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Anderson Crowned Parkersburg Homecoming Queen



On Saturday July 22nd Emily Grace Anderson was crowned the 2023 Parkersburg Homecoming Queen. Emily competed in interview, event promo, personal style and evening gown.

Emily will reign over the Parkersburg Homecoming Festival August 18th and 19th as well as representing Parkersburg Homecoming at the Fairs and Festivals Pageant in Charleston in January

Emily is a senior at Calhoun Middle High School and is the daughter of Shannon and Trudi Anderson of Big Bend.

CONGRATULATIONS
EMILY GRACE
ANDERSON

Local Residents Crowned at Miss Tourism Pageant Organization Nationals July 21-23

By Melissa West



Local Residents Melissa West, Emma Howell and sister queen, Grace Seitz from Mason County traveled to Nashville, TN to compete with women from all parts of the World at the Miss Tourism Pageant Organization.

Before traveling to Nashville, the group made a stop at the State Capitol.

Each competing queen participated in an interview, state costume, evening gown and photogenic with the ability to compete in optional events.

Tourism Queens participate in community service throughout their state. It is important to give back to our

communities and take a stand on bullying. Miss Tourism Pageant Organization has the platform of Anti-bullying and celebrate Think Day Oct. 1st. If you are interested in the Miss Tourism Pageant Organization live state pageants please visit their website: misstourismpageants.com

Grace Seitz was awarded second runner up in Miss Tourism Pre-Teen Jr. Division. For state costume, Grace chose to be Anna Jarvis and discussed the creation of Mother's Day. This was Grace's first National Pageant Competition. She can not wait until next year.

Emma Howell was awarded second runnerup in the Miss Tourism Mrs. Division and crowned Miss Tourism Director's Choice Mrs. Division. For state costume, Howell dressed up a chef to discuss the importance of the pepperoni roll for coal miners.

Melissa West was crowned Miss Tourism Queen of Queens 2024, Miss Tourism Cover-Girl 2024, Miss Tourism International Mrs Tourism 2024 and Worlds Miss Tourism Legacy Queen 2024. For state costume, West had a ferris wheel costume to represent the paranormal tours and activities at Lake Shawnee Amusement Park.



Brazen Burglar Breaks Into Two Kelly Road Homes

By: Shari Johnson



north-bound on Kelly Road.

Sheriff Graham Knight returned to the address of the original caller on Kelly Rd., where the yellow ATV was parked, to take a statement from Victim 1.

She described that the male, who is now identified as 33 year old Brian Leo Huffman, had forced his way into her kitchen from outside of the house and was rifling through her kitchen with his belongings spread out on her floor. When she told him to leave, he left the house and then was trying to enter through other doors. After this he went out to the garages on the property and was looking through the belongings in those buildings according to victim 1.

Huffman eventually left the property and went down the road to victim 2's house where he entered without breaking into the residence while she was home where Victim 2 later stated to Trooper Richards, that Huffman was looking for a woman named Shirley and eventually left that address.

Trooper Richards joined Graham Knight with investigation and made contact with victim 1 where she stated that the defendant had forcibly entered her address at Kelly Road for which Trooper Richards observed visible signs on the front door of forced entry consistent with the victim's statement.

The Trooper also spoke with the second caller on Kelly Road who

described that the male in question came directly into her residence/house without forcing himself in and stood in her living room for a decent period of time. He then stated he was looking for Shirley and left after victim 2 was able to convince the accused that the woman he was looking for lived further up the road.

The accused was then formally placed under arrest for two charges of Burglary-Breaking and entering and entering without breaking respectively. Since motive and opportunity exist and the accused was seen looking through items at the first address and forced himself into the house house and entered into another address that was not his or anyone he knew's residence after being confronted at the first address that 911 received a call from.

Brian Huffman was transported to the Calhoun County Courthouse in Grantsville to be processed. All acts occurred in Calhoun County, WV. He is now being held in WV Central Regional Jail, on \$60,000 bond to await trial.

61-3-11. Burglary; entry of dwelling or outhouse; penalties.

(a) Any person who breaks and enters, or enters without breaking, a dwelling house or outbuilding adjoining a dwelling with the intent to commit a violation of the criminal laws of this state is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than 15 years.

Suspect Brian Huffman

Information from a complaint filed by a West Virginia State Trooper J.D. Richards stated that on or about Friday, July 14th, 2023 at approximately 4 p.m.

Richards received information from Calhoun 911 dispatch that a male who had pulled into the driveway on a yellow ATV, and who had broken into a residence on Kelley Road, Big Springs, WV, in Calhoun County, while Victim 1 and her children were inside the home.

The male left shortly after that, but the victim gave a description of the male as a dark haired male with a beard, tall and slender, wearing a darker colored t-shirt with blue jeans and carrying a large black bag.

Shortly thereafter Trooper Richards received knowledge of a male matching the description entering another house on Kelly Rd. hereinafter referred to as victim 2.

As Trooper Richards responded to the scene, Calhoun county Sheriff Graham Knight arrived in the area and spotted the male matching the description walking

OBITUARIES

CHRISTINE ANNE MORRIS

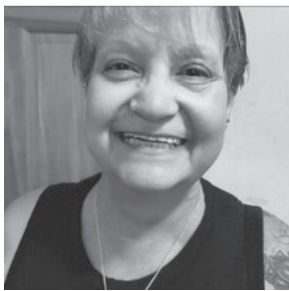
Christine Anne Morris, 63, of Arnoldsburg, WV, passed away on July 15, 2023, at her home.

She was born in Bridgeport, CT, a daughter of the late Edward John and Marian Rose Severine Morris.

She is survived by her spouse Carl Whitman, sons Robert (Tammy) Kowalski, Jr. and Patrick (Ruth) Kowalski, sister Diane (Doug) Palumbo, and grandchildren Elizabeth, Mason, Cole, Kimberlie, and Joshua.

A memorial service will be held at Lift Jesus Higher Fellowship on July 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, has been entrusted with assisting Christine's family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com



VONDA MAE McCRAY

Vonda Mae McCray, 84, of Macfarlan, died July 16, 2023 at her daughter's residence on Cairo Cisco Road, Petroleum, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born Munday, WV, the daughter of the late Linza Harvey Richard and Arthelia Christina Shimer Richard of Albany, OH.

Vonda enjoyed sewing, baking pies, working puzzles and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by three children, William "Joe" McCray (Kim) of Dutchman Rd., Kathy Dawson (Randall) of Parkersburg and Angela Sampson (Daniel) of Petroleum; sisters, Patricia Baker of Albany, OH, Glenna Ridgeway of VA, Janice "Sue" Cottrill of Palestine, Sherre Drennen of Parkersburg, and Penny Kerns of Belpre, OH; ten grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Vonda was preceded in death by her husband William Harold McCray; sons, Robert McCray and Michael McCray; and brother, Arnold Richard.

Graveside services were held on July 19, 2023 at Hartley Cemetery, Brohard, WV with Pastor Clyde Border officiating.

Raiguel Funeral Home was entrusted with her care.



MARK S. LUDWIG

Mark S. Ludwig, 72, of Elizabeth, WV, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, July 16, 2023. He was the son of the late Chester "Burrhead" and Pat Ludwig of Elizabeth.

A 1969 graduate of Wirt County High School, he attended Parkersburg Community College, earning a degree in forestry. He was a 50-year member of Boilermaker Union 667, Winfield, WV. He was a member of Order of Eastern Stars Chapter 113, a member of AF & AM Wirt Lodge #82, Elizabeth, WV, where he was a Past Master and served as secretary, and a member of the Scottish Rite. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, was involved with coach-pitch baseball and was actively involved playing pickleball.

He is survived by his wife of almost 18 years, Robin M. Ludwig; his children Laurie (Fred) Chavez, Daniel Ludwig, Zach Gohn, Amanda (Homer) Krantz and Aiden Ludwig; granddaughter Elizabeth Ludwig; sister Suellen (Mike) Calebaugh; niece Natalie Casto and her children Trinity and Connor and nephew David Calebaugh.

A visitation with the family will be held Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Matheny Whited Funeral Home in Elizabeth, WV. Eastern Star services will be held at 7:00pm. Masonic Rites will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a random act of kindness to help someone in need be done in Mark's memory. Matheny Whited Funeral Home in Elizabeth, WV, was honored to assist the Ludwig family.



RICHARD LEE "REV" BURNSIDE

Richard Lee "Rev" Burnside, 50, formerly of Ivydale, WV, passed away at his home in Huntington, WV on July 5, 2023.

Richard was born in Charleston WV. He was the son of Amos Burnside and Ruth Ellen (Criner) Burnside. He attended Ivydale Elementary School, Clay County Middle School, and graduated from Clay County High School. Richard moved from Ivydale to Huntington, WV, following the death of his mother in 2018. He was employed by Imperial Bedding.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Amos and Ruth (Criner) Burnside of Ivydale, WV. Richard is survived by one brother, Phillip Burnside of Ivydale WV, two nieces, Brooklyn (Brian) Cottrell and Ashley Mae, one nephew Zaden Cottrell, two aunts and several cousins. He had several good friends in Huntington WV with whom he worked.

A funeral service was held at the Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, on July 21, 2023, at 2:00, p.m., with the Rev. James Williamson officiating. Burial was held at the Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery in Nebo, WV. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com



LULA GAY TANNER

Lula Gay Tanner, 84, of Orma, WV, passed away at Roane General Hospital, Spencer, WV, on July 20, 2023.

She was born in Calhoun County, a daughter of the late Roy and Cora Cottrell Tanner.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by daughter Margaret Godbey and son Virgil Tanner.

She is survived by children John Eden, Evon Hayes, Carolyn Nicholas, Tammy Hively, Michael Knicely, and Velma Hicks, 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Ovapa Church of God.

A funeral service was held at Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, on July 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., with Matthew Bragg officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

BURDELL FRANCES BURDETTE

Burdell Frances Burdette, 87, of Reedy, West Virginia, passed away on July 17, 2023 peacefully in her sleep.

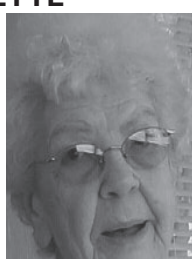
Burdell was born in Clover, WV and was the daughter of the late Coleman and GERAL Simmons Lowers.

Burdell was a homemaker and had attended Good Hope Freewill Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and spending time with her family and friends.

Left behind to cherish her memory, are her two sons, Jeff (Trudy) of Reedy and Randy (Carolyn) of Kenna, WV; five grandsons, Joshua of St. Mary's, WV, Zachary (Estelle) of OH, Marshall (Tara) of Spencer, WV, Brandon (Natasha) of Poca, WV, and Nathan (Shyi) of Reedy; two granddaughters, Josslyn and Kaydence, of Kenna; eight great-granddaughters, MacKenzie, Kayla and Emma of Spencer, Gracie of St. Mary's, Bella and Makal of OH, and Rhylee and Hadlee of Reedy; three great-grandsons, Jake of IL, Cyrus of OH, and Bentlee of Reedy; three step-grandchildren, Aaliyah, Austin and Dakota; and brother, Howard "Sonny" Lowers of Chloe, WV.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Harry Lee Burdette

Services were held on July 20, 2023 at the Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home in Spencer with Pastor John J. Vannoy officiating with burial to follow at Good Hope Cemetery near Reedy. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com



DORIS E. McELVEY

Doris E. McElvey, 84, of Ripley, WV (formerly of Naples, FL) departed this life to be with her heavenly Father on July 18, 2023. She was born in Calhoun County, a daughter of the late Richard and Chloe Butler Alfred.

She was a graduate of Calhoun County High School class of 1956. She attended Glenville State College, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education and later a Master's Degree from WVU. She taught at Arnoldsburg Elementary, moved to Naples, FL and taught and retired from Avalon Elementary.

While living in Florida, she was a member of the North Naples Methodist Church where she was active in the church and Stephen Ministries. After moving to Ripley, WV, she became a member of the Grace Community Church. Doris was a seamstress and loved making quilts and hand quilting.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William T. McElvey, daughter, Peggy Sue Conley; step-daughter, Jennifer McElvey, grandson, Jeremy Spiker; brothers, Jimmy & Roger Alfred.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Sherlene) Conley of Ripley, Richard E. Conley (Dick) of Mt. Zion; daughters, Sheryl (Sherry) Hardway of Grantsville and J. Diane (Al) Hanson of Fulks Run, VA; step-son, Trevis McElvey of Naples, FL and step-daughter, Kathryn Anders of Colorado. 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, sister, Sally Gizzard of Dover, TN, and sister-in-law, Bonnie Alfred of Wooster, OH.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the Prudence Chapel, Minnora, with Pastor Tim Parsons officiating. Family will receive family and friends from 11:30 until the time of the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, it was Doris's wishes for donations to be made to: Grace Community Church, P.O. Box 98, Kenna, WV 24248.

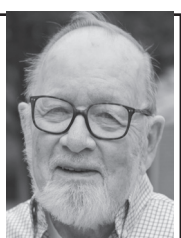
Arrangements by Taylor-Vandale Funeral Home, Spencer. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com



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

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Why do we call bad dreams "nightmares?" (Asked by a not-so-sound sleeper.)

Reply: The term "nightmare" doesn't describe a nocturnal female horse. Nightmares are vivid dreams that can wake us from a deep sleep, leaving uneasy or terrifying recollections. The term is derived from the old English word mare, which described demons or goblins that tormented people with frightening dreams. The night was presumably added to indicate that the dreams occurred at night, or while sleeping.

These days, nightmares aren't usually associated with demons or goblins, but have mysterious or unexplainable topics. They can seem real and very upsetting, and often become more disturbing as the dream progresses.

Studies show that nightmares may begin in children between three and six years old.

Nightmares are common in children, but can happen at any age. Some people have them throughout their lives. Having excessive nightmares may be considered a disorder and need medical attention.

Well, that was a shorter one, so enough about nightmares. There are pleasant dreams, too.

Let's see what some people say about dreams:

- "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt

- "The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up." -Paul Valery

- "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work." -Colin Powell

- "I'm a dreamer. I have to dream and reach for the stars, and if I miss a star, then I have to grab a handful of clouds." -Mike Tyson

- "I dream of painting and then I paint my dream." -Vincent Van Gogh

- "You gotta have a dream. If you don't have a dream, how you gonna make a dream come true?" -Oscar Hammerstein II

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." -Walt Disney

Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at wilsonj@lander.edu, 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 Walnut News:

The farmers of this section are busily engaged in hoeing corn and cutting wheat. The storm of July 2nd did quite a bit of damage for the farmers of this neighborhood. The lightning having killed a milk cow for John Barr and a yearling heifer for W. R. Helmick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shanks and children spent Sunday at Palestine visiting relatives. Mrs. Belle Henderson and daughter Misses Mildred and Hazel of Akron, Ohio are here visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crowley and little sons Billy and Barrett of Annamoriah and Mrs. T. C. Cain all spent Saturday visiting Mrs. H. S. Knight.

Local Happenings: Charley Tucker, a prominent young man of Creston, was a caller here this week.

W. O. Umstead, a successful merchant of Big Bend was looking after business matters in Grantsville one day this week.

1948, 75 YEARS

Arnoldsburg News:

Mr. and Mrs. Holden Sturm of Barberton, Ohio, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Mollie Sturm of Sycamore, this week.

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lynch and son Ronnie of Phillips Run are here this week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynch. Jesse Run News: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall of Altizer where the guests of her mother

Mrs. Clark Bailey of Beech, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Craddock were shopping in Grantsville Friday.

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

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

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

Minnora News:

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

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

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

Rev. Rex Anderson was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bailey last Saturday.

A very fine social was held at Minnora on last Saturday night.

There was a fine crowd and the proceeds went for repairs of our church.

Cecil Jarvis of Beech has the job of painting and doing the repair work.

1973, 50 YEARS

Nicut News:

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

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

Janice See of Gip, Hope Sparks and Charlotte Maxwell of Fayetteville all joined them at the farm. These three are also daughters of Mrs. Jett. Mr. and Mrs. Dean White and nephew, David Parsons were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sears and children on Thursday.

Beech and Leatherbark News:

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

Mrs. Clara Roberts and sons, Gary and Doug, of Hartville, Ohio, and Mrs. Judy Uplinger of Spokane, Washington, are visiting their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson at this time. Mr. and Mrs. John Shelton and baby were also visiting the Wilsons.

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

Mt. Zion News:

There were 59 present at Mt. Zion Sunday school July 1. A fellowship dinner was held at the church.

Rev. McKee preached before Sunday School, also Sunday evening.

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

Jay Wright has spent a few weeks visiting his grandparents but returned home with his parents.

Mrs. Dino Duskey spent Sunday night at Calhoun General hospital with her brother-in-law Lewis Ferrell who is quite ill.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

July 27, 1896:

Clark Kessinger was born near Charleston.

He was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.



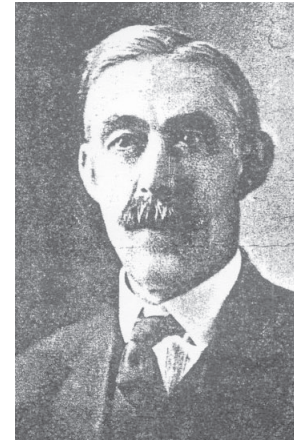
July 27, 1909:



Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.

July 28, 1915:

Frankie Yankovic was born in Davis, Tucker County. Yankovic did more to popularize polka music than any other performer.



July 29, 1873:

Malcolm Malachi "Mack" Day was born. As sheriff of McDowell County, he claimed that God had called him to enforce Prohibition, even arresting an uncle and his own son.

July 29-31, 1915: Camp Good Luck, believed to be the world's first 4-H club encampment, was held at Elkwater in southern Randolph County.

July 29, 1918:

Novelist Mary Lee Settle was born in Charleston. Her literary reputation rests on the "Beulah Quintet," a sequence of five historical novels spanning four centuries.



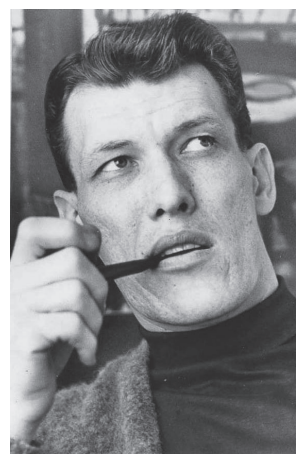
July 30, 1973: The Frederick Hotel in downtown Huntington closed to transient trade. After it was built in 1905, it was touted as the most elegant hotel



between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

July 31, 1932: Actor Theodore Crawford "Ted"

Cassidy was born in Pittsburgh but was raised in Philippi. He was best known for his role as



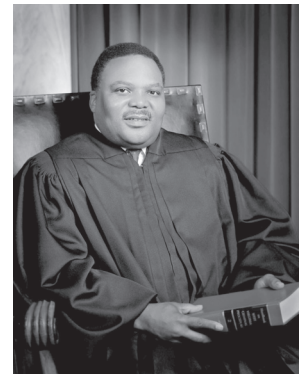
Lurch on "The Addams Family."

Aug. 1, 1921: Baldwin-Felts detectives shot and killed Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers as they approached the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch. As Matewan's police chief, Hatfield had assisted the United Mine Workers



campaign to organize Tug Fork miners.

Aug. 1, 1940: Justice Franklin Cleckley was born in Huntington. In 1994, he became the first Black justice to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court once referred to Cleckley's handbooks on evidence and criminal procedure as "the bible for West



Virginia's judges and attorneys."

Aug. 2, 2009: Golfers Sam Snead and Bill Campbell became the first two inductees into the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.

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

56th Annual

Molasses Festival

Planning is well underway for the 56th Annual Molasses Festival in Arnoldsburg, WV.

This year the festival will be held September 28th - 30th.

We will have a carnival rides, lots of kid activities, lots of Shopping from local vendors, live music, food trucks, heritage demonstrations and so much more!

Come join us for three days of great family fun.

We would like to thank our featured sponsors - Minnie Hamilton Health Systems, Roane County General and many more!

For information on becoming a vendor please call Amanda Smith 409-594-4275

For more information on becoming a sponsor call Dawn Helmick 304-655-8465

LETTER BOX

This is a letter to the recyclers that use the public room at Cabot Recycling.

Having been on the Solid Waste Calhoun County Board for a few months shy of 23 years, I feel it's my duty to write this letter.

Please do not leave bags of lentils, pinto beans, red beans, rice, split peas (light or dark green) or white beans in the public room.

Even the "critters" do not like them, so after they tear them open and scatter them everywhere, there is a mess to clean up.

The "critters" can come in as the doors are open. We don't want to draw chipmunks, groundhogs (oh yes, they can climb), mice, opossums, rats or squirrels in the public room.

Take the bags to the food bank, give to an elderly neighbor (they cook), or put in a box in Church.

It's okay to leave canned goods, but not in bags.

By the way, if you don't like the vegetarian or low salt vegetable soup, just add salt, bouillon (beef or chicken) cubes. It is good.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Judy Wolfram

P.S. Don't leave powdered milk either.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Well, here we are in the last week of July. The back to school commercials and advertisements are beginning to appear as well as the displays in stores. I can run, but I can't hide. My summer is quickly coming to an end, and I am trying to make peace with it. In order to do that, I have slowly begun to get back into school mode.

With the help of Maricia and Andy, I moved all of my school materials and paraphernalia into my new classroom at the end of June. This was just in the nick of time because I had a bunch of company in July. This past week Maricia and I went back to my classroom to begin to unpack and organize everything. I knew I would be overwhelmed if I waited until August to begin this task, and I really wanted to have a feel for what was there, and how I would incorporate my stuff.

I was blessed to find the teacher before me left lots of lovely decorations, so I wouldn't have to buy those. She even left bulletin boards up for me to use. Maricia is great with the decorating and arranging aspect, so I left that to her and began unpacking my boxes and organizing my desk and filing cabinets. We have spent two evenings in my room so far, and I am happy with our progress. I still have a few boxes to unpack, some decorations to hang, and some cleaning to do, but I am well on my way to making the classroom my own. By the time school starts, I think I will feel very at home there, especially once I fill the bird feeder outside of one of my windows and have little, feathered friends coming to visit.

I have also begun working on some school paperwork, but I am easing into that. I still have a few weeks of summer left, and I don't want to waste that time. My time for pleasure reading will soon be at an end, so this week I made a trip to the library and checked out six books. I just finished reading The Little Wartime Library. I highly recommend it if you like historical fiction. The story centers around the true story of an underground library in England during WWII and is full of interesting characters and storylines. The weather this week is supposed to be ungodly hot, so that will give me a good reason to stay inside, read, and stay cool. I will definitely have all six books read by the weekend. Who know I may check out a few more to squeeze in.

Those hot temperatures may mean we have to play pickleball later in the evening. We have been trying to play at least once a week, but the rain last week made that difficult. We did manage to get a few games in on Thursday evening, but boy was it hot. We were thrilled to hear the town is going to give the town park a face lift. Who knows, maybe sometime in the near future we will be able to play under the lights on a newly resurfaced court. Wouldn't that be something! I can't wait to see what they have planned and will help in any way possible.

This has been a great summer for hanging out with family and friends. It started with pickleball and Bible study, and has included a float down the Little K and a couple cookouts. This past Friday we brought back our Phase Ten night, and a great time was had by all. The Barnharts hosted and even served us dinner. My favorite part was the raspberry dessert made with local berries. It was delicious. This was a special Phase Ten night because the next generation are now old enough to play. In fact, they didn't just play, they won! Vada, who use to come to card night as a baby, walked away with her first Phase Ten certificate for winning the game. We ate a lot, laughed a lot, and even had some singalongs while we played. It was a great night and exactly what summer should be.

Oh, I meant to mention this earlier and forgot. Another treat this week was a visit from my sister Missy and her husband Dave. They brought us a party box from a new cookie business called Crumbl that just went in near their home. We had five flavors to choose from, and they were all delicious and worth every calorie.

This week I plan to return to my classroom to finish up my work there and will continue to work on my paperwork in short spurts. That is the responsible side of me.

On the flip side, I plan to stay up late, read a lot, sleep in, play a new adventure game on my Kindle, and hang out with family and friends.

I am still on summer vacation for a little while longer and every moment is precious.



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Calhoun Homes Receives Funding for 2024

In a press release issued by Senator Joe Manchin on Thursday, July 20th, 2023, Calhoun Homes, Inc. was one of the 61 recipients of funding. Calhoun Homes, located at Mt. Zion, WV is a Family low income housing apartment subsidized by the federal governments HUD (Housing and Urban Development Division). The 24 unit housing complex received \$200,000 in funding for a critical housing stabilization and weatherization project.

Two others funding recipients of interest to the area was the City of Spencer who received \$1,500,000 for the Spencer Development Authority's downtown housing rehabilitation. The purpose of their funding will be used to create housing units in the Chandler Building.

Mountaineer Food Bank of Gassaway also received funding. The food bank is a valuable resource to assist Calhoun Food pantries. The Food Bank received \$1,000,000 to expand and reconfigure their main warehouse.

Calhoun Citizen of the Week



Emma Howell of Orma

Occupation: Family Service Worker for
Hobby: Reading and crocething
Favorite Food: pizza
Favorite TV Show: The Rookie
Best thing about Calhoun Co.: everyone helps each other
Worst thing about Calhoun Co.: small town gossip
Pet Peeve: other drivers not using a blinker when they turn

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

Mon., July 31: pork chops, potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Tues., Aug. 1: beef macaroni with tomato sauce and onions, beets, apriots, whole wheat bread.

Wed., Aug. 2: ham, carrots, peas, mashed potatoes, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Thurs., Aug 3: chicken patty, lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, cauliflower, peaches, whole wheat bun.

Fri., Aug. 4: cream tomatoes over whole wheat biscuit, sausage patty, apples, grape juice. 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 27: Grantsville Farmer's Market, 1982 Pavilion, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save The Children Parent-child Group, FRN, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Calhoun Library Trivia, CCCOA building, 6 p.m.

Fri., July 28: Save the Children Parent-Child Group, Pleasant Hill School 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Country Kitchen, 7 p.m., Stephanie & The Band Of Brothers

Sat., July 29: Creston Poker Run, 340 Anns Run Road, registration begins at 9 a.m.

Cabot Recycling Center Upper West Fork Park Sing, 6 p.m.

The Calhoun Cabaret Presents Taxi, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 7 p.m.

Sun., July 30: The Fairview Freewill Church Homecoming, 11 a.m.

The Calhoun Cabaret Presents Taxi, Arnoldsburg Community Building, 2:30 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
Upper West Fork Park on Wednesday from 1-2
Pleasant Hill on Friday's from 4:30-5:30
Arnoldsburg Elementary on Fridays from 1-2 (NO GROUP 7/28)

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

MOV Health Department reminds of school vaccines, sets date for dental screenings

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department would like to remind parents that back-to-school time means vaccinations and dental screenings.

"It may be mid-summer, but August will be here soon, so it's time for parents to schedule their children's needed vaccines for the new school year," said Amy Phelps, Public Information Officer. "Our dental program is ready to help with screening requirements as well."

Vaccines available include TDAP and meningitis, as well as boosters for both. Gardasil for ages 9-45 and meningitis B for those 16 and older are also available.

Dental Screenings will be held on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 at the MOVHD Parkersburg office, located at 211 Sixth St. An appointment must be scheduled in advance.

The Health Department takes most private insurance as well as Medicaid, but those without insurance are welcome to make an appointment as well. An administrative fee will be charged for vaccines, but no one will be turned away if they cannot pay the fee. A parent's signature is required for vaccines, as well as the child's previous vaccination record. A copy of an insurance card, if applicable, also should be brought to the appointment.

To make an appointment for vaccines, call 304-485-7374 ext. 123 or 124. To make an appointment for a dental screening, call 304-485-7374 ext. 106.



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Body Found in the Big Bend Area

By Shari Johnson

In a Statement released from Sgt. C. J. Weekley of the Grantsville Detachment of the West Virginia State Police, a heavily decomposed body was found in the area of Big Bend, Calhoun County on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023.

Following a call from a concerned friend, who stated that she had not seen her friend for a few weeks, a well check visit by local officers

found the body of a female in her late 60's in the area. Although the case is still under investigation, no foul play was suspected. The State medical examiner transported the body to Charleston due to the state of decomposition for an autopsy. The name of the victim is not being released until family has been notified.

State Police Trooper Josh Richards is the investigating officer.

Xtreme Outlaw Midget Series to Make First Visit to West Virginia Friday Night at Ohio Valley Speedway

Contact: Brooke Buchanan, 304.488.8515
BrookeMBuchanan1@gmail.com

Washington, W.Va. (June 24, 2023) – The Xtreme Outlaw Midget Series, presented by Toyota, will be making their first ever pitstop in West Virginia at Ohio Valley Speedway this Friday night as a start to a triple-header weekend in the area.

The event, being held on July 28, will be Ohio Valley Speedway's first national Midget event. Gates for this event will open at 4 p.m., and racing action will get underway at 6 p.m. The racing program will feature the track's weekly classes, in addition to the Xtreme Outlaw Midgets.

"While the majority of races at the track feature local racers, we are excited to be hosting an event on such a larger scale," Rich Michael, Jr., Ohio Valley Speedway owner said. "I'm honored that Ohio Valley Speedway will be the Xtreme Outlaw Midget Series' first ever race in West Virginia."

During the 2023 season so far, the series completed several shows in Illinois, Kansas, North Carolina, and Missouri. Following the weekend in West Virginia and Ohio, the series will move on to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, Indiana and Oklahoma. Their full schedule can be viewed on their website.

The track has teamed up with Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, who will serve as the title sponsor for this weekend's event. Since 1994, Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law has provided the Mid-Ohio Valley with skilled attorneys to help people receive the compensation they deserve. Focusing on three areas of law — Personal Injury, Social Security Disability and Veterans' Disability. — Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law remains a vital asset to the community, assisting clients throughout West Virginia and the country with claims. The firm has locations in Parkersburg, Beckley, Charleston, Huntington, and Logan, WV, as well as Charlotte, N.C. Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law can serve clients nationwide, regardless of location.

"This partnership provides our firm the opportunity to support a sport locally in our community that is a fan favorite of everyone in this area," said Jan Dils, President/CEO of Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law.

For admission prices please contact Brooke Buchanan. Pit admission allows event goers

the opportunity to take up close photos and meet the drivers, while general admission admits event goers into the Grandstands.

Bleacher seating and lawn chair seating is available. Additionally, coolers are permitted, as long as they are smaller than 14 inches and do not contain glass.

Ohio Valley Speedway is located at 40 Wadesville Road Washington, WV. For more information, contact Ohio Valley Speedway on Facebook, call 740.350.6800 or email BrookeMBuchanan1@gmail.com.

About Ohio Valley Speedway

Ohio Valley Speedway is a fast 3/8th mile dirt track located just south of Lubeck, WV on Rt. 68 South at Wadesville Road. For schedule, online tickets, rules or more information visit the website at www.raceovs.com and be sure to follow the 'Valley' at <https://www.facebook.com/ohiovalleyspeedway> for all the latest news and events or by calling 740-350-6800 or 716-378-1556.

Barry Miller Attends STN EXPO

By Shari Johnson



from the electric bus pilot program in West Virginia this week at the School Transportation News Expo. Gary Miller was interviewed by WCHS News for his part in the program. Miller, who drives bus for Calhoun County Schools, participated in the program. At first a skeptic, Miller ended the program being impressed with the buses performance and giving it a grade of A+ on its operation on Calhoun's roads. He also believes that the bus will provide students a safer ride.

Calhoun County was one of eighteen school districts in West Virginia that participated in a pilot program with the GreenPower Motor Company's Electric buses. The study was done to determine how buses performed in the mountainous areas of West Virginia and the varying weather

conditions. Where the average cost of diesel fuel for a bus would be approximately \$900 a month, the electric bus had a reported cost of \$200.00 a month in Boone County according to the GreenPower Motor Company.

The GreenPower Motor Company is presenting the results

Barry Miller is attending the largest school bus convention in the nation, traveling to Reno, Nevada to attend STN EXPO.

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 Division)
- 2nd Round
 - Sat., Oct. 21st @ St. Marys (winners from Oct. 15th games)
 - Sun., Oct. 22nd @ Braxton County (winners from Oct. 14th games)

- Championship - Sat., Oct. 28th @ Roane County
- Cheer Competition - Sun., Oct. 29th @ Ritchie County
- AllStar Game - Sat., Nov. 4th @ Doddridge County

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

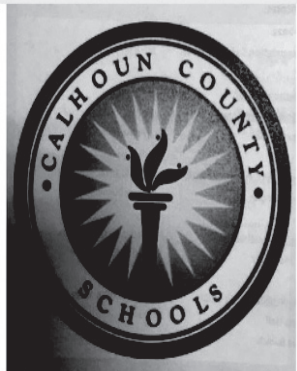
Calhoun County Middle School Football Summer conditioning and flex schedule below.

Flex Practices

- July 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

DATES TO REMEMBER 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS

AUGUST 17, 2023

- FIRST GRADE
- THIRD GRADE
- FIFTH GRADE
- SEVENTH
- FRESHMEN (NINTH GRADE ACADEMY)

AUGUST 18, 2023

- KINDERGARTEN
- SECOND GRADE
- FOURTH GRADE
- SIXTH GRADE
- EIGHTH GRADE
- TENTH GRADE
- JUNIORS

AUGUST 21, 2023

- ALL STUDENTS (INCLUDING SENIORS)

END OF NINE WEEKS

END OF 1ST NINE WEEKS - 10/13/23

END OF 1ST SEMESTER - 12/22/23

END OF 3RD NINE WEEKS - 3/8/24



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1/11/24

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ELEMENTARY - 10/24/23

CMHS - 10/26/23

2ND SEMESTER

ELEMENTARY - 3/19/24

CMHS - 3/21/24

GRADUATION

5/17/24



NOTES

8/10/23 - PREP DAY

8/11/23-8/16/23 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

8/11/23 - IN-LIEU OF DAY

8/17/23 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. THIS WILL BE A STAGGERED START. THE ONLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT WILL ATTEND ON THE 17TH WILL BE NINTH GRADE STUDENTS. WE WILL OFFER NINTH GRADE ACADEMY.

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We are excited to announce that Dr. Ashley Noah has joined our dental team. Ashley grew up in Ridgeley, WV. She completed her Doctorate of Dental Surgery at WVU School of Dentistry. While in Dental School, she completed a six week clinical rotation at the MHHS Dental Clinic before graduating in May 2023. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and spending time with her four fur babies.

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1982 Foundation Weekly Update

By Crystal Mersh



Weekly Progress Update

It was a very busy week last week. Mr. Shamblin and the pool team complete the gravel and rebar for the shallow end and most of the zero entry. I know that they are eager to get those final two pours complete.

The big news was we got all our building permits. Thanks to the work on many on our team and the city of Grantsville. We are certainly glad to have this behind us.

Hardway's crew has been tidying up some trim work and now starting on the metal wrap around the restroom building.

Ian Persinger has been scrapping paint off the old locker room which will now be the new goat stable so that painting can begin on this structure. We will also be painting the dugouts.

This week Chester Boggs team will begin on the pump house which will be near the deep end of the pool. Chester's team will also be supporting block laying in the pool for Mr. Shamblin. Hardway's crew will soon be starting on the Tiki Hut.

Once these things are done then both of these crews will be starting on the new structure. We got news this week that we did not get awarded the ARC Power grant;

therefore, we can start on the new building as soon as the crews free up. This structure will be made of cold form steel and glass and will tie in nicely to the gym. We are very excited to see this get started.

WV Demo will be starting demolition in the main building to prepare for apartments and elevator shaft. As soon as this demo is complete we will frame the apartments and then we go into mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

As you can see we are using as many local contractors as we can find, as well as suppliers. We are glad that Erlewine Concrete was able to provide the concrete for the pool. I had a wonderful conversation with Mr. Erlewine who just happened to be around on Friday evening checking out his product. We are also using Tony McCumbers for electrical and keeping him pretty busy.

We hope that we will also be able to use several local wood workers and cabinet makers for built ins and custom needs.

On the grant front, it was a pretty good week receiving \$100,000 in awards. We got \$60,000 from the WV State Historic & Preservation Office to be used for the new roof on the back of the building that fell in. And we received

\$40,000 from Truist Bank to support our Bootstraps Program. There were allocations in this application for several of the Bootstrap Projects and for legal fees to set up the Farm2Table Coop, the purchase rafts for the river, the purchase of medicine and dog kennels for the Animal Shelter project, and street lamps for the town of Grantsville for the Beautification Project. We need to hold a Bootstrap Meeting in early August.

Lots of planning going into our Fall events to include the following:

A Taste of Japan on August 12

A Taste of Varsity on Sept 1

Alumni Football Game on Sept 2

Varsity BBQ at the Molasses Festival

Heart of Appalachia event with our neighbor counties on Sept 20

Fall Festival on Oct 7

Buggy Run & Luau on October 14

I continue to work on purchases of expensive items from Facebook etc. My most recent acquisition is below - a 10 foot wide and 9 foot tall entrance gate for the swimming pool which will likely be painted red.

This week the team is off to look at more tile, a brand new dual fuel pizza oven and free bleachers for the gym.

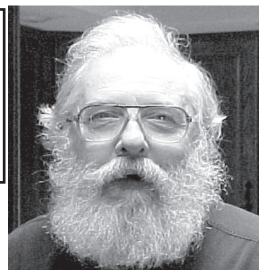
I hope everyone has a great week. Don't forget Prayer on the Porch at high noon on Tuesdays. Hope to see you there. Everyone is very welcome to join in and pray for our country, our community and each other.

Try to stay in the shade and keep cool my friends.

Crystal

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church. Meanwhile his wife is laid up with, as he said, "a bum paw". Former minister, Rev. Craig Blankenship is back in the hospital dealing with an infection after the amputation of his foot, because of an infection in his ankle.

The big summer Creston ATV poker run will be July 29 with signups ending at noon. There will be biscuits and gravy to start the day which should be a lot of fun for the riders. There are several sections of mud puddles to traverse with some with green pond scum to test out the he men & Amazon wimmen and their machines that "can go anywhere". There's lots of water as well as scenic views, creek bottoms, trails through the brush and weeds and play areas. As usual it might be well to bring tow ropes and working winches, tire repair kits and such. Also, folks like to see videos of challenging situations such as chariots being extricated from deep puddles and such.

Twelve year old Aaron Burdette came down from Ohio to help set up the route. Roane County might want to hire him on as he showed his skills in fixing one Roane road so that it was passable for four wheelers and side by sides. Initially it had been thought that there would have to be a detour around the "fun" section which obviously the state does not maintain. Because of a broken arm he was unable to participate in the spring poker run.

Virginia Agnus Merrill, age 97, passed away. She was the widow of Ed Merrill (not the river boat man) and was a teacher in Wood County. She was a daughter of Wirt and Marjorie Lee who lived in the Lost Run country. Wirt Lee was a brother of W. Va. Atty. General Howard B. Lee who was known locally as Bert Lee. Howard B. Lee lived well past the century mark and wrote about the local area. At age 101 his mind was

sharp although he was stone deaf. The Lees sister Nell was married to Perry dePue.

Debbie Griffin who has been on the sick list with pneumonia fever is somewhat on the mend.

Thomas deVries' chariot "died" and was towed back to Creston.

Gary Dickens is a master of making airplanes from recycled cans. He lives on the Ann's Run road in Creston.

It is notable from those having occasion to travel around some that a significant amount of first cutting hay still remains uncut. Over in the Pee Wee neighborhood some fine second cutting hay is being put away to feed hungry cattle this winter. The USDA has now approved "lab grown meat".

Butch Deer's crew was hauling oil from Creston and men from Hope and Diversified were also calling in the area. There were also additional electric power outages. A concerned electric man called to ask if it would be OK to hold off on fixing electric to an oil well so some homes would have power first. Well, of course.

Nancy Wright, who lives in sunny Florida, is visiting Barb Wright to escape the tropical heat for awhile. Some want to ban air conditioning since that is "pollution". Along those lines gas hot water heaters are now on the verboten list. No hot showers now during power outages.

John Kerry got very upset when he was asked about his lifestyle while he wants and intends to put the hurt on "the great unwashed". How dare they have automobiles, boats, four wheelers, cook stoves, refrigerators, hunting and fishing cabins. Don't they know their place?

As set forth in a certain book there will come a time when, if one does not have the mark of the beast, one cannot buy or sell. The new digital currency along with credit scores, by whatever name, and 15 minute cities indicate that such is near. Many know Nigel Farage, a British chap

who was responsible for Brexit, that is getting the United Kingdom out of the globalist European Union. For that [and other 'crimes'] he is now debanked. Because of his political views he has no bank accounts and thus no credit cards. The deep state is trying to ban Robert Kennedy Jr. from any platform as he is asking questions about vaccine safety and why there are now so many children with autism. Those who ask such questions are to be made "non people".

The comely Kim was visiting her mother Wilma Mowrey on the occasion of the first birthday party for Cooper Campbell. Kim is going to be going to work for the FBI.

The local area continues to have rain and there is a "fairy ring" along W. Va. 5 between the Clark straight and the mouth of Chestnut Run.

Connie Boggs went up in Ohio to go camping and caught some scaly, finny critters. Donald gave her a fresh mess of green beans which she said she was going to cook with lots of tasty bacon.

Local residents were making their routine medical, eye and physical therapy appointments although, it seems, such is now longer news.

The Rockefeller Foundation teamed up with the George Soros group to come up with new world wide rules to deal with "So called" health emergencies. Also there is more talk about the US funded "biolabs" in Ukraine that have Biden family participation. Also it seems there are connections to some of the Bill Gates medical stuff in Africa and the use of mosquitos to act as virus vectors.

The price for local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$76.07/bbl. with the price of condensate is \$60.07/bbl. Marcellus and Utica light fetched \$67.07 and medium \$76.07/bbl. Henry Hub (Louisiana) natural gas spiked to \$2.76/MMBTU.

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

My husband loved beets, me not so much. In fact, no way Jose. One of my daughters actually waded through the cucumber patch to get to the beets.

Well, you are not supported to touch cucumber plants in bright sunlight and she caused the plants she touched to wilt. As it turned out she didn't want the beets, she wanted the tops!!

She cooked them like spinach and ate them with vinegar, phooey. Anyway I would put some beets in a bowl and sliced some onions very thin add them to the beets.

Next some sliced hard boiled eggs

mixed in with the other ingredients. Frank added the vinegar and wow we have what's called pickled beets. The eggs turn a pretty purple.

When you put the beets in the bowl make sure that you have enough juice to equal out the vinegar.

Some people don't like really strong vinegar. Now my mom made what she called Harvard beets, yuk!!

Actually she made a white sauce with real butter, flour, cream (instead of milk) and a light touch of sugar. Just melt three or four tablespoons of butter in a pan or double boiler (I make my own with a

smaller pan that fits on top of little bit larger pan but doesn't touch the boiling water be lower) and add the flour slowly, make sure that you keep it smooth and lump free.

When it's ready stir in the cream slowly. This sauce isn't supposed to be thin, it should be almost the same consistency of gravy.

When it's done, pour it over drained, hot beets. As the last step - sprinkle sugar lightly over the dish. So, you can pickle, cream, freeze or can beets. Don't forget that you can cook the tops just like spinach. Don't touch the cucumbers in the sun.

Next week is celery.

Calhoun County High School 1973 Class will hold 50th Reunion

The Calhoun Co. High School class of 1973, will be holding their 50th class reunion Saturday, August 5, from 1:00pm-4:00pm, at Western Sizzlin 37 Neal Run Blvd, Parkersburg, WV.

Anyone that graduated or would have graduated with the class of 1973 are welcome.

If you do plan to attend, please contact Terry Blankenship, Cheryl Sturm, or Peggy Dye 304-299-4699.

So get your spouse or significant other and join us.

We hope to see as many of our classmates as possible to enjoy the day talking about all the memories from the Old High School and catch up on what everyone has been doing in the last 50 years.



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EVENTS PAGE

Upper West Fork Park Events

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Scheduled events are as follows (Saturday sings are 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.): July 29, Dixie Highway; Aug. 5: Retro Country; Aug. 12, Stephanie & The Band of Brothers (Mark IV); Aug. 19: Frank Conn & Partners; Aug. 26, Dixie Highway; Sept. 2, Ruff Cut; Sept. 9, Mud Bog; Sept. 16, Retro Country; Sept. 23, Dixie Highway

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 may be 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.

THE Cabot Recycling AUCTION!

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So, clean out your homes, garages, sheds, and outhouses and take all the working items that you do not want or need to the CABOT RECYCLING CENTER! Between 8 and 4 M-F, THIS WEEK ONLY!

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Come and see the unbelievable (and sometimes a little weird) items that have been donated already!

TOTALLY CASH AND CARRY! RAIN OR SHINE! Starts at NOON, Saturday July 29th! (This Saturday!) There will be hot dogs, chips and iced tea for sale as well.

All proceeds go to the CABOT RECYCLING CENTER to help with the good work they do for our CALHOUN COUNTY!

Fairview Memorial Freewill Church

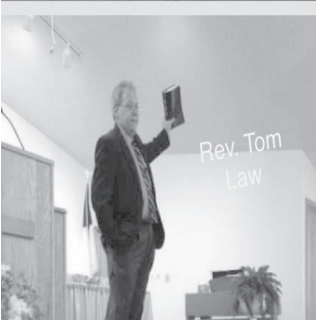


The Fairview Memorial Freewill Church is having their annual Homecoming on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Service will start at 11:00 am and lunch will follow.

Feel free to come and participate and bring your favorite dish.

Rev. Tom Law will be preaching and singing will be after lunch. Hope to see you there!



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.

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.

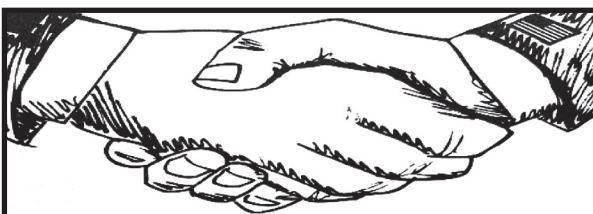
46th Jones Family Reunion August 20th

The 46th Jones Reunion (descendants of Howard and Bertha Deem Jones) will be Sunday, August 20, 2023 at Calhoun County Park. Lunch around noon and there will be a fund raiser for Saunders Cemetery with a quilt made by Carolyn Gragg.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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Prevent Suicide

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Food Pantry

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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.

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READ: 5 Tips to Get Your Roof Solar Ready! <https://www.solarfinancefund.org/5-tips-to-get-your-roof-solar-ready/>

Attorney General Morrisey Files SCOTUS Brief: Restart the Mountain Valley Pipeline

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CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has filed a brief, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold Section 324 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 to restart the stalled construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit earlier this month issued a stay of the construction of the 303.5-mile-long pipeline—which is mostly complete—while the court considers arguments on motions to dismiss petitions that challenged permits that Congress explicitly approved in the Act to expedite completion of the pipeline, and the constitutionality of the Act itself.

The order stopped the pipeline construction of a 3.5-mile stretch in the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia, as well as several stream crossings

in West Virginia.

“The Fourth Circuit court does not have jurisdiction to rule on this as Congress made it clear that the permits are approved, and any challenge to the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 pertaining to the pipeline must be heard in the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “The Mountain Valley Pipeline is vital to the survival of American energy independence and affects thousands of jobs in West Virginia—its completion is also critical to our national security, the urgent need is for it to be completed as soon as possible.”

The brief urges the Supreme Court to uphold the crystal-clear intent of the Act.

“It’s well within Congress’s power to approve the permits and direct all the challenges to the Act to the D.C.

Circuit,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “Non-completion denies West Virginia the plethora of much needed economic benefits.”

The pipeline begins from the gas fields in northwestern West Virginia then heads into interstate connections in Virginia—the Atlantic Coast region.

Completion of the pipeline will reduce energy costs for millions of American homes and stimulate state economies, including West Virginia’s.

According to America First Policy Institute, the pipeline is expected to provide an additional \$45 million in annual tax revenue to West Virginia and Virginia, and have a delivery capacity of 2 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

Read a copy of the amicus brief: <https://bit.ly/43yJc7b>.

U.S. Department of Labor Grant Provides Stability and Expansion for West Virginia Apprenticeship Programs

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Charleston, W.Va. - The W.Va Department of Economic Development (WVDED) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) are pleased to receive a U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) grant to support the state’s K-12 Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program (T-RAP). The USDOL recently announced that West Virginia is among 45 states to receive a total of \$65 million to enhance the National Apprenticeship system. The Mountain State will receive \$465,113 with annual renewals available for an additional four years.

Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) are federally recognized, high-quality career pathways that offer paid, on-the-job learning that is supported by coursework. The K-12 Teacher Preparation program in W.Va is a USDOL-recognized RAP. It removes barriers to economic opportunity

and time for high school students interested in a teaching career.

W.Va. implemented the Grow Your Own Teaching Pathway in the 2022-23 school year. Seven Grow Your Own counties have committed to implementing a teacher apprenticeship program. To date, nine high school students have been hired by their counties as teacher apprentices.

“This grant not only recognizes the current work in our state to address workforce needs through student preparation, but it also identifies funding that allows us to continue to grow and build the next generation of our state’s great workforce,” said Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development Mitch Carmichael. “This will be of tremendous assistance to the WVDED team as we continue to support West Virginia’s current and future workforce needs.”

“This support will allow us to expand and

sustain the work that has already begun in West Virginia,” said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. “We continue to explore ways to extend opportunities to our students while also addressing workforce demands. This grant will assist these efforts and have a significant impact for years to come.”

The award provides planning funds to states, such as West Virginia, that have committed to increasing sustainability and substantially increasing the number and diversity of RAPs among in-demand industries. This allows the state to evaluate options to expand this federal distinction to other fields such as nursing, tourism and culinary industries.

Information about West Virginia’s teacher preparation program is available on the WVDE website. The national press release is available on the USDOL website.

TREASURER MOORE ANNOUNCES RECORD-SHATTERING \$26.8 MILLION IN UNCLAIMED PROPERTY RETURNED TO RESIDENTS DURING PAST FISCAL YEAR

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore announced on July 17th, his Office’s Unclaimed Property Division returned a new record-high \$26.8 million worth of unclaimed property to individuals, businesses and organizations during the last fiscal year – over \$8 million more than the previous record set during the prior year.

“We’re proud to be returning money back to our citizens at the fastest pace in state history,” Treasurer Moore said. “We were already proud of setting a record of \$18 million last year, and we completely shattered that this year. This is the first time we’ve ever returned more than \$20 million in a year, and we surpassed that by a huge margin.”

During the Fiscal Year 2023 period that ended June 30, the Office returned \$26.8 million worth of money to its rightful owners. That far exceeded the record \$18.6 million returned by the Office during the last fiscal year.

“Our Unclaimed Property Division has worked incredibly hard over the past year to find new ways to raise awareness of the program and reconnect people with their lost funds,” Treasurer Moore said. “They’ve launched new programs, increased digital marketing efforts and worked with our regional Treasury staff to educate people in our communities across the state about unclaimed property.”

Last year, the Office launched the “West Virginia Cash Now” program, which automatically sends unclaimed property checks to verifiable residents without the need to go through the claims paperwork process. More than \$4 million worth of checks were sent out during the first year of that program, with another \$4 million set to be issued later this fall.

The Office has ramped up its digital marketing efforts over the past year to help raise awareness of the program

with various online and mobile audiences. The mobile version of that website was also updated with a new SMS text feature that allows users to forward unclaimed property listings to family and friends if they see their names listed.

Also, last month, to help assure citizens that this program is legitimate and not a scam, the Office transitioned its website to a .gov web domain, www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov.

“One of the biggest challenges we face when our people tell residents we want to give them money is that people believe this is too good to be true,” Treasurer Moore said. “We hope the .gov website will reassure them this is a legitimate government program and give them the trust they need to file a claim. After all, this is your money – we want to give it back to you.”

In addition to the launch of the West Virginia Cash Now Program, the Office over the past year has implemented many other provisions of House Bill 4511, an unclaimed property modernization bill proposed to lawmakers during the 2022 regular session.

That bill made several changes that modernize and streamline not only the process of claiming funds, but also how funds and properties are turned over to the Office.

As a result of this bill, as well as increased efforts by staff to educate and work with businesses and property holders across the state, unclaimed property holders are also turning over funds to the Office at a record pace. The Office recorded \$74.5 million worth of holder remittances during Fiscal Year 2023, up from \$43.2 million during the previous fiscal year.

“This is great because the faster holders turn unclaimed property over to our Office, the faster our staff can get to work returning it to its rightful owners,” Treasurer Moore said.

The State Treasurer’s Office now has more

than \$400 million in unclaimed property listings for individuals, businesses and other organizations in its database.

Treasurer Moore encouraged everyone to visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov today to see if we’re holding any money in your name.

What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property can include financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for one year or longer. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. (While the title includes the word “property,” it does not however include real estate.)

West Virginia’s unclaimed property laws protect the public by ensuring money and property owed to them is returned to them, rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities. The Treasurer seeks to reunite the unclaimed property, including uncashed paychecks, stocks, or safe deposit box contents, with its owner.

Nationwide, nearly 33 million people in the United States – one in every 10 – are estimated to have unclaimed property available for them to claim.

How Can I Find Unclaimed Property in My Name?

West Virginians searching for lost financial assets can go to www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov. In addition to finding property, the website will also help you track a claim.

A demonstration of how to use the Unclaimed Property search site is available on the Treasury’s YouTube page, at: <https://youtu.be/K09yQ7YNKIE>.

To search for lost financial assets outside West Virginia, visit www.MissingMoney.com.

Attorney General Morrisey Announces Next Step for W.Va. First Foundation

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CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced the West Virginia First Foundation executive director position has been posted by DRi Waterstone Human Capital, an Arlington, Va.-based executive search firm.

“We expect to be in a position that the appropriate candidate will meet with the board by mid-September,” Attorney General Morrisey said.

All six regions in the state have met and have elected their representative on the board of directors.

The executive director will run the day-

to-day operations of the foundation.

The Foundation will have a major role in addressing the state’s opioid crisis.

It will receive 72.5% of the net proceeds of each settlement or judgment.

These funds will support evidence-based treatment programs, education and prevention strategies, law enforcement efforts, and recovery programs to deter illicit drug use in West Virginia.

“Too many West Virginia families have been shattered by opioid use disorders,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “We will continue to fight

so that future generations will have the tools they need to prevent these senseless deaths.”

The posting can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3q6udn3>.

For more information on the West Virginia First Foundation contact the West Virginia Attorney General’s Office at 1900 Kanawha Blvd E, State Capitol Complex, Bldg. 1, Room E-26 Charleston, WV 25305 or call 304-590-5026.

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

The West Virginia Office of Broadband releases State Digital Equity Plan, Statewide Broadband Survey for public comment and response

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CHARLESTON, W.VA — The W.Va. Office of Broadband released the first draft of the State Digital Equity Plan, which is available for public comment.

The public comment period is open and will close Monday, August 21. The W.Va. Digital Equity Plan can be viewed online at broadband.wv.gov and at internetforallwv.wv.gov. Feedback can be provided through a brief public comment form.

For residents who want to view the plan and provide feedback but do not have internet access, paper copies of the Digital Equity Plan and public comment form can be provided at the State's 11 Regional Planning and Development Councils' central offices upon request.

The W.Va. Office of Broadband encourages State residents to view the plan and provide their thoughts before the public comment period ends in August.

West Virginia's broadband expansion initiative is well underway. Governor Jim Justice has already approved funding for broadband expansion projects throughout West Virginia, utilizing funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act. Upon completion, these projects will connect thousands of West Virginians that did not previously have access to high speed internet.

"We are squarely focused on connecting the unconnected and getting out to the most rural areas that need this funding the most," Kelly Workman, Director of the Office of Broadband, said.

This draft plan comes following the recent announcement of \$1.2 billion in funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. The State Digital Equity Plan is a required component of the BEAD planning process.

The BEAD Program will fund broadband infrastructure projects to expand access to high-speed internet, while the Digital Equity Program will ensure internet service is affordable and that all West Virginians have access to internet devices, digital literacy resources, and technical support.

W.Va. residents can contribute to the BEAD and Digital Equity initiatives by providing feedback on the State Digital Equity Plan and by filling out the Statewide Broadband Survey found at broadband.wv.gov/survey/.

The Statewide Broadband Survey will be open for responses until July 30. The Office of Broadband encourages residents to fill out the survey at home on a mobile internet device, such as a smartphone. Paper versions of the survey have also been mailed to heavily unserved and underserved areas of the State.

PSC issues emergency order in Armstrong PSD case

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CHARLESTON — Acting to correct what one engineer called "the worse physical condition of any system I know of," the Public Service Commission of West Virginia released an emergency order Monday against Armstrong Public Service District in Fayette County.

"I was shocked at the testimony that was presented to us today," PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane said, after listening to a small army of residents pleading for assistance because of contaminated water provided to 879 water customers along the Kanawha River area.

The Commission told Armstrong during a hearing Friday to enter into an interim emergency operations

and management agreement within 10 days that will permit West Virginia-American Water Company to step in to take control of the system. The agreement must be filed with the Commission by July 31.

"This one scares me," PSC engineer Jonathan Fowler said. The system's treatment plant and infrastructure essentially have remained frozen in time since Armstrong came into existence in 1955. He said it was the worst system currently operating in the state. "I don't think my statement is hyperbole," he testified at an evidentiary hearing at Montgomery City Hall.

One resident, veteran George Wheeler, testified he had a better water system while serving in

Iraq. "I told my wife I felt like we are living in a third-world country," Johnny Pennington told the Commission. The water is undrinkable, you're scared to drink it." Trinity Nicholas, another customer, showed the Commission pictures on her telephone of grayish-black water that came from her tap. Another witness said the system was under a boil-water advisory for a month.

"This whole system needs to be replaced." Fowler urged. Armstrong board member Velma Newman said the PSD would welcome the takeover.

Last Oct. 13, West Virginia American Water Company asking the Commission to determine if Armstrong is a distressed or failing utility. The Fayette County Commission supported the request.

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. 22-0911-PWD-DU.

Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column

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Where is that phone number?

The Public Service Commission gets hundreds of misdirected calls each year from angry utility customers. They want to pay a bill or ask a question about their service, but they can't find the right number.

Almost every utility lists the Commission's telephone number somewhere on its bill, and frustrated customers often call us by mistake. Then they experience another round of difficulty when PSC operators have to direct them back to reading their bill to find the correct number.

You can't pay your bill or change your service by calling the Public Service Commission. You must contact your utility.

So, I have studied five common utility bills. My electric bill is simple to read. On the first page, about halfway down on the right, is a telephone number for making payment by phone. There is also an 800 number for the customer operations center. That's

common practice with electric companies.

My gas bill is a little busier, but the front page also includes an 800 number, clearly marked as "general information," for making payments or inquiries. The reverse page provides details on bill paying options and an explanation of charges.

My water bill is from a major utility, so bills from smaller water suppliers may look different.

This bill is complex, but about halfway down on the left is an 800 number for customer service.

On my sewer bill, two-thirds of the way down on the left is a bold-faced "customer assistance" note. As with water bills, sewer bills from smaller utilities may vary widely.

My cable bill features a block that offers "ways to pay." My provider offers an 800 number, but advises the customer to "upgrade your services and manage your account" by going online otherwise. I did not find a toll-free

number to call if one had a complaint.

The Public Service Commission does not regulate internet. If you have a problem with your internet service provider and cannot work it out with the company, you should call the attorney general's office at (304) 558-8986. His website clearly informs citizens that his office handles broadband and internet complaints.

So, there you have it. Hopefully, you can avoid some frustration by taking a minute to look closely at your utility bill and find the correct number to call concerning your problems.

Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column (Sidebar) Major Utility Customer Service Numbers

Appalachian Power/Wheeling Power 800-982-4237

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Monongahela Power/Potomac Edison WV 800-686-0022

Mountaineer Gas 800-834-2070

West Virginia American Water 800-685-8660

NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

Biden's Full-Employment Economy

By Deirdre Purdy

You haven't heard about a "war on poverty" anywhere, not on TV, radio, newspapers, or even Facebook. At least not since LBJ. But it is happening in Biden's administration – and not by just giving money to poor people.

Instead, the President and the Democrats in Congress have worked to improve the economy from the bottom up, creating good jobs for the lower and middle classes.

Remember that Covid had crashed the economy when Biden took office. An immediate stimulus was needed and Biden's economists fought to make it large enough to do the job.

They convinced enough Republicans who helped pass two bipartisan Coronavirus Response Acts that sent out about \$2.9 trillion through unemployment benefits and stimulus checks.

The \$1.9 trillion dollar American Rescue Plan of 2021 that followed greatly boosted Americans' purchasing power. No Republicans voted for it.

The Plan delivered a cash payment to citizens and a monthly prepayment of a Child

Tax Credit to families with children. The prepayment was a hugely successful 12-month experiment.

The nation's rate of child poverty dropped 40 percent.

The prepayment was stopped by all Republicans in Congress joined by Senator Joe Manchin. (Yes, Manchin has a D after his name, but apparently it doesn't always stand for Democrat.)

The Plan also loaned or gave money to businesses to keep their doors open and their workers employed.

As a result, the unemployment rate dropped steadily and has now reached historic lows, now at 3.6%.

Low-wage workers in particular – young, with only high school educations, mostly in service-sector jobs – have been able to quit those jobs for better paying ones.

The effect of higher wages for low-wage workers has been incredible.

For the first time in 40 years, the inequality gap in America has actually been reduced.

In 1980, Reaganomics began to be applied to our society. It's

also known as "Trickle-down Economics." Reagonomics is the Republican theory that lowering taxes on the wealthy allows them to create jobs for everyone else.

Not surprisingly, the wealthy kept their tax cuts and invested them, helping only themselves.

Since 1980, the wealth of upper-income households rose dramatically while the wealth of middle and lower income households shrunk.

But thanks to Democratic economic plans that help low-wage earners, the equality gap between those in the highest 10% of earners and the lowest 10% has been reduced by a full 25%.

The increase in low-wage pay has even outpaced the rise in inflation.

President Biden is showing that by helping everyone in our society, not just the rich, we can lower child poverty, enjoy close to full employment, fight inflation, and make us more equal. (And don't worry about the rich. They will do fine. They always do.)

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Glenville State University Hosts StudyWV Meeting

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GLENVILLE, WV - Glenville State University recently hosted the second in-person meeting aimed at revitalizing West Virginia's international education recruitment consortium.

StudyWV was first established by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission in 2006. It was one of over 30 study-state consortia in the United States focused on the promotion and marketing of their state as an international study destination.

The process to reestablish StudyWV began in January 2023. In that first meeting, a transitional leadership committee was established, and the members of that group have been working over the past several months to shape by-laws for the consortium and to research overall best practices.

There are currently 11 members of the consortium from public higher education institutions around the state, most of whom

work in international education related roles on their campuses. The goal of StudyWV - as it always has been - is to develop a plan that outlines strategies for promoting West Virginia as an international study destination, identify recruitment activities, discuss budgeting plans, and monitor the return on investment of those activities.

"Being a part of the StudyWV consortia will allow Glenville State University the opportunity to collaborate with other institutions across the state to showcase West Virginia and all we have to offer an international student who might be looking to study here," said Associate Director of International Student Services, Bridget Carr. "I was thrilled and honored that Glenville was chosen to be the first institution to host an in-person meeting of the newly revived group. We had representatives from eight different institutions on campus for the afternoon. President Manchin

spoke to the group about his dedication to the international program at GSU and vowed his support moving forward. I am excited to continue working with this diverse group of individuals and growing the international student population at Glenville State University."

"I would like to thank Dr. Mark Manchin, President of GSU for hosting our meeting on his beautiful campus and taking the time to join part of our meeting and get to know our attendees. Also, thank you to Bridget Carr who organized the event and took care of all our needs to help make the event very successful," said West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission International Programs Director, Dr. Clark Egnor.

StudyWV partners closely with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the West Virginia Development Office, and the West Virginia District Export Council.



Attendees of the StudyWV Meeting held at Glenville State University. (standing, l-r) Marcus Murrell, Dakota Alexander, Dr. Clark Egnor, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Amy Thompson, Henry "Hank" Oliver; (seated) Sarah Sakaguchi, Prama Chowdhury, Kenneth Fetting, Bridget Carr. (Courtesy Photo)

Kathy G. Eddy appointed to Marshall Board of Governors

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice has appointed Marshall alumna Kathy G. Eddy of Parkersburg to the Marshall University Board of Governors.

Eddy, a 1972 Marshall graduate, is a Certified Public Accountant at McDonough, Eddy, Poling & Baylous, A.C., an audit, accounting and financial services firm. She is also on the board of Harsco Corporation, where she sits on the

compensation committee and the audit committee.

"I am very grateful for the education that I received at Marshall University," Eddy said. "It has had a profound influence on my life. I am honored to be asked to work with President Smith and the board of governors to be a part of giving future students the opportunities that my Marshall University education provided me."

Board of Governors Chairman Geoff Sheils said the members are thrilled to welcome Eddy to the board.

"Being a national leader in the accounting profession who has a great passion for her alma mater, Kathy's business acumen combined with her extensive experience in higher education and health care make her a perfect addition," said Sheils. "We look forward

to working alongside Kathy and know her service will truly enhance the university's ability to successfully navigate the ever-changing dynamics of higher education."

Marshall University President Brad D. Smith congratulated Eddy on her appointment.

"We are incredibly pleased and honored to welcome Kathy to our board of governors," Smith said. "Her superb financial skills, incredible talent and love of Marshall are a perfect combination to help drive the university forward."

She is expected to be officially sworn in at the next board meeting scheduled for Aug. 8.

Eddy replaces outgoing member Chris Miller who opted out of consideration for the position.

Justice also reappointed BOG members Kipp Bodnar and Ginny T. Lee to terms ending June 30, 2027.

Marshall Health integrates AI tool to prevent vision loss for patients with diabetes

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Marshall Health is now using artificial intelligence (AI) to test patients with diabetes for diabetic retinopathy, a leading cause of blindness.

Using the AI system known as LumineticsCore™ (formerly IDx-DR), Marshall Health is working with patients with diabetes and their primary care providers to identify signs of eye disease and provide more opportunities for early intervention before vision loss occurs. Diabetic retinopathy is a serious complication of diabetes that can lead to blindness if not detected in its early stages, making regular eye exams essential to patients with diabetes.

"Marshall Health is committed to staying on the forefront of medical advances that improve patient outcomes," said Shannon L. Browning, R.Ph., M.D., chief medical information officer for Marshall Health and associate professor of medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "This includes leveraging technologies like AI to increase patient access to care. While this exam does not replace a comprehensive eye exam by an eye care professional, the LumineticsCore exam provides a convenient option for our patients with diabetes to prevent

vision loss during their regularly-scheduled visit with their primary care provider."

The AI system is now available in two of Marshall Health's Huntington clinics thanks to generous grant support from The Huntington Foundation. The advanced system uses a special fundus camera to take pictures of the patient's retinas in the back part of the eye. The LumineticsCore exam is typically completed in minutes. The pictures are then evaluated by the AI's diagnostic software, which searches for signs of diabetic retinopathy. An immediate diagnostic report is produced at the point-of-care, allowing providers to discuss the results with the patient while they are in the office.

Any individual with diabetes, including type 1, type 2 and gestational, is at risk of developing diabetic retinopathy. To schedule an appointment, contact your primary care provider at Marshall Health. To learn more, visit marshallhealth.org/services/ophthalmology/diabetic-eye-exams.

About Marshall Health: Marshall Health is the clinical enterprise of Marshall University and its Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Marshall Health brings together leading clinicians and researchers to provide world-class care throughout southern West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. With more

than 420 providers in 75 areas of primary and specialty care, Marshall Health's impact extends to more than 40 outpatient clinics across the region. To learn more, visit marshallhealth.org.

About Digital Diagnostics Inc.: Digital Diagnostics Inc. is a pioneering AI diagnostics company on a mission to transform the quality, accessibility, equity, and affordability of global health care through the application of technology in the medical diagnosis and treatment process. The company, originally founded by Michael Abramoff, MD, PhD, a neuroscientist, practicing fellowship-trained retina specialist, and computer engineer, is led by him and co-founders John Bertrand and Seth Rainford.

LumineticsCore™ (formerly IDx-DR) is an FDA-cleared AI-based diagnostic system designed for use at the front lines of care to detect diabetic retinopathy (including macular edema), a common complication of diabetes and a leading cause of blindness. LumineticsCore is cleared by the FDA to make a diagnosis without the need for a clinician to also interpret the image or result, making it usable by health care providers who may not normally be involved in eye care. For more information and the latest news follow: <https://digitaldiagnostics.com/>.

GLENN ELEVATED TO ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

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FAIRMONT, W.Va. - Miki Glenn was promoted to Associate Head Coach of the Fairmont State women's basketball team after the 2022-23 campaign with Head Coach Stephanie Anderson announced on Wednesday (July 19). Glenn will begin her fifth season on Anderson's staff in Fairmont.

"Promoting Miki to this position was a no-brainer," said Anderson. "We have worked alongside each other from day one to build our team culture."

Glenn helped design game plans and created

scouting reports for the Fighting Falcons over the past four seasons.

Fairmont State women's basketball concluded the 2022-23 campaign with the most wins in program history (23) since the 2012-13 season.

"I am extremely thankful for Steph giving me this opportunity," remarked Glenn. "I could not be happier about continuing to work with and learn from her and her amazing leadership. I would also like to thank Greg Bamberger for believing in me and the team culture we are

developing at Fairmont State."

Prior to launching her coaching career, Glenn was a three-time NCAA Division II All-American and a national champion at California University of Pennsylvania. She graduated from nearby Bridgeport High School in 2013 and was named the West Virginia State Player of the Year after her senior season.

"I am excited for what the future holds and ecstatic for Miki's title change to give her the recognition she has earned," said Anderson.

Safe Digging

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Capito, Warnock, Bipartisan Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Prevent Maternal Deaths, Improve Health Services and Outcomes for Mothers

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), along with Senators Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.) introduced the Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023. This bipartisan legislation would support states in preserving maternal health throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum, addressing disparities in maternal health outcomes and finding solutions to enhance health care quality and outcomes for mothers. Companion legislation was also introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-Texas) and Diana DeGette (D-Colo.).

“I was proud to work with colleagues in both chambers of Congress to pass the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2018, which established this framework to reduce preventable deaths and to work towards every mom having a safe and healthy pregnancy. The bipartisan legislation we are introducing today will continue these efforts and both identify and provide best practices to help address our nation’s maternal mortality crisis. Programs that support our mothers and young families are essential to the health and well-being of our nation, and I will continue to put solutions forward that provide the support they need,” Senator Capito said.

“My home state of Georgia recently released a study finding 89% of maternal deaths over a recent three-year period were preventable,” Senator Warnock said. “This critical data collection and analysis was possible because of the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act. That’s why I’m proud to partner with Senator Capito to reauthorize these critical programs to collect and analyze data and establish strategies for prevention. The most tender moments of one’s life shouldn’t also be the most painful—the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among wealthy countries, and Georgia has nearly twice the national maternal mortality rate. Reauthorizing these data collection programs is an important piece of the puzzle, but we have much more work to do end this crisis.”

“Throughout my career as an OB/GYN, I am proud to have delivered thousands of babies into the arms of healthy mothers,

but at times, there are circumstances beyond our control that are not fully understood,” Senator Marshall said. “Thanks to our original 2018 law, we were able to identify several gaps in maternal deaths before, during, and after delivery. Reauthorizing the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act will continue federal and state efforts to prevent causes of maternal mortality. Our bipartisan, bicameral legislation will also provide access to resources to improve best practices for treating at-risk expecting mothers.”

“Our country is facing a maternal mortality crisis that demands urgent action,” Senator Booker said. “We have a responsibility to improve health outcomes for all people, especially Black and Indigenous women who are more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes. Accurate data collection is crucial for preventing maternal deaths, eliminating inequities, and informing future policy decisions and Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs) are leading this effort. This bill reaffirms the commitment that Congress has made to investing in MMRC’s. I am proud to join my colleagues in introducing this bill that will help address our nation’s maternal mortality crisis and save lives.”

“Maternal health is a serious issue in North Carolina and across the country with an alarming rise in pregnancy-related deaths,” Senator Tillis said. “We must work to improve maternal health outcomes and support mothers throughout pregnancy and afterwards, and I am proud to co-introduce this bipartisan legislation that will address disparities and improve outcomes for mothers.”

“America’s increasing maternal mortality rate is a national emergency. I do not think it’s radical to believe that everyone should be able to access high-quality health care before, during, and after pregnancy,” Senator Smith said. “We need to identify the root causes of this crisis so we can tackle the problem head on. This bipartisan legislation will support critical programs that collect and analyze data in order to find solutions to help ensure that mothers are able to safely give birth.”

“As the United States continues to experience the highest rate of maternal mortality in the developed world, Congress needs to address this crisis through legislation that protects our nation’s mothers and babies. The Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of

2023 ensures we’re able to invest and support state Maternal Mortality Review Committees to examine pregnancy-related deaths. It would also disseminate best practices to health care providers including hospitals, perinatal quality collaboratives, among others, on ways to prevent maternal deaths and illness. March of Dimes applauds the leadership of Senators Warnock and Capito on this issue and we look forward to working with Congress to ensure the bill’s swift passage.” Stacey Y. Brayboy, March of Dimes Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, said.

“This important bipartisan legislation will support continued state efforts toward eradicating preventable maternal death and improving maternal and infant health in the United States. It will accelerate progress toward ensuring that every state has a high-functioning process for identifying the causes of maternal mortality like preeclampsia, and translating recommendations made by maternal mortality review committees (MMRCs) to meaningful action.” Eleni Tsigas, Preeclampsia Foundation Chief Executive Officer, said

“The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) strongly endorsed the bipartisan Preventing Maternal Deaths Act in years past and is pleased to now support its reauthorization,” ACOG President Verda J. Hicks, MD, FACOG, said. “This bill will ensure continued support for the critically important work of state maternal mortality review committees, which are vital to our ability to address the rising rates of maternal mortality in the United States which have, tragically, increased in the last few years. Maternal mortality review committees play an essential role in improving maternal health outcomes across the country because they have access to the most comprehensive information to assess both the medical and nonmedical causes of maternal deaths. Understanding how and why maternal deaths occur is the only way to prevent them. ACOG thanks Senators Capito, Warnock, Marshall, Smith, Booker and Tillis for advancing this bill and reaffirming how important it is to continue to support the nationwide effort to improve maternal health care.”

Capito, Miller, Mooney File Amicus Brief to Supreme Court to Restart Mountain Valley Pipeline’s Construction

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and U.S. Reps. Carol Miller (R-W.Va.-01) and Alex Mooney (R-W.Va.-02) joined U.S. Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.-14) and five other members of Congress in filing an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the Mountain Valley Pipeline’s completion and against activist attempts to block its construction.

On July 11, 2023, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals again halted construction of the 303-mile pipeline, which is nearly 95% complete, despite Congress’s and President Biden’s explicit approval of the project through the passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) gave approval for construction to resume on the pipeline on July 9, 2023.

Capito, Miller, Mooney, and

Reschenthaler were joined by U.S. Representatives Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.-03), Bill Johnson (R-Ohio-06), John Joyce (R-Pa.-13), Mike Kelly (R-Pa.-16), and Dan Meuser (R-Pa.-09) on the brief.

“By filing this amicus brief, my colleagues and I are speaking directly to the Supreme Court, urging them to uphold the clear intent of the language we included in the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden. Unfortunately, activist judges on the Fourth Circuit and radical environmental groups will stop at nothing to delay the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and it’s necessary to once again fight for the completion of this critical, job-creating energy project,” Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Ranking Member Capito said.

“Because of the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act, the Mountain Valley Pipeline will be completed. The Fourth Circuit no longer has any jurisdiction over

the Mountain Valley Pipeline and Republicans are fighting back. While it is unfortunate that this amicus brief and case are necessary, I look forward to the Supreme Court coming to a swift decision confirming Congress’ intent to increase domestic energy production, particularly in West Virginia. I continue to encourage the parties involved with construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline to ignore the fourth circuit and complete production as scheduled,” Congresswoman Miller said.

“Liberal activist lawsuits and bureaucratic red tape have long held up the Mountain Valley Pipeline, despite the project already clearing several agency permitting hurdles. Congress was clear when it said that judicial review of the Mountain Valley Pipeline was over. This pipeline is as much about West Virginia jobs as it is about American energy independence. The Supreme Court should recognize that Congress already resolved this matter,” Congressman Mooney said.

West Virginia Poison Center Press Release

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Summer Poison Safety Tips The West Virginia Poison Center Provides Safety Tips for Summertime

CHARLESTON, WV—Sunshine and warm weather means more people are enjoying the outdoors. There are a few common outdoor poisons people encounter more during the summer—tiki torch fuel, lighter fluid, and pool chemicals.

Following a few safety tips from the West Virginia Poison Center can help keep people poison-safe during the summer season.

Read the directions! A simple but important tip—read the directions on all products. Most products, from torch fuel to pool chemicals, are safe for use if the product directions are followed. If directions are not followed, a product can cause a poisoning.

Store products in their original container.

If a product is in a child-resistant container, make sure to put the child-resistant cap on

correctly after each use. Do not transfer products into food or drink containers. Some poisonous products look like beverages. For example, torch fuel and lighter fluid look like apple juice.

Protect your eyes and your lungs.

When opening pool chemicals, open containers carefully in a well ventilated area. Do not lean over the container while opening. Make sure the wind is blowing away from your face and not in the path of other people.

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Keep torch fuel and lighter fluid up, away, and out of sight of children. If swallowed, they can easily be inhaled into the lungs causing serious injury or death.

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If a poisoning

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About the West Virginia Poison Center:

The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings.

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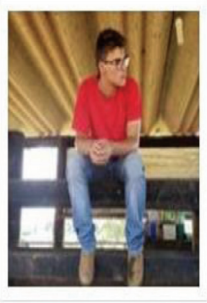
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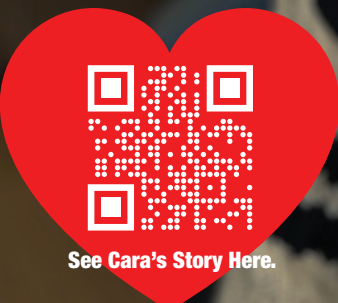
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