead projects forward. Learn that people cannot be placed in a box of a certain religion, political affiliation or social segmentation. Humans are far to complex for that. Realize that not all will join the journey..... there will be 3 - 5% who just do not have the capacity or the heart to get it. And that is ok and in fact normal.

Then the new leadership teams emerge. The next generation of hope and energy. The ones who saw their government in action when they were 10-15 years old because of what we are doing now.

And this generation I refer to.....will take it all to a level that none of us can conceive. They will be fearless. They will be growth drivers. They will be relentless in their pursuit for a better tomorrow for their future generations.

A continually evolving renewing revolution of hope and success...that was once unimaginable. It is the real gift.

All my very best to you all with love.

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

Oh, boy, asparagus is my easy one. It takes a long time to grow a really good asparagus bed. They are kind of picky about where they grow. They like well drained soil and just about the right amount of sun and water. Finally after two years we got a crop on the third year.

I usually cut and cooked the tips but let it grow once in awhile so I had some for the freezer. You do have to peel off the stems as they are woody. When I cooked the stems or even just the tips I would just use salt, pepper and butter.

But if you want to get fancy just make a white sauce and add lemon juice. Melt three or four tablespoons of butter in a double broiler or a pan and mix in your flour a little at a time.

When it's smooth

and you have no lumps, stir in your milk slowly. If it's too thick, add more milk, and if it's too thin stir in more flour.

Now comes the tricky part, add your lemon juice a little at a time, you want it yellow but not too sour. If it is too sour just sprinkle a little bit of sugar in it. taste test it for lemony taste and go ahead and adjust it as you wish.

Baby spears or asparagus on the grill are really good. Just wash them, dip them in your favorite oil, hold them up to drip, and put them on a hot grill. Turn them a few times with tongs, so they don't burn, and when they are just tinged brown, lift them off and dust them with parmesan cheese. Really good stuff. Next week is beets, yuk!!

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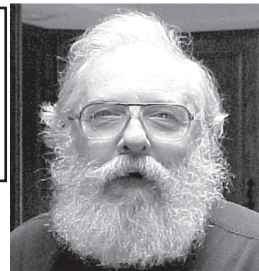
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



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

Carolyn "June" Goff Greenwalt, age 71, of Walker passed away. She was the daughter of William and Edna Gay Ruble Goff who formerly lived in Creston.

W. Harrison Schenerlein IV was checking out four wheelers and side by sides while visiting in Creston. He, along with Greg, Cash and Colton went berry picking while Colton consumed a disproportionate part of the harvest. There were enough berries left to make a cobbler. Harrison also visited with his cousin Vincenzo Guice.

Debbie Griffin has been battling an ear infection.

The Creston area continues to have rain and there were two significant power outages in less than a week. With the closure of power plants such will likely become routine.

Jane Engelke, daughter Rea, Alvin Engelke, Greg, Cash & Colton Lockas took a trip up in the mountains to visit Dolly Sods, Blackwater Falls, Smoke Hole Caverns, Seneca Rocks and the New River & New River Gorge bridge. They also checked out the largest gas fractionation plant on the planet and Fort New Salem. After climbing Seneca Rocks they were talking with fellow (who was along at the same time) that

such was impressive. The man then noted that as we speak, my wife is in darkest Africa with a team that is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, a 19,000 peak that has snow on the top in spite of global warming claims.

The Canadian government have said that they are going to let the forest fires burn there on up into August as, apparently, there is no pollution of release of CO2. Some feared that the Cass scenic railroad might be shut down because the old shay engines burn coal.

Speaking of pollution, John Kerry was trying to impress folks in a hearing in congress and he got smacked down by trying to "cherry pick" data from the past. Kerry said the questions were not serious and the response was that no one took him for being sincere or serious and the hearing broke out in laughter.

The State of Virginia is going to exit the RGGI (Regional Green House Gas Initiative) for taxing carbon, a scheme by those who claim to be protecting the planet to save it for China to exploit.

One of the big drilling companies sent out a lease that said the royalty would be based on the well head price of the natural gas. Such is a fiction as the natural gas is now sold downstream after the components are extracted and all sold separately.

We was told, "Pass the silly bill and you'll get the Mountain Valley Pipeline built for EQT to send the natural gas away instead of using it here to make things, provide jobs and generate wealth locally. " Well, the bill is now law and the federal courts have once again stopped construction of the pipeline. It might also be noted that a certain Creston resident has ocean front property for sale in Spring Valley -- a special deal just for you.

Exxon/Mobil the Rockefeller family flagship company announced that they have purchased Denbury, a "carbon capture" company for \$4.9 billion. The new approach is to use "fine art" to make the charts and graphs "look prettier". As they said, "dumb folks fall for pretty pictures every time". Studies have shown that the current warm period that started in AD 1650 has yet to get as warm as it was during Roman times. Who knew those folks used fossil fuels and drove around in monster trucks, etc.

The Creston ATV poker run is July 29. At present the route is a mystery as rain has caused some high water.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$74.42/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet fetched \$58.42/bbl. Marcellus & Utica light brought \$65.42 while medium was \$74.42/bbl.

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 22, Frank Conn & Partners.

Upper West Fork Park Thanks Community

The Upper West Fork Park would like to thank all those who played a part in making the sportsman's bingo Friday night a success. Thanks to Charles Thomas for all his hard work, Andrea Bailey for her hard work, Terry Allen for a Case Knife, Jacob McCumbers for a knife, The Outdoor Store for the tree stand and helping with selection of items to raffle and giving us a good deal on some items. Trigger Time for a \$100 Gift Certificate, Eli & Sam Bailey for a dehydrator, the West Fork Park for their support and being the venue, all those who helped put the bingo on and the workers who worked the kitchen, the scouts for trash and clean up detail, and those who participated in the bingo, bought food, and supported our event. I'm sure there are others I haven't mentioned, but we are so thankful for this kind of support in our county and surrounding counties who attended. Thanks to the Stonewall Jackson Resort for their gift certificate for a stay at the lodge and Beech Fork Park for their donation as well. The event was a great success and made more money than we've ever made at any of our fund raising events in years.

Anita West, 304-655-8625

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.

Stump Family Reunion July 23rd

The Warder E. Stump, Sr. Family Reunion will be held on Sun. July 23rd. 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: Arrange Tables and Chairs

11:30 AM-NOON Social Time/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.

Calhoun County Library Trivia Night July 27th

Join us at the Calhoun County Senior Center at 6 p.m. for a fun Trivia Night. Bring your team of 6 people or if you don't have 6 people, we maybe able to pair you up with other individuals. There will be 6 rounds of trivia. Refreshments will be served. Please give us a call at 304-354-6300 or message us on Facebook if you plan to attend.

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.

Siers and Sears Family Reunion August 5th

The Siers and Sears Reunion will be held August 5th at the Upper West Fork Park. Lunch will be at Noon. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy the day. For more information contact Carol Siers at 304-655-8802

Calhoun Co. Library Cookbook Club Aug. 8th

Join us at the Calhoun County Library for our monthly Cookbook Club. We will meet again on Aug. 8th at 6 p.m. If you would like to participate please stop by the Library and select a recipe you would like to make and bring for everyone to sample.



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

Cal Jarvis Family Reunion Sept. 2nd

The Cal Jarvis reunion will be held Saturday, September 2nd at the Upper West Fork Park. Registration begins at 11:00 with a covered dish lunch at noon. Come and enjoy the day. For more information call Anita West, 304-655-8625. Hope to see you there.

THE Cabot Recycling AUCTION!

ATTENTION EVERYONE!

Mark your calendars for JULY 29, 2023, at NOON! The rain date for the FIRST ANNUAL REHOMING AUCTION, by Cabot Recycling Center, in Calhoun County IS FAST APPROACHING!

Here is how it works! All of us have things we do not use, want, or need, that are perfectly good, and yet we don't want to throw them away, nor do we know how to sell them. So, CABOT RECYCLING CENTER has come up with a way to REHOME those items while helping neighbors who need that article of furniture, working appliances, yard ornaments, tools, or farm machinery, find what they need at this outstanding one of a kind auction!

Then come to the auction and see the truck loads of items that have been donated! School grade tables and chairs, a 100 year old purse with original items left in it! ANTIQUE heaters, sewing machines, art work, glassware, and a SOLID WOOD FILE CABINET, with NOTHING METAL IN IT! Need a desk? We have them. We even have those beauty salon hair dryers that you sit under! You will not believe all that has been donated!

So, take time to go through your homes, garages, sheds and storage unit buildings, and find treasures that you just don't use, and donate them to Cabot Recycling Center so they can be auctioned off to someone who really needs them.

COME RAIN OR SHINE! IT IS INDOORS, WITH HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND ICED TEA AVAILABLE TO BUY.

If you have trouble bringing your donation to Cabot Recycling BETWEEN 8-4, M-F, call 304-531-2672 to have a volunteer pick it up for you the week before the Auction. Items left outside the Cabot Recycling Center may disappear before they can be checked in for the auction, SO PLEASE, be certain to hand your donations to the person working there, and mention that it is for the auction. ALL proceeds will go to Cabot Recycling Center, to assist in their ability to serve our area as they have always done.

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.

Children's Crisis

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities. The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

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

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

Tobacco Quitline

Anyone interested in quitting can call the West Virginia Tobacco Quitline, 1-877-966-8784 or 1-800-QUITNOW. The call is for West Virginia residents over the age of 18. The Quitline offers four proactive coaching calls and unlimited reactive calls. Participants are eligible for eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy: patches, gum or lozenges.

Contact Jamie Jacobsen, 304-485-7374, ext. 152, or www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Prevent Suicide

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

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

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline
1-800-579-5844
Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

CRI operates a food pantry, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court St.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Civil Air Patrol

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. located at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV. We are always looking for new members, so stop on by and check us out.

Check Conditions

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

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

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

Country Kitchen Music & Events



LIVE MUSIC FOOD Event Venue

ESTD 2023

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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.
Fri and Sat: 12 p.m. to close
Bands play 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
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B I L L I A R D S TOURNAMENT July 22nd
Single elimination 8-Ball, winner take all \$20 entry fee



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

West Virginia's Revitalization Program Now Accepting New Community Applications

MEDIA CONTACT: Andy Malinoski, 304-553-9305, Andy.E.Malinoski@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia ON TRAC (Organization and Training for Revitalization and Capacity) program is now accepting applications from communities seeking assistance in community improvement and development. As a program under the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, ON TRAC aims to support towns in their endeavors towards economic growth.

To ensure a successful application process, community representatives are required to attend a complimentary application and introductory workshop. This mandatory workshop equips participants with effective techniques to enhance their chances of securing a spot in the limited ON TRAC program.

The workshop is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, conducted via Zoom. To register for the workshop, please contact Jennifer Brennan at 304-957-3971 or via email at Jennifer.L.Brennan@wv.gov.

ON TRAC offers a comprehensive range of resources to help communities stimulate economic growth, including evaluation, education, and networking opportunities. Communities selected for ON TRAC will receive specialized training in downtown or neighborhood revitalization, a thorough assessment of their strengths and weaknesses, access to an extensive online library of databases and resources, action-planning services, telephone consultation, scholarship and grant information, as well as technical design visits.

Governor Jim Justice commended the program, stating, "I think that ON TRAC is a vital initiative that empowers our great communities, providing them with the necessary tools and support to up economic development. Through evaluation, education, and networking resources, this program gives these communities what they need to thrive and revitalize their districts."

It is important to note that communities are required to participate in ON TRAC for a minimum of two years before becoming eligible to apply for accreditation as a Main Street community. Currently, West Virginia boasts 12 accredited Main Street Communities and 10 ON TRAC Communities, showcasing the success and impact of these programs in the state.

Main Street West Virginia, an integral program under the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, focuses on the revitalization of historic commercial districts by offering technical services, design assistance, and continuous training for board/committee members and program managers.

Leveraging the National Main Street Center's Four-Point Approach®, Main Street West Virginia ensures a comprehensive approach encompassing organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring.

For more information about the ON TRAC program and the application process, please visit wvcad.org/infrastructure/main-street-wv-and-ontrac.

Capito said, "I was happy to welcome Assistant Secretary Davidson to West Virginia and show him the unique needs of our state when it comes to connectivity. I enjoyed the productive conversations about how we can work together at the federal, state, and local level to efficiently deploy the \$1.2 billion in BEAD funding I worked to secure in the IJJA so we can ensure reliable broadband service across West Virginia."

"My visit to West Virginia was a valuable opportunity to see how communities will benefit from the Internet for All initiative. I thank Senator Capito for bringing me to see firsthand the challenges West Virginia faces in making Internet service available, and the great work the state is already doing to address these challenges. Together we can connect every West Virginian to the tools they need to thrive in the modern digital economy," Assistant Secretary Davidson said.

"This funding will accelerate West Virginia's broadband revolution and help bridge the digital divide when it comes to high-speed internet access," Governor Justice said. "We worked extremely

hard to update our part of the National Broadband Map, and because of this, we identified over 270,000 unserved locations, helping secure more funding for West Virginia. I truly thank Sen. Capito, whose leadership and collaboration with my administration improved the accuracy of our broadband maps, enabling targeted support for the areas in need. I'm confident we will continue seeing more and more goodness coming to West Virginia as we transform our state for the better."

BACKGROUND: During a Senate Commerce Committee hearing in December 2021, Senator Capito personally asked the assistant secretary to visit W.Va. In August 2022, Senator Capito hosted NTIA for a broadband summit in Wheeling, W.Va.

At the end of June 2023, W.Va. was awarded \$1.2 billion for broadband expansion through the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which Senator Capito helped secure during negotiations for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and is overseen by Assistant Secretary Davidson.

Attorney General Morrissey: Court Awards More Than \$100K to Victims of Unlicensed Contractor

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

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey said a Putnam County Circuit Court judge has awarded \$101,762.98 Thursday in restitution to six victims of an unlicensed contractor.

The defendant, Jason Andrew Sansom, of Hurricane, performed home improvement projects for consumers in Kanawha and Putnam counties, as well as other areas in the state.

"This is a big win for the consumers who were victimized by this unscrupulous businessman," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Let this be a warning to those who are planning on defrauding consumers in West Virginia: cross the line and we're going to make sure there will

be enforcement—those who defraud consumers must be held accountable to the full extent of the law.

The restitution will be divided among six consumers (varying amounts).

The Attorney General's lawsuit alleged Sansom took consumers' money and did not start or finish home improvement and other projects and contracted with consumers to work on projects he was not licensed to perform. He operated his business under the name J. Andrews Revive and Design from September 2020 through April of 2021—after April 26, 2021, Sansom's business went by J. Andrews Design LLC. Sansom has never

had a contractor's license to operate in West Virginia. Despite his lack of a license, he advertised his services through a website, describing his business as "end to end" home remodeling. He also used social media to promote his operations.

Consumers paid Sansom to do jobs including general construction, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, drywall, tile, flooring and HVAC, according to the lawsuit.

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

ARC Awards Nearly \$417,000 to Empower Student Innovation in West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania

Contact: Janiene Bohannon, jbohannon@arc.gov, (o) 202.884.7771 or (m) 202.754.055

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 13, 2023—Today, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) awarded a \$416,959 Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) planning grant to Mountain State Educational Services Cooperative for a project that seeks to empower and prepare middle-school students in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania to solve real-world problems in their communities through simulation and engagement. The project titled "Empowerment Collaborative: Increasing Student Empowerment in Appalachia" will result in a 4-year plan to expand the Empowerment Collaborative model into a total of six middle schools.

This announcement builds on the \$11.5 million in ARISE funding awarded to Connect Humanity, Education Alliance, and Virginia Tech, bringing the grand ARISE investment total to nearly \$12 million.

"As a lifelong educator, I know that the first step in building strong communities is empowering young people through innovative learning opportunities," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "Through this grant, middle schools in

West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania will be better equipped to give young Appalachians skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, and workplace readiness that they will be able to carry with them into adulthood. This focus on collaborative, hands-on learning only furthers my confidence in the bright future of the next generation of Appalachians and the ways they will positively impact our entire region."

"One of the best decisions we can make across Appalachia is investing in our young people," said ARC 2023 States' Co-Chair, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. "Preparing students for real-world jobs means they'll be able to find good-paying employment right out of school. This is an investment in our future and will bolster Eastern Kentucky and the Appalachian region for years to come."

Mountain State Educational Services Cooperative will collaborate with multiple partners to develop the project plan, including the Departments of Education representing West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, Marshall University and the EdVenture Group. The project is funded

through ARISE, ARC's new initiative to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through multi-state collaborative projects across Appalachia. Using funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, ARC launched ARISE in August of 2022 to strengthen Appalachian business and industry, and to grow and support the development of new economic opportunities across multiple states. A total of \$147 million has been made available through ARISE to date.

ARC will announce additional ARISE grants in the coming months. Learn more about ARISE and the recent updates to the application process: www.arc.gov/ARISE.

About the Appalachian Regional Commission

The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development entity of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 423 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation

Public Service Commission of W.Va. announces Larrick Appointed to 2nd Term

Contact: Andy Gallagher, 304-340-0820, agallagher@psc.state.wv.us

CHARLESTON — Renee A. Larrick has been appointed by Gov. Jim Justice to a second, six-year term on the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

"It is a great honor that Governor Justice has shown such confidence to appoint me to another term," the Beckley native said. Larrick was first appointed to the three-member Commission in July 2017. Her term had expired on June 30, but she continued to serve.

"Renee has proven to be an important part of the Commission leadership," Chairman Charlotte R. Lane said. "We rely on her good judgment in deciding cases."

As a commissioner, Larrick is also a member of the Water Committee of the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners of

Larrick was the business manager for a private law firm in Beckley before she was appointed to the Commission.

She also taught college and high school courses in Raleigh County.

She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

Larrick and her husband live in Daniels, Raleigh County.



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) welcomes National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Assistant Secretary Alan Davidson and other broadband leaders to Charleston, W.Va. on Friday, July 14, 2023.

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

Biden-Harris Administration Launches Historic \$20 Billion in Grant Competitions to Create National Clean Financing Network as Part of Investing in America Agenda

Contact Information: EPA Press Office (press@epa.gov)

WASHINGTON (July 14, 2023) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched two Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for \$20 billion across two grant competitions under the historic \$27 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, an Inflation Reduction Act program central to President Biden’s Investing in America Agenda and environmental justice goals. Together, these competitive grant opportunities will mobilize private capital into clean technology projects to create good-paying jobs and lower energy costs for American families, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities, while cutting harmful pollution to protect people’s health and tackle the climate crisis.

EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan will join Vice President Kamala Harris today to announce the two grant competitions along with Senator Tom Carper (DE), Senator Ed Markey (MA), Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD), Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ-06), and Congressman David Trone (MD-06) at an event at Coppin State University in Baltimore, Maryland, where they will receive a briefing from local climate leaders and deliver remarks.

“The President and I set ambitious goals to cut our greenhouse gas emissions by half by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050, the investments announced today move our nation towards achieving these goals and a cleaner, healthier future for generations to come,” said Vice President Kamala Harris. “Students, small business owners and community leaders with innovative ideas to reduce our emissions and accelerate our clean energy transition will now see their projects become reality, all while creating good-paying jobs and a clean energy economy that works for all.”

“Communities on the front lines of the climate crisis will be the first to reap the benefits of President Biden’s historic investments in the clean economy,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. “The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will spur private investment into clean technology projects and expand economic opportunity for communities that have been left behind, for families that want lower energy costs, and for workers who need good-paying jobs. This is what President Biden’s Investing in America agenda is all about.”

“It’s been over a decade since we first put the idea of creating a national climate bank on paper. Today, that idea is becoming a reality. With the launch of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, we are deploying powerful tools to help us address climate change through

innovative new solutions while creating jobs and growing our economy. These funds will serve as a force multiplier for private investment in clean energy projects to cut emissions and promote environmental justice in underserved communities across the country. This is a win for workers, our economy, and our fight to confront the climate crisis,” said Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD).

“Today, communities around the country are getting a green light for a new historic era of green financing,” said Senator Edward J. Markey (MA), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety. “As the lead sponsor of the National Climate Bank Act, I am thrilled to celebrate the hard work of Administrator Regan and the Biden-Harris administration and herald the start of a national clean financing network, funded by the landmark investments of the Inflation Reduction Act. From clean transit to healthy housing, applicants to this program will bring life-changing projects to environmental justice and frontline communities around the country, delivering on the promise of a livable future for all.”

“The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund is a historic program that will help us attack the climate crisis head on,” said Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-06). “The announcement of these remaining grant competitions is critical to swiftly distributing these investments to meaningful projects and communities in most urgent need, moving us closer to an equitable clean-energy economy. I applaud this announcement and look forward to continuing to work with the EPA, my colleagues in Congress, and all our partners to create good paying jobs, bring down energy costs, and reduce our carbon emissions with these investments.”

“The Inflation Reduction Act is government-enabled, but private sector-led. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will ensure that businesses, nonprofits, and community lenders can spread the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act to underserved communities,” said John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation. “Today’s announcement from the EPA marks a big milestone in President Biden’s mission to expand clean energy for all Americans.”

The \$14 billion National Clean Investment Fund will provide grants to support two-to-three national clean financing institutions, enabling them to partner with the private sector to provide accessible, affordable financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects nationwide. These national nonprofits will enable individuals,

families, nonprofits, governments, small businesses, and others to access the capital they need to deploy a diverse suite of clean technology projects in their homes, businesses, and communities, which will reduce pollution while creating jobs, accelerating progress toward energy security, and lowering energy costs. And by mobilizing significant amounts of private capital, these national nonprofits will ensure that every dollar of public funds generates several times more in private investment. At least 40% of the funds from the National Clean Investment Fund will be dedicated to low-income and disadvantaged communities, including those that are rural communities, Tribal communities with environmental justice concerns, energy communities, and persistent poverty counties.

The \$6 billion Clean Communities Investment Accelerator will provide grants to support two-to-seven hub nonprofit organizations, enabling them to provide funding and technical assistance to public, quasi-public, not-for-profit, and nonprofit community lenders working in low-income and disadvantaged communities; supporting the goal that every community in the country has access to the capital they need to deploy clean technology projects. These hub nonprofits will enable hundreds of community lenders, such as community development financial institutions (including Native CDFIs), credit unions, green banks, housing finance agencies, and minority depository institutions, to finance clean technology projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities while also mobilizing private capital and building the enduring capacity of community lenders to finance these projects for years to come. 100% of the funds from the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator will be dedicated to low-income and disadvantaged communities.

“By funding a national network of non-profit financing institutions that will deliver capital to tens of thousands of clean technology projects in local communities across the country, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will transform local economies and help us meet our climate goals,” said Senior Advisor and Acting Director of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Jahi Wise. “Investments like this one will expand opportunities for the communities that have too often been left out and left behind.”

This announcement builds on the \$7 billion Solar for All competition EPA Administrator Regan launched on June 28, 2023 with Senator Bernie Sanders at an event in Vermont. That competition, also under the Inflation Reduction

Act’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, will expand the number of low-income and disadvantaged communities primed for residential solar investment. Through Solar for All, EPA will award up to 60 grants to states, territories, Tribal governments, municipalities, and eligible nonprofits to create and expand low-income solar programs that provide financial and technical assistance, such as workforce development, to enable low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy and benefit from residential solar. The announcements culminating the President’s Investing in America tour, mark the remaining two NOFO announcements for this historic program.

Together, these three competitions under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will help meet the President’s climate goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50-52 percent below 2005 levels in 2030, and achieving net zero emissions by no later than 2050. They also help advance the President’s commitment to environmental justice and the Justice40 Initiative, which sets the goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments in climate, clean energy, and other areas flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution, with at least \$18.6 billion of the \$27 billion across the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund dedicated to low-income and disadvantaged communities.

This investment was made possible by President Biden’s Investing in America agenda, which is growing the American economy from the middle out and the bottom up, from rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure, to driving over \$500 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments in the United States, to creating good-paying jobs and building a clean-energy economy that will combat climate change and make our communities more resilient.

National Clean Investment Fund Eligibility and Application Information The deadline to apply to this grant competition is October 12, 2023. EPA intends to make two-to-three awards under this competition. Applicants must be eligible nonprofits as defined in Section 134(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act and as further explained in the NOFO. Coalitions, led by an eligible nonprofit, are also eligible to apply to this competition. Additional details on eligibility can be found in Section III of the NOFO.

EPA has published the NOFO for this grant competition on grants.gov. Clean Communities Investment Accelerator and

Application Information: The deadline to apply to this grant competition is October 12, 2023. EPA intends to make two-to-seven awards under this competition. Applicants must be eligible nonprofits as defined in Section 134(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act and as further explained in the NOFO. Coalitions, led by an eligible nonprofit, are also eligible to apply to this competition. Additional details on eligibility can be found in Section III of the NOFO.

EPA has published the NOFO for this grant competition on grants.gov. Informational Webinars: EPA will host at least one public informational webinar for each competition to provide information on the grant competitions and the application processes. The details and registration links for each are below. The webinars will be recorded and posted on EPA’s GGRF webpage.

National Clean Investment Fund webinar: July 26, 2023, 3:00pm – 5:00pm ET (Register Here).

Clean Communities Investment Accelerator webinar: July 27, 2023, 11:00am – 1:00pm ET (Register Here).

Tools and resources for prospective applicants, including webinar information and helpful templates, can be found on EPA’s GGRF webpage.

Here’s what they are saying about the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund:

“The Administration, along with Senate Democrats, is ushering in the clean energy revolution,” said Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (NY). “For decades, low-income and disadvantaged communities have been disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental disasters. Now, we are pairing public dollars with private investment, with these populations in mind – to create good-paying union jobs, rid communities of pollution, and lower the cost of energy. Americans are already feeling the effects of the transformative Inflation Reduction Act. And the announcement of the National Clean Investment Fund and Clean Communities Investment Accelerator will only accelerate our country’s transition to green energy.”

“The Inflation Reduction Act is proof that we can address the climate crisis and advance environmental justice while lowering energy costs and creating good-paying jobs across our country,” said Senator Tom Carper (DE), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. “When drafting the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund with Senator Markey and our colleagues, we wanted to ensure that these unprecedented clean energy investments would benefit often overlooked communities with the greatest need. I am thrilled that the Biden-

Harris administration is working quickly to responsibly implement this program that will help make clean energy a reality for millions of additional Americans.”

“Working with President Biden, House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act last year to strike a dramatic blow against the climate crisis, set our planet on a sustainable trajectory forward and stand up a clean energy economy,” said House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08). “It was the largest federal climate investment in the history of the nation. I thank President Biden, Vice President Harris and EPA Administrator Regan for this historic \$20 billion investment to help advance clean technology across America.”

“Last week was the hottest week in recorded history. I fought to enact this first-of-its-kind Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund because the climate crisis is here, and we need to use every tool in our toolbox to equip our communities with the resources they need to combat it. Thankfully, today’s announcement is a huge leap forward in the right direction,” said Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. “These new funding competitions have the power to transform our nation by deploying homegrown clean energy, slashing dangerous climate pollution, creating new, middle-class jobs, and ensuring no community is left behind. I’m pleased with how quickly EPA is getting this critical program off the ground and I look forward to the much-needed help it will deliver to Americans across the country.”

Additional Background: The President’s Inflation Reduction Act authorized the EPA to create and implement the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, a historic \$27 billion investment to combat the climate crisis by mobilizing financing and private capital for greenhouse gas- and air pollution-reducing projects in communities across the country. Together, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund’s National Clean Investment Fund, the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator, and the Solar for All competitions will finance clean technology deployment nationally, finance clean technology deployment in low-income and disadvantaged communities while simultaneously building the capacity of community lenders that serve those communities, and spur adoption of clean distributed solar energy that lowers energy bills for millions of Americans in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Each of these competitions advances President Biden’s Justice40 Initiative while expanding good-paying job opportunities in domestic industries.

MVP Pipeline Shut Down Despite Court Order

By Shari Johnson

Appalachian's Against Pipelines created a social media post today, July 12th, 2023, glorifying in their ability to shut down an MVP Construction site in Flatwoods, WV, taking food off the tables of hard working West Virginians.

Their post said "This morning!! More than 20 pipeline fighters walked on to an MVP construction site this morning and disrupted work with signs saying "Another Day Another Stay, No MVP" and "Doom 2 The Pipeline." The Flatwoods Branch stream crossing is one of five sites where MVP says they are continuing to work after yesterday's court-ordered stay on construction, claiming

they are finishing placing, welding, and covering the pipe while the stream is dammed and diverted. As this protest shows, whatever the courts do, whatever congress does, the people will not let this pipeline be built! Yesterday's news from the 4th circuit court is exciting, but if we've learned anything from the last 5+ years of fighting the pipeline through stops and starts and political/legal machinations, it's that the only thing we can rely on is us.

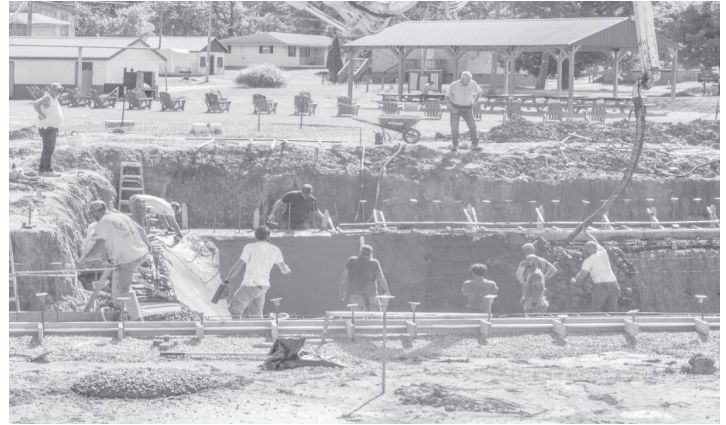
A federal appeals court has once again halted construction on the Mountain Valley Pipeline being built through Virginia and West Virginia, even though congress passed

legislation ordering all necessary permits to be issued. Senator Joe Manchin said that it should alarm all Americans when a court ignores the law.

The pipeline is projected to create 2,500 construction jobs, \$40 million in new tax revenue for West Virginia, \$10 million in new tax revenue for Virginia and up to \$250 million in royalties for West Virginia landowners. Many of Calhoun County's families are pipeline families and even if it's not your family working on the pipeline, the effect will be felt throughout this community in the economy and family security.

Weekly 1982 Construction Update

By Crystal Mersh



Weekly Construction Update!

Last week's news was the completion of the concrete pour in the deep well as seen below with Mr. Shamblin supervising. Usually he is down in there with them with a shovel in his hand.....not too bad at 83 years young. This crew has really been making good progress quickly, and we hope that this week we can continue on the concrete providing the rains takes a break out of Calhoun.

Cira comes back this week to complete the external asbestos abatement.

Chester and crew are finishing the concrete work around the bath house structure until we complete the pool and determine how to make that connection.

We hope to have all the permitting done this week so we can get to moving. We appreciate the town of Grantsville and their efforts to get this concluded. We will then be starting on the pump house. All of the equipment has been ordered and delivery is anticipated on schedule for everything except the pool heater which is on backorder.

Monday a week from now WV Demo from Charleston will begin the demolition in the main building to allow for the modifications including the apartments on the top floor and the elevator shaft. As soon as demo is complete, the apartments will be framed in as will the restaurant, and then we will be in mechanical, electrical and plumbing land until at least the end of the year.

In Sept we anticipate starting on the children's center so we can get foundations and

hopefully under roof before the snow flies. We will be using cold form steel for that building which will likely the first such structure in Calhoun to use it. We are breaking grounds on many fronts.

I am shopping for interior finishes all over the place. We have gotten some great deals on FB Marketplace. And this week Dennis and I will go look at 4 sets of bleachers which look exactly like the ones that were in the gym back in the day. Our plans were to do something very modern in there, but if these are in as good shape as they appear and are like our old ones, then the decision is easy. Also, the price is right - free.

We are starting to look at appliance packages for the apartments and already have one bid on cabinetry/countertops. We have procured some very nice large format tile to be used in the apartment bathrooms for countertops, showers and wall protection behind tubs.....a very elegant shade of off white Italian ceramic tile.

I got a bead on a pizza oven as well, and some other tile as well. We got our 415 4ft x 8ft sheets of 20 gauge galvanized steel which we will paint/clear coat and use everywhere. That was a real deal and will allow us to have a very clean look and cleanable surfaces all over the 4 kitchens and who knows where else. I am hoping that we can get creative with the painting and come up with something very cool.

Community Foundation Grant Application Deadline Sept. 15th

Contact: Julie Posey, Development and Communications Officer, 304.428.4438

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates of Doddridge County, Ritchie County, and the Little Kanawha Area (PACF) is currently accepting applications for grants for the fall cycle of its Community Action Grants Program. The Foundation's application process is online; the application deadline is midnight on September 15th. Organizations apply to the Foundation and/or any of the affiliates on the same online application form, the Foundation's Community Action Grants Application. To access the online application form, visit the Foundation's website, www.pacfwv.com/grants.

To be considered for a Community Action Grant, an applicant must be a private, nonprofit organization, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a public institution. Either the applicant or program to be funded must be located in the Foundation's eleven-county geographic

Last week we did the detailed design review for 3 of the kitchens - the community canning kitchen, the teaching kitchen and the restaurant kitchen. This week we will review the last one which is located in the children's center.

We are beginning to look at foundational principles and pedagogy for the private school. I am pleased that we have had so much interest in this aspect and I think that our Old Skool concept can bring back some of the ways that were tested and proven....as well as the spirit of the old days. It was indeed electric.

This might put a little wrinkle in our plans for a micro brewery, but we are still investigating. The requirement is 300 feet from front door to front door via the roadways... so if will be close.

So this week should be as busy as last week. Hardway and crew have finished the bus garage exterior except for the windows in the back and some of the red siding near the deck. They also finished the deck on the field house which looks really nice. I love the contrast of the old building with modern design elements.

We will have Cade and the whole construction crew here this week to monitor progress and confirm the project plan. We have also engaged with Sebby Volpe on a consulting basis for his breadth of experience on similar project and expertise.

And the good Lord willing, we will finally close on these tax credits this week, and our funding will be ready to go. So here's to another great week of productivity and teamwork. I hope you have an extraordinary week too!

West Virginia's Revitalization Program Now Accepting New Community Applications

CONTACT: Andy Malinoski, 304-553-9305, Andy.E.Malinoski@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia ON TRAC (Organization and Training for Revitalization and Capacity) program is now accepting applications from communities seeking assistance in community improvement and development. As a program under the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, ON TRAC aims to support towns in their endeavors towards economic growth.

To ensure a successful application process, community representatives are required to attend a complimentary application and introductory workshop. This mandatory workshop equips participants with effective techniques to enhance their chances of securing a spot in the limited ON TRAC program.

The workshop is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, conducted via Zoom. To register for the workshop, please contact Jennifer Brennan at 304-957-3971 or via email at Jennifer.L.Brennan@wv.gov.

ON TRAC offers a comprehensive range of resources to help communities stimulate economic growth, including evaluation, education, and networking opportunities. Communities selected for ON TRAC will receive specialized training in downtown or neighborhood revitalization, a thorough assessment of their strengths and weaknesses, access to an extensive online library of databases and resources, action-planning services, telephone consultation, scholarship and grant information, as well as technical design visits.

Governor Jim Justice commended the program, stating, "I think that ON TRAC is a vital initiative that empowers our great communities, providing them with the necessary tools and support to up economic development. Through evaluation, education, and networking resources, this program gives these communities what they need to thrive and revitalize their districts."

It is important to note that communities are required to participate in ON TRAC for a

minimum of two years before becoming eligible to apply for accreditation as a Main Street community. Currently, West Virginia boasts 12 accredited Main Street Communities and 10 ON TRAC Communities, showcasing the success and impact of these programs in the state.

Main Street West Virginia, an integral program under the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, focuses on the revitalization of historic commercial districts by offering technical services, design assistance, and continuous training for board/committee members and program managers. Leveraging the National Main Street Center's Four-Point Approach®, Main Street West Virginia ensures a comprehensive approach encompassing organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring.

For more information about the ON TRAC program and the application process, please visit wvcad.org/infrastructure/main-street-wv-and-ontrac.

NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

By Deirdre Purdy, Chairperson - Calhoun County Democratic Executive Committee

Thank Democrats for a \$35 cap on monthly insulin prices.

If you need insulin, it should now cost no more than \$35 a month. Thanks go to the Democrats in Congress who in 2022 supported the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

No Republicans voted for the bill.

The IRA allowed the government to negotiate some Medicare drug prices with Big Pharma. The first one they took on was insulin. Insulin is a key part of diabetes treatment for millions. Before the price cap, a vial of insulin in the US cost more than \$98, the highest price in the world. Now it's limited to \$35 per month.

President Biden's \$35 per month cap on insulin costs for Medicare subscribers went into effect on July 1, 2023.

In his 2023 State of the Union Address, President Biden called for extending this life-saving benefit to everyone, not just those on Medicare.

Drug companies, seeing the writing on the wall, lowered their insulin prices. The three major insulin manufacturers in the US, Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi, all capped the out-of-pocket cost of insulin to \$35 a month.

Everyone who needs it can now get their insulin for no more than \$35 a month.

Under the IRA in 2026-2028 prices will be lowered on more drugs that will benefit patients with common diseases such as diabetes, cancer, respiratory conditions, and cardiovascular disease.

Inflation is slowing, but robust job growth continues.

Inflation has fallen for 12 months in a row and is now at 3%. Inflation that began with the pandemic and got a jolt from Russia's invasion of Ukraine is almost controlled.

The United States now has the lowest inflation rate, the lowest unemployment rate, and

the strongest economic growth of all the world's advanced economies.

Ordinarily when the Federal Reserve boosts interest rates to fight inflation, as it has been doing since March 2022, jobs are lost, the economy slows and unemployment grows.

But under Biden, the unemployment rate has remained under 4% for 16 months in a row, the longest stretch of low unemployment since the 1960s. Real wages have also grown over the past year - that's wages in spite of inflation.

Why? Led by Democrats, Congress has passed major spending bills since 2020 that support jobs in manufacturing, including \$53 billion in federal funding to manufacture semiconductor chips in the US instead of China. The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill directs federal funds to roads, bridges, public transport, drinking water, and wastewater systems. All that construction means

good jobs.

Since President Biden took office nearly \$5 billion in solar manufacturing investments have been announced, including 47 manufacturing plants in the US.

Most Republicans refused to support these bills claiming so much spending would produce a recession. It has not.

It turns out when our government spends money on things our society needs -

clean water, good roads, and lots of semiconductor chips - the economy gets stronger and more resilient.

Since 1980, the Republican plan to cut taxes on the rich, hoping they would create good jobs, has not worked. It blew up the deficit, increased inequity, and weakened our infrastructure. It's time for the rich and corporations to pay their fair share while we work together for good jobs and stronger communities.

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hundred fifteen unused needles located primarily within the bedroom of the residence, approximately 6.5 grams of white crystal substance consistent with Methamphetamine, a Schedule I controlled substance, in a plastic baggie that was in a container that had been placed in the garbage to avoid detection by this Trooper. Also in that same container was a plastic vial containing approximately 7.4 grams of a black, crystal-like substance consistent with a cocktail of drugs Trooper Richards had reported to have the experience of dealing with before, indicative of Methamphetamine

mixed with separate drugs (this will be confirmed by West Virginia Laboratory). In addition to the controlled substances, this Trooper also found four scales in various locations, one of which was located in the same container found in the trash, which contained Methamphetamine residue as well as a suboxone strip and several pieces of paraphernalia. Trooper Richards then located two loaded needles ready to inject, and multiple packs of Narcan (not seized). Furthermore, also recovered stolen property from the residence. This included one catalytic

converter without papers of ownership; three hunting game cameras, at least two of which are connected to the above-referenced Entry of a Building Other than a Dwelling investigation, and two SD cards, also mentioned in connection to the above-referenced Entry of a Building Other than a Dwelling investigation. Jamie Dawn Jarvis is known to this Trooper to live at this address alone and not with anyone else since the arrest of the homeowner. From this Investigation, messages, statements, and materials seized, Trooper Richards requested an arrest warrant for Jamie Dawn

Jarvis on the charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute pursuant to West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i). The messages obtained from Robert Scout Patterson's phone are indicative that Jamie Dawn Jarvis possessed with the intent to distribute controlled substances to alleviate her financial shortfall. Moreover, controlled substances, along with scales containing the residue of said controlled substances, were indeed found at the residence she solely occupies. Jamie Dawn Jarvis was in possession of several stolen items, or items for which she could not

demonstrate ownership. In Trooper Richards experience and training, stolen property is often a currency utilized to obtain controlled substances when the purchaser lacks money. Lastly, it appears that Jamie Dawn Jarvis was not only distributing controlled substances at this residence but also allowing the purchaser to consume the controlled substance immediately after purchase. The paraphernalia, preloaded needles, and Narcan are all indicators of this conclusion. It should also be noted that this is not the first time that Trooper Richards has dealt with Ms. Jarvis while investigating

crimes that include illegal substances. These events described above took place within the confines of Calhoun County. West Virginia. Jamie Jarvis was arrested and taken to WV Central Regional Jail on July 12th, 2023 where she awaits trial, being held on \$75,000 bond. 60A-4-401 of the State Code of West Virginia, Prohibited acts; penalties (a) Except as authorized by this act, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, deliver or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

Arnoldsburg Couple Charged with Child Neglect with Risk of Serious injury and Conspiracy

Submitted by Shari Johnson



knocked on the door multiple times before the accused, Ryan Hardman, answered the door. The distinct smell of marijuana odor was so strong near the back door, when the accused open the door both officers immediately noticed the same. This officer then requested to come inside the residence and speak with the accused to which he attempted to deny entrance. Cpl. Young then advised him they were coming in to check for his children because he was missing one of them and they would be checking the safety of the other children.

and various papers for smoking. The parents stated the victim had left the house like this before on two separate times to this time when she was seven years of age. Young asked if the back door was locked or unlocked this morning, to which Ryan stated he could not remember if it was locked or unlocked stating that she could have unlocked it based on the location of the locks. The officer then examined the cupboards and pantry where the food was stored. There appeared to be enough food in the cupboards, food pantry, refrigerator a freezer for the entire family. None of the food appeared to be out of date or unusable.

viewed were impressions in the tall grass where she had said she landed that appeared to smashed down in that area. The officers noted that there were hazards that could have resulted in serious injury or death if the child's head would have struck them on the way down, such as a metal air conditioner directly below the second story window, or the wooden stump located beside the residence near where the victim landed.

shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000 dollars or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.

On Friday, July 7, 2023, at approximately 10:15 a.m. Cpl. Brian Young of the West Virginia State Police was dispatched by Calhoun County 911. Dispatch informed him that a young child had entered the Family Dollar in Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County, WV and advised the workers inside that her parents did not want her anymore and that she had not eaten in several days.

not want her any more, and said that she had an attitude. She said when her parents think she has an attitude, they tell her she's not being good, and they don't want her. She stated this was not the first time they told her they didn't want her. The victim advised this officer she did not want to go back to the house.

Cpl. Young then inquired to the accused as to how many children he had in the residence, to which he stated he had four. The accused then pointed out two male children lying in the floor of the living room and stated they had two girls staying upstairs in the bedrooms. This officer then escorted the accused wife, Ellio (Simms) Hardman, also the accused, upstairs to the children's bedrooms while officer Holcomb remained in the living room. Present upstairs was only the 12 year old sister of the victim. When asked if anyone else was present upstairs with her, she stated only her sister, the victim, (who was not present).

The officer then examined the cupboards and pantry where the food was stored. There appeared to be enough food in the cupboards, food pantry, refrigerator a freezer for the entire family. None of the food appeared to be out of date or unusable.

Also noted was the fact that the victim, being a small 8 year old child crossed a main road with vehicles of different sizes emerging from a blind curve and blind driveways. The victim was unsupervised and planning to travel to other houses in the area.

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Responding immediately to the location and arriving at about 10:30 a.m. Cpl. Young walked to the break room, where the victim was seated at the table with two female employees. The employees informed the officer that the child lived on the other side of Arnoldsburg Road and stated her father's name was Ryan Hardman and her step mother's name was Ellio Simms (Hardman) and the girl was eight years old.

In his complaint Cpl. Young stated that he had asked her if she had food at her house to eat and just no one to wake up and fix it to which she stated, her 12 year old sister had fixed her the sandwich after her mother told her to. She said she was told to go eat it upstairs because she was not allowed to come downstairs unless she had to use the bathroom. She stated her mother only feeds her once a day. When Young asked her as to the last time that she had eaten, to which she stated, "yesterday she had one peanut butter and jelly sandwich." He then asked if she had anything to drink to which she said "No." She stated she had eaten the sandwich in the middle of the day. She said she ate it upstairs but did not eat anything the day before. This officer noted that the child had only her teddy bear and no shoes or socks on her feet. The employees advised that the victim said she was going to walk to a friend's house when she left there, but they told her they could not allow her to by herself because it was too dangerous.

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Young then exited the building and spoke to the victim who was standing outside the back door with the CPS worker. When he asked the victim was to how she had excited the house that morning without anyone knowing, she explained that she went out of the second story window and pointed it out to the officer. She further explained that she had taken the screen out of the window before hanging out of the window and dropping to the ground. Young asked her if it hurt when she jumped out the window, to which she stated "yes it did." He asked her why she had decided to jump instead of walking out the door, to which she stated she was not allowed to go downstairs.

All four children were removed from the residence on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. The victim disclosed that both of her legs hurt from jumping out of the window and her left foot is still hurting and swollen. The victim was taken to the doctor and given a wrap for her foot and over the counter pain medication for the pain in her legs. The victim also disclosed that she would go up to three days at a time without being fed. She would be punished by being sent to her room where she had to lay in the bed all day, on her side, facing the wall, and she was not allowed to get up and go to the bathroom for days at a time sometimes. Her sister witnessed this and stated that it could occur up to a week at a time.

It shall be unlawful for two or more persons to conspire (1) to commit any offense against the state or (2) to defraud the state, the state or any county board of education, or any county or municipality of the state, if, in either case, one or more of such persons does any act to effect the object of the conspiracy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede, limit, repeal or affect the provisions of section eight, article nine, chapter three; section two, article one, chapter five; section thirty-eight, article three, chapter five-a; section seven, article seven, chapter twenty; section sixteen, article six, chapter sixty; sections seven, eight, nine and ten, article six, chapter sixty-one; or section one, article eight, chapter sixty-two; all of this code. It shall not be a defense to any prosecution under this section thirty-one that the conduct charged or proven is also a crime under any other provision or provisions of this code or the common law.

Cpl. Young inquired of the victim as to why she was at the store shopping by herself. She explained to this officer that she was hungry because Wednesday, July 5, 2023, she didn't eat and 6, 2023, she had only had one peanut butter and jelly sandwich. She stated that she felt dehydrated because she hadn't drunk enough water and had come over to see if the Family Dollar Store had anything for her to eat. The officer then inquired if she had any brothers and sisters to which she stated she had "two brothers and one sister." The victim did not know her address but described the house that she lived in and stated an address on Rustic View Lane. When asked what her father's name was, she state Ryan Hardman and her stepmother was Ellio (Simms) Hardman. She stated her parents did

This officer then requested DHHR CPS to his location. This officer along with DNR Officer Jonathan Holcomb, then drove to the residence described by the victim, being 64 Rustic View Lane in, Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County, WV and arrived at approximately 10:53 a.m. The officers

When Cpl. Young returned downstairs to the living room he inquired if everyone was present to which Ellio stated the victim was not present in the house. She advised Young that the victim was her stepdaughter and Ryan's biological daughter. Cpl. Young then inquired if they had any idea where the victim was. Ryan stated that she assumed that she was upstairs with her sister. This officer then explained to both parents their daughter was safe.

He asked her then if she had hit the air conditioner when jumping down, for which she answered she hit her foot on the air conditioner. She said she couldn't jump out the window on the other side because the screed was screwed into the window.

Charges were filed against Ryan Keith Hardman and Ellio Simms Hardman for Child Neglect Creating a Risk of Serious Injury and Conspiracy. (Codes below) They were arrested and taken to the Central Regional Jail where they are currently awaiting trial with individual bonds set at \$100,000.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section by conspiring to commit an offense against the state which is a felony, or by conspiring to defraud the state, the state or any county board of education, or any county or municipality of the state, shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or, in the discretion of the court, by both such imprisonment and fine. Any person who violates the provisions of this section by conspiring to commit an offense against the state which is a misdemeanor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by confinement in the county jail for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or, in the discretion of the court, by both such confinement and fine.

When asked what her father's name was, she state Ryan Hardman and her stepmother was Ellio (Simms) Hardman. She stated her parents did

Young then requested permission to search the residence. Drug paraphernalia was discovered to include a ceramic container containing a plastic baggie with green leafy substance identified as marijuana. Also covered were three used glass smoking pipes, 2 grinders

When Young informed her that he and Officer Holcomb were going to the Dollar Store and then come back, the victim expressed her fear and requested that they stay with her at the house.

§61-8D-4c. Child neglect resulting in injury; child neglect creating risk of injury; criminal penalties. (c) If a parent, guardian or custodian grossly neglects a child and by that gross neglect creates a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury, as serious bodily injury is defined in section one, article eight-b of this chapter, of the child then the parent, guardian or custodian is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof,

Any person who violates the provisions of this section by conspiring to commit an offense against the state which is a misdemeanor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by confinement in the county jail for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or, in the discretion of the court, by both such confinement and fine.

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Welcome to the Queen's Corner

by Melissa West

Good Luck to my Sister Queens!!!Nationals are being held in Nashville, Tennessee July 20-23,2023. Each queen participants in photogenic, evening gown, interview and state costume.

We Are Miss Tourism: Miss Tourism Contestants prepare for fun, friendship, and new adventures while making the world a better place. A Tourism Girl will look at her community and she will jump in to help make it better. They will make lifelong friends, challenge themselves with new experiences, write their own stories, and develop the skills and confidence to say, "I know I can do this!" There is no better group of girls to get the job done. Compassionate, ambitious, and true inspirations to the world. Sometimes a contestant is shy and it takes a while to build her confidence and then look out she will take on the world. This is one reason why, the Miss Tourism Crown of stars is so magical!!!

Miss Tourism Mission: The Miss Tourism Pageant setting the standard to empower young women to embrace their unique beauty, showcase their talents, and become leaders in their communities. We strive to promote leadership, creativity, resilience, empathy, inclusivity, and philanthropy, while providing a platform for personal growth and development. Through our pageant, we aim to inspire young women to pursue their dreams, create positive change, and make a difference in the world, while letting the world know, the young women of today are more than a performer. They are bright future leaders who will change our world for the better.

Miss Tourism vision: The Miss Tourism vision is to passionately provide an event that is world class experience. More than a weekend event but an event that encompasses a whole year of adventures to inspire learning, creativity, philanthropy, self esteem building and challenges taking you out of your comfort zone. Imagine a place where you are, where you're from or the circumstances that surround you don't determine your access to experiences or opportunities. Miss Tourism Pageants are making that vision a reality — in your community and communities around the world. Through local, state and national events.

We believe every young woman has what it takes, to accomplish anything they dream. The mission and core beliefs of Miss Tourism Pageants fuel our commitment to promoting safe, positive and inclusive environments for our young women. Miss Tourism Pageants supports all young women — of every size, shape, race, ethnicity, ability, socio-economic status, and religion — in reaching their full potential. Our goal is to provide our young women with the tools to create or reshape her future through life and educational opportunities.

Our Commitment Our passion: The Miss Tourism Pageant chose a universal social issue as our passion project. We chose Anti Bullying! Our young women can choose to add this as their very own passion project or may choose her social or charitable passion project of her own. At Miss Tourism Pageants we feel it is important to be a significant change in this world and by taking on a passion project it gives our young women a project to champion. In doing this it makes her reign significant and brings awareness and positive change to our world, nations, states, and communities.

Our history: Founded in November 1998, the Miss Tourism Pageant was the creation of our founder, who envisioned an event that would inspire participants to take action, grow, learn, and gain confidence. The inaugural America's Miss Tourism Pageant began as an online event in 1998, and in 2004, we crowned our first America's Miss Tourism Queen when the pageant went live. As our contestant pool expanded globally, America's Miss Tourism evolved into Worlds Miss Tourism. In 2022, we introduced the All-American Miss Tourism Competition, providing even more young women with the opportunity to learn and grow with us.

Team WV Worlds Miss Tourism Queens are as follows :



Worlds MRS Mountain State Tourism 2023 Melissa West



Worlds MRS Mid Atlantic State Tourism 2023 Emma Howell



Worlds Preteen Jr Miss West Virginia Grace Seitz



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