

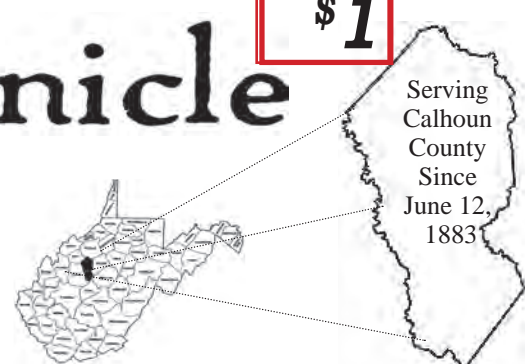


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Calhoun has lost another great hero! Hale Vannoy laid to rest 70 years to the day he was rescued from POW Camp.



SFC (Ret) Hale Vannoy 92, died peacefully on Wednesday August 23, 2023. Hale was laid to rest on Monday, August 28, 2023, marking the 70th Anniversary of his release from a Korean War Prison Camp. and it is also his mother's birthday. He was buried at Parkhill Cemetery.

Hale was born October 4, 1930 in Apple Farm, West Virginia to Odus S. and Ethel Jennie Barr Vannoy. His parents are buried in Bennett Cemetery in Calhoun County and his grandparents were from Stumptown.

He made the trip every single year for the Molasses Festival and to visit their gravesites. He loved West Virginia.

The Mel Gibson movie “We Were Soldiers” is the story of his captured platoon in Vietnam. He did two tours in Vietnam after being a POW in Korea

There are letters from the army to his family that declare him MIA and then when he was found alive.

He was the 10th of 11 children. He is preceded in death by all of his siblings Wilma Jean, Oval, Emanuel, Harold, Paul, Pauline, Waneta, Ruth, Virginia, and Delbert.

He enlisted in the Infantry in the year 1948 and was stationed at Fort Benning. He served for 22 years including the Korean War and two tours of duty in the Viet Nam War. While serving he was held as a POW in the Korean War. He was captured on July 10, 1950 and was held until he was released on August 28, 1953.

He was respectfully awarded the Prisoner of War Medal by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. While serving in Viet Nam he was awarded The Purple Heart w/2d Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal 2d Oak Leaf Cluster, The Bronze Star Medal w/3d Oak Leaf Cluster Medal, The Good Conduct Medal w/3d Oak Leaf Cluster, and The Army Commendation Medal.

Hale married Bonnie Ruth Hathaway September 22, 1977. They enjoyed a loving and happy marriage for 46 years. He is survived by his wife Bonnie. His 4 sons Tony W. Vannoy (Terry Nolan), Glen D. Vannoy, Charles O. Vannoy (Vincent Cromer), Duaine E. Hathaway (Diane). His grandchildren Glen Darrel Vannoy Jr. (Ashley), Amber Marsh (Brian Marsh), Jacob B. Vannoy (Kaiti), Julie Hathaway Bowling (Doug), Holli Hathaway Clark (David). Hale had many great grandchildren, and many great great grandchildren and he loved them dearly.

Hale will be remembered by his family as a very strong minded and get-things-done man. He never complained or brought attention to himself. He was loving and supportive to his wife Bonnie. They traveled, planted beautiful flowers in their backyard and enjoyed their life together.

He especially loved attending the annual POW reunions in various locations around the country.

He was a loving father and grandfather. He greeted all of his family members with a big smile and a loud “HOW ARE YOU FELLOWS?” His family loved him very much and will miss him immensely.

According to his great grandson Patrick, he read the Calhoun Chronicle front to back up until the week he passed (see left).



We salute you Mr. Vannoy for your service to your country. May your legacy live on in future generations for your bravery and self less acts to protect our country and freedom.

May your family be wrapped in the loving arms of comfort.

Calhoun Youth Football League sweeps the weekend getting 4 wins.



In week 3 of the Calhoun Little Red Devils season, the Little Devils take home all wins. Calhoun travelled to Gilmer on Sunday August 27th. The Calhoun Flag team got the day started with a 10 TD to 2 TD victory. Calhoun had Touchdowns by several different players. Gunner Burrows, Aaron Cunningham and Henry Poore each scored 2 touchdowns. River Parsons, Jaxon Snodgress, Jace Nicholson and Rylan Sampson were able to score 1 touchdown each.

The next game was C Team. Gilmer only had 6 players so officially the game will be scored as a 6-0 forfeit. However, Calhoun and Gilmer scrimmaged 6 on 6 unofficially. The final score of the scrimmage had Calhoun coming out victorious 28-7. Carper Summers (65 yards), Ronan Haney (38 yards) and



Braxton Carter (30 yards) were all able to score rushing touchdowns for the Little Devils. Raines Riddel added 2 extra point conversions, while Bryson Swisher scored on 1 extra point conversion. Defensively Raines Riddel finished out the scoring with a 35 yard strip fumble that he returned for a touchdown. Carper Summers led the team with 3 tackles, Raines Riddel, Ronan Haney, Braxton Carter and Owen Heiney each had 2 tackles. While Chase Parsons, Brantley Davis, Sawyer Justice and Zander McCumbers had 1 tackle each.

Calhoun's B team was next up against Gilmer and came away with a 31-7 victory. This win moves Calhoun to 3-0 on the season. Josh Hardbarger had 9 carries of the football for 156 yards. 2 of these carries were for Touchdowns (29 and 35 yards), and he also added an extra point. Brantley Schoolcraft also had 9 carries in which he gained 44 yards which included a 21 yard touchdown. Haygan Houchin added 3 carries for 18 yards and Jase Farley rounded out the rushing attack with 1 carry for 3 yards. Haygan Houchin added 2 passing completions for 30 yards including a 10 yard passing touchdown. Hardbarger was on the receiving end of both Houchins passes including the 10 yard touchdown. The Defensive leader of the day for the Little Devil B team was Jase Farley. He had 4 tackles as well as 2 strip fumbles that he recovered, one of which Farley returned for a 20 yard touchdown. Houchin added 4 tackles and Hardbarger had 3. Kyle Shook and Quinten Parkin each had 2 tackles, while Judd Helmick, Colten Heiney, Brantley Schoolcraft, Justin Cunningham and Adam Francis each had 1 tackle. Brantley Schoolcraft also added a fumble recovery.

Gilmer County does not have an A team, so officially Calhoun received a 6-0 forfeit win and moves to 3-0 on the season. Just like last week the Devils A team faced not having a game, so we found them a scrimmage so they could play. So on Saturday August 26th Calhoun's A team travelled to Roane county to face the Little Raiders. Calhoun came away from the scrimmage with a 27-0 victory. Offensively Tyler Mayle led the Devils with 12 carries for 154 yards with 2 rushing touchdowns (19 and 71 yards), Mayle also had 3 receptions for 9 yards which included an extra point. Bentley Snodgress had 11 carries for 70 yards with 2 rushing touchdowns (8 and 1) and 2 extra points. Kason Stamper had 4 carries for 18 yards. Braydon Hardway had 4 yards on 1 carry, Liam Yeager added 2 yards on 1 carry, and Wyatt Lawson also had 1 carry for 1 yard. Liam Yeager added 23 passing yards on 6 completions including an extra point to Mayle. Braydon Hardway (11 yards), Bentley Snodgress (2 yards) and Kason Stamper (1 yard) each had 1 pass reception from Yeager. Defensively Chandler Cottrell led the team with 6 tackles, Bentley Snodgress had 5 tackles, and Braydon Hardway added 4 tackles. Tyler Mayle and Kason Stamper each had 3 tackles. Wyatt Lawson, Tristian Rogers and Silas Cunningham had 2 tackles each. While Clayton Foster, Landon Hawkins, Liam Yeager and Abram Dow all had 1 tackle each.

Calhoun will not have a game next weekend as our league does not have any games scheduled on Labor Day Weekend.

The Little Devils will be back in action on Sunday September 10th when the Ravenswood Red Devils travel to Mt. Zion to take on our Little Devils. The Little Red Devils Football and Cheer Roster can be found on page 13.

OBITUARIES

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

LARRY EUGENE KEAFFABAR
Larry Eugene Keaffaber passed away on June 4, 2023 at the age of 61 from congestive heart failure and gastrointestinal hemorrhage. He was born in Wabash, Indiana and spent most of his life in Warsaw, Indiana, before joining the U.S. Army in 1981.

Sgt. Larry Keaffaber served honorably as an armor crewman with first CAV Division and infantryman with 3rd infantry division for ten years and seven months, five years and five months of it overseas during the Gulf War. He was awarded many medals, including Good Conduct, National Defense Service, German Armed Forces Marksmanship Award and NCO Professional Development Ribbon. He served in Southwest Asia and received the Kuwait Liberation Medal and Bronze Service Stars. He was seriously injured by an ammunition accident and was a 100% disabled veteran after discharge. Although he worked at a number of occupations after leaving the military, he always considered the Army as his career. He served as a certified nurse's aide on the Colville Indian Reservation, the IBP pig processing plant and as a pizza deliverer.

He was the Son of Lawrence Alan Keaffaber and Anna Louise Shoemaker, beloved Husband of Billie June Keaffaber for 37 years and Father of Pathrusin Levi, Grace Anne, Steven Aaron (Sr) and William Lawrence Keaffaber. Grandchildren include Jace Patrick Richard, Dominic Colton, Steven Aaron (Jr) and Katelyn Camilla Keaffaber. He is preceded in death by his Sister, Mary Jane Keaffaber.

He is survived by his two Brothers, Gary Allen and Kerry Dwayne.
Larry liked to travel, play jokes, attend auctions, read (especially Science Fiction and Mysteries), collect coins, loved the outdoors and taking walks and he adored animals, especially his half Bengal-half Pug, Rosie. He was adventurous and generous. He is a man we all love and miss dearly.

Memorial Service will be 2 P.M. Saturday September 2, 2023 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M. at the Funeral Home. Sunset Memorial Funeral Home is honored to assist the Keaffaber Family.

“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

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DONALD RAY TUCKER II
Donald Ray Tucker II age 45 of Galax, Virginia passed away Saturday August 26, 2023 at his home.
Donald was born in Calhoun County to the late Donald Ray Tucker I and Jennett Rogers Tucker. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents George and Frances Rogers and his paternal grandparents Homer and Bonita Tucker.



In addition to his mother Jennett Tucker of Galax, Va, he is survived by his brothers and sister-in-law Charles and Brittany Tucker of Galax, Va; Theodore Tucker of Arnoldsburg; sister and her fiancé Christina Smith and James Smith; several aunts and uncles; special nephews and special niece Logan Tucker; Joshua Tucker; Jared Spencer; Stephanie Tucker.

The family will receive friends Friday evening from six until eight at the Vaughan-Guynn Funeral Home. There will be no services for Donald held in Galax, Virginia but a memorial service will be held later in W.V. A guestbook is available online at www.vaughanguynn.com

Gov. Justice declares State of Emergency for Kanawha, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, and Roane counties due to flooding; WV National Guard activated

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Monday, August 28, 2023 -- CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice today declared a State of Emergency for Kanawha, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, and Roane counties due to excessive rainfall which occurred over the weekend and throughout this morning. The rain is causing significant flooding, damaging homes, bridges, and roads throughout the counties.

State of Emergency Proclamation
Assets from the West Virginia National Guard including the All-Hazards swift water rescue team, and aerial assets including UH-72 Lakota and UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters, are currently activated and prepping for emergency dispatch per standard domestic operations emergency procedures, in coordination with the West Virginia Emergency Management Division. The WVNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is on full activation. Additional manpower and units will be activated as requested to assist with response and recovery operations.

As part of this State of Emergency declaration, the Governor has directed the West Virginia Emergency Management Division to implement the West Virginia Emergency Operations Plan as necessary, mobilize appropriate personnel and resources to respond to the emergency, and facilitate the provision of essential emergency services.

The West Virginia Emergency Management Division and the West Virginia Division of Highways are responding to this event, along with FEMA, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), and local officials, to aid residents needing assistance.

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) is out in force clearing culverts, cleaning up mudslides, and assessing damage from heavy rains throughout the affected counties. Mudslides closed both lanes of US 60 in Belle and on the West Virginia Turnpike near Chelyan at Mile Marker 85.5 where the southbound right lane is closed.

Crews from WVDOT District 1 are also keeping a close eye on Clay and Boone counties.

The National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Emergency for Kanawha County and a Flash Flood Warning for parts of Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, and Roane counties.

The State of Emergency will remain in effect for 30 days unless terminated by subsequent Proclamation. All 55 West Virginia counties remain under a State of Preparedness declared by the Governor on August, 7, 2023.

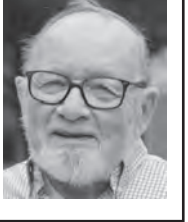


Pictures of the water almost over the bridge at The Arnoldsburger Cafe at the "Y" (above), and picture of the Vineyard field on Rt. 16 (below)



CURIOSITY CORNER

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



Question: Does sound travel faster and farther in summer evenings than in the cold winter time? (Asked by an observant observer.)

Reply: The question is essentially if the speed of sound depends on temperature, and it does. In dry air that is zero degrees Celsius (or 32 degrees Fahrenheit), the speed of sound is about 331 miles per second (m/s), or 740 miles per hour (mph). Increase the temperature to 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit), and the speed will increase to 343 m/s (768 mph). So, there is a difference in the speed of sound in the winter and the summer.

Yet, traveling farther may depend on other factors. Let's look at the old folklore saying, "Sound traveling far and wide, a stormy day will betide." This implies that sound will travel farther on a humid day when a storm or precipitation is likely. And this is the case! The examples given earlier were about the speed of sound in dry air. In moist air, water molecules (H2O) occupy the space ordinarily occupied by either nitrogen molecules (N2) or oxygen molecules (O2), which make up 98 percent of the air.

The molecular mass of water is less than nitrogen and oxygen, so moist air is less dense than dry air. As a result, the speed of sound is greater in moist air than in dry air. So, the saying has some merit with sound traveling far

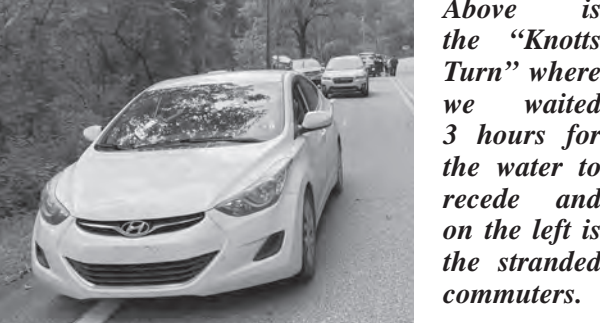
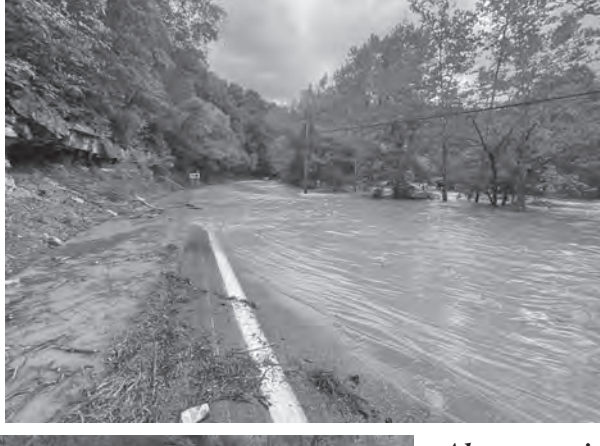
Southern Part of Calhoun Hit Hard by 8/28/23 Flood

By Melissa West

Our area was hit hard with flash flooding on August 28th. My usual 35 minute commute home from the Chronicle office turned into a 6 hour long commute. I was able to travel to the "Knotts Turn" on Brannon Straight before I had to stop because of flooding, along with about 6 other families. We waited there for three hours before we were able to travel up Rt. 16 to go home. We all chatted, shared snacks and bottled water and provided cover when the need arose for a bathroom break. This is a reminder of what being a part of a community means, be there and help one another with even the smallest gesture. As we traveled in our little caravan, we would make sure no one was left behind as the water levels receded.

The Southern part of Calhoun received severe property damage to their homes, business and vehicles and some local farmers lost livestock as a result of the flooding. The Arnoldsburg Community Building and the Country Kitchen was opened as a place for citizens to have shelter until the water levels receded and the roadways were opened. A special Thank You to our Sheriff, Fire Dept, and DOH for working hard to ensure that everyone was safe during this time.

If you are in need of assistance with food, water or clean-up, please reach out to the Chronicle Office 304-354-6917 or 681-533-7345, so we can coordinate to help every Calhoun Citizen devastated by the flooding.



Above is the "Knotts Turn" where we waited 3 hours for the water to recede and on the left is the stranded commuters.

This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1923, 100 YEARS:

A large copper still which showed every sign of hard and unremitting use was found on the ridge between Racoon and Bear Fork, in Sherman District, last week by David Burrows, who is employed in the Bennett Coal Mine on Bear Fork.

The still, according to authorities on the subject, is said to be one of the best ever brought to this place. It is built entirely of copper and is of about fifteen gallons capacity.

Mr. Burrows was walking through the woods on his way home from the coal workings and happened to see the still and its accouterments wrapped up in a gunny-sack and hidden under some bushes. He immediately notified the owner of the land who communicated with the authorities here and was advised to bring the internal contraption into the sheriff. The next day Archie Shock came in with it and it is now in the custody of Sheriff Richards. On account of the extra workmanship and the high quality of the material of which it sundry parts are composed, it has been attracting much attention and has been attracting much attention Sheriff Richards has been kept quite busy explaining the workings of the apparatus. Of course, the explanations are purely theoretical, the Sheriff never having had any practical experience.

The people of the peaceful and law-abiding neighborhood where the still was found are at a loss to explain its presence, as no evidence of its use in fall season has been noted.

State of West Virginia, County of Calhoun: At a regular session of the board of education of Washington district, of Calhoun County held at the regular meeting place thereof, on the second Tuesday in August, 1923. Present: P.G. Deweese, President of said board of education and P.M. Siers and B.M.

Siers, Commissioners.

In accordance with chapter 18, Act 1921 the board of education proceeded to make up an estimate of the amount necessary to be levied for the current fiscal year, to cover all district debts and liabilities payable during the year, including the probable expenditures for district purposes, and proper allowances for delinquent taxes, exonerations and contingencies, but deducting the money in the treasury applicable to the service of the year and district claims doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be levied as follows:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PURPOSES

Maintenance Fund Estimate.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

(a) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectable from every source for maintenance fund purposes, except from the levy of taxes for such purposes to be made for the current fiscal year. Amount due from sheriff \$981.24 Delinquent real estate, redemptions and sales \$20 Total \$1,001.24.

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS

(b) The debts and demands owed by the district, and payable out of the maintenance fund for current fiscal year. Outstanding orders, June 30, 1923 \$320.00. Current accounts due and unpaid June 30, 1923 \$30.00 Total \$350.00.

(c) All expenditures payable out of levy for maintenance fund purposes for current fiscal year.

Delinquent taxes, discounts and exonerations \$150.00, Salaries of district officers and employees \$325.00, Janitors \$840.00, Insurance \$250.00, Water and lights \$10.00, Total \$1575.00.

1948, 75 YEARS:

Minnora News:

A very find and much needed rain, fell in this valley Saturday morning. Carl Jett of Beech was shopping in Minnora Saturday.

Rev. Rex Anderson was shearing sheep in this section Saturday.

L.W. Bailey who has been working on the pipe line for the past several years has quit and come home to cut his wheat and put his grass.

Naomi Stalnaker was calling on Mrs. Greta Saturday night. Johanne and Jenette Hamilton, who are attending college at Glenville spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hamilton.

P.G. Jarvis has begun to work on his new house near Minnora.

Mrs. L. W. Bailey who spent several days in Akron returned to her home this week.

1973, 50 YEARS:

Crummies Creek News: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cottrell and baby of Indiana spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cottrell

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crawford of Spencer were calling on his father, Will Crawford, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane and boys of Three Rivers, Michigan, spent the weekend with his father, Hurl Lane and family.

Clay Wallbrown of Beech spent Sunday with his brother Elza Wallbrown.

Mount Zion News:

There were 50 present at Mt. Zion Sunday school. Von Yoak had charge of the evening service in place of the Rev. Glendon McKee, who fell Tuesday at his home and broke his wrist and injured his back.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slider spent Sunday in Parkersburg visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Britt and Mr. and Mrs. Caroll Slider.

Mabel Parsons spent last week in Parkersburg with her sister, Ruby Harden. She also visited Mrs. Sarah Connolly and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Sampson.

Harold Duskey and Earl Furrow of Baltimore spend Friday night with the former's parents.

News From

Here and There: On August 23, members of the Pleasant Hill Homemakers club went on a tour of Fenton Glass plant in Williamstown and a ceramic plant in Parkersburg.



Aug. 31, 1945: The USS West Virginia led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

This Week In West Virginia History

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Sept. 1, 1777: Fort Henry, located at what is now Wheeling, was attacked by Indians for the first time during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half the militia were lured outside the post and killed.



Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling.

Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.



Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor, and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary.

In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum.

Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.



Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake (now State Park), located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County, is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.



Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, General Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.



Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback.

The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James – brother of Jesse James – hiding out in Wayne County.

Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game for new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.



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Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

Cucumbers are easy to work with to. You can slice them and eat them with salt or eat them whole with salt.

My husband liked them sliced with shaved onions and in vinegar and oil. He also liked them sliced and again with shaved onions but all mixed together with miracle whip.

Of course we all know that pickles are cucumbers. I made dill pickles one. I found the recipe on the pickling box spices.

I made them in a crock as directed and they actually turned out pretty good it takes forever and every say I would have to lift the plate on top (with a rock on it as directed) and scrape off the foam.

Only once did I do that. I am now growing house plants in the crock. I found a very easy way to do this pickle thing. The recipe

is called Icebox Pickles – cups of sugar, 3 cups of vinegar, 1/3 cup of salt, 1 teaspoon of celery seed, 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 1 teaspoon turmeric, 3-4 cut up small onions and enough small cucumbers to fill a 1 gallon jar. Mix the first six ingredients in the gallon jar and add cold water, slice the cucumbers and the onions and add to the liquid in the jar. Fill it as full as you can if you have too much water dip some out. If you don't have enough water then add some. Store the jar in the refrigerator about 5 days. Stir it at least once a day. Check one of the slices after 5 days for readiness. If not quite ready just leave it for a day or two more, don't forget to stir them.

Now of course you can always make those cute, little cucumber party sandwiches. I never did understand those little bity one bite

things. But they look cute. So you can use any bread that you like but cut the crust off. Next cut into the shapes you want. Feed the crusts to the birds. Butter each piece of bread before you put a cucumber slice. The real butter keeps the bread from getting soggy as cucumbers are mostly water. Now mix 1 1/2 blocks of softened cream cheese with 1/3 cup of sour cream, 1/3 cup of real mayo, 3/4 teaspoon of onion powder, 1 tablespoon of dried thyme, 1/4 teaspoon of dill, 1 1/2 teaspoon of lemon juice, 1 pinch of ground pepper and 1/4 teaspoon of kosher salt, salt is optional. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Place a teaspoon of mixture on each cucumber slice.

Enjoy the Goodness. Let me know what you think if you tried any of my recipes. Next week is Zucchini.



My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



My first full week of fourth grade is complete, and I am really enjoying my new job! That being said, boy was I tired when Friday rolled around.

Being a teacher is a whole different kind of tired. I don't know how to explain it, except to say, my brain is as tired as my body. I was definitely glad to have two days to rest and relax as I walked out of the building Friday afternoon.

On the whole, I would say the first week went relatively well. I live and die by the alarms set on my phone, so that I won't forget to take the class to the bathroom or switch to the next subject. Thankfully, the staff and students are all kind and have been graciously helping me to learn the ropes.

The pace in elementary school is much quicker than high school, and there is little down time. This is something I am adjusting to, but it does make my days go by so quickly. It is literally noon in the blink of an eye, and just as quickly the afternoon flies by, and I find myself heading out to last recess.

My evenings were busy this week too. I am really trying hard to stick to my resolve to live a more balanced life this year.

My plan is to stay a bit after school planning, preparing, and grading so that I don't have to bring home a lot of work to do. This will give me time to read, exercise, and spend time with family and friends. So far, the plan is working.

Well, I haven't started walking yet. It has just been too hot and humid to do so right after school. I am making up for it by playing pickleball once or twice a week later on in the evening.

Speaking of pickleball, our group is really growing. We are averaging 20-25 people on Tuesdays, and many of them are showing up on Thursday nights too. The lights the town so kindly replaced make it possible to play later when it is cooler, which was very useful this past week when it was so hot.

That being said, we also know that daylight hours are shortening every day, and it will eventually get cold and blustery, so we have started looking for places to play indoors when that happens. We toured an exciting prospect on Thursday evening. I will keep you posted on whether or not it pans out.

As I was walking out of school on Friday, my sister texted and let me know she and Andy were making pizzas in their pizza oven and invited me to join them. It was the perfect way to start the weekend. I didn't have to cook and got to spend time with family and friends. The Barnhart Family joined us, and we ate some delicious pizza. Andy made three different kinds, and they were all quite tasty. Then to work off all of the calories we ate, we headed down to the courts to hit the pickleball around a bit. I can use all of the practice I can get.

While we were playing, Clayton mentioned he had been in contact through Facebook with some pickleball players from Vienna, WV. He suggested a trip to go see their courts and watch them play. We were all available on Saturday, so we decided to make a day of it. By 9:00 I was dragging, so I said goodnight and promised to be ready at 8:30 the next morning for our field trip to see the more seasoned pickleball players in action.

I kept my promise and was sitting on the porch enjoying the cool morning when my ride arrived to take me to Vienna. Our destination was Jackson Memorial Park. I was very impressed with what we found there. The grounds and facilities are spectacular and well cared for, and there is something there for everyone. We spent an enjoyable two hours at the pickleball courts watching teams play. The courts were state of the art, and the players well out of our league. They looked like professionals.

The pickleballs were flying by so fast I could barely keep my eyes on them. We played a bit on an extra court just to see what it would feel like to play on a real surface.

Then some of us took off to explore the rest of the park while a few stayed behind to play some and talk with a few of the members there. By the time we returned, the rest of the group was ready to head to lunch.

While we ate, Clayton and Roger shared with us some of the information and techniques they had learned. I have to be honest, most of it went over my head. I am still at the point where I am just happy to make contact with the ball and get it back across the net.

Sunday was spent going to church and getting caught up on housework. I

had this article to write and lesson plans to finish too. Week one is in the books; now on to week two.

Then I have a three-day weekend to enjoy.

Calhoun County Park News

By Roger and Linda Jarvis



The monthly Calhoun County Park Board Meeting was held Thursday, August 3, 2023 with Astronomer John Dennis in attendance. The meeting in July was canceled due to July Park events.

Another "Friends of the Park" Volunteer Work day was held Thursday, August 17th to finish the Sandfork Playsets Project. Nine hundred bags of rubber mulch were spread for safety under the structures with several volunteers assisting.

The July 4th Park event was fun for all with the Bouncy Houses for kids, music by John Richards, Will Freed and Bruce Jones, and the annual Fireworks Display. The Park Board appreciated the community support.

We are waiting on renovation of the Community Building until the heat eases. Project includes repair of siding after installation of new windows, replacing rusted, leaking screws in roof, new barn ceiling and floor upstairs, and barn lights.

The foundation for the Dome Observatory will be prepared in the coming weeks.

Pond treatment was discussed about pellets for plant growth.

The actual work on the Ball Fields will begin in April of 2024, but plans and preparation will happen prior. Any assistance from the community would be appreciated!

On Friday, August 18th, Calhoun County Park was one of the parks for which the Overlanders visited. Twenty plus campers visited the Heritage Village and other other parts of the park.

Work on the East Field Shelter (Shelter/Bathrooms Project at Cabin site) will continue with siding, dry wall and installation of washer/dryer and metal ceiling.

The Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department will be pressure washing the inside of the four picnic shelters on Monday August 28th to prepare them for future painting.

Help is needed on Monday to move picnic tables from the shelters if weather permits. The Park thanks the Fire Department for their community support in this effort.

The main gate and the elevator lift are currently not working. Various technology services are being looked into. If anyone in the community has any input please contact the board.

The Calhoun County Park is yours. We try to make it the most for you. The Park Board is in need of the following services: Making Reservations for the Park Barn, Shelters, Camping and Cabin; Advertising/Publicity, Website Maintenance, Grant Writing, Volunteer Recruiting, Local Support, Pond Upkeep and stocking, and playground inspection.

The Next Calhoun Park meeting will be September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

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., Aug. 31: broccoli soup, cheese salad, banana pudding, whole wheat bread, crackers

Fri., Sept. 1: beef macaroni, tomato sauce, brussel sprouts, whole wheat bread, fruit.

Mon. Sept., 4: CLOSED -LABOR DAY

Tues., Sept. 5: chicken patty, tomato, peas and carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread/

Wed., Sept. 6: Cook's Choice

Thurs., Sept. 7: hamburger on whole wheat bun, red tomato, onion, iceberg lettuce leaves, potatoes, banana pudding.

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., Aug 31: Grantsville's Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1982 Pavilion

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

CMHS Golf Team travels to Roane County to play Roane HS at the Roane County Golf Course, 4 p.m.

Calhoun Middle School Football Game at home, 6:30 p.m.

Grantsville Pickleball Games at the Town Park at 7 p.m. (weather permitting)

Open Mic and Karaoke, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 1: Calhoun Senior High Football Game at home, 7 p.m.

Country Kitchen, Big Otter presents Jesse Lee, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 2: 1982 Foundation Volunteer Meeting and Bootstrap Meeting at Old Pavilion, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Toy Run for Calhoun Kids Christmas with FRN, Country Kitchen in Big Otter, registration at 11 a.m.

Cal Jarvis Family Reunion, Upper West Fork Park, 11 a.m.

Upper West Fork Park Sing, 6 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 3: The Cottrell/Cottrill and Descendants of French and Sarah (Cottrill) Jarvis Family Reunion at the Gassaway Community Building, at 10 a.m.

Martin and Maude Metz family reunion, Upper West Fork Park, Noon

Arnoldsburg Fire Dept BBQ Fundraiser at the Fire Station, Noon to 5 p.m.

Dip & Donate All You Can Eat for the

Animals, Arnoldsburger Cafe, Noon

Mon., Sept. 4: Labor Day - Chronicle Office is closed

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

Save the Children Group meets at Calhoun FRN, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Country Line Dance Lessons, Country Kitchen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Grantsville Pickleball Games at the Town Park at 7 p.m. (weather permitting)

Wed., Sept. 6: Upper West Fork Park Farmer's Market

CMHS Golf Team travels to Riverside Golf Course to play Wahama, 4 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 7: Calhoun FRN/FSC Resource Fair and Save a Life Day, Main Street Grantsville, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grantsville's Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1982 Pavilion

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

CMHS Golf Team travels to Mingo Bottom Golf Course to play Wirt County, 4 p.m.

Calhoun Middle School Football Game at Summersville, 6:30 p.m.

Grantsville Pickleball Games at the Town Park at 7 p.m. (weather permitting)

Fri., Sept. 8: Save the Children Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 pm. to 3 p.m.

Calhoun Senior High Football Game, away at Tyler Consolidated, 7 p.m.

WAG Trap-Neuter-Return on September 17 in Orma area

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, the Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) will be humanely trapping stray and feral cats in the Orma 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 Saturday, September 16 as we will be trapping on Sunday 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 812 community cats (452 females and 360 males).

Please keep your personal cats indoors or put a collar on them on Sunday the 17th. 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.

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2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

Games:
 Sun., September 10th - Ravenswood @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
 Sun., September 17th - @Clay County - 1:00 p.m.
 Sun., September 24th - Elk River @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
 Sat., September 30th - @ Roane County - 1:00 p.m.
 Sun., October 8th - Webster County @ Home - 1:00 p.m.
 (all start times are C Teams games with B and A Teams following)

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

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

Calhoun County Middle/High School Mid/Jr Football Schedule

8/31/23 - South Harrison (Home) - 6:30
 9/7/23 - Summersville (Away) - 6:30
 9/14/23 - Wahama (Away) - 6:00
 9/21/23 - Braxton (Home) - 6:30
 9/27/23 - Walton (Home) - 6:30
 10/5/23 - Webster (Away) - 6:00
 10/11/23 - Gilmer (Home) - 6:30
 Oct. 19 TBDPM Away Tournament Play
 Oct. 26 TBDPM Away Championship Game at Summersville

Come out and show your support for the Coaches and Players!!!!

Calhoun Middle High School Golf Results



Pictured: Landon Bennett, Coach Lorie Strange-Paylor, Gunnar Lane

Calhoun Middle/High School Golf Team traveled to the Sistersville Golf Course on August 21, 2023. Participating teams included the Tyler Knights, Parkersburg Catholic, Paden City, Frontier, and Ritchie.

Landon Bennett placed 2nd with a 44 on 9 holes at the Sistersville. Chandler Ash of Tyler took 1st place with a 42.

Other Calhoun MH Golf Team members who attended included Gunnar Lane with 60, Cameron Jarvis and Whitney Jarvis with 63 each.

Golf Season has kicked off at CMHS

Calhoun Middle/High School Golf Schedule
 08/30/23 4:00PM A - GILMER HS AT GLENVILLE GC
 08/31/23 4:00PM A - ROANE AT ROANE COUNTY GC
 September
 09/06/23 4:00PM A - WAHAMA AT RIVERSIDE GC
 09/07/23 4:00PM A - WIRT AT MINGO BOTTOMS GC
 09/11/23 4:00PM A - RITCHIE AT NORTH BEND GC
 09/12/23 4:00PM A - ROANE AT ROANE COUNTY GC
 09/13/23 4:00PM A - GILMER AT GLENVILLE GC
 09/14/23 4:00PM A - WIRT AT MINGO BOTTOM GC
 09/16/23 TBDPM A - BATTLE OF THE BRIDGES AT RIVERSIDE GC
 09/18/23 TBDPM A - LKC AT MINGO BOTTOM GC
 09/20/23 4:00PM A - GILMER AT GLENVILLE GC
 09/25/23 TBDPM A - REGIONALS AT RIVERSIDE GC
 09/28/23 4:00PM A - PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC AT WORTHINGTON

Come on out and show your support!

Grantsville Pickleball Club

The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing! What started out as a few friends cleaning up the old tennis courts in town to get some exercise has turned into an official group.

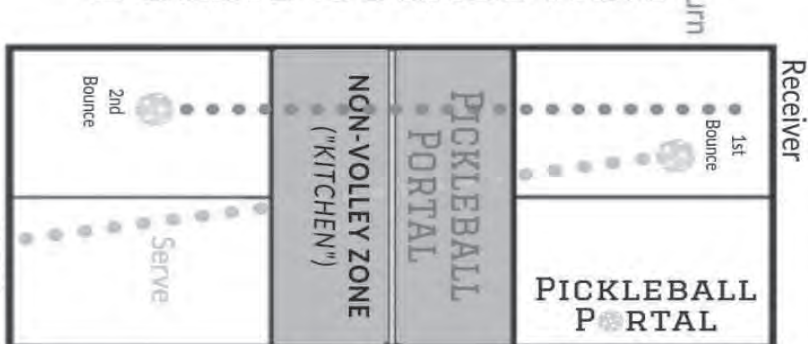
We play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00, weather permitting and are averaging 12-15 players.

The best part is there are people there of all ages, abilities, and athleticism. There are even some who come to just watch and socialize. Equipment is provided for newcomers to give the sport a try.

Recently, the city has gotten behind this new endeavor and is working to update and refurbish the courts.

Everyone is welcome! Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 at the town park for some fun, fellowship, and physical fitness.

Double Bounce Rule



Calhoun Red Devils traveled to Gilmer County



The Calhoun County Red Devils and new head coach Jeff Goodrich opened up the 2023 season at Morris Stadium in Glenville last Friday night against the Gilmer County Titans. The Red Devils dropped a 50-6 decision to the Titans on a hot, muggy night.

Despite the lopsided score, the game was a rather close affair with the exception of a disastrous second quarter.

Gilmer County established a 6-0 lead in the first quarter after scoring on its first possession, but the Calhoun defense – aided by poor ball security by the Titans – kept the home team from increasing its lead.

The events of the second quarter put the game out of reach for the Red Devils. In that period of play, Gilmer County scored five touchdowns, aided by three Calhoun fumbles and a blocked punt. The Red Devil offense had difficulty gaining traction, and was held to -6 total yards in the first half.

Calhoun scored the only points in the third quarter on a 48-yard drive. With the ball resting on the six-yard line, freshman quarterback Brennan Carpenter tossed a pass to Jayton Gibson in the end zone to cap the scoring drive.

Gilmer County tacked on another touchdown in the final quarter, and the scoring ended when the Titans dropped a Red Devil ball carrier in the end zone for a safety.

This Friday, the Red Devils play their first home game of the season when they host the Valley Lumberjacks from Pine Grove. Kickoff is at 7:00.

1 2 3 4 Tot

Calhoun 0 0 6 0 6

Gilmer 6 36 0 8 50

- G - Tyler Bush, 11 pass from Caleb Hall (kick failed) 8:06 1st
- G - Caleb Hall, 12 run (Colton Hall kick) 11:50 2nd
- G - Colton Hall, 3 run (Colton Hall kick) 6:53 2nd
- G - Bush, recovered blocked punt in end zone (kick failed) 4:21 2nd
- G - Colton Hall, 25 run (Caleb Hall run) 1:58 2nd
- G - Bush, 33 pass from Caleb Hall (Colton Hall kick) 0:33 2nd
- C - Jayton Gibson, 6 pass from (kick failed) 3rd
- G - Colton Hall, 1 run (run failed) 9:44 4th
- G - Safety, runner tackled in end zone 2:40 4th

Individual stats:

Rushing: Tyler Nelson 10-52, Jayton Gibson 5-8, Gabe Waldron 1 (-3), Brennan Carpenter 7 (-10), Owen Taylor 7 (-11), team 4 (-33).

Passing: Brennan Carpenter 2-5, 10 yards, TD; Owen Taylor 2-4, 23 yards

Receiving: Jayton Gibson 2-26, Owen Taylor 1-4, Tyler Nelson 1-3.

Team Stats:

Calhoun	Gilmer
First Downs: 4	First Downs: 10
Rushes/Yards: 34-3	Rushes/Yards: 36-164
Passing Yards: 33	Passing Yards: 179
Total Yards: 36	Total Yards: 343
Passing: 4-9-0	Passing: 8-13-0
Return yards: 1	Return yards: 25
Punts/Average: 5-16.2	Punts/Average: 1-31.0
Fumbles/Lost: 6-4	Fumbles/Lost: 5-2
Penalties/Yards: 4-30	Penalties/Yards: 4-30



Calhoun Middle High School Football - Senior Football Roster

Name	#	Yr	Off	Def	Hgt	Wght
Jayton Gibson	20	12	RB	LB	5'08	193
Adam Hughes	0	12	RB	LB	5'07	144
Caden Jones	70	12	OL	DL	6'02	226
Jobe Loudin	55	12	OL	DL	5'08	178
Preston McCumbers	21	12	RB	DB	5'08	169
Trenton Nelson	2	12	OL	DL	5'10	227
Tyler Nelson	48	12	RB	DL	5'10	215
Owen Taylor	14	12	RB	DB	5'08	153
Gabe Waldron	6	12	RB	DB	5'04	112
Noah Butler	66	11	OL	DB	5'05	138
Landon Richards	50	11	OL	DL	5'11	240
Joe Sampson	99	11	OL	DL	5'06	230
Logan Tingler	87	11	OL	DL	5'09	174
Katie Dooley	9	10	WR	DB	5'01	108
Landon Hardway	56	10	OL	DB	5'04	147
Joseph Nelson	10	10	RB	LB	5'04	145
Haiden Staton	81	10	OL	LB	6'00	159
Eli Bailey	3	9	WR	DB	5'05	133
Brennan Carpenter	7	9	QB	DB	5'07	152
Charter Cottrell	23	9	RB	DD	5'03	118
Kristian Fredrick	64	9	OL	DL	5'06	155
Lance Frogg	88	9	WR	DB	5'08	110
Michael Holmes	60	9	OL	DL	5'05	178
Rome Riddle	54	9	OL	LB	5'06	179
Orion Swearingen	77	9	OL	DL	5'05	167



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CASE NO. 23-0280-G-42T
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY,
 a public utility, Charleston, Kanawha County
 Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING
 On March 6, 2023, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) made a Rule 42 tariff filing to increase gas rates and charges seeking approximately, an additional \$19.74 million in annual revenue, or an approximate 6.08 percent increase on a total-company basis over current rates for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.
 Mountaineer proposed the following increased rates and charges:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 7.08	7.85%
Commercial	\$ 10.26	2.68%
Large Commercial	\$ 747.47	0.70%
Industrial	\$ 293.54	0.40%
Resale	\$ 100.00	1.70%

By Order issued March 31, 2023, the Commission suspended proposed increased rates and charges until Monday, January 1, 2024.

The Commission will conduct a public comment hearing and an evidentiary hearing in this matter. The public comment hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The evidentiary hearing in this matter will commence immediately after the public comment hearing, also in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room. Interested persons should be able to view the public comment hearing and evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream.

The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast." Written comments may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission.

Mountaineer Gas Company

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 Division of Highways
 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until November 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
002	2023830002	R083-REM/GR-24. 00		GUARDRAIL D3 2023 REM GUARDRAIL MIDPOINT COUNTY: CALHOUN, JACKSON, PLEASANTS, RITCHIE, ROANE, WIRT, WOOD

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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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
1. Mary H. Robertson	724 Live Oak Place Qwensboro, KY 42303	February 2, 2018	July 18, 2006

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
1. Mary Amanda Robertson	349 Hill Ave. Qwensboro, KY 42301	Daughter	August 30, 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 30th day of August, 2023.

Jean Simers
 Clerk of the County Commission
 Class II Legal

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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
Harry Newell	Mae Marlene McCumbers	9000 Nicut Rd., Rosedale, WV 26636

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 **October 30, 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
 Jean Simers, Clerk of the County Commission

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The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Calhoun County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §44-1-4(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 Affidavit
1. Stanley H. Robertson	724 Live Oak Place Qwensboro, KY 42303	November 25, 1995	August 2, 2023
2. David Carl Harris	475 Hidden Valley Rd. Lowgap, NC 27024	November 20, 1994	August 11, 2023
3. George S. Barr	Monrovia, CA	May 11, 1928	August 28, 2023
4. Hagan Barr	1800 Arcadia St. Alhambra, CA	December 29, 1934	August 28, 2023

Name of Person Filing Affidavit	Address	Relation to Decedent	Date of First Publication
1. Mary Amanda Robertson	349 Hill Ave. Qwensboro, KY 42301	Daughter	August 30, 2023
2. David Glenn Harris	281 Hazy View Rd. Fancy Gap, VA 243328	Father	August 30, 2023
3. Roger Barr	199 Tankey Dr. Palmetto, FL 34221	Grand-Son	August 30, 2023
4. Roger Barr	199 Tankey Dr. Palmetto, FL 34221	Great-Grandson	August 30, 2023

The decedent died owning real estate situated in the State of West Virginia. As reported in the affidavit filed herein, (a) the decedent has left no will as far as is known; (b) no will of the decedent has been presented or probated in this State or in any other jurisdiction; and (c) more than sixty days have passed since the death of the decedent and no personal representative or administrator of the decedent's estate has been otherwise appointed in the State of West Virginia for any proper purpose.

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.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY,
 WEST VIRGINIA**

Adoption Case No.: 23-A-7

NOTICE OF FILING OF ADOPTION PETITION

To: MELISSA BASHAM, or ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING MATERNITY OF S.I.B., the minor child, born on November 21, 2006, in Charleston, West Virginia.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §48-22-101, *et seq.*, a petition for adoption of your child, S.I.B. has been filed in the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, West Virginia. The petition alleges that you are the child's biological Mother and that you have abandoned her.

You are advised that your maternal rights to this child may be terminated in the adoption proceedings. If you wish to assert or exercise your paternal rights to said child, you must appear and defend the petition on or before **October 4, 2023, at 10:15 a.m.**, or within thirty (30) days following the first publication of this notice, whichever date is later. Your failure to appear and defend with result in permanent termination of your parental rights, and you may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.

You are further notified that a final adoption hearing will be held on October 4, 2023 at 10:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Circuit Judge Anita Ashley, at the CALHOUN County Courthouse, Grantsville, Calhoun County, West Virginia 25146, and if it be necessary, the petitioner will then and there move the appointment of a discrete and suitable person to serve as Next Friend for your child, to consent to the child's adoption.

Copies of the petition for adoption may be obtained by contacting counsel for petitioners at her address shown below.

Erica Brannon Gunn
 402 Market Street
 Spencer WV 25276
 Phone: 304-927-6161
 Counsel for Petitioners

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that certain Security Agreement bearing the 2nd day of April 2019, Calhoun County Bank, Inc., now being the legal holder of the same will sell at public auction on 9/8/2023 at 10 a.m.:

**MASSEY FERGUSON GC 1705L TRACTOR & LOADER
 SN:MGC050JKH72732**

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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**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.

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2024 WV Disability History Essay Contest for High School Seniors

Contact: Contact: Jerry Boyko, WVSILC Executive Director - Office: (304) 766-4624 - Mobile: (304) 543-9331

The WV Disability History Essay Contest committee is proud to announce the return of the Disability History Essay Contest in West Virginia. The Disability History Essay Contest coincides with WV Disability History Week and is open to all WV high school seniors. This annual contest is designed to reinforce Disability History Week in WV and provide WV high school seniors with an opportunity to share their knowledge of the Disability Rights Movement and what they have learned about disability issues in their community, showcase their writing skills, and perhaps to earn some money!

In the coming weeks, all WV High Schools will receive entry forms for the essay contest. Please

share with your Seniors and encourage them to enter. There are six districts with a possible 1st and 2nd place in each district, plus a State winner. In addition to an award certificate, the authors of the winning essays will receive an engraved personalized key chain and a check for the amount of their award as follows:

State Winner - \$3,250

District 1st Place Winners - \$1,750

District 2nd Place Winners - \$1000

The Disability History Essay Contest is a collaborative effort between the W.Va. Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS), W.Va. Statewide Independent Living Council (WVSILC), and State Rehabilitation

Council (SRC), with cooperation from the W.Va. Department of Education.

Thank you to the high school principals, teachers and counselors for encouraging their students to participate. Thank you to all of the students who entered in past contests.

For more information on Disability History Week in WV passed by the WV Legislature in 2006, please visit <https://wvsilc.org/legislation>

The winners and their essays will be featured in the Special Edition issue of the IL Edge, WVSILC's quarterly newsletter. Please visit <https://wvsilc.org/essay-contest> for more information on the WV Disability History Essay Contest.

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Rev. Kevin Gillespie filled his regular appointment at the Burning Springs M. E. Church & served Holy Communion. He is scheduled for a cardiac procedure on Tuesday and he will not be out and about next Sunday.

The local area had more rain making some streams muddy.

Freddie Bush and associates have been cutting second cutting hay in the Creston area. The rain has made excellent hay which will be tasty food for cattle when the snow is flying. It was noted that the increased CO2 in the atmosphere has caused world wide a 20% increase in vegetation; certainly a good thing. Along those lines concerning all the hoopla about "it being too hot". Seems the "purer than driven snow" experts in the US government have been caught fudging numbers again. However, if one goes back to data printed some years back the mid 1930s in America remain the hottest ever recorded temperatures.

Bradin Ferrell and Josiah Ferrel McAbee were awarded AACS Superior student rating for 2023. AACS stands for American Association of Christian Schools and the Creston scholars attend the facility in Brooksville.

Alvin Engelke still has some lovable little kittens that need some small children to take them home and love them. They love to be petted and want to play.

A number of Creston residents as well as folks from other sections of Wirt County attended the W. Va. State Republican Executive Committee meeting in Summersville. The noon speaker was W. Va. State Treasurer Riley Moore who talked

about divesting state funds from outfits like Black Rock that oppose "fossil fuels", pipelines, etc. Also on the bad list were JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs & Morgan Stanley. US Banks recanted and said that they would provide banking & financial assistance for those producing the products that make modern living possible. Several other states have followed W. Va.'s lead in not financing those who want to destroy us. Moore noted that in 1980 world wide 40% of electricity was generated by coal. Now it is 45% as China and India have been busy building more coal fired power plants while America is committing energy suicide by going to Chinese built wind mills & solar panels and the proposed use of pixie dust. It was also noted that in W. Va. 85.3% of electric comes from coal & 4% is generated by natural gas.

SpaceX, an obviously cutting edge firm has been sued now because the firm hired American citizens, not illegal aliens, likely very few of which are trained in aerospace technology but Elon Musk has offended them and they want revenge.

Our betters are now talking again about mask mandates and forced vaccinations of everyone by the new "virus vaccines".

It was learned that FEMA has gone to Hawaii to help and 500 are staying in the posh hotels at \$1,500/night or much more. The FEMA head said that her agency needs more money. It is understood that hundreds of more bodies have been found there awaiting identification and, apparently, one is not to talk about how the fire started but the firemen

had to wait 5 hours to get permission to use water to fight the blaze as there was a question of equity. To put matters into perspective, illegal aliens get \$2.200/month and the burned out folks in Hawaii got a one time payment of \$700.

There has been a lot of talk about the renewed work on EQT's Mountain Valley Pipeline. Now it is learned that it will be later next year before it is in operation.

Barb Wright is scheduled for the removal of a kidney stone on Monday.

The Creston Area Neighborhood Watch will have a litter pickup on Saturday, September 9. Workers should be at the home of Carl and Donna Ferrell at 9 A. M.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude oil is \$78.83/bbl. with condensate fetching just \$60.83/bbl. Marcellus & UTICA light is \$69.83 and medium \$78.83/bbl. The Henry Hub price of natural gas is \$2.638/dekatherm while the DTI (Dominion system) price is \$1.218 (prior to deductions) and TCO (Columbia Gas system) is \$1.496 (again before deductions). Y grade gas liquids from the fractionation plants fetch \$26.102/bbl. and it was announced that the DTI price for September natural gas will be in the 80 to 90 cent range, again before deductions leaving perhaps a net of 20 cents. Those "sharp fellers" down at the Mouth of the Elk who are counting on big severance tax checks to finance their schemes might do well to take note of the reality that is about to hit them up the side of the head.

Back-to-School Sun Protection Tips from The Skin Cancer Foundation

How to Keep Students Sun-Safe at School

Contact: SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION, 205 Lexington Avenue Floor 11, New York, NY 10016-8797

New York, NY (August 22, 2023) – With summer ending and the busy back-to-school season in full gear, sun protection may slip down the list of health and wellness priorities. But harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays are present year-round, and one study notes that children sustain a significant amount of sun exposure at school. About 23 percent of lifetime UV exposure occurs before the age of 18, and this exposure can have far-reaching effects.

"Sun damage is cumulative, so sun exposure during childhood can contribute to skin cancer risk later in life," says Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "The best way to mitigate that risk is to educate young children on effective sun protection, instilling healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Children should understand that summer vacation is not the only time they're exposed to the sun's rays."

The Skin Cancer Foundation offers the following recommendations for keeping children sun-safe during the school year.

UV rays are most intense from 10 AM to 4 PM, and this is when students are usually outside for recess, physical education class and after-school sports. Check with the school to see if there are adequate places for students to seek

shade during outdoor activities. Shade can be provided by gazebos and roof structures, awnings, shade sails, and natural shade, such as thickly leaved trees.

Clothing is the single most effective form of sun protection for the body, so send kids to school in densely woven and bright- or dark-colored fabrics, which offer the best defense. The more skin you cover, the better, so choose long sleeves and long pants whenever possible.

Send children to school with a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses, to protect their face, neck and eyes. If they won't wear a wide-brimmed hat, a baseball cap is better than nothing.

Make sunscreen part of the morning routine: At least 30 minutes before children go outside, parents should apply a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher to their skin. Older children should learn to apply sunscreen themselves and make it a routine habit. To remain effective, sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating. At a minimum, remind children to reapply sunscreen before after school sports and outdoor activities.

One ounce of sunscreen (about the size of a golf ball) should be applied to the entire body. Remind children to cover those easy to miss spots, such as the

back of ears and neck, as well as the tops of the feet and hands.

There's a chance your child's school does not allow students to use sunscreen or wear a hat outdoors during the school day without written permission from a physician. If that is the case, The Skin Cancer Foundation has created a sun protection permission form that parents and doctors can sign, allowing students to bring these items to school, apply and use as needed. The form is available at www.skincancer.org/schoolnote.

About The Skin Cancer Foundation

The Skin Cancer Foundation saves and improves lives by empowering people to take a proactive approach to daily sun protection and the early detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. Since its inception in 1979, the Foundation has recommended following a complete sun protection regimen that includes seeking shade and covering up with clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses, in addition to daily sunscreen use. For more information, visit SkinCancer.org.

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Calhoun Library Trivia August 31st

The Calhoun County Library is having another Trivia Night on Thursday, August 31st at 6 p.m. at the Calhoun County Committee on Aging Building in Grantsville.

Teams of up to 6 people will answer questions for 6 rounds.

Refreshments will be served. Please call or message the Library if you plan to attend.

304-354-6300

Lions Club Music September 9th

Bluegrass, gospel and country music by Starling Holbert, will be played at the Lions Club Building (behind Senior Citizens Center, Grantsville) on Saturday, September 9th at 6 p.m. Sign-up at the door. Concessions and 50/50 drawing will be available. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 354-6085.



Makayla Smith, DPT

We are excited to announce that Physical Therapist, Makayla Smith, has joined the Minnie Hamilton Health System team. She is a native of Calhoun graduating from Calhoun County High School in 2017. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from WV Wesleyan College and recently graduated from WVU with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Makayla is grateful for the opportunity to return home and serve the wonderful people who helped make her who she is today.

Welcome to MHHS, Makayla!



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.): Sept., 2: Ruff Cut; Sept., 9: TBA; Sept., 16: Retro Country; Sept. 23: Mud Bog

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.

Toy Run for Calhoun Family Resource Network Christmas Program for local kids Sept. 2nd

Calling all motorcycle riders! Come out on Saturday, September 2nd, and bring a new unwrapped toy for a child for Christmas.

If you do not ride, you are more than welcome to stop by the FRN and drop off a toy or monetary donation.

Registration will be held at the Country Kitchen in Big Otter across from the Exxon Station. It will be held beginning at 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Registration is \$15 per rider or \$25 per couple or the donation of an unwrapped toy.

The ride starts at 1:00 p.m. and will be a total of 120 miles with 6 stops!. The following is a list of stops: Start at Country Kitchen, Newton Store, The Rock in Spencer, Overdrive Bar & Grill in Elizabeth, The Tribe in Grantsville, Arnoldsburger and then ends at Country Kitchen.

The following is a list of sponsors who made this Toy Run possible for the kids of Calhoun: Harley-Davidson of WV, Country Kitchen, The Tribe, The Newton Store, The Rock, The Arnoldsburger, Overdrive of Elizabeth, DJ Wimpy, @justeaszin, The Outdoor Store, 5 Star Rebellion, A&A Monument Services, 1982 Foundation and Midnight Club Media.

Harley-Davidson of WV will provide prizes! Cornhole, pool tables, raffles and more, so come early and leave late.

There will be an after party at the Country Kitchen with 5 Star Rebellion set to hit the stage following the ride.

For more information, please call 304-286-5600. We hope to receive lots of toys to present to the Calhoun Family Resource Network to benefit the children of Calhoun.

Cottrell/Cottrill & French and Sarah (Cottrill) Jarvis Cottrill Family Reunion Sept. 3rd

The Cottrell/Cottrill and Descendents of French and Sarah (Cottrill) Jarvis Family Reunion has been combined. It will be held on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023 at the Gassaway Community Building located in downtown Gassaway, WV. Activities begin at 10 a.m.

The Martin & Maude Metz Family Reunion Sept. 3rd at Noon

The family of Martin and Maude Metz will hold their family reunion on Sunday, Sept. 3rd.

Lunch will served at Noon. The reunion will be held at the Upper West Fork Park. Everyone is welcome. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day with us. Hope to see you there.

The Siers Family Reunion Sept. 9th

The Siers Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 at the Mt. Zion Community Park. Everyone is welcome. Bring a covered lunch. Lunch served at Noon.

The Annual Wesley & Barbara Richards Family Reunion Sept. 9th

The annual Wesley and Barbara Richards family reunion will be held at the Calhoun County Park Barn at noon on September 9, 2023. Everyone is welcome. Bring a covered lunch.

John Wesley & Emma Lona Parsons Reunion 9/10


The annual John Wesley and Emma Lona Parsons Reunion will be held on September 10th at the Arnoldsburg Community Building in Arnoldsburg, WV. Lunch will be served at noon. Ham, soft drinks and paper products will be provided. There will be prizes, games and an auction. Please bring a covered dish, auction item and plan to enjoy the day. For more information, call Carlene Frederick ay 304-354-7484.

Creston Poker Run Schedule

Creston Community Building 2023 poker runs: 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.

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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.

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.

First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

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



The Family Crisis Intervention Center
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P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147


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.



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

Hosted at the Calhoun FRN building - enter in rear of building: 304-354-7177
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For more information on the 12 Step Recovery Meetings and resources please contact the Calhoun FRN at 304-354-7177

WIC Program

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

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 needed someone to talk to, you are important!

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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.

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.

If you feel sick, please stay home. We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Check Conditions

Travelers can check the forecast, traffic, and road conditions all along their route by visiting wv511.org before heading out. Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

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DHHR and WVDE Launch Anti-Vaping Campaign

Contact: DHHRCommunications@wv.gov

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 - CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health and West Virginia Department of Education are partnering to launch an anti-vaping campaign in West Virginia schools. Gov. Jim Justice today announced the West Virginia's Clear Future: Don't Let Vaping Cloud It initiative, which will offer the evidence-based, peer-led CATCH My Breath vaping prevention curriculum to every county in the state over the next three years.

"Vaping is a huge problem all over the country, and now we're setting out to actively educate our students about the extreme dangers associated with e-cigarettes," Gov. Justice said. "Vaping is very harmful for all users, but especially kids, making it a massive issue for our schools. Our goal is to educate our students early and prevent them from falling into this dangerous vaping trap. This proactive approach

will move the needle and I'm very proud to see it come to fruition." "The use of e-cigarettes is a significant issue facing West Virginia youth, with approximately half of all high school students reporting using e-cigarettes in 2021," said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, State Health Officer and Commissioner for DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "This curriculum has been shown to effectively increase knowledge of the dangers of e-cigarettes and reduce nicotine vaping and overall tobacco use among students."

The primary focus in year one is West Virginia middle schools, as data indicates the optimal time to prevent e-cigarette experimentation is by the age of 14 when most e-cigarette initiation occurs.

"E-cigarette use in West Virginia schools can have profound impacts on the future of young people," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Together with our partners, including

school teachers and counselors, we aim to decrease vaping among our students, and empower them to make informed decisions so they can lead healthier lives."

Teachers and counselors who agree to serve as facilitators of the CATCH My Breath program will receive a free two-day, six-hour, online professional learning course to prepare them to effectively present the CATCH My Breath curriculum. These individuals will then act as facilitators to deliver four 40-minute sessions to students over a four-week period.

DHHR's Division of Tobacco Prevention is working in collaboration with the American Lung Association and Partners in Health Network to identify and contact schools. Other partners include the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, West Virginia, and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

To learn more about CATCH My Breath, visit <https://catch.org/program/vaping-prevention/>.

Attorney General Morrissey Warns College Students Looking for a Job to Watch Out for Employment Scams

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

CHARLESTON — Thousands of students in the state recently have returned to college or are getting their first crack at higher education and many are set to look for employment to supplement their allowances. College is the first time many young adults are in charge of their own personal affairs, which makes them susceptible to scammers.

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging job seekers to exercise caution when looking for employment opportunities.

"The job hunt can be very exciting, but don't take just any job offer," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Don't fall prey to those looking to rip you off. Research the employer, verify the intended recipient of personally identifiable information and never

give money up front in hopes of landing a job." Students looking for employment should also be wary of any unsolicited attempt to gain access to personal information and never divulge such information without verifying the authenticity of the recipient.

Consumers should be particularly cautious of work-at-home positions. Such opportunities may promise flexibility and extra income but result in nothing more than lost time and money.

Additional tips include:

Use extra caution when looking at job ads with generic titles such as administrative assistant or customer service representative.

Check the business' legitimate website or call its verified phone number to make sure the job opening is authentic.

Use caution when

advertisements urge candidates to apply immediately and use phrases such as "Teleworking OK," "Immediate Start" and "No Experience Needed."

Do internet searches for the position. If the same job posting appears in several cities, it may be a scam.

Be very cautious of any job that asks for personal information or money. Scammers often use the guise of running a credit check, setting up a direct deposit or training costs.

Those who believe they may have been the victim of a fraudulent job posting or wish to report a suspicious listing can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

Poll Workers are a critical part of West Virginia's safe and secure election process

Contact: West Virginia Secretary of State's Office State Capitol Building, Charleston, WV 25305

Charleston, W.Va. - August 23rd is National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. As West Virginia's chief elections officer, I would like to encourage all eligible West Virginians to take an active role in democracy by being a poll worker in your county.

Foremost, thank you to those who serve, and have served, as poll workers. Thousands of our poll workers have participated in their local elections for years... some even for decades!

Poll workers are critical to a successful and accurate election. The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office works with our 55 county clerks to ensure that every county has enough trained poll workers for every polling place across the State. In each precinct, the workers represent a variety of political parties to ensure diversity, integrity, and fairness for all sides. There is no better way for a citizen to be part of our democracy than by participating in our election process as a poll worker and voter.

For the primary election scheduled in May of 2024, county clerks will train and employ more than 8,400 poll workers to staff more than 1,680 polling locations on that single day. These poll workers are on the front lines to facilitate eligible voters casting ballots privately and securely,

and to ensure that every voter walks away with confidence in the integrity of the election.

It is easy to become a poll worker. Selection starts with the county executive committees, who nominate poll workers by providing a list to each county clerk. From there, the county clerk contacts the nominees to schedule trainings and makes additional nominees for election day and any needed alternates. The requirements to be a poll worker include being a registered voter, having no immediate family member on the ballot in their assigned precinct, and attending poll worker training within 30 days before the election. Poll workers are paid for both attending training and working on Election Day.

In years past, my office has worked closely with the political parties, veterans organizations, the WV Realtors Association, and local high schools to recruit poll workers. In 2022, we helped recruit more than 5,000 poll workers. In 2024, those recruitment efforts will continue, so keep an eye out for advertisements to sign up or go ahead and contact your county executive committee and submit your name for potential nomination.

A poll worker's Election Day can be long, but it's a very rewarding experience. The day

begins about an hour before polls open at 6:30 am, and they will work the poll until they close at 7:30 pm. Once polls close, the pre-selected poll chief or supply clerk (titles vary by county) will secure the equipment and ballots and transport them to their county clerk at the designated central counting center.

The West Virginia Poll Worker Application Form can be found at GoVoteWV.com, which can be completed and submitted online.

The 2024 elections are important to our country, our state, and our counties. Since the 2018 elections, West Virginia's confidence in the election process has been among the highest in the country due to the commitment and professionalism of our poll workers, county clerks' dedication to the process, and all election officials' strict adherence to the law.

On this National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, I invite you to apply to become a poll worker and play an integral role in West Virginia's safe and secure elections process.

Mac Warner is West Virginia's 30th Secretary of State. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the WVU School of Law. Prior to being elected, he spent 23 years in the U.S. Army and then five years in Afghanistan with the U.S. State Department.

NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

STUDENT LOANS – Rich Peoples' Debt, Poor Peoples' Debt

By Deirdre Purdy

On the campaign trail in 2020, Joe Biden pledged to cancel at least \$10,000 of student debt per person. "Student debt is holding people up," he said. "They're in real trouble."

That was the catchy part. Behind that was a bigger plan to offer repayment relief on student loans for low income people.

He hasn't gotten it all done yet. He's come up against Republicans in Congress and conservatives on the Supreme Court. Still he hasn't quit, and while seeking solutions, his administration has fixed many persistent problems in the federal student loan programs that he inherited.

Why is student loan debt such a problem for poor people?

Wealthy borrowers are less likely to default or get behind on their loans because they have the most access to wealth – family money, financial assets or their educational degrees.

Although poor people tend to have much smaller debts, their defaults and delinquencies are much higher because they don't have the same access to wealth. Millions of Americans are putting off having children, buying their first home, or starting a business because they can't get out from under their student loans.

President Biden's attempts to work with Congress on student loan debt relief were thwarted by Republicans

who said it wasn't fair. "What about people who don't have student loans? Or people who paid them off? It's a slap in the face to them."

Apparently there's one morality for business people and another for low-income people.

Businesses, including those owned by many congressmen and women benefited when

in 2020 President Trump had declared all federal student loans in forbearance. Debtors could temporarily stop making monthly student loan payments.

As with any debt, though, if you don't pay, you still owe. That forbearance ends this fall.

Using the same law that President Trump had used to freeze loans, President Biden proposed canceling up to \$20,000 of debt for low-income students with a Pell grant and up to \$10,000 for those with incomes under \$125,000.

But last June, the conservative members of the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that President Biden overstepped his authority. Since the time Trump used the law, the Court has made up a new rule called the Major Questions Doctrine that says if the issues are politically or economically significant,

Congress must be more specific when it grants power to agencies like the Department of Education.

The power the law gave Trump was no longer available to Biden. (This is a huge power grab by the Supreme Court. But that's an issue for another day.)

Not daunted, the next day the White House announced that by fixing mismanagement of the education department's income-driven repayment plans, 804,000 federal student-loan borrowers will have their remaining debt wiped out. That's \$39 billion forgiven.

Even before these actions, Biden had already canceled about \$116 billion in student loan debt for borrowers who were misled by for-profit institutions, borrowers with disabilities, and those with loans forgiven for doing public service.

In a 3rd program, the Biden administration will lower monthly payments for low-income borrowers and offer forgiveness sooner for those who borrowed less than \$12,000.

Republicans seem determined to keep Biden from keeping his promises, but Biden is showing that there are many ways to skin the student-loan cat.

It's an important part of his economic plan to grow the lower and middle classes and make the entire American economy stronger.

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West Virginia, USDA, DHHR, Health Dept. and U.S. Government News and Information

Gov. Justice signs bill providing over \$3 million to West Virginia National Guard for use at Mountaineer Challenge Academy - South

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Wednesday, August 23, 2023 -- MONTGOMERY, WV — Gov. Jim Justice held a signing ceremony today for Senate Bill 1038, which provides a \$3,039,900 million supplemental appropriation to the West Virginia National Guard for use at the Mountaineer Challenge Academy - South (MCA South), located in Montgomery, and elsewhere.

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy, which has now graduated over 5,000 West Virginians, is designed to give academically challenged teens a second chance at obtaining their basic education.

“These young men and women face challenges today that

most of us never had to deal with growing up,” Gov. Justice said. “This academy is changing lives for the better and giving many of these kids a second chance. When I think about our West Virginia National Guard, I salute them over and over. I cannot thank them enough for everything they do, including their incredible work here at MCA South. With this bill, we are going to make it even better.”

The funding will allow MCA South to repair outdated HVAC systems, upgrade security equipment, and improve cadet living conditions by renovating outdated latrines and water waste systems.

The academy, which is housed at the former location of West Virginia

Tech, has experienced problems with aging facilities since the college closed in 2015.

The state allowed the National Guard to gain control of these facilities in 2018 to establish a second Mountaineer Challenge Program in Montgomery, in addition to the main Mountaineer Challenge Academy in Kingwood.

The mission of the Mountaineer Challenge Academy is to train and mentor selected at-risk youth to become contributing members of society using the Eight Core Components in a quasi-military environment during a 22-week residential and one year post-residential follow-up program.

Capito Highlights Sustained Economic Impact of New River Gorge Redesignation

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August 25, 2023 -- CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) highlighted the economic impact resulting from the redesignation of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. Specifically, the U.S. National Park Service’s (NPS) 2022 National Park Visitor Spending Effects report found that over the past year, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve generated \$96.1 million in economic output and supported 1,044 jobs in West Virginia.

In 2022, over 1.5 million park visitors spent an estimated \$79.3 million in local gateway regions while visiting the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, with 88.1% of visitors from out-of-state. In total, West Virginia benefited from \$133.8 million in economic output across all NPS units in the state.

“It’s wonderful to see that the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve is maintaining the success that we saw immediately following its redesignation in 2020, and that it continues to make a major economic impact in our state. When I began advocating for the redesignation, this was exactly the impact I knew the New River Gorge could make,” Senator Capito said. “This would not be possible without the gracious hospitality and hard work from West Virginians in the gateway communities around the park. From Hinton to Fayetteville, Meadow Bridge and all places in between, residents of the region have been fantastic ambassadors for

our state. I look forward to seeing the continued success of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve and the economic ripple effect that it generates.”

BACKGROUND: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve was established through the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Designation Act, legislation authored by Senator Capito. The legislation, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, led to the redesignation of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. The redesignation has helped promote the beauty and historical significance of the New River Gorge by making the site just the 63rd National Park and 20th National Preserve in the United States, while ensuring that the longstanding traditions of hunting and fishing are protected for generations to come.

Timeline of Senator Capito’s Work since the Resignation of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve:

- May 5, 2021: Senator Capito Unveils New Sign at New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.
- July 23, 2021: Senator Capito Highlights Impact of New River Gorge Redesignation During State Visits.
- Sept. 21, 2021: Senator Capito Announces Funding for New River Gorge Regional Development Authority’s WV Hive Network.
- May 3, 2022: Senator Capito Secures Appalachian Regional

Commission (ARC) Funding for New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

- December 26, 2022: On Second Anniversary of Redesignation, Senator Capito Highlights the Impact of New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

- January 4, 2023: Senator Capito Announces CDS Award To Establish Textile Prototyping Lab Through New River Gorge Regional Development Authority.

- January 17, 2023: Senator Capito Applauds Preserve Expansion of New River Gorge National Park and Preserve at Beury Mountain.

- April 3, 2023: Senator Capito Announces New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Expansion at Irish Mountain.

- Senator Capito secured \$7,424,198 through eight Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests included in the U.S. Senate passed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funding bills that would have a direct impact in the New River Gorge region. All Senate passed FY24 CDS awards are subject to approval in the U.S. House of Representatives and will not be awarded unless passed by both chambers and signed into law.

The Calhoun Chronicle strives to show fairness to all political parties, elected officials and local executive committees within our county, state and country. We welcome every party to submit information to the paper for consideration. However, submitted content is subject to editing.

Gov. Justice appoints Stephanie Abraham as judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court serving Kanawha County

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 -- CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has appointed Stephanie Abraham, of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court serving Kanawha County. She is set to fill the seat vacated by Judge Duke Bloom, who retired from the bench effective June 30, 2023.

Abraham has a career in civil litigation,

and representing governmental agencies. She served as a staff member for a former Republican United States Congressman and is a small-business owner. She’s represented school boards, county commissions, and government agencies. Most recently, she served as the General Counsel to the West Virginia State Board of Education.

Abraham graduated from Syracuse University

in 2000 and from the University of Maryland Law School in 2003.

Outside the practice of law, Abraham previously served on the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors and taught business law at the college.

Abraham lives in South Charleston with her husband and two sons.

Gov. Justice appoints Michael Asbury as judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court serving Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, and Webster counties

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 -- CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has appointed Michael Wayne Asbury, Jr., of Clay County, West Virginia, to the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court serving Braxton, Clay, Gilmer,

and Webster counties. He is set to fill Judge Richard A. Facemire’s seat, who retired from the bench effective June 30, 2023.

Asbury owns his own law practice in Clay County and has served clients throughout the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Asbury graduated from West Virginia State University in 2002 and from West Virginia University College of Law in 2005.

Outside the practice of law, Asbury is active in his community and his church.

Attorney General Morrissey Wins Dismissal of Challenge to New Abortion Pill Law

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

Aug. 24, 2023 -- CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Thursday issued a statement following the Southern District of West Virginia Huntington Division’s decision dismissing nearly every claim lodged by GenBioPro, a company that makes a generic version of the abortion pill mifepristone.

“As I have said all along, the new Unborn Child Protection Act is constitutional,” Attorney General Morrissey said.

“I am pleased the court saw it the way we did.” “While it may not sit well with manufacturers of abortion drugs, the U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that regulating abortion is a state issue,” the Attorney General continued. “I will always stand strong for the life of the unborn.”

The company argued that West Virginia’s new abortion law and a prohibition against telehealth abortion pill prescriptions are unconstitutional and

preempted by federal law—that the state cannot enforce a “ban” of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved drug.

While the court allowed the telehealth provision challenge to proceed, it concluded that the new pro-life law was constitutional and not preempted.

“We look forward to arguing the remaining issue of this lawsuit, and we are confident in the merits of our case,” Attorney General Morrissey said.

DHHR Reminds Residents of Resources for Foster Care Families

Contact: DHHRCommunications@wv.gov

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reminds residents of support available for caregivers of children in foster care. Through programs administered by DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance, foster families may be eligible to receive help meeting nutritional needs, child care, school clothing, and more.

“Foster care families provide critical support to West Virginia children and youth, and these resources can help them address potential financial concerns so that they can continue their important work,” said Janie Cole, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits to qualifying families that can be used for the purchase of food. Cash benefits are available for qualifying caretaker relatives through WV WORKS, West Virginia’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which also provides supportive services to help with the cost of caring for a child. Applications for SNAP and WV WORKS can be made at wvpath.wv.gov or at a DHHR county office.

which both parents are engaged in work or education may qualify for assistance with child care costs. Assistance is available for foster families with assets of less than \$1 million. Foster families are encouraged to contact their local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency to apply and for help with locating a high quality child care provider.

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West Virginia is one of only three states nationwide that provides a School Clothing Allowance for qualifying families, including foster families. This annual benefit of \$200 per eligible child is automatically provided to the parents or guardians of children in foster care and families with children receiving benefits under the WV WORKS program, as well as to families with school aged children receiving SNAP that qualify by income.

Foster families may find additional support through Family Support Centers, which are funded by DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance. Services at each center vary, but typically include support groups, play groups for children, parenting education classes, respite services, and more. Family Support Centers also can help with nutritional and hygiene needs.

Foster and kinship families can also utilize Mission WV for assistance with legal and financial resources, kinship navigators, and clothing assistance.

In addition to financial resources, DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance coordinates with DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health - Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health and Bureau for Medical Services (WV Medicaid) to ensure high-quality comprehensive healthcare for children in foster care. Mental and behavioral health support for West Virginia children is also available.

Many of these resources are highlighted in a recent survey of foster caregivers.

Those interested in foster care opportunities can contact Mission WV at 866-CALL-WV. To view and apply for DHHR career opportunities, visit dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

Payton Brown Honored with Prestigious Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Leadership Award

Submitted by Quentin Murphy, Glenville State University, Public Relations Department, (304) 462-4115

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is thrilled to announce that Payton Brown has been selected as the recipient of the coveted RMEF Leadership Award for their exceptional contributions to conservation, leadership, and dedication to the role of hunting in conservation efforts. The award includes a \$5,000 scholarship, a year's membership to the RMEF, and a feature in the RMEF's esteemed magazine, "The Bugle."

Payton Brown's tireless commitment to conservation and their impressive leadership in fostering a harmonious relationship between hunting and conservation made them the ideal candidate for this prestigious award. With a deep-rooted passion for the preservation of wildlife and natural habitats, Payton has consistently demonstrated their dedication to ensuring a sustainable future for Rocky Mountain elk

and the ecosystems they inhabit. The RMEF Leadership Award recognizes Payton's impressive achievements and their remarkable record in conservation. Their hands-on experience in promoting conservation efforts and advocating for responsible hunting practices has significantly raised awareness about the crucial role hunting plays in maintaining a balanced ecosystem.

"This program prepares you for the best in any wildlife management field," said Payton Brown. "Mainly being all field work, you get real world experience that also doubles for your classroom."

Brown, a native of Summersville, WV has known Glenville for a while. His parents Brandi '01 and Jason Brown '97,'99 is also Glenville State Alumni that have had successful careers within their fields.

"I am honored to have written a strong

recommendation letter for Payton's application for the scholarship." said Dr. Rico M. Gazal, Professor of Forestry. "This is the first of its kind in the Department and I am glad that Payton applied and got it. I hope that other students in the Wildlife Management major will also take advantage of this scholarship in the future."

For more information about the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and its programs, please visit www.rmef.org.

About the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

The RMEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the future of elk, other wildlife, and their habitats. Since its establishment in 1984, RMEF has protected and enhanced more than 7.4 million acres (about twice the area of Connecticut) of habitat and various wildlife species across North America.

Fairmont State University Athletics Department Receives WVHEPC Diversity for Equity Grant

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Fairmont State University has received \$5,000 in grant funding through the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission's (WVHEPC's) Diversity for Equity Grant program.

This grant will be used to hold two events celebrating diversity on campus: an International Cookout and a Black History Celebration. Devin Heath-Granger, Associate Head Men's Basketball Coach, and Mikaylah Glenn, Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach, are the co-leaders of this initiative.

Fairmont State's Athletics Department will host the events with the goal of educating the campus community about the different cultural identities within the student body and promoting appreciation and understanding among different groups. The

International Cookout, held in collaboration with Fairmont State's Educational Pathway for International Centers and Students (EPICS), will recognize international students at a tailgating event before a football game with food, music, and informational materials from all countries represented at the University. The Black History Celebration will be held in collaboration with Fairmont State's Black Student Union during Black History Month and will honor Black History with live music, cultural food, games, and educational opportunities.

"Fairmont State University is home to students from all different backgrounds, beliefs, and identities. We must continue to highlight and celebrate these cultural differences and beliefs to make sure every student feels welcome and has

a sense of belonging," stated Heath-Granger. "The more we can educate others on our differences, the stronger we can be."

WVHEPC awards Diversity for Equity grants to colleges and universities for equity-focused projects that work to bring about mutual understanding and respect among diverse groups on campus.

Glenn stated she anticipates that the International Cookout and the Black History Celebration will further this initiative at Fairmont State.

"Our hope is that these events bring people together and provide a safe space for everyone to feel comfortable and welcomed," Glenn said. "We want to recognize, learn, and celebrate all differences in our campus community."

FAIRMONT STATE'S PEYTON BARNES SELECTED AS MEC NOMINEE FOR NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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BRIDGEPORT, W.Va. – Peyton Barnes, a former member of the Fairmont State acrobatics & tumbling team, has been selected as the Mountain East Conference nominee for the 2023 NCAA Woman of the Year Award, the conference announced on Monday (Aug. 28).

Barnes joins Frostburg State's Abbey Dennis as the nominees for the MEC. Barnes and Dennis join 164 conference-level nominees for the 2023 Woman of the Year award.

Barnes, from Waldorf, Md., was a four-year member of the Fairmont State Acrobatics & Tumbling team and was named the MEC Specialist of the Year following her senior season in the spring

of 2023. She was also recognized nationally by the National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA) as the 2023 recipient of the Colleen Kausrud Leadership Award, recognizing the senior Acrobatics & Tumbling student-athlete that exemplifies leadership throughout her career.

In addition to earning all-conference recognition for her performance on the mat, Barnes was also a triple major at Fairmont State and earned degrees in National Security and Intelligence, Political Science and Criminal Justice.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was a three-time member of the NCATA All-Academic Team, was named to the NCATA

Academic Honor Roll, and was a member of the MEC All-Academic Team four times during her career.

She also earned the 2023 Jasper H. Colebank Award, recognizing the top senior student-athlete at Fairmont State.

She helped Fairmont State to two MEC Regular Season and Tournament Championships and was an eight-time conference champion in individual events.

She was also a member of the student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC) as a Fairmont State and Mountain East Conference representative.

Dates Released for Women's Collegiate Tennis Tournament and Press Conference to Announce This Years Teams

Charleston, West Virginia. Tournament Director, Charleston Attorney, Rusty Webb announced today the dates for Thunder in the Mountains Women's Collegiate Tennis Tournament to be held at the Schoenbaum Tennis Courts adjacent to the Kanawha City Recreation Center on September 22 through 24, 2023. It is the fourth tournament in five years.

Aptly named "Thunder in the Mountains", the first tournament was held in 2019 with co-hosts Marshall University and

West Virginia University, but was not widely publicized. The 2020 tournament was canceled because of COVID-19.

The tournament utilizes a "round robin" style of tournament with each team playing every other team. In addition to WVU and Marshall, this year's tournament will include two other Division I teams which will be announced on August 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Schoenbaum Tennis courts in Kanawha City alongside Mayor Amy Goodwin; with special guests, WVU and Marshall Coaches.

"I want this to be a destination event, an event attended to by all the state and region. To that end, I'm inviting all middle and high school teams in WV to attend. We also plan to transport children from all the City's Recreation Centers in an effort to introduce them to this sport. I've also invited members of the tennis community in WV".

For additional information, contact Rusty Webb at (304)539-WEBB (9322) or rusty@rustywebb.com.

Fairmont State welcomes new Head Cheerleading Coach

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Fairmont State University has welcomed alumna Courtney Sandy as the new Head Cheerleading Coach. Cowen, West Virginia native Sandy has been an active cheerleader since she was five and continued to cheer throughout her high school and college years. She has choreographed routines, worked alongside Special Olympics cheerleaders, and attended various cheer camps.

"Courtney has a wealth of experience and dynamic energy that will revitalize the Fairmont State cheer program," said Intramural and Club Sports Coordinator J.R. Lowery. "I am excited to see the growth and success that she will bring to the program both on and off the mat."

Sandy earned

NCA All-American Cheerleader honors her senior year of high school. After graduating high school, she attended Fairmont State University from 2008-2010, where she studied Health and Human Resources. She then went on to study Animal and Nutritional Sciences at West Virginia University. Sandy cheered at Fairmont State from 2008-2010 and cheered at West Virginia University from 2011-2012.

"New season, new goals, new coach, but same family. As the new head coach, I am eager to get started building a solid foundation for this program and school," said Sandy.

"While we might be starting from scratch, sometimes all it takes is a little inspiration to really light a fire. I'm ready to

tackle this season head-on and be fully invested as coach!"

In 2011 during her career as a West Virginia University cheerleader, Sandy's team earned second place at NCA College Nationals and in 2012 were named NCA National Champions.

"My goal is to have a squad that thrives during every practice, event, game and competition," said Sandy. "I am very thankful for the opportunity to continue doing what I love at the school where I started my collegiate cheerleading career at! Let's go Falcons!"

Outside of cheerleading, Sandy spends her free time at home in Morgantown, West Virginia with her three daughters Raedyn, Carter and Olivia.

Gov. Justice signs bill providing funds to Marshall University to build state-of-the-art institute for cyber security

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Tuesday, August 22, 2023---CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice held a ceremony today at the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex in Huntington to sign HB 117, which allocates a \$45 million supplemental appropriation to Marshall University to build a new cybersecurity center.

"I cannot tell you what it means to see Marshall University succeeding, and I am so proud to be here today," Gov. Justice said. "I love that we are prioritizing cybersecurity in West Virginia and thrilled to see that this University is leading the way in preparing students for successful careers. Together with the Legislature we do what we do because of these students here today. The students are so important, and giving them meaningful career

opportunities is why we are here."

Marshall University, building on its reputation as the premier cyber security academic institution in Appalachia and in an unprecedented move that will bolster national cybersecurity capabilities in protecting our nation's critical infrastructure, has received a substantial investment of \$45 million from the state of West Virginia.

This boost will establish a state-of-the-art institute for cyber security, positioning the university at the forefront of cyber defense and research.

The funding will build a new facility in the 4th Avenue Innovation District of Huntington and will serve as an important anchor for the area that is being developed as a transformational,

innovation-led, mixed-use area strategically located between downtown Huntington and Marshall's Huntington campus.

The proposed building will house state-of-the-art cyber security technology and training programs and become the cyber locus, where industry from throughout Appalachia and the country will find training, mentoring and learn the most up-to-date cyber trends.

It is estimated there are more than 700,000 cyber security job openings in the United States alone.

Marshall is already working collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Education and West Virginia State University to advance workforce development.

2023 Calhoun County Middle/High School Senior Football Schedule

	Score
August 25: 7:00 p.m., Away, Gilmer County	Calhoun 6 - 50 Gilmer
Sept 1: 7:00 p.m. Home, Valley (Wetzel)	
Sept 8: 7:00 p.m., Away, Tyler Consolidated	
Sept. 15: 7:00 p.m., Away, Wahama Senior/Middle School	
Sept. 18: 5:30 p.m., Home, Wahama-JV	
Sept. 22: 7:00 p.m., Away, ST. Marys	
Sept. 25: 6:00 p.m., Home, St. Marys-JV	
Sept., 29: 7:00 p.m., Away, Trinity Christian	
Oct. 6: 7:00 p.m., Home, Williamstown-Breat Cancer Awareness	
Oct. 13: 7:00 p.m., Home, Wirt-Homecoming	
Oct. 20: 7:00 p.m., South Harrison-Military Appreciation	
Oct. 27: 7:00 p.m., Home, Webster-Senior Night	
Oct. 30: 6:30 p.m., Home, Clay-JV	

2023 Calhoun Youth Football and Cheer League Roster - Little Red Devils

Flag Football

Gunner Burrows - #1
Carter Badgett - #2
River Parsons - #3
Jaxon Snodgrass - #4
Aaron Cunningham - #5
Spencer Parsons - #6
Jace Nicholson - #7
Mavrik Dow - #10
Barrett Probasco - #11
Cannen Meeker - #12
Rylan Sampson - #13
Elijah Yeager - #14
Charlotte Bain - #15
Hal'Lee Hughes - #16
Henry Poore - #17

C-Team Football

Owen Heiney - #1
Bryson Swisher - #6
Braxton Carter - #7
Chase Parsons - #8
Carper Summers - #9
Scarlett Probasco - #14
Brantley Davis - #19
Ronan Haney - #22
Ryder Simmons - #43
Cayden Meeker - #44
Kaleb Butler - #66
Sawyer Justice - #70
Raines Riddel - #75
Paxton Hughes - #84
Kayleb Harris - #85
Noah Richards - #87
Zander McCumbers - #92

B-Team Football

Haygan Houchin - #2
Judd Helmick - #7
Jase Farley - #16
Colton Heiney - #17
Brantly Schoolcraft - #25
Josh Hardbarger - #32
Xander Carpenter - #45
Kyle Shook - #47
Quentin Parkin - #60
Jaxon Ingram - #73
Justin Cunningham - #84
Adam Francis - #87

A-Team Football

Braydon Hardway - #1
Grayson Laughlin - #2
Wyatt Lawson - #6
Tyler Mayle - #8
Cooper Summers - #9
Abram Dow - #14
Chandler Cottrell - #17
Tristan Rogers - #21
Logan Buttler - #22
Kason Stamper - #23
Payden Yeager - #33
Liam Yeager - #40
Silas Cunningham - #43
Bentley Snodgrass - #44
Colten Meeker - #50
Karson Propst - #54
Landon Hawkins - #61
Clayton Foster - #74
Keegan Sampson - #75
Mason Cunningham - #83
Carter Thompson - #93

Flag Cheer

Ainsley Davis
Gracie Houchin
Dakota Mounts
Breanna Page

C Team Cheer

Alex Bracewell
Laken Bracewell
Raelynn Brannon
Natalia Bremar
Henley Cunningham
Piper Garrett
Sadie Goodrich
Kenna Hall
Talia Mayle
Ella Nelson
Avery Norman
Hadley Propst
Ember Sterling

B Team Cheer

Baylee Allison
Trinity Baker
Sophia Bartelt
Trinity Carpenter
Reese Dow
Skylar Fletcher
Sophia Goodrich
Kenlie Jarvis
Savannah Sampson

A Team Cheer

Krystal Badgett
Arianna Bremar
Chiara Brennaman
Catelynn Foster
Makenzie Justice
Jaelyn McCumbers
Sadie McGlothlin
Kaylee Sampson
Izabella Vigil

2023 Calhoun Middle School Football Roster

- #1 – Coby Staples
- #2 – Jace Lemon
- #3 – Cyrus Helmick
- #10 – Trevor Mayle
- #14 – Ezra Anderson
- #20 – Gavin Hicks
- #21 – Preston Sauer
- #24 – Kyrian Mounts
- #25 – Hoyt Helmick
- #40 – Nic Butler
- #50 – Tucker Sampson
- #54 – Evan Burch
- #55 – Sam Bailey
- #62 – Ruger Carder
- #63 – Camden Carpenter
- #64 – Duke Persinger
- #66 – Braydon McKown
- #78 – Cohen Blankenship
- #80 – Evan Collins
- #87 – Dayvon Mitchell

1982 Foundation Meetings Sept. 2nd

On Sept. 2nd at the Old Pavillion on Wayne Underwood Field there will be a Volunteer Meeting to plan for the Fall Festival at 10:00 a.m., Bootstrap Meeting 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for all 6 teams: Recreational & River, Beautification, Animal Shelter, Recovery, Farm2Table, including Goat Coop and Business incubator.

Come out and be a part of the positive change in our community.

"All You Can Eat" for the Animals Sept. 3rd

All you can eat spaghetti, lasagna, meatballs, salad bar and breadsticks for your donation of \$15 or more. portion of the proceeds to WAG Low Cost Spay and Neuter Program and the rest will go to underserved pet owners in Calhoun County with food and medications for their pets. Pet food and flea and tick medicine (anything but Hartz) donations will be greatly appreciated. Any donated pet items can be dropped off anytime at the Arnoldsburger Cafe.

This event is co-hosted by the Arnoldsburger Cafe and Patty Turner Laughlin. If you can not make it to the dinner and would like to help, you can send cash donations via Paypal to: forunderdogs@yahoo.com

1982 Foundation Weekly Update

By Crystal Mersh

Weekly Update
This week the big picture....

So what's the deal with the lamp posts? And why does anyone care?

Good questions that deserve an answer.

Rewind. October 2021. Remember when I told you that this fight is not about a swimming pool? This fight is about getting what ALL Houners deserve, not just the few and not just the ones in the perceived positions of "power". The right to raise a family where we grew up. The right to have a good job that does more than just pay the bills. The right to use your creative spirit and work ethic to make your dreams come true. The right for ALL Calhoun kids to do whatever it is that THEY wish to do when they grow up.

This is the American Dream, and we deserve it as much as any other Americans. And it is ours if we want it. If we have the courage to do what needs to be done, the ambition to work tirelessly and the belief that we with God's help and guidance can improve our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren.

Just look at what has transpired in the last two years. Lots of change. Change is inevitable. Change is good. Change is needed for progress.

We can no longer take no for answer. We can no longer NOT question things we know are wrong. We can no longer NOT demand more that we have been getting. We can no longer accept leaders who have

their own agendas and no care for those of the people.

So what about those lamp posts?

Well, if we are going to move up from the bottom county in the bottom state we are going to have to have to do it ourselves, and that is ok. We have a beautiful county and we have beautiful counties around us. We have the Little Kanawha full of small mouth bass and musky. We have hills and hollers and trails and mud. And we have food...home grown, home cooked, home preserved, and home town hospitality. This is the making of a Day Trip destination if ever there were one. In order to get off the bottom, we need to address the economic factors of the county and our people. The county population, as you know has been declining for decades, and our population is aging. Therefore the tax paying base is less and less. Costs of operating the government go up and up and/or in our case services become less and less. There is a limit at which we will no longer be viable as a county if we continue to do nothing. It is simple economics. Either the state will have to step in and/or we will be combined with another county. These discussions are already happening and have been for some time.

So what's that got to do with lamp posts? A Day Trip County will lead to new businesses, shops, restaurants, recreational adventures,

accommodations, business, and tax revenue. Beautification of our land, water and streets are the price to pay. If we build it they will come. People are also very interested in history and heritage; and we are rich in that.

Lamp posts do a couple of things. For the sponsors, they show their commitment and belief for a better future, and show others that they are willing to take a leadership role and open the path for others. For those who support the effort, in any and all ways, from prayer to marketing (yes we are all marketers) our county to volunteering in any small way you can to any cause in the community and to expressing a positive message about how the little county at the end of the list is making it happen to ensure that future generations can enjoy our home and can also fulfill their dreams. It does take a village and that we have.

So let's always keep our eye on the big picture. The good Lord has blessed us with lots of resources, let's pray that they are used wisely and to the glory of the Great Provider.

I am so proud of my home. No one puts baby in a corner, and that is my battle to fight. I am prepared and ready. Just because we have been at the bottom of the list for the last 40 years, it does not mean that we will be there for the next 40. We are stronger together, and we will prosper together.

With love,

Crystal

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

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

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.

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.

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.



Betty Barr, PA

We are excited to announce that starting September 12, 2023 Betty Barr, PA will begin seeing chronic care patients at the Grantsville Clinic.

Please call 304-354-9244 to schedule.



John Henry McCune arrested for shot fired at Orma neighbor

By Melissa West

A complaint filed in Calhoun County Magistrate Court by Trooper J.D. Richards found John Henry McCune facing the felony charge of Wanton Endangerment and being held on a \$75,000 bond.

Trooper Richards received information from Calhoun 911 on August 27th, 2023 when Carol Huffman was allegedly shot at by her neighbor at the address of 206 Sandstone Road. DNR Officer J. Holcomb was first to arrive on scene and met the accused, John Henry McCune, on the front porch of the residence. Holcomb informed Trooper Richards that McCune had admitted to shooting a gun “in the

air” a short time earlier.

Trooper Richards had prior knowledge that the accused was a prohibited person so officer Holcomb detained him until Trooper Richards arrived. Troopers from the WV State Police detachment of Clay also arrived to provide assistance.

When Trooper Richards spoke to the girlfriend of Mr. McCune, Shayla M. Hall, she too said that Mr. McCune had fired the gun in the air in a direction towards the residence on the left of Sandstone Road, an address that was before the address that the officers had responded.

Trooper Richards spoke to Betty McCune, mother of the accused who stated that her son had fired the gun up in the air, straight up and down.

Trooper Richards spoke to the caller who had reported the incident who stated that she was out on her walkway when she observed a few individuals load a barrel in the back of a blue dodge pick up. After the barrel was loaded, the accused, John Henry McCune, raised a .22 Cricket revolver style handgun and shot directly at her. She described the noise as a small caliber but loud as if the sound was projected toward her.

Charles Otto, who was standing on the porch of the residence at the time, was startled by the noise of the firearm and was in disbelief.

Trooper Richards spoke to the accused, to try and locate the firearm, but was told it was not there, that he had sold it and didn't know that he wasn't allowed to possess a firearm after being informed of that verbally by Trooper Richards. McCune has a conviction date of 9/12/2022 for Domestic Battery. McCune further stated that he had purchased the .22 cricket from Ricky McCune at 10:30 a.m. the same morning for \$25. He then called Bucky Miller from Rosedale and Bucky came to the address to pick up the firearm at 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. for the \$50 owed.

Trooper Richards noted that every described direction for which the gun was pointed in, when fired, posed and showed wanton disregard for the substantial and real hazard to health and human life. McCune did not discharge the firearm into an embankment, or straight into the dirt which would have created little to no risk of hazard.

It was attempted by Trooper Richards to locate the firearm by contacting Bucky Miller to no avail. Given the circumstance of the investigation, Trooper Richards placed John Henry McCune under arrest for Wanton Endangerment and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony. The accused was transported to the WVSP Grantsville Detachment for processing.

The second charge of “Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony” was denied by Magistrate Lora Davis.

On the charge of Wanton Endangerment, in violation of 61-7-12 of the code of the State of West Virginia, any person who wantonly performs any act with a firearm that creates a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to another shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in the penitentiary for a definite term of years not less than one year

nor more than five years, or, in the discretion of the court, confined in the county jail for not more than one year, or fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$2,500, or both.

McCune is currently being held in the WV Central Regional Jail on a \$75,000 cash/surety bond.

* All persons accused and arrested are innocent until they are found guilty in the court of law.



Gibson Arrested

By Shari Johnson

Dustin Scott Gibson, age 37, was arrested on August 21st, 2023 on multiple counts across two counties. Gibson failed to appear in Calhoun when facing the charges of an Accident Involving Damage to a Vehicle, No Insurance, and No Registration, at which time Magistrate Richard Postalwait issued a capias for his arrest.

Having had a bonding agent sign for his bond, a bailpiece was issued. Gibson is also being held for Roane County Charges of 4 counts of use or presence of a firearm in the commission of a crime, Malicious assault, Person Prohibited in possession of a firearm, 2 counts of wanton endangerment, Domestic Assault, Domestic Battery and Brandishing.

Gibson is being held in the WV Central Regional Jail awaiting trial in both counties.


Calhoun FRN/FSC

Resource Fair & Save a Life Day

Join us on

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023

Main Street 11-1 pm






LEARN HOW TO PREVENT AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

Participants will be trained in how to administer nasal narcan and receive information on how to obtain narcan.

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RSVP by Aug. 30th
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The Most Space-efficient, State-of-the-art Plethysmograph On The Market.

What is this machine used for?


Lung Function Test (also called pulmonary function test)

What is a pulmonary function test?

PFTs include a variety of tests that check how well the lungs work. The tests measure lung volume, capacity, rates of flow, and gas exchange.

Why might I need pulmonary function tests?

- Allergies
- Respiratory infections
- Trouble breathing from injury to the chest or a recent surgery
- Chronic lung conditions, such as asthma, bronchiectasis, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis
- Asbestosis, a lung disease caused by inhaling asbestos fibers
- Restrictive airway problems from scoliosis, tumors, or inflammation or scarring of the lungs
- Sarcoidosis, a disease that causes lumps of inflammatory cells around organs, such as the liver, lungs, and spleen
- Scleroderma, a disease that causes thickening and hardening of connective tissue



PFTs may be used to check lung function before surgery or other procedures in patients who have lung or heart problems, who are smokers, or who have other health conditions. Another use of PFTs is to assess treatment for asthma, emphysema, and other chronic lung problems. Your healthcare provider may also have other reasons to advise PFTs.

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