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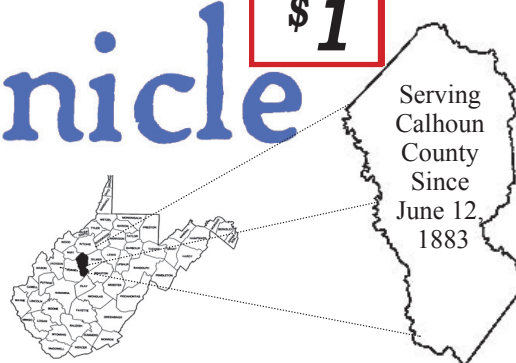
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Whole Number 7024 Grantsville, West Virginia 26147 Thursday, July 13, 2023

Grantsville Post Office Beutification Project

I would like to personally thank a few of my customers for suppling gravel, delivering it and helping spread it out. You ALL went above and beyond. These customers did not want their names mentioned, but they know who they are.



I am very Thankful for all you did and for all of our customers who continue to use the postal service for their mailing needs.

God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Denise Pollock
Grantsville PM

Calhoun Citizens for Accountability led Peaceful Water Protest July 10th

By Melissa West

A small crowd could be found on the Calhoun Courthouse July 10th protesting for every citizen in this county to have access to water. Not all citizens in the protest have the need for water, so why be there? It's simple, we were there for our neighbors who need water.



That's what this group is all about, not politics, helping ou fellow Calhounians when they need it the most. This group has used their voice to ensure everyone in this county has access to water. I was saddened to learn

that we have citizens who have paid for water taps and promised water (for years) and never received it.

Mothers in our county should not have to worry if their house has enough water to bathe her children or be concerned if she does laundry her house goes without water.

Comments being made to individuals about drilling a water well on their property so they can



have water is not always the answer. Some people have had water wells drilled (more than 1) and ended up with dry wells, still no water, but they spent a lot of money to get water with negative results.

To the Calhoun County Commission, your work is just beginning but know what happened here today will live on forever. Thank everyone of you for listening to the people and what their needs are.

A huge Thank you to Eric Lupardus and Commissioner Arthur for speaking to the group and to Steve Boggs for leading the group in prayer.

See page 13 for County Commission Meeting Notes.

Town of Grantsville holds Swearing in for newly elected officials July 10th

By Melissa West

Calhoun County Clerk Jean Simers was in attendance to perform the swearing in of the Mayor, Recorder and City Council members that were elected on June 6th.



Those being sworn in included Mayor Robert J. Petrovsky, Recorder Judy Powell and Council Members: Kimberly Sweat, Cheryl Cheesebrew Sturm, Emalee Morgan, William Villers and Linda Staton.

During the meeting, the Mayor and newly elected officials thanked the County Commission for the money they allocated for the improvement of the City Park. Listening to the Mayor speak, he has big plans for improving the City Park for the residents, young and old.



MANCHIN ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.2 BILLION FOR WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND PROJECTS



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) joins Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel

Charleston, WV – On June 26th, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) announced \$1,210,800,969.85 in federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). This funding was allocated based on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) broadband coverage maps that Senator Manchin has been challenging since 2016 when he brought then-FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to W. Va. to see first-hand why his agency's maps were wrong. At the time, the FCC maps indicated that 99.9% of Americans had wireless coverage.

“This is a historic announcement for the Mountain State and will benefit every West Virginian. As the only Member of Congress to formally challenge the FCC coverage maps and prove them wrong, I know firsthand how much work went into this announcement, and I want to thank the thousands of West Virginians that submitted their own speed tests. Today, not only are we announcing more than \$1.2 billion to finally ensure every home in W. Va. is connected to

reliable broadband. The maps now show what we knew all along, that W. Va. is one of the least-served states in the country,” said Senator Manchin. “As a direct result of my efforts to correct the FCC maps and ensure the funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is distributed according to these maps, West Virginia will finally receive our fair share of resources to build out the reliable service we need. I will continue doing everything possible to ensure West Virginia has the means to compete in a 21st-century economy.”

“Affordable, high-speed internet is essential for West Virginians to fully participate in the 21st century economy,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “This historic \$1.2 billion investment in West Virginia, made possible by the leadership of Senator Manchin and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will help create good paying jobs, boost the economy, and ensure that everyone in the state has the opportunity to succeed.”

In May, Senator Manchin announced that more than 86,000 new unserved locations in W. Va. would now be reflected on the latest update to the FCC's broadband coverage map. For years, Senator Manchin has fought to update the maps,

submitting more than 2,400 speedtests to the FCC on behalf of West Virginians to prove that its maps were inaccurate. As a result of these efforts, Senator Manchin secured provisions in the Broadband DATA Act in 2020 that authorized the FCC to update its coverage map and allowed West Virginians to see if the FCC's map accurately depicted whether they had broadband coverage at their address, who provided such coverage, and the type of technology being used. If the FCC map was inaccurate, West Virginians were able to provide direct input to the FCC by submitting a challenge to the map. Thanks to these efforts, the new maps show that West Virginia has the least connectivity of any state in the country after Alaska, confirming what Senator Manchin and West Virginians across the state have been saying for years.

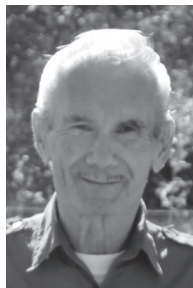
In the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Senator Manchin created the \$42.45 billion BEAD program within the NTIA. Senator Manchin authored the provision that allocates funding to each state based on its proportion of unserved areas in the updated FCC broadband coverage map, as well as additional funding for high-cost areas like West Virginia that are more difficult to serve.

In December, Senator Manchin's office held a webinar with the State Broadband Office urging folks to submit challenges to the map, which will provide the basis for the billions of dollars in broadband funding that Senator Manchin included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

OBITUARIES

JOSE "JOE" MUNIZ

Jose "Joe" Muñiz, 83, of Smithville, WV, was born in Lares, Puerto Rico on May 14, 1940, to the late Jose Muñiz and the late Angela Gandarilla. He moved, with his family, to Cleveland, Ohio as a teenager. In 2006, he made Smithville, WV his new home. He passed away, surrounded by family, on June 23, 2023.



He was preceded in death by his brothers Jose Antonio, Enrique, Damian, Miguel, Ernesto, Raphael and dear sister Rosa. Jose was the beloved husband of Mildred. He is survived by his six children, Linda (Bobby Joe) Cottrill, Angie (Dave) Hardbarger, Tj Muñiz, Michelle (Chuck) McCroskey, Christopher (Kayla) Muñiz and Lisa (Josh) DeVaughn. His eleven grandchildren, Jessica (Dustin) Jeffrey, Aaron (Jackie) Hardbarger, Derek (Miranda) Hardbarger, Alicia (Matt) Schlarb, Olivia McCroskey, Hannah Muñiz, Malachi Muñiz, Parker Muñiz, Zeus Muñiz, Elizabeth Ludwig and Landon DeVaughn. And his eight great-grandchildren, Marissa, Chelsie, Caden, Salem, Caleb, Madilynn, Renee and Opal.

He loved being with family and sharing a good meal. He wouldn't sit and eat until he knew everyone got their plate. He loved to be the host and server. He also loved classic cars, including his 1957 Chevy Bel Air. He loved chickens and gardening. He would always talk about his potatoes. His personality was larger than life and his kindness touched so many. He wanted to take care of everyone else, even when he was the one needing cared for.

He was a great man and a hard worker. He may not have made it past primary school, but he was very smart and able to figure things out. He learned the English language by listening to others. He could be silly and loved playing with kids. He never met a stranger and people seemed to have respect for him.

Being Puerto Rican in a small rural town made him almost famous. It seemed everyone knew "Papi" (or Popie as some may spell it). Others just called him Joe. Anyone that met him grew to love him. Everyone talked about his accent and how they loved to hear him talk.

Per his wishes, Jose will not be having a funeral service or viewing. Stump Funeral Home and Cremation, Inc., Grantsville, WV, provided the cremation services. There will be a celebration of his life held at the Smithville Community Building on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

RONZEL BOATRIGHT

Ronzel Boatright, 71, left his Earthly home on July 9th, 2023

Ronzel was born the son of the late Ray and Leta (Stump) Boatright.

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

He is preceded in death by his sister Almeda Starcher, brothers Ronnie & Roland Boatright and brother-in-law Bill Morrell.

Ronzel's wish for no service will be honored.

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

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

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

In order to maintain upkeep of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery we are accepting donations at: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, PO Box 651, Grantsville, WV 26147. If you have questions or concerns please contact Cheryl Greathouse at 304-354-9513 or you may send an e-mail to cherylgreat@citlink.net. Please make checks payable to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund. Checks written payable to Pleasant Hill U.M. Church should state Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund in the memo. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Old Fashion Gospel Tent Meeting

Old Fashion Gospel tent meeting. A ministry of Faith Baptist Church of Shinnston, WV
July 17th-21st at Calhoun County Park 7:00pm nightly.

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

WAG ASKING FOR HELP FINDING FERAL CAT COLONIES

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

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

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

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

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

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Several years ago, it was reported that the weed-killer Roundup caused cancer, and I thought it was banned.

Yet, you can buy Roundup in the hardware stores today. What's going on? (Asked by a concerned column reader.)

Reply: Good question. Roundup was introduced by Monsanto in 1974, and this effective weed-killer herbicide quickly gained popularity with gardeners and yard workers.

The active ingredient in the product was a chemical called glyphosate.

With the increased use of Roundup, studies were done in the early 2000's on its environmental effects. In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) categorized glyphosate as possibly carcinogenic to humans. And, lawsuits were filed by people who had used Roundup and developed cancer.

In 2018, Monsanto was purchased by Bayer. By then, thousands of lawsuits had been filed linking Roundup to cancer.

A couple of these lawsuits were settled for millions of dollars to the plaintiff.

In 2019, a California jury ordered Bayer to pay \$2 billion in damages (cut into \$87 million on appeal) after finding the company had failed to adequately inform of the possibility of Roundup causing cancer.

Bayer agreed to settle over 100,000 Roundup lawsuits and pay \$8.8 to \$9.6 billion to settle those claims (along with another \$1.5 billion for any future claims).

This may also remind you of the Camp Lejeune toxic water lawsuits seen on TV recently.

Roundup has been banned in France and other countries. However, Roundup has not been banned in the United States, although some states have prohibited or restricted its use.

If you use Roundup, should you sue Bayer? Simply using the weed-killer with glyphosate isn't enough to merit a claim. You must suffer from injury.

In general, that's a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and the cancer needs to be linked to exposure to Roundup.

Some studies suggest that people who are heavily exposed to glyphosate have an increased risk of contracting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. However, there are differing opinions on the occasional home use of glyphosate.

As for me, I have used Roundup for years and bought a pint container for this season. It sure kills weeds!

As always, do your own research and do what is best for you. Bayer has announced that it would phase out the sale of Roundup for residential use starting in 2023.

But it's important to keep in mind that other chemical pesticides may contain toxins.

If you're concerned, the best non-toxic alternative is to handle your weeds the old-fashioned way: with a pair of work gloves and a trowel.

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected?"

-Anonymous

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

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

WV International Sports Jamboree

Let the games begin at the 43 rd WV International Sports Jamboree, July 14-16 at North Bend State Park.

You and me at Jamboree 43 is this year's theme of the annual event for visual and mobility impaired individuals.

This year's event will begin with a free concert by Midnight Outlaws that is open to the public. Friday, July 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

What we often take for granted may be a real challenge to a visually impaired person or wheelchair bound person.

During the weekend event sponsors, chaperones, volunteers, and those attending come together to provide a life-changing experience for everyone involved.

With over thirty participants registered this year, we need volunteers and sponsors who want to be a part of this incredible weekend to help!

The goal is simple: help create an event to enjoy, make friends and long-lasting memories.

The WV International Sports Jamboree is sponsored by New Vision and AT&T Pioneers along with volunteers and North Bend State Park.

"As a volunteer for almost the entire span of the event, this is one event that if you attend one time - you're hooked!!

See what a difference this event makes to participants is priceless.

Helping others enjoy an inspirational weekend in this rural outdoor setting in West Virginia, and at beautiful North Bend State Park, is truly a pleasure," said D.J. Allen.

The Committee members who plan for this the entire year give of themselves so that others may have this unique opportunity.

They look forward to helping improve the lives of others and embrace diversity in all forms.

To volunteer or become a sponsor, contact Kathy Hess, General Chairman at 304-838-2868 or email kke8837@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!!!!!!

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS Local Happenings: Fred Bennett, of Creston was looking after business interests in Grantsville the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Marshall, of Parkersburg are visiting relatives in this county for a few days.

John Booker, of Daniels Run, was attending to business matters in Grantsville Wednesday.

Jake Huffman, of Parkersburg is a business visitor in this section of the country this week.

Elsworth Kerby, of Rowels Run, was a business caller in Grantsville one day this week.

Shirley Wayne, of Beech, was attending to business matters here the first of the week.

Jeff Simmons, a prosperous business man of Spencer has been in Grantsville several days looking after business interests. Mr. Simmons is operating for oil in Washington district at present.

News was received here this week of the death of M. S. Jeffreys of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Jeffreys was formerly a resident of this county and has many friends here who will be grieved to know of his death.

William Landaker, of Richwood is visiting relatives in this section this week. He came here with Scottie of Marietta, in his Aeroplane Monday. They made the trip from Richwood here in one hour and ten minutes landing about one mile and a half above town.

Mrs. Ira Hardman and daughter Martha returned home Thursday from Iowa, where they had been for some time visiting the former's mother.

Hartley and Freed News: Mrs. Wesley Kemp is on the sick list at this time.

Misses Bessie Snyder of Freed and Cloe Hays of Hartley have returned to their homes. They have been at Clarksburg for the last several months where they have employment.

James Shimer of Bever Falls, PA, is visiting his mother and other relatives at Freed.

Uncle "Washie" Freed is visiting his son Guy at Parkersburg for several days.

Lee Roberts is at Clarksburg employed in the rail road yard.

Rev. J. M. Snider is the owner of a new Ford.

Mrs. Pheba Pepper left for Lincoln county last Thursday to visit her daughter for several weeks.

A. A. Haught has been sick for a few days at the home of Luther Kemp.

Roy Pepper and wife visited at Parkersburg Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Wilson of Akron, Ohio are visiting home folks at Industry and Freed.

Ted Shimer has Typhoid fever at the home of his uncle B. B. Shimer at Freed.

Mrs. Beegle of Revenswood is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. Kenney at Hartley for several days.

1948, 75 YEARS Russett and Staten

News: Leon Stump and son James of Beaver Falls, PA., who is spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Stump was a pleasant caller at Staten Tuesday.

Mrs. Nettie Poling of Russett, we understand had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm one day last week while doing chores.

Mrs. Ida Connolly of Russett returned to her home one day last week after spending several days at the home of her brother Jack Williams of Stumptown.

Mrs. Ruth Collins of Mikes Run was a business visitor in Grantsville Wednesday, the thirteenth.

The hardest hail storm of the season hit here Tuesday the 20, damaging gardens.

John Church of Sycamore who is critically ill was reported slightly improved one day last week.

Miss Minnie Hamilton, health nurse of Grantsville was at Staten, Wednesday.

Timber and brush is being cleared away near the mouth of Steer Creek. Prison labor is being used.

Stinson News: Funeral services for Foster Postalwait were conducted Thursday at his home by

Reverend Carl Morris of Ivydale. Burial was made in the home cemetery under direction of Hardman and Hardman of Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Saylor of Akron, Ohio, were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harold. The Saylor's had motored through Kentucky where they visited Mammoth Onyx cave and other interesting points on their way here.

Mr. and Mrs. Brantie

Westfall and son, Wayne, of Cedar Grove, were weekend guests of her mother Mrs. Alma West.

Apple Farm News: Dr. H. C. Teopfer of Grantsville was called Saturday to see C. A. Stump who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Doll Bennett and Martha Corkie and Danny Patterson and James Long all of Madsville, were visiting the George Wilson family over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Dobbins and children and Mrs. Frank Reap of the West Fork, were calling on Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stump Saturday.

Lloyd Vaughn Vo-Ag teacher was calling on his young farmer students and greeting friends in this section, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stump and daughter of Beaver Falls, PA, and Richard Stump of Grantsville were calling on the Sull Stump family Wednesday evening.

R. M. Shock attended the Sunday School convention at Sand Fork, Sunday.

Mrs. Mallissa McCartney of Sabraton is visiting her son Loyd McCartney and family.

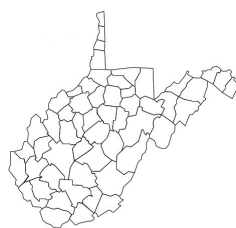
Treacy Jane Stump attended the Ball and Stump wedding at the first Baptist church at Grantsville Sunday.

Miss Agnes Kindall spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hughart Stump.

O. H. Bleihler and Miss Wanda Stump of Morgantown were guest over the holidays of the Sull Stump family.

Mr. and Mrs. Argle Hannah and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wilson.

Dr. H. C. Toepfer of Grantsville was called to see Doc Stump Friday. Mr. Stump is much improved.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

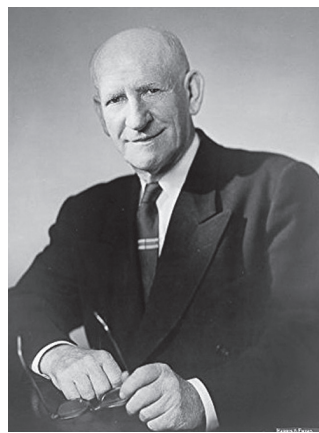
July 13, 1861: The Battle of Corricks Ford took place in Tucker County. Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett was killed. He was the first Confederate general killed in the Civil War.



July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of town during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of Barboursville for the remainder of the war.

July 15, 1886:

Congressman Cleveland Monroe "Cleve" Bailey was born on a farm in Pleasants County. He represented West Virginia's third congressional district for eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1945-47 and 1949-63.



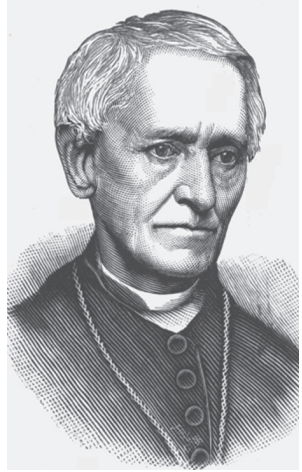
July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.



July 16, 1869:

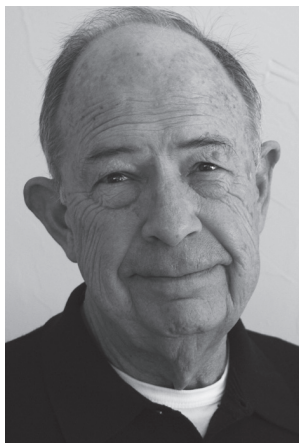
Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business but is best remembered for establishing the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

July 19, 1850: Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Wheeling, naming Richard V. Whelan as its first bishop.



July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia and three U.S. Navy gunboats.

July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of Flight of the Intruder.



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



July 17, 1914:

Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.



July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.



July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.



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



1973, 50 YEARS

Grantsville Volunteer Fire department receives a new fire truck, July 1973.

At long last the new fire truck has arrived in Grantsville. Volunteer firemen turned out in full force Sunday afternoon when it was delivered to see it and get acquainted with all the devices and equipment on the big truck. First of all, the truck is not fire engine red, instead it is mostly yellow.

Parts of it are natural aluminum finish, and there is a stainless steel control panel on one side.

When it is equipped with hose it will weigh about 20,000 pounds. Being made mostly out of aluminum, the truck is much lighter than the previous truck and will be much faster getting to fires. The tank holds 600

gallons of water. The stainless steel control panel, just behind the cab on the drivers side, has controls for all equipment, together with meters to register pressure, and one man at the control panel can regulate everything. It was built to specifications of the Grantsville for department, and Mayor Chester Fluharty, who is also fire chief, said, they tried to think of everything. Before the truck arrived in Grantsville it was adjudged a prize winner. The builders, E. W. Stinebaugh and Son, Inc. of Great Cacapon. I spoke with Craig Gherke about this fire truck and he was not sure the exact year that it was decommissioned, however he did say that it was in the 2000's, when it was placed on permanent rest.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Some weeks I really have to think about what I am going to include in my article. This is not one of those weeks.

In fact, I could probably write two or three articles about what I have been up to in the past week and a half. I had to turn my article in early last week because of the holiday. Since that time, I have gone on a road trip for a family wedding and celebrated the 4th of July with family and friends.

My nephew Michael's wedding took place near Elkins, WV, on July 2nd. The whole family headed there on the 1st to help with the preparations for the big event. The weather forecast wasn't looking great for the weekend, but we decided to think positively and trust that all would be well.

We had some torrential rain on the way there, which made driving difficult and really upset Rascal, but we made it in one piece and gratefully checked into our accommodations.

After a quick break to catch our breath and get settled in, we headed to the wedding venue for the rehearsal and dinner. I really love the Elkins area with its beautiful mountain views.

Michael and Sarah chose a field in the midst of these views for their ceremony. We arrived just as the wedding party was finishing up the rehearsal and just in time for dinner.

The weather had cleared up, and it was a lovely summer evening. After dinner, we helped with a little decorating for the reception and then spent some time visiting with family and friends who had made the trip for the wedding.

I would love to say that I had a restful evening and awoke rested and refreshed and ready for the day, but I cannot tell a lie. There was no problem with our accommodations; the problem was the thunderstorm that rolled in late in the evening.

My parents' dog Rascal is not a fan of thunder and lightning, and he made that known until the early hours of the morning. Thank heavens for coffee and a good breakfast to get me going. We had promised to help with the food preparation for the wedding and needed to be back at the venue by 9:00 am.

Many hands make light work, so we made our way through the to-do list quickly and with time to spare. After that the day flew by, and before we knew it, it was time for the wedding. Our prayers were answered, and the weather was beautiful for the ceremony.

Michael and Sarah got married in a field nestled in the mountains with a nice breeze and fluffy white clouds overhead. Hallmark would have approved. The weather stayed nice all day and into the evening, and we sent the happy couple off by having them run through a tunnel of sparklers.

The next morning, we headed back to Grantsville to begin our 4th of July celebrations. Our friends Tim and Elizabeth Busch with their three children followed us home from the wedding to celebrate with us. The first item on our holiday checklist was pickleball.

Tim used to be a tennis coach, so we were eager to see how he fared on the pickleball court. He did pretty well, but I was more impressed with Vivian, his five-year-old. She took to hitting the ball over the net like a professional. She must have hit 200 balls that evening and begged to go back and play again.

The big holiday event took place the next day and was named the Freedom Float. The Mlynek and Barnhart

Families planned a big day on the Little K and invited the Busches and I along for the fun. We met at 9:00, climbed in kayaks and canoes, and headed down the river. I started out in a canoe with Tim and his two daughters. The little ones had never been in a canoe before, so we spent the first mile or so trying to explain to them the importance of staying seated in the middle of the boat. Somehow, we managed to stay afloat and to keep up with the others. We even grew confident enough to let them try their hand at paddling a bit.

When we stopped for lunch and to stretch our legs, the kids went swimming. They loved it so much I wasn't sure if we would be able to talk them into getting back into the canoes.

Tim switched over to a kayak, and my nephew Landon got into the canoe with me. We also switched the kids around so they could ride with other people. We spent the majority of the day on the river and went 7.5 miles.

Great memories were made and lots of laughs shared. We ended the day with a cookout on my parents' deck.

You have to eat hot dogs and hamburgers on the 4th of July.

Family, friends, food, and fun...it doesn't get better than that.

Now on to the next adventure!

Letters to Mary and Other Communications

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

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

(Continued from Last Week)
Head Quarters 11th WVa Vols
Appomattox C.H. Va.
Apl 10, 1865

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

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

I can scarcely tell you how I feel over the glorious results of our tremendous campaign. Yesterday we captured Genl Lee and his whole army. Our march since we broke their lines in front of Petersburg last Saturday has been a continual success, and our Regiment has bore a very distinguished part in the whole campaign, and has covered herself with Glory: I feel proud of the old Regiment, am sure there is not a better one in the Service, and have been complimented several times by General Harris for my own & the conduct of the Regiment.

Since the capture of Petersburg we have not been in any fighting except some skirmishing and have had but one man wounded, that was Joshua Smith who was struck with a spent ball in the shoulder, and was only slight.

The scene yesterday is beyond my powers of description. We had marched near 30 miles the day before on the left flank of the enemy, to intercept him, and yesterday morning we moved before day, and was soon in his front. Sharp fighting was in progress by the 1st Div of the 24 A S who were in our front. We were the 2 Line, and was soon under fire from a rebel battery which slammed the grape at us savagely for a few minutes.

The 1st Div however drove them steadily back and we advanced in line of battle, until we came to where their artillery had been, which we captured, we advanced from here by the right of Regiments to the front, when arriving on the crest of a hill we received news that they were about to surrender.

A tremendous cheer went up from our ranks, hats were flung high into the air, and the men became almost delirious with joy.

We moved a little way farther and swung into line, on a hill, and here a sight met our eyes seldom seen. The whole Rebel army jammed up in a valley a bout a halfmile to the front pell mell, wagon trains and everything else in inextricable confusion.

We lay down and about 4 P.M. the surrender was completed, a rousing cheer went up from the rebel camp when this was announced. I doubt if we will ever have another fight.

I think the war is about over, all that is left is Johnson's army and he wont last long. I think our West Va Regiments will soon be sent back to that State.

I have succeeded beyond my own expectations in the command of the Regt. The Colonel has not returned yet, so I have led all through the whole affair, and can assure you I have won distinguished honor. The men of the Regt all have great confidence in me, and the most of them have acted splendid.

I cannot give you every particular now, but will write a full detail as soon as I can get time, and give a complete list of casualties.

I must close for to day. Love to you all, and regards to all friends, and send word home to David that I am well. I have not time to write him to day.

Good bye dear parents & Brother.
I hope to get home in a short time.

Ever yours
Michael A. Ayers

HQrs 11th WVa Vol Infly
Farmville, Va. Apl 17, 1865
My Dearest Girl:

I know you feel very anxious about me, and I would have written sooner but have had no possible opportunity since we left Petersburg.

Since then we have captured Lee's whole army, and have been to Lynchburg and are now moving back toward the coast.

I am happy to inform you that I am still alive and in good health, and have come through the campaign thus far safe. I hope this hastily written note may find you in good health, and doing well.

We have participated in the grandest campaign of the war, and our old Regt has won a glorious reputation and stands first class.

I will not say anything of my own conduct, you will hear of me from others.

I have been in command of the Regt all through until yesterday when the Colonel joined and took command.

I will write you a good letter soon, and give you a full history of our operations.

My kind regards to all the family & friends.

I am as ever your devoted and affectionate,

Michael A. Ayers

(Continued next week)

Senior Citizens Menu

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

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

Fri., July 14: seasoned baked beans ham, whole wheat cornbread, cucumbers and onions, mixed greens, fruit.

Mon., July 17: creamed tomatoes, potatoes, apples, whole wheat bisuit.

Tues., July 18: beans, greens, onions, whole wheat cornbread, applesauce.

Wed., July 19: taco salad, whole wheat chips,

tomato, lettuce, cheese, brownie, fruit.

Thurs., July 20: Cooks Choice

Fri., July 21: sloppy joe, whole wheat bun, raw vegetable salad, peaches, tomato 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 13: Park Sing, 6 p.m. Grantsville Farmer's Market, 1982 Pavilion, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Family Movie Night, Country Kitchen, Big Otter at 6 p.m.

Fri., July 14: Sportsman Bingo Night, Arnoldsburg Community Park, Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo at 6 p.m.

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

Sat., July 15: Bino for WAG/Spencer Animal Shelter, 4 p.m. Calhoun County Park

Upper West Fork

Pipeline Appreciation Night/Karaoke Night at Country Kitchen, Big Otter at 8 p.m.

Mon., July 17: Bake Sale, Arnoldsburg Family Dollar Store, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit Travel Ball

Board of Education Special Meeting

Tues., July 18: First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry, RT 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Republican Executive Meeting, Grantsville Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Calhoun Citizen of the Week



Amy Norman of Grantsville
Occupation: Librarian
Hobby: Walking
Favorite Food: Mexican
Favorite TV Show: Mysteries
Best thing about Calhoun Co.: Quietness
Worst thing about Calhoun Co.: Too far from shopping areas
Pet Peeve: Rude people

WAG Trap-Neuter-Return Chloe Area July 25th

Submitted By Linda Buchanan

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

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

Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location.

They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. Thank you for your cooperation.

So far we have spayed and neutered 785 community cats (437 females and 348 males).

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

If you are aware of a feral cat colony in your area, please let us know.

Female kittens can begin breeding at four months old, so the best time to spay/neuter a colony is when there are only 5 or 6 cats.



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

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

Pleasant Hill Elementary Kinderboost July 17-28

For all PHE students who will be in Kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year.
The program will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Please contact Jo Hanna Deuley at jo.deuley@k12.wv.us for details and to RSVP.



CALHOUN STUDENTS EXPLORE SMOKE HOLE CAVERNS, SENECA ROCKS, AND BLACKWATER FALLS

This was a wonderful field trip! The campers explored the Smoke Hole Caverns, Seneca Rocks and Black Waterfalls. There were formations that were breathtaking and so old, they took millions of years to form. The refreshing 55° air, combined with the spectacular views were much appreciated. Our campers sifted for gems and took home an impressive collection.

We had lunch and viewed the Seneca Rocks, then headed to Blackwater Falls and were treated to a spectacular view. The air was cool under the canopy of the forest and a wonderful way to cap off a special experience.



Calhoun FFA members had a great time at the 95th annual West Virginia State FFA Convention!

Our regional speaking winners were recognized on the state stage and competed at the state level, members attended sessions and listened to retiring addresses, participated in workshops on a variety of topics, met old and new friends from across the state, spent some time fishing and mini golfing at Cedar Lakes, helped pack food and hygiene bags for the Mountaineer Food Bank, learned a lot at the college and career fair, and made lots of memories!

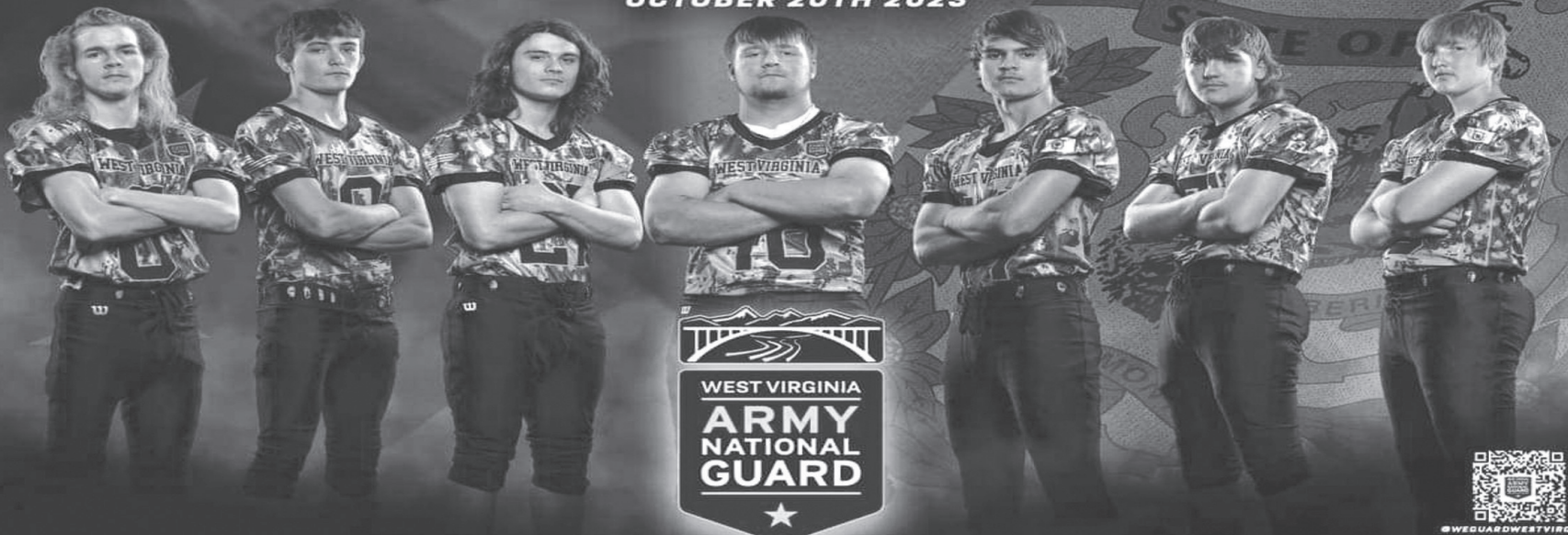
Jaelyn Jett and Lauren Lovejoy were recognized at the 95th annual West Virginia State FFA Convention for their 1st place wins in

Prepared Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Public Speaking respectively.

There was a longer article about their accomplishments published back in March.



CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY APPRECIATION GAME OCTOBER 20TH 2023



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

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

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



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For Rent

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Kathy Plant and Marcia Plant.

Help Wanted

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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

Enter this 5th day of July, 2023.

Jean Simers
Clerk of the County Commission
Class II Legal

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0461-G-390P

HOPE GAS, INC.

Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On May 31, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) filed its Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) Filing with revised PREP Rates, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade, and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its PREP Filing, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2024 of \$66.5 million as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Gathering Program (gathering facilities) under multi-year plans. The PREP Filing also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2022 calendar year PREP capital investment activity for both the General Program and the Gathering Program. The PREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, regulator stations and other plant equipment. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Hope service territories throughout the State. These projects are identified in the PREP Filing, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Hope proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an increment within the fixed or volumetric, base rate component of its rates depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on November 1, 2023. Hope projects that if the program and rate increments are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed on November 1, 2023, as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$6.45	5.84%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	\$18.45	4.69%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS)	\$164.47	11.91%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)	\$345.08	1.94%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS)	\$330.28	3.89%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Sales (Rate Class LCI-D)	\$1,413.77	4.64 %
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Transport (Rate Class LCI-D)	\$1,353.15	5.88%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Direct Service Transport (Rate Class LCI-DS)	\$247.01	11.63%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$890.02	2.35%
Gathering (Rate Class PGAS)	\$745.81	2.00%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing on the PREP Filing, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 1, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If the Commission receives no opposition to the PREP Filing within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final Order within 150 days of the PREP Filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission Order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/online_comments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

HOPE GAS, INC.

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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

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

Contact

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WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
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Charleston, WV 25304
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Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tjy-fznu-gwr>
Or dial: (US) + 1 419-945-6029
PIN: 803 176 620#

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**HELP WANTED
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for the position of part time Home Confinement Officer with other duties to be assigned.

Applicants must submit their resume to the Calhoun County Clerk before July 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions contact the Sheriff's Office at 354-6333. Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 10th day of June 2021, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on July 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**2008 FORD ESCAPE UT XLT
VIN #1FMCU03Z48KA06567**

Property can be inspected at the location of sale, prior to sale
Place of Sale: Calhoun Banks, 443 High Street, Grantsville WV 26147
Terms of sale: Cash in hand on day of sale. The bank reserves the right to bid or to reject any or all bids. We will be accepting sealed bids to be opened at the public sale.
Calhoun County Bank, Inc.
P.O. Box 430
Grantsville, WV 26147
304-354-6116

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

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

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

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

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

Michael A. Hicks, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

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

July 5, 2023

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

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

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

Jean Simers, Clerk
Calhoun County Commission
Class II Legal

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

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

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

Emotion Helpline

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



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

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

Talk to someone who cares and can help.

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

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

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RFQ for Ground Beef

Calhoun County Schools is requesting a Request For Quotes for locally sourced ground beef. Calhoun County Schools is in a purchasing cooperative with Roane and Wirt County Schools; therefore, the successful bidder will service all three of these counties. The quote should include the price per pound of ground beef delivered to the schools and must be good for the entire 2023-2024 school year. Ground beef must be frozen and vacuum sealed and processed at a state-inspected facility and fat content can be no more than 80/20. Quotes are due by July 24, 2023 at the end of the business day and can be dropped off at the Calhoun County Board of Education office located at 540 Alan B. Mollohan Drive, Mt. Zion, WV 26151.

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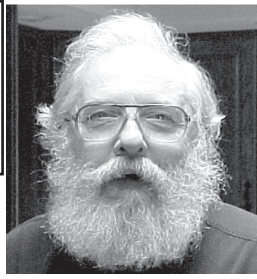
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Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



There was a celebration in Creston Saturday on the occasion of the centennial of the Creston Community Building, formerly known as the Creston school.

Nowadays sophisticated educators hold community based schools in contempt since those allow for lots of parent and community participation.

Marie Park Snyder, age 92, was the oldest and Bradley and Bethel Stutler drove the furthest to attend the event although Ted Grim who lives in Erie Pennsylvania helped put on the event.

It was noted to the attendees that the late Hiram Campell who was a Union veteran of the Civil War and who, in later years lived where the Russell family lived, was charged during WW I by the Woodrow Wilson progressives under the same law that was used to indict President Trump.

Hiram Campell's great grandson, Jimmy Henthorn, who lives in Zanesville, along with some of his family, learned about his ancestor's scrape with Big Brother.

The government men who had come to Creston to show pictures of German soldiers roasting Belgian babies on spits wanted to take Mr. Campbell away with them to put him in Wilson's special prison but the residents of Creston, realizing the gravity of the situation, make it clear to the government men that "it might be well for them to get back on the boat, leave town and never come back".

Many former students, friends and family spent the afternoon visiting and meeting new friends. So, one might ask, "What was Hi Campbell's crime?" He dared to question the veracity of the pictures being shown by the government men.

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

The Midnight Supply Corp. was attending to

business recently on Ground Hog. They must have had orders to fill as they even took the hot water heater.

Kathleen Cervone's sister Linda who lives up near Columbus is battling cancer.

Rev. Craig Blankenship who now lives in Wheeling had his foot amputated after an infection in his ankle could not be whipped.

Curtis "Cooter" Marks had a close scrape with death when he rolled a riding lawn mower. He has broken vertebrae and a broken pelvis.

Jerry Poling was attending to business in Elizabeth.

Barbara Wright is having another bout with the shingles and Betty Bish is scheduled to have surgery July 17th.

Sonny Burdette has been checking out routes for the next Creston poker run which is scheduled for July 29.

The Public Service Commission (the outfit that is supposed to protect the citizens from the utilities) is working on a rate increase for Mon Power, the firm that sends electricity to Creston.

Recently the power plant in Pleasants County was idled and Mon Power which is part of First Energy from Akron is having to pay, no doubt, for tax fraud after being caught in a \$61 million dollar bribe in Ohio (bribes are not tax deductible).

We can only guess at what is included in the bills but, for sure, the cost of maintaining idle power plants is included.

First Energy wants a 15% jump. A place out in Nebraska went along on the "green energy" bandwagon and installed a bunch of solar panels. Then there was a hailstorm and now the entire thing is in ruins. Maybe next time they should try pixie dust.

Jerry Riggs, Cap'n and Mrs. Spock were all dining at Mary B's on south side.

Local folks attended the Fireman's event in Elizabeth and others went to the events held in Ripley.

It was noted that

Dog Days set in wet and Creston continues to have rain.

Chris Wright who is CEO of Liberty Energy stated the obvious the other day that calling CO2 a pollutant is "outrageous" as it is needed for 99.9% of all life on the planet. Green plants use CO2 to make carbohydrates and then, in turn, all the food and fiber found on the planet. Some coarse plants are eaten by herbivores that convert inedible plants to tasty meat that feeds millions world wide.

The rulers up in Canada said they were going to let the forest fires there burn until at least August.

Chuck and Sandy Richter came to the Creston celebration and they talked about his work checking Gypsy moth traps in the northern panhandle. While eating at a diner in Cameron they met with some of Sandy's Whipkey kinfolk who live there.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) continues to push for a cashless world economy so folks will not have money that they control.

Under the new rules you will only buy what you are allowed and only from those who "are in the system".

The ruling elites are furious that Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is being given the time of day since he had the audacity to question "Big Pharma".

Jack Griffin, along with John & Debbie, were calling on Charles Russell at the extended care unit at Minnie Hamilton. Both Jack and Charlie were very happy.

Wilma Mowrey attended a family reunion and her daughter Kim is having health problems again.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil rose to \$72.86/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, fetching \$56.86/bbl. while Marcellus & Utica light brought \$63.86 and medium \$72.86/bbl.

Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

AHH – one of my least favorite vegetables, the lowly, tasteless green bean.



Out of a can is not for me unless they are French cut. Now fresh picked and cooked right green beans are good.

We had so many green beans that I would secretly pick one plant and pull it out. I was pulling out every other plant.

One day as I was doing that I heard my next door neighbor laughing at me. I looked up at her standing in her driveway laughing and saying "you go girl."

We had so many beans that some days I would make green bean soup.

A big huge pot with boiling water, green

beans, carrot rounds, onions, celery tops (we will get to them later on) and a ham hock or just pieces of ham. It was very good with garlic bread and cake or pie for dessert.

Of course, I cooked my fresh beans with cut up potatoes, (which you can also put in the green bean soup) some crumbled already cooked bacon, and some onion. Now that's good stuff.

Everyone makes green bean casseroles. I made mine a little different because I don't like mushroom soup. I mixed the soup with cooked and drained green beans, a handful or two of butter and garlic croutons, and top it with grated parmesan cheese.



You can also use grated sharp cheddar cheese. Bake for 30 minutes on 325. It could

be less so check to see bubbling and the cheese is either melted or a little browned.

Wax beans I just cooked with salt and pepper. I'd add real butter right before I served them.

Lima beans, I love lima beans, especially baby limas. Just cook them with salt, pepper and real butter.

All three of our home grown beans went into my vegetable soup pot. I always added a soup bone. It's not good vegetable soup without a soup bone. All the water drained off the vegetables went to the mash for the chickens and the cooked peels too.

Nighttime TV was the time for shelling peas and lima beans. A bucket for pods and snapped beans plus the stings was hereby for the compost pile. My one night a week was for snapping ends off beans and stringing too. All of the above got rinsed, bagged and out in the freezer. Next week is asparagus.

1982 Foundation Weekly Update

By Crystal Mersh

Well the week started and ended with fireworks. Last evening we all surprised with a beautiful fireworks show. Thanks to the mystery person behind this.

Another busy week as they will all be from now on. The pool rebar is installed in the deep well along with the plumbing. The team is doing a great job in the intense heat.

We received the building permits for the main campus this week which is a big accomplishment. We are meeting with the city to finalize the remaining this week. We are working to negotiate on concrete pricing as we will be buying literally tons of it.

The exterior of the bus garage is nearly finished and the new awnings are up. There will be 10 additional similar awnings at the pool and 2 more on the Tiki Hut. We hope to be pouring the slab for the surround of the bath house this week and the entrance. The deck on the front of the field house is nearly done as well.

We are shopping for fencing, and various other items. I am always monitoring FB Marketplace for the good deal, and have gotten many thus far. It takes some time but will result in a specially curated collection of design elements fitting of our beloved school.

The tax credit closing is expected to be late this

week at long last. We are excited to see that come to a close and to the work gearing up on mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

We will be reviewing our grant strategy and details this week. Jason has done a very nice job of getting this all very organized and in a place where we can continue to pursue grants as we see opportunities arise.

We will be working on getting marketing materials together for our fall Buggy Leaf Peeping Poker Run and Luau..... only in Calhoun would you see these two things combined. We will be accepting 100 diners at the luau complete with roast pig and all the trimmings.

We need to get a Bootstraps meeting organized so be watching for that announcement.

And we are starting to investigate the option of a private school and who options exist for the basis of the school. Teresa will be working on this. We know we truly want an "old school" approach to education. The current mainstream concepts to teach critical thinking at such young ages have led us to lose the foundations on which all learning builds and grows. It was at best a gimmick and at worst a disaster that continues to expand with "innovative" changes that continue to dumb our children down. I am a huge fan of Bloom's Taxonomy which starts with recall. Kids need to

learn the multiplication tables and not spend 15 minutes to figure out an answer that can be memorized. Teach the critical thinking when they are a little older in the application phase of learning not for matters that are easily recalled. So we continue to research options for our "old school" with hopes that we find a viable option for children in the near future.

This week we will review the detailed kitchen design for all four kitchens. We anticipate work on the pump house to begin as soon as we have the permit, and by the time it is completed then Chester's team will be ready for the block work on the pool. It is a tightly woven project plan that has to be managed to the day. So far all is on track even with a few distractions and diversions.

Thanks to all who have and continue to support the efforts for our community. This project will change the economic environment for our entire region. We want you to know that EVERYONE is welcome and accepted to work with us and become part of this amazing transformation. And we do totally understand the initial skepticism, I promise you it's ok. Just don't miss out on a great opportunity for a very special place deep in the heart of Appalachia.

Have a great week and keep on smiling!

Safe Digging

Call 8-1-1 before digging; it's the law. Although excavation damage is the leading cause of serious pipeline incidents, it is easily preventable with one call. With construction season in full swing, Dominion Energy West Virginia reminds homeowners and excavating contractors to dig safely and comply with state law by calling WV811, toll free, at 8-1-1 or 1-800-245-4848 before excavating.

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

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

- Stop work and evacuate to a safe distance.
- Alert everyone on the premises.
- Do not strike a match; use a telephone; operate engines and motors; or switch on/off appliances, lights, or even a flashlight in the area where you smell gas. These items can produce a spark that might ignite.
- Once safe, call 911 if there is blowing gas.
- Call the emergency number provided by the natural gas operators in your area: DEWV customers call 800-934-3187.
- Do not try to fix the pipe or slow the rate of leaking gas.
- Do not try to extinguish a gas-burning fire unless there is a threat to life.
- Do not operate any of the gas company's valves.

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

ATTENTION!

WAYNE UNDERWOOD FIELD CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

NO WALKING ON TRACK OR FIELD. NO DOGS, KIDS OR ADULTS.

We apologize for the inconvenience. There may be also times that the road is gated on both ends. Safety fence will be installed. We are digging a deep hole and there are lots of working going on all over the field. Therefore it is for the your safety and that of our workers that this field must be closed. Please feel free to watch the activities from the stage, but do not go off the stage. We will have a bit more seating there soon.

Thank you for your understanding.

P. S. The Farmers Market will be in the New Pavilion up by the old school building

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



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

5 Sportsman BINGO NIGHT 12

SATURDAY, July 14th, 2023

DOORS OPEN 5 PM

Bingo from 6PM-9PM

Location: Arnoldsburg Community Building
 1280 Arnoldsburg Rd

\$20 for 20 rounds of Bingo

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

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

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



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Holbert Family Reunion July 22nd

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

STUMP FAMILY REUNION

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

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

Time: 10:30 AM—11:15 AM Arrange Tables and Chairs

11:30 AM---NOON Social Time and Prepare Noon Meal

NOON Lunch

1:30 PM—2:30 PM Activities for Youth; Board Games; Door Prizes; Photos

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

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

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

THE Cabot Recycling AUCTION!

The First Cabot Recycling Center's AUCTION for rehoming furniture was a SUCCESS! We planned a RAIN CHECK DAY, for July 29 th, 2023, at noon.

So, go through those out buildings, garages, and your house and find treasures that you just don't use, and donate them to Cabot Recycling so they can be auctioned off to someone who really needs them.

ALL proceeds will go to Cabot Recycling to assist in their ability to serve our area as they have always done.

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If you have trouble bringing your donation to Cabot Recycling between 8 and 4, M-F, call this number to have someone pick it up for you the week before the Auction.

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12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

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WIC Program

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

Tire Collection

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

West Central Beekeeper's Association

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

First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry located on Rte 5 outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry that is open on Tuesday and Thursday's from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

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.

Save The Children Parent-Child Group Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Debra Smith, KRA

Grantsville Farmer's Market

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

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee. It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens. For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Children's Crisis

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



The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or

by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

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

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

Tobacco Quitline

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

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

Prevent Suicide

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

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

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Crisis Hotline

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Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Check Conditions

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

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Financial Assistance Application Process Opens for USDA Farm Loan Borrowers Who Have Faced Discrimination

WASHINGTON, July 7, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the opening of the financial assistance application process for eligible farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination in USDA farm lending programs prior to January 2021. Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) directs USDA to provide this assistance. Since the law's passage, USDA has worked diligently to design the program in accordance with significant stakeholder input.

"The opening of the application process is an important step in delivering on our commitment of providing financial assistance to those who faced discrimination in USDA farm lending, as swiftly and efficiently as possible," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "USDA will continue to work with our national vendor partners and community-based organizations to make sure eligible farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners have clear information about what is available to them, how to apply, and where to obtain assistance with their questions at each step of the way."

The program website, 22007apply.gov, is now open. The website includes an English- and Spanish-language application that applicants can download or submit via an e-filing portal, information on how to obtain technical assistance in-person or virtually, and additional resources and details about the program.

Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination by USDA in its farm loan programs prior to January 1, 2021 and/or are currently debtors with assigned or assumed USDA farm loan debt that was the subject of USDA discrimination that occurred prior to January 1, 2021, are eligible for this program.

To apply, borrowers have the option to apply via the e-filing portal at 22007apply.gov or submit paper-based forms via mail or in-person delivery to the program's local offices. The application process will be open from July 7 to October 31, 2023. Under the planned timeline, applications will be reviewed in November and December, with payments reaching

recipients soon thereafter. Importantly, applicants should know that the application process is not on a first come, first served, basis. All applications received or postmarked before the October 31 deadline will be considered.

To support producers throughout the application process, USDA is ensuring that organizations with extensive experience conducting outreach to farm organizations are able to support individuals who may be eligible for the program. These groups include AgrAbility, Farmer Veteran Coalition, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Land Loss Prevention Program, National Young Farmers Coalition, and Rural Coalition.

Vendors operating four regional hubs are also providing technical assistance and working closely with these and other community-based organizations to conduct outreach using digital and grassroots strategies, to ensure potential applicants are informed about the program and have the opportunity to apply. These hubs are operating a network of brick-and-mortar program offices and will conduct extensive outreach about the program. Windsor Group serves farmers in the eastern regions of the U.S. and Analytic Acquisitions serves the western regions. A national administrator, Midtown Group, is responsible for program oversight and integrity, and will lead a national call-center, operate the application website - 22007apply.gov, which is now open – and review and process applications and payments. All vendors have experience in professional services, supporting government contracts, and complex program operations.

On March 1, 2023, USDA shared initial details on how the Section 22007 program will work, including that the Inflation Reduction Act specifies the Secretary of Agriculture is responsible for providing this assistance through non-governmental entities, under standards set by USDA. USDA entered into agreements with vendors and cooperators in May.

In addition to the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) opening today,

the Inflation Reduction Act also created several other programs that are helping USDA rebuild trust, address systemic issues and improve service to people who may have been underserved by USDA in the past. Information about USDA's equity agenda and progress is available at www.usda.gov/equity.

In standing up this program, USDA has become aware of some lawyers and groups spreading misleading information about the discrimination assistance process, pressuring people to sign retainer agreements, and asking people to fill out forms with private and sensitive information. As of today, the official application process has begun and filling out an application is free.

No attorneys' fees will be paid to applicants or their counsel by USDA or by any other agency or department of the United States. The amount of financial assistance will not be increased for those claimants who are represented by an attorney. Applicants are not required to retain an attorney. USDA, the national administrator, and the regional hub vendors will neither recommend that any applicant retain counsel or retain a specific attorney or law firm, nor discourage an applicant from obtaining counsel or using a specific attorney or law firm. For more information, read our fact sheet about the program timeline and ways to protect against possible scams.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, promoting competition and fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

Attorney General Morrisey Urges EPA to Reconsider Proposed Stricter Tailpipe Emissions Standards Rules

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CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is calling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed new rule on car tailpipes as "unlawful and misguided," and is urging the agency to reconsider.

The draconian proposal aims to boost certain electric vehicle sales from 8.4% of total vehicle sales today to 67% by 2032.

"This proposed rule is legally flawed and unrealistic, to say the least," Attorney General Morrisey said. "This would have devastating effects in the daily lives of consumers—many of whom are already suffering from the burdens of historically high inflation."

"This is an attack on rural America and rural Americans who are working really hard to make ends meet who are going to get bludgeoned by this rule."

The Attorney General is co-leading with Kentucky a coalition of 25 states in a comment letter to the EPA, telling the agency Congress did not give the EPA the power to attempt a top-to-bottom restructuring of the automobile industry.

The proposed rule—Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles—announced April 12, drastically accelerates the nation's transition to zero-emission vehicles, mandating the Biden administration's aggressive climate agenda.

"We will always look after the financial wellbeing of consumers, many of whom are dealing with this challenging economy," Attorney General Morrisey said. "And this comes in a time when the Biden administration is plotting on destroying whatever is left with our energy production through regulations that would effectively shut down coal- and gas-fired power plants—the backbone of the nation's power generation."

"All of this comes at a time of record inflation, historic gasoline prices, and high utility bills. Since President Biden took office, food prices are up over 18%, and energy prices are up over 37%," the coalition wrote.

Home prices have also surged since Biden took office to more than

27%. Many consumers in West Virginia and the nation will be unable to afford EVs even if they want them—the average EV sold for \$61,448 at the end of 2022.

The coalition is urging the EPA to instead adopt "feasible standards that maintain our nation's air quality without risking consumer safety, economic stability and national security," describing the proposal as "unlawful, unwise and unsustainable."

"We have settled this issue in last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision in *West Virginia v. EPA*, which specifically ruled the EPA must regulate within the express boundaries of the statute that Congress passed—the agency can't regulate similar matters without explicit Congressional authorization," Attorney General Morrisey said.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming joined West Virginia and Kentucky in the letter.

Read a copy of the letter: <https://bit.ly/46zbNMj>.

Gov. Justice announces updates to comprehensive website to track and manage West Virginia's IJA plans and accomplishments

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CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced major upgrades to the state's comprehensive infrastructure website to give Mountain State residents complete access to the state's plans and accomplishments under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or IJA.

West Virginia is expected to receive \$7 billion in federal funding between 2022 and 2027 through the IJA, perhaps the largest federal infrastructure investment program in history.

"We have a ton of infrastructure projects already going, with more on the way," Gov. Justice said. "This website is the most accurate and transparent way for people to keep track of how federal dollars are being spent on those projects around the state. There is a lot of money rolling into West Virginia right now, and this is how you can keep track of how it is being

used for you." The West Virginia Infrastructure Hub is designed to efficiently distribute IJA funds throughout the Mountain State. The website aims to ensure that the historic investment in infrastructure is distributed to where it is needed most.

It allows West Virginians to see precisely how the state is moving the needle, answering questions like exactly how many miles of roads are being paved, or how many new residences and businesses will have broadband access?

In the coming months, a statewide fund tracker tool will be rolled out to facilitate coordination among state and local agencies and economic development representatives, provide technical assistance and training, and support local communities across the state to secure federal funds through the IJA, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and CHIPS funding.

Of approximately \$4.4 billion already announced for West Virginia, IJA projects in the state include \$3 billion in highway projects, \$506 million in bridge replacements and repairs, \$487 million toward clean drinking water projects, \$190 million for public transportation, \$100 million for broadband expansion, \$46 million to build electric vehicle infrastructure, \$44 million for airports, \$14 million for cyber security, and \$11 million for protection against wildfires.

About \$2.13 billion in IJA funding is already at work in West Virginia on transportation, broadband and environmental projects, creating 27,300 jobs. The West Virginia Infrastructure Hub will track these projects, allowing residents to see the state's accomplishments and progress.

Gov. Justice appoints Brian Cunningham as Director of PEIA

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced on July 5th, that he has appointed Brian Cunningham as Director of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA).

Cunningham grew up in Ivydale, WV and graduated from Clay County High School. Upon earning a BA from WVU, Brian moved to Charleston and embarked

on a 7-year journey working with community health centers while at the same time directing several health-related, non-profit entities.

After earning an MBA from the University of Charleston, Brian joined one of the nation's largest health and wellness companies, where he held various leadership positions over 15 years.

Most recently, he

served as a consultant to the WV Medicaid Managed Care program and as the Director of WV PATH.

Brian is married to Amanda, his wife of 18 years and is proud of his 16-year-old son, Ethan, a junior at George Washington High School.

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Urban Producers, Public Invited to Attend August Meeting of Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

WASHINGTON, July 6, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) encourages urban producers, innovative producers and other stakeholders to submit comments for and virtually attend a public meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (Committee) on Aug. 1, 2023.

“The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Federal Advisory Committee continues to support urban agriculture and innovative production efforts at USDA with on the ground insight and advice,” said Terry Cosby, Chief of USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which houses USDA’s Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP). “I encourage members of the public to attend and submit comments for the Committee.”

The Committee is part of USDA’s efforts to support urban and innovative agriculture, creating a network for feedback. Members include agricultural producers and representatives from the areas of higher education or extension programs, non-profits, business and economic development, supply chains and financing. The committee last met in April 2023.

About the Meeting

Topics for the upcoming meeting will include addressing public comments and discussing the following recommended topics:

- Food waste prevention and food recovery
- Surplus food re-

covery Compostable food packing standards

The Committee will deliberate and vote on proposed recommendations and address public comments during the meeting. USDA will share the agenda between 24 to 48 hours prior to the meeting on <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/federal-advisory-committee-urban-ag>.

The virtual meeting runs from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern on Aug. 1, 2023. To attend virtually, register by August 1, 2023 on the Committee’s webpage. To submit comments, send by 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 15, 2023 through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Docket NRCS-2023-0014.

Additional details are available in the Federal Register notice.

More Information The Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production was established through the 2018 Farm Bill. It is led by NRCS and works in partnership with numerous USDA agencies that support urban agriculture and innovative production. The Committee is part of a broad USDA investment in urban agriculture. Other efforts include:

- Investing up to \$7.5 million for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production competitive grants in fiscal year 2023.
- Investing up to \$9.5 million for Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) pilot projects for fiscal year 2023.
- Renewing the People’s Garden movement -- join the People’s Garden community with gardens across the country;

grow using sustainable practices that benefit people and wildlife; and teach about gardening and resilient, local food systems.

- Providing technical and financial assistance through NRCS conservation programs.
- Organizing 17 Farm Service Agency urban county committees.
- Investing nearly \$133 million in grants through the Agricultural Marketing Service’s Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) that develop, coordinate, and expand producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets, and local food enterprises.
- Helping child nutrition program operators incorporate local foods through the Food and Nutrition Services Farm to School Program.

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Secretary of State Mac Warner Reports 841 New WV Business Registrations for June of 2023

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Charleston, W. Va. – The WV Secretary of State’s Office registered 841 new businesses statewide during the month of June according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Wirt County led the state in the percentage of new business growth through June with a total of four new business registrations, a 2.06% increase. The Secretary of State’s Business & Licensing Division reported that Jefferson, Wayne, Logan and Calhoun Counties also experienced notable growth during the month.

A total of 62 new

business entities were registered in Jefferson County in June of 2023. Wayne County successfully registered 15 businesses. Logan County reported 16 registrations for the month and Calhoun County registered three new businesses with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered for June were Kanawha, Berkeley, Monongalia, Jefferson and Cabell. Kanawha County successfully registered 87 businesses while Berkeley County reported 72 new registrations.

Monongalia County had 65 businesses register. Jefferson County registered 62 new businesses while Cabell County totaled 45 new registrations for the month.

Statewide, W.Va. registered 13,229 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Jefferson County led all 55 counties with a 19.34% growth rate during the one-year timespan. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

Submitted by Deirdre Purdy, Chairperson of the Calhoun County Executive Committee

Let’s thank Sen. Manchin for WV’s broadband money - \$1.21 billion with a “B.”

How did WV, with less than 2 million people, manage to get almost 2 percent of the \$65 billion allocated by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill for affordable, reliable high-speed internet?

That’s thanks to Sen. Manchin, our Democratic senator, who began questioning the FCC in 2016, questioning why the official broadband coverage maps showed 99.9% of Americans had internet coverage. Being from WV, Manchin knew that could not be true – or even close.

In 2018, Manchin became the only member of Congress to successfully challenge the FCC maps showing areas eligible for broadband funding. He also showed that where WVians had internet access, it was still well below advertised speeds.

After years of work, including setting up a webpage where WV residents could send their personal internet speed tests to the FCC, Manchin announced this year that more than

86,000 new unserved locations in WV had been added to the broadband coverage map.

Manchin then authored provisions in the Infrastructure Law to require that funds must go to each state based on their proportion of unserved areas. So, because our internet coverage is so bad now, WV gets more of the money to fix the problem.

Sen. Capito also voted for the bipartisan bill, and we thank her too, but Manchin pushed the FCC for 5 years for better maps and then insured that the neediest regions would get the most money – a great win for WV.

Will Bidenomics help WV?

President Joe Biden’s economic plan has always been to grow our economy from the middle out and the bottom up, not from the top down. Unlike Republicans who continue to push tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations, Democrats believe that the lower and middle classes need jobs with good wages. (The wealthy will still do very well.)

Bidenomics means investing in America

- mobilizing historic levels of private sector investment in the United States, bringing manufacturing back to America after decades of offshoring, and creating new, good-paying jobs, including union jobs and jobs that don’t require a college degree.

And it’s working: 209,000 jobs were created last month for a total of 13.2 million jobs created since President Biden took office. That’s more jobs added in two and a half years than any president has ever created in a four-year term. 800,000 of the jobs are in manufacturing, bringing these jobs back to America.

Unemployment has been under 4% for 17 months in a row – the longest stretch in over 50 years. Inflation has been steadily declining.

Analysts say laws passed by the Biden administration are going to do more to help red America, like West Virginia, than blue America. Biden says, “Well, that’s okay with me, because we’re all Americans.” Yes, we are and we always do best when we work together.

Gov. Justice announces \$2.6 million awarded in Justice Reinvestment Initiative Treatment Supervision grants

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CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced July 5th that he has awarded \$2,611,200 in West Virginia Justice Reinvestment Initiative Treatment Supervision (JRI-TS) grant funds to 13 projects.

These funds will be used to support the continued operation of treatment supervision programs throughout the state.

These funds are provided by the State of West Virginia and are administered by the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the Division of Administrative Services (DAS).

Funds were awarded to the following:

Berkeley County Council — \$140,908

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Berkeley County.

Burlington United Methodist Family Services — \$211,500

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Mineral County.

Community Action of South Eastern WV — \$235,000

These funds will be

utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Mercer County.

Greenbrier County Commission — \$78,490

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Greenbrier County.

Harrison County Commission — \$75,200

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Harrison County.

Jefferson Day Report Center — \$97,290

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Jefferson County.

Logan County Commission — \$109,134

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Logan, Boone, Lincoln, and Mingo Counties.

Mason County Commission — \$65,847

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Mason County.

Mid-Ohio Valley Fellowship Home — \$188,000

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Wood County.

Recovery Group of Southern WV — \$251,897

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Logan, Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne Counties.

Recovery Point of Huntington — \$976,631

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Kanawha and Mercer Counties.

Southern Highlands Community Mental Health — \$40,303

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Mercer County.

YWCA of Wheeling — \$141,000

These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Marshall County.

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Calhoun Magistrate Report for June 2023

LD: Lora Davis
RP: Rick Postalwait

All persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Felony Cases

Case 16-M07F-00023, Brad Land, Grand Larceny:penalties, West Virginia Department of Public Safety, David C Moore TFC, RP, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07F-00023, Edward Allen Fields, Receiving or transferring stolen goods, Jason P. Drake, LD, Preliminary Hearing Waived.

Case:23-M07F-00024, Christopher Johnson, Driving under the influence (Felony Serious Bodily Injury), David C Moore TFC, LD, Probable Cause Found.

Case:23-M07F-00024, Christopher Johnson, Driving under the influence (Felony Serious Bodily Injury), David C Moore, TFC, LD, Probable Cause Found.

Case 23-M07F-00026, Brooklyn Keener, Threatening to commit a terrorist act, with or without intent to commit the act, Brian E Young, RP, Preliminary Hearing Waived.

Misdemeanor Cases

Case 04-M07M-00105, James G. Lagrove, Trespassing, Jeffrey B Hunt, RP, Dismissed.

Case 04-M07M-00106, James G. Lagrove, Destruction of Property, Jeffrey B Hunt, RP, Dismissed.

Case: 05-M07M-00109, Douglas Duane Hess, Driving Susp/Revoled for DUI, Jeffrey B Hunt, RP, Dismissed.

Case 05-M07M-00143, Susan Nicholas, Making, worthless checks, Calhoun County Prosecutor, RP, Dismissed.

Case 06-M07M-00131, Samantha Grose, Domestic Battery-Unlawful or intentional physical contact or harm to family or household, Doug P. Starcher, RP, Dismissed.

Case 06-M07M-00136, Russell Lee Hall, Fraudulent Application for Registration, Timothy C Bledsoe, RP, Dismissed.

Case 07-M07M-00060, Amber Jo Wilson, Violation of Protective Order, Doug P. Starcher, RP, Dismissed.

Case 08-M07M-00260, Danny Lee Knicely, Driving Under the Influence, Jeffrey B Hunt, RP, Dismissed.

Case 09-M07M-00248, Justin Ray Miller, Driving Susp/Revoked Non-DUI, Jared R. Brewer, RP, Dismissed.

Case 09-M07M-00249, Justin Ray Miller, Speeding, Jared R. Brewer, RP, Dismissed.

Case 13-M07M-00182, Michael Webb, Obtaining property in return for

worthless check: penalty, Jeremy A. Newman, RP, Dismissed.

Case 14-M17M-00235, Jimmie Nicholas, Intimidation of a Witness, David C Moore TFC, RP, Dismissed.

Case 17-M07M-00039, Norman A Trask, Violation of Protective Order, Sheriff of Calhoun Co., Jeffrey S Starcher, RP, Dismissed.

Case 17-M07M-00039, Norman A Trask, Obscene, anon, harassing, threatening communication by electronic devices, Sheriff of Calhoun Co. Jeffrey S Starcher, RP, Dismissed.

Case 22-M07M-00358, Timothy Lee Tallhammer, Improper Registration, WV State Police Grantsville, Brian E Young, RP, Dismissed.

Case 22-M07M-00358, TimothyLeeTallhammer, No MVI Sticker, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, RP, Dismissed.

Case 22-M07M-00358, TimothyLeeTallhammer, No Insurance, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, RP, Dismissed.

Case 22-M07M-00358, TimothyLeeTallhammer, Misd Poss Meth, WV State Police- Grantsville, RP, Dismissed.

Case 22-M07M-00399, Bryan Joseph Duskey, No Proof of Insurance, David C Moore, TFC, RP, Dismissed.

Case 22-M07M-00399, Bryan Joseph Duskey, DUI-1st offense, David Moore, TFC, RP, Guilty-Plea Agreement.

Case 22-M07M-00399, Bryan Joseph Duskey, Reckless Driving-1st offense, David C Moore, TFC, RP, Guilty-Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00008, Dartagnan Lee Atkinson, Improper Passing, WV State Police-Grantsville, Jeffrey B Hunt, RP, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00008, Dartagnan Lee Atkinson, Required Signals, WV State Police-Grantsville, Jeffrey B Hunt, RP, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00060, Joe Allen O'Brien, DWS 2nd offense 2/29/21 Webster Springs Aburg, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, LD, No Contest per Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00060, Joe Allen O'Brien, Def equip-reg lights not list, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, LD, No Contest per Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00060, Joe Allen O'Brien, OLN not carried or presented failure to produce operators, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, LD, Dismissed-Plea greement.

Case 23-M07M-00081, Christopher Gene Snider, Unlawful act of licenses—Beer sales under 21, WV State Police-Grantsville,

Josh Richards, LD, Not Guilty Verdict.

Case 23-M07M-00096, Carlos Jackson Cottrill, Domestic Assault, WV State Police-Grantsville, Christopher J Weekley Sgt, RP, No Contest per Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00096, Carlos Jackson Cottrill, Domestic Assault, WV State Police-Grantsville, Christopher J Weekley Sgt, RP, No Contest per Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00103, Cai Hunter Clothier, Speeding while operating aUTV upon Rt33 through Arnoldsburg WV, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, LD, No Probable Cause Found.

Case 23-M07M-00103, Cai Hunter Clothier, Reckless driving; penalties, WV State Police, Josh Richards, LD, No Probable Cause Found.

Case 23-M07M-00103, Cai Hunter Clothier, Operating unlicensed UTV on roadway at 63 mph in 40 mph zone, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, LD, No Probable Cause Found.

Case 23-M07M-00111, Luca Dipiero, Use of electronic device w/o hands free equipment, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00113, Ronald Lee Sampson, Driving while license suspended or revoked; General, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00131, Joe Allen O'Brien, Failure to Appear – Misdemeanor, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, LD, Dismissed – Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00132, Austin Lee Bailey, No Insurance, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, RP, Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00132, Austin Lee Bailey, Improper Registration, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, RP, Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00132, Austin Lee Bailey, Traffic-control signal legend, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, RP, Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00132, Austin Lee Bailey, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, RP, Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00135, Robert Wilford III, Defective equip – Drivers side brake light inop, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00137, Joshua Allen Moss, Operation without cert, inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme,

WV State Police, Brian E Young, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00142, Joshua Butcher, Driving under the influence w/ unemancipated minor under 16, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, RP. No Probable Cause Found.

Case 23-M07M-00142, Joshua Butcher, Open Container, WV State Police-Grantsville, David C Moore TFC, RP. No Probable Cause Found.

Case 23-M07M-00144, Coty Allen Roberts, No Insurance, WV State Police-Grantsville, Brian E Young, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00147, Brooklyn Keener, Domestic Assault, Brian E Young, RP, Transferred to Circuit Court.

Case 23-M07M-00147, Brooklyn Keener, Domestic Battery, Brian E Young, RP, Transferred to Circuit Court.

Case:23-M07M-00152, Padon W. Comer, Improper use of evidence of registration (misdemeanor), Sheriff of Calhoun Co. Graham J Knight, RP, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00152, Padon W. Comer, Failure to change name/address, Sheriff of Calhoun Co. Graham J Knight, RP, No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.

Case:23-M07M-00153, Anthony Wayne Godfrey, Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00153, Anthony Wayne Godfrey, Unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles; applicability of article to farm and road equ, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, LD, Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-000157, Susan Leigh Wotring, Speeding, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, RP, No Contests/Nolo Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-000157, Susan Leigh Wotring, No Insurance, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, RP, Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-000158, Sharlet Ann Christian, No Insurnace, WV State Police- Grantsville, Brian E Young, RP, Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-000157, Sharlet Ann Christian, Driving while license suspended or revoked; General, WV State Police-Grantsville, Josh Richards, RP, Guilty Plea.

West Virginia WIC Enrollment Opportunities at Fairs and Festivals

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Staff from the W.Va. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, better known as West Virginia WIC, will extend outreach and enrollment statewide through the summer at West Virginia fairs and festivals. As part of an ongoing effort to modernize services and remove barriers to accessing WIC benefits, the W.Va. WIC program will utilize an online participant portal to accept applications.

“Fairs and festivals are an opportunity for WIC staff to meet families in the community while highlighting the support and public health services available through WIC clinics,” said Jamie Wilkinson, Outreach Coordinator for West Virginia WIC’s Office of Nutrition Services. “We look forward to seeing new faces as well as those who have been a part of the WIC program since their pregnancy and child’s birth.”

Local W.Va. WIC agencies will host children’s activities, diaper changing stations and mother’s lounge for infant feeding, and free farmers markets while enrolling eligible families at the following

events. Dates listed indicate W.Va. WIC staff presence; some events extend for additional days.

- July:**
 - Marshall County Fair (July 24-30)
 - Jackson County Jr. Fair (July 28-29)
 - WV Hot Dog Festival (July 29)
- August:**
 - Tri-County Fair (August 3-5)
 - Braxton County Fair (August 1-5)
 - Berkeley County Youth Fair (August 5-12)
 - WV State Fair (August 10-19)
 - Town and Country Days (August 14-19)
 - Parkersburg Homecoming (August 18-19)
- September:**
 - Italian Heritage Festival (September 1-3)
 - Beckley Kids Classic Festival (September 9)
 - Preston County Buckwheat Festival (Sept 28-30)
 - Autumn Fest (Sept 30)

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Calhoun County Commissioners Meeting July 10th was a Win for the Citizens!

By Melissa West

The Calhoun County Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on July 10th, 2023 in the little courtroom of the Calhoun County Courthouse. All three Commissioners were present as well as County Clerk, Jean Simers. It was standing room only with citizens standing in the hallway.

The Commission meeting opened up with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by delegations.

First to speak to the Commission and the packed courtroom was Melissa West, Reporter for the Calhoun Chronicle. In my opening comments, I asked the Commission, "Do you know what Calhoun and the people in Hell have in common?" With the answer being, "They're both begging for water and can't have it."

I read a letter to County Clerk Jean Simers detailing a Freedom of Information Act request for all correspondence related to the ARPA and Covid funding that had been sent to the Calhoun County Commission on funding received, allocation protocol and how the funding was spent from 2020 to 2023. I spoke to the Commission that the people of Calhoun County deserve to know how the county is taking care of funding. I further commented to the Commissioners that Minnie Hamilton doesn't need the current ARPA funds if they have money of their own to put bids in for Calhoun properties, they have they don't need this money."

Eric Lupardus requested that the Commission strongly consider the need for water in Calhoun County when determining where the ARPA funding should be spent. Lupardus is a very outspoken and active advocate for the Community, especially when he sees a need for the people and they are not being heard, he is their voice.

Terra Badgett of Minnora opened her delegation topic directed to Kevin Helmick, stating, "Commissioner Helmick, you promised me water." She elaborated on what she considered to be ignored requests or being told there was no money for water in her area.

She described living with little to no water pressure and having to send her children to her daughter's house to take baths, having to decide between laundry and showers in the same day and the hardship of taking seven children to the laundromat and spending four hours there.

As a foster care provider she informed the Commission that she is one of very few foster parents in the county and requested that the county commission give funding to help. Terra and her children can be seen on page 1 at the water protest.

Charlotte Blair of the Annamoriah area of the County spoke once again, reminding the Commissioners of their failed promises to the residents of Norman Ridge and Broomstick. She requested to know if the paper work had been

completed for the current water projects that have been held up.

Commissioner Helmick stated that all three Commissioners had been in contact with Delegate Roger Hanshaw and believe they'll be putting in for funding for the upper West Fork, Annamoriah and Munday Road projects. Hanshaw informed the Commissioners that funding could be received faster for the pump station that had gone down at Pleasant Hill PSD. Helmick stated that it was not a "4 to 1" match as had been reported by Crystal Mersh, but was as needed with questionable amounts of available funding.

Crystal Mersh addressed the audience stating that what she could see was good news. "You have a county commission that said if broad band didn't go they'd honor water second," she reminded, and said that she too had spoken with Roger Hanshaw who recommended the County move forward and quit dragging their feet.

Regarding their 4-1 match, she said that it has to do with the paperwork filed, but there is certainly going to be a match. "We will never have another opportunity like this. I trust that the commission will do the right thing," she said. She also went on to say that the other thing we need to consider is a local recovery service. "The Calhoun FRN is wanting to do a project at the Red Devil Inn, the County "coffers have \$300,000, \$400,000 and \$500,000 in the various funds and it's not supposed to just sit there," she concluded.

Commissioner Walker continued with the meeting following the delegations, giving an update on the Animal Shelter property at Mt. Zion. He announced that the property inspection had been done, a deed was being prepared and the County would likely close on the property in a few weeks.

Michele Toman, A State and National suicide prevention advocate spoke to Commissioners and to the audience saying that "We're doing a lot of things right, but we have a long way to go in Calhoun County of how we talk, think and speak about mental health.

I feel bad about asking for funding with all that's going on, but it's needed. In the last 10 years Calhoun has lost two people each year to suicide and five youth."

She'll be working with Calhoun County Schools on a peer/youth program once a month. "Multiple people in the room are family members of suicide victims. We have to do better at reaching people before it's too late. When we know better we do better," she said. Jeannie Bennett Yoak and Roger Propst both shared their stories of loss and encouraged everyone to be more aware of the symptoms and dangers of suicide.

Toman will also be focusing on training Emergency Services and civic organization on how to prevent and deal with

suicide. Commissioner Walker told Ms. Toman that he would have no problem supporting the effort for mental health education, but Helmick, even though he said he agreed, informed her that because the current funding was down in the county accounts he would like to wait until the money was rebuilt before contributing to her efforts.

Kelli Barr of Calhoun 911 provided an update of 911 calls and informed the commission that they are struggling with Frontier Phone Company lines and needed to return to the 911 Center.

Speaking on behalf of the Town of Grantsville, Mayor Petrovsky sought assistance for the city park saying that both the City and the County have a vested interest with the water access. The Town Tennis Courts and soon to be Pickle Ball Courts as well, need need paved to the tune of \$37,601.

All of the labor will be provided by the city with the exception of paving for the park makeover. The Town will be redoing the basketball backboards, sealing the basetball court, installing new nets and rims. They'll be installing new volleyball nets and 8 foot fencing around the area.

A discussion between commissioners for the funding to come from the general fund/parks and recreation lead to a commitment of the \$37,601.

County Clerk Jean Simers thanked the Mayor for painting the lines on the courthouse parking lot.

Several spoke on behalf of a request from Calhoun FRN for the County to fund the purchase of the Red Devil Inn in Grantsville for the purpose of a creating a Women's Recovery Center.

Autumn McGraw of the WV Alliance of Recovery told her story about being a young woman from Braxton County where she was a very sick drug user who when to prison in both New Jersey and West Virginia. Altering getting out of prison there were no recovery services available in the Burnsville area but she found her way to a recovery house through the judicial system learning how to speak to government officials and becoming an advocate for Recovery.

Kristin Tiedeman with Fletcher Group, also a person of recovery described the need for recovery housing. "It's not treatment or clinical," she said, "it is peers helping peers for support." A recovery home is a safe and sober place to be for those coming out of the life of addiction to be where they can get the support to stay clean and sober. According to recent statistics, in the last year the call in Calhoun for overdose were 100% female of the ages 30-39. Also, in the past year the over dose calls have doubled compared to the previous year in Calhoun. Tiedeman said of the FRN, that they do provide support but the recovery house can offer so much more to help them become employed. Another benefit is a

decrease of health costs and an increase of employable people. The return is \$47 for \$1 spent on Recovery.

Tina Persinger, Director of the FRN described how FRN became so actively involved in treatment. After a listening session, the FRN group decided to do a Drop in Center at their office. A place for people to drop in and get help. No judgement. Basic needs and recovery support that can look different for every person. No appointment. No explanation of why or questions ask, nor is there paper work to be filled out. "We don't want to re-hurt people over and over again," she said. They encourage and promote recovery programs and hire recovery people with 4 currently employed by her agency. Two of their board members are people of long term recovery.

Lori Fleagle of the STOP team which aids sexual assault victims through the Sheriff's Department, works with the Opioid group QRT and provides services to battered women spoke as a supporter of the Women's Recovery Center. She explained that as recent as this weekend there was a heroin addict arrested who could not be placed in a women's shelter because of there being children there. If there was programs put into place in Calhoun she could be hooked up on home confinement and monitored by Sheriff Graham Knight, but unfortunately she is in jail on the County's bill and can't get the help she needs. The only recovery assistance Calhoun receives is from St. Joe who has a Mobile Unit that comes into the county. In an emergency they can get a person into treatment possibly within five days, but if it's not an emergency the wait is much longer. Calhoun currently has addicts sleeping on the Courthouse annex porch, the FRN bench and under the bridge in town.

Commissioner Walker asked why this was only a women's facility for which Tina Persinger answered, that Gilmer County has a men's facility, and although Calhoun hopes to expand theirs into a men's and women's facility, they are currently focusing on what is most needed from the statistics provided.

Dick Whitberg who formerly served as the Calhoun County Health Department Director spoke saying that in "Calhoun he has met some of the most extraordinary individuals. There is potential in every addict and we lose as a society if we do not offer them the support to be beneficial to the community. He Praised the commission their consideration for doing it.

FRN is requesting that the County buy the Red Devil Inn for \$150,000, at which time the Calhoun FRN would use their support avenues to cover the expenses of the facility so as not to burden the County.

Shelia Burch of the Little Kanawha Economic Area Development Corp. told

the Commission that one of the facilities that she deals with in Wirt County is recognized by their Commission as an asset for what it saves them on the Jail bill and serve their community both emotionally and financially.

The Commission determined that while they cannot commit \$150,000 at the July meeting it is something that they're seriously considering.

Vivian Parsons of the WV community risk pool provided information on the insurance benefits available through the plan the County currently carries with her agency. Donnie Pitts, Calhoun County Park Board President questioned one of Ms. Parsons comments about insurance available for renters who used the park? While the park is covered under the liability policy of the County, through WV Community risk, park renters who are having an event can purchase an event policy through their agency to cover their personal liability.

Mr. Pitts went on to report that the Park completed the 4th of July celebration which was very successful. Other productive events on the park were reported with the playgrounds donated from Sandfork, one is completed, and they hope to have the second done by the end of this week. He Thanked Eric Lupardus who encouraged a call from Jerry Bain of the Overlanders, a Jeep group which has put the park on their August tour. The group will be spending a night at the park with 23 jeeps already scheduled for the event. It will likely expand and move forward. The park met with Nancy Gaul who provided resources for grants and information to possibly build additional structures and the park is now getting ready to do some promotion through the department of tourism. This Saturday is a bingo fund raiser for wag and Roane animal shelter beginning at 4 p.m.

Sheriff Graham Knight reported to the Commission that the home-confinement previous budget was low and was needing to be increased with the addition and participants assigned by the courts. The Prosecutor is allowing more people to be placed on home confinement. The Cruiser recently purchased has now been detailed with for Calhoun but they're waiting on a government transfer for the radios to be programmed. It may be this week that the new car is received and on the road in Calhoun. The second car will have equipment installed by Tanner's Communication.

Sheriff Knight closed his report by saying that the tax statements were mailed and if not received by the 30th of July, please notify the Sheriff's department. He also commended his staff for a job well done saying that the annual mailing of tax statements is quite the undertaking.

Shelia Burch of the LKADC reported that we've lost two business in the last month from the area including Dick's Market in Wirt County. Supply chain issues continue to be an issue and she plans to do a promotion for people to "love local" and stop shopping online locations. Such as Amazon, which are killing business locally.

Under New business the County Commission accepted the Arnoldsburg volunteer fire dept Audit for fiscal year 2022

A list of surplus property from the Sheriff's was approved for listing on the State site. Sheriff Graham Knight is attempting to rid the community of excess property and create revenue if possible.

The county had hoped to have the interior walls painted of the Courthouse but after submitting a proposal for bids in the Calhoun Chronicle and Parkersburg papers, (of course not the Ridgeview News) there was only one bid that came in. A bid of \$89,000 for painting the hallway walls was declined.

REALLOCATION OF ARPA FUNDS –

Commissioner Matt Walker commented that he had heard that some believed Minnie Hamilton Health System didn't deserve any of the money. After much discussion he said he believes that Minnie Hamilton is a cornerstone of our community and he believes they have tried, and were unable to find the resources for help. The final decision by the Commission was to divide the funding by giving Minnie Hamilton \$200,000, Mt. Zion PSD \$13,500 for their audits, Pleasant Hill PSD \$36,000 for their audits, leaving the balance of \$1,092,000 for water and sewer projects.

He also stated that he feels that there are people of the opinion that the County Commission doesn't do anything, but there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes.

Crystal Mersh announced that she is helping Minnie Hamilton work to receive new market tax credits which should help them financially.

Hannah Johnson of the 911 center was given a salary increase \$14.00 and hour following her recent certifications.

Commission meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 a.m.



Citizens coming together to help their neighbors, this is what Community Means!!!!!!

Local Student Jaiden M. Francis Receives National Honor



Calhoun County High School student Jaiden M. Francis recognized for superior academic achievement by The National Society of High School Scholars. On June 30, 2023 in Atlanta, GA, The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced Student Jaiden M. Francis from Grantsville, WV, had been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

“On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel. A member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the

hard work, passion, and commitment that Jaiden has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence,” said Lewis. “Jaiden is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future.”

“We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development,” stated Lewis. “We help students like Jaiden build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers.”

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. Each step along the way – from high school to college to career – NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

Formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study, and peer networks. Currently there are more than 1,700,000 members in over 170 countries. To help us further efforts that provide students with continued opportunity, please acknowledge NSHSS in any press release mentions by providing a resource link to www.nshss.org. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

Happy 68th Wedding Anniversary Jimmie and Evelyn Belle Yoak McCormick



Jimmie and Evelyn Belle Yoak McCormick celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on July 10th. They are shown with their sons, Dwayne (left) and Douglas (right). The McCormick’s, who reside on Phillips Run, were married on July 10, 1955, at the home of her parents, Loyal and Fortney Yoak of Norman Ridge.

Extreme Tour Visited Grantsville July 7th

Main Street in Grantsville was blocked off on the evening of July 7th. Just as their name states they went to extreme lengths to show Jesus to those who may not know him through music. They performed different genres, such as rap, rock and metal. Those in attendance joined them in music, games and the gospel. The bands who performed included The Gungho!, Brendan Brooks, Rex Robards, DLID, Gunsmoke and Absent Minded.



Curtis and Hattie Dale/Dorfetta Hathaway 2023 Family Reunion Held July 8th

Submitted by Roger and Loretta Propst



Eldest surviving first generation of the Hathaway’s: Darrell Lee Hathaway and Dixie Hathaway Gregg (both pictured on left).

The annual Hathaway Reunion was held at the Calhoun County Park Barn on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Our attendance was down so we have the date for next year’s reunion to announce with anticipation we will have more scheduling that date to be with our family.

Next year’s reunion is Saturday, July 13, 2024.

The day was spent visiting, conversation, and reminiscing. We laughed and dropped a tear or two considering how precious family was.

A bountiful luncheon was held, and prize drawings were distributed. We had plenty of prizes and everyone walked away with more than one gift.

Attending this year was: Darrell, Sandra, and Carman Hathaway from Mineral Wells.

Dylan Hathaway and daughter Scarlet from Ritchie County.

Jim Gregg and his wife Dixie Hathaway Gregg from Norwich,

Ohio. Barbara Kimball Hathaway from Weston and Greg and Tina Hathaway from Weston. James David Hathaway and his wife Lorene Gherke Hathaway from Elkview.

Roger Propst and his wife Loretta Hathaway Propst from Grantsville. Caden Arnold and his wife Brooklynn Talley Arnold and children Danica, Seanna and Walker from Ripley.

We are thankful for our loved ones here and those who are waiting for us in eternity.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

Adopt A Pet Still Available

The Calhoun Chronicle will start featuring animals that are available for adoption at the Ritchie County Humane Society. If you see an animal you are interested in, please give them a call for more information at 304-643-4721. If you are not looking to adopt, they can always use donations to help care for the animals.

Ruby (on left) is a Pit/Husky, 2-3 years old, Spayed, up to date, house trained, No cats. Male dog friendly. Loves everyone. Playful and loves to go for adventures.



Odin (on right) is a Shepherd/Ridgeback, 1-2 years old, Neutered, up to date, house trained, Dog friendly with most, does okay with cats. LOVES to swim and go for hikes. Make a great outdoor adventure companion.

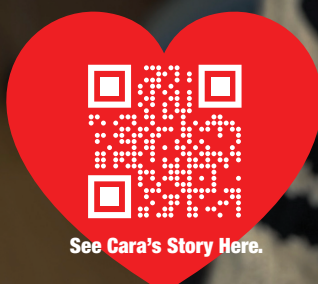


If interested, please reach out to the animal shelter.

“MY HEART WAS POUNDING AND I COULDN’T CATCH MY BREATH.”

It was Easter weekend when 26-year-old Cara Faralli was experiencing shortness of breath and a pounding in her chest. The Harrisville resident knew something wasn’t right and was rushed to Camden Clark’s ER and then to the Cath Lab where Dr. John Goddard and team removed blood clots that were causing a pulmonary embolism. “Don’t ignore signs and symptoms when your body is telling you something is wrong, regardless of your age. If it were not for the care I received by Dr. Goddard and the team at Camden Clark, I might not be here today.”

–Cara Faralli, Harrisville, WV



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