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Minnie Hamilton Health System held Groundbreaking Ceremony Sept. 6th

By Melissa West



Minnie Hamilton Health Care System held their Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sept. 6th.

The ceremony was opened by Stephen Whited, CEO of MHHS who welcomed all in attendance. Whited began by saying “he was blessed having grown up in

Calhoun County and being part of this wonderful community and never thought he would be a part of such an important event. This is an important event, it is monumental for our community what we are being able to do here.” Whited went onto to say “ that they are kicking off a renovation of new construction project of nearly \$20 million upgrade to an aging facility that provides healthcare services to 20,000 patients in central rural West Virginia. This is a multi-phase approach, which phase 1 being our sewer/waterline project, which we are so thankful to Mrs. Gayle Manchin from the ARC prospective, The Water Development Authority of their funding, as well as the USDA Grant Funding.”

The crowd was lead in invocation by Bobby Bailey, Chaplain.



Roger Hanshaw, Speaker of the House spoke to the crowd that he “had pending in Charleston the remainder of the funds to take this project to the next level, that he had reached out for that before coming to Calhoun today to make sure that it was still in process as we intend it to be. This is a big day, its a big day not just for the facility, but for the people it serves.” Hanshaw discussed a report that saw that reported that between 68 and 75 percent of the entire cost of medical care incurred by Americans is the result of preventative care. Think about that number, between 68 and 75% of the cost of medical care of all Americans

is the lack of preventative care. Facilities like the one we are about to break ground on here today make available the preventative care that literally changes peoples lives for the better.”

Other speakers pictured below left to right included: David Goldberg, CEO of Mon Health; Jennifer Piercy, Senator Capito Rep; Brian Aluise, Senator Manchin Rep; Tyler Ohrn, Congresswoman Miller Rep.; Ryan Thorn, USDA WV State Director and Gayle Manchin, Federal Co-Chair of ARC.



Gayle Manchin spoke to the crowd, “it has been so impressive to hear everyone speak today. I am touched by the real sincerity of the people and the thought behind this, there has been a passion. I have to tell you when I go to meetings like this, to groundbreakings and to projects that are coming to fruition I am always deeply touched by the sense of pride, ownership, commitment by the people and it makes me appreciate and realize that the way our Appalachian Regional Commission was set up was so perfect. We never go out and pass out a check to people. It always begins at that local level, people coming together saying this is our challenge, this is our need and what do we do about it.”



Gayle Manchin and Roger Hanshaw Praise Calhoun at sitdown at the 1982 Foundation

By Melissa West



On Sept. 6th, as the construction crews continued to work around The 1982 Foundation properties as Gayle Manchin, federal co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, got a briefing from Crystal Mersh, 1982 Foundation President on what is happening at the

site of the former Calhoun High School, as well as throughout Calhoun County and the seven County region that will benefit from the project.

Crystal described her return to Calhoun County to the twenty or so people attending including officials from the USDA, representatives from Senators Manchin and Capito’s office, and a few local officials who appreciate her work. She told of how the apathetic attitudes she experienced upon her return to the County she grew up in didn’t make sense. That was until she realized the people were not apathetic, they’d lost hope. In 2021, she and classmate, friend and business associate Teresa Overton, Vice President of Community Outreach for the foundation returned home and let no grass grow under their feet as The 1982 Foundation became the talk of the town, and not without attacks, criticism, and attempts by community leaders who were on the brink of losing their 40 year control of what happens in the county.

Mersh told the following story, “I am so very grateful to have returned home to share my heart and the experience I have in leading change efforts. I never dreamed that there would be a path for me to come home. I left Calhoun 7 days after graduating from that big hand cut stone building when I married my high school sweetheart. I saw my dad cry for the first time ever standing on the front porch that day as we drove away. My heart was breaking. I never wanted to leave my home, but I knew that opportunities were slim. In order to follow our dreams we had to leave and we did. Then time moves on and the thought of returning home becomes more and more of an impossibility for me. I have traveled the world. I have lived all over, but my home was always here no matter my address. Fortunately for us all, God knows no impossibilities and provided a way to bring me home. Thank you Lord for this blessing. Thank you God for my husband with a more than kind heart and an interest to share our time, talent and treasure with my hometown. You never get over your love of West Virginia. After 2 years being home, that 40 years has almost disappeared. It seems like another life which it kinda is. It was blessed with love, family, friends and so very much, but it still was not home.”

As a businesswoman, Mersh has been a force to be reckoned with. She has traveled and done business with leaders all over the world. She has the attention of officials in Charleston and Washington, DC, but that hasn’t made it easy. She currently runs five separate companies: Quality Executive Partners, Vertuosi, American Medicines Company, The 1982 Foundation and Panty Claus. She employs numerous people and is working on bringing 500 much needed jobs to the State in the Pharmaceutical industry and possibly restoring Americans ability to get critical prescriptions currently produced out of the country. Prescriptions for victims of heart disease, diabetics and other chronic diseases that America currently has, is in a 30 day supply chain that could lead to countless deaths if imports stop.

The seven counties of focus are Calhoun, Clay, Braxton, Roane, Gilmer, Ritchie and Wirt Counties. Each with their own economic struggles. The significantly distressed areas have placed most of those counties on the State Distressed list long term, for Calhoun over 40 years of bearing that burden. But The 1982 Foundation mission is to help groups such as “Bootstraps,” pilot new and established businesses, community organizations and private citizens to change the county for the better.

Recently, mention of lamp posts to light up Grantsville made by Mersh sent a viral wave throughout Calhoun Supporters. Within seven days, the mere mention of lighting up the streets of Grantsville, netted \$64,000 in pledged donations. Even though all the details have yet to be complete, the power of community near and far just proves once again the passion people have for what’s happening in Calhoun County.

The Community is coming to life as Grantsville City Council and residents have worked very hard to revitalize the old city park that has been neglected since the closing of the old pool. With multiple donations and City employee support the Grantsville Recreational Park is hosting Pickleball games, family picnics in a new shelter and has the promise of new park equipment in the the future. Mayor Robert Petrovsky attended to share his enthusiasm in what he sees happening in town.



The first year of The 1982 Foundation, they opened the halls of the Calhoun High School to area vendors for a Christmas show. Over 50 vendors showed up for one of the highest attended events. Thousands of dollars were made by multiple vendors and businesses were born. The sitdown showcased the goodies from two local Pastry makers to sample as they began their tour of the Community Center were from Sandy Church and Faith Filled Donuts of Arnoldsburg. The 47,000 square foot facility will house the following: Children’s learning center, K-12 Old School teachings, Commercial and Teaching Kitchens, Long Term rental housing, Air BnB, Event space, Restaurant/Cafe, Fitness Center, Cooperatives Retail/Office, Agriculture Center, Recovery Space and Recreational Facilities. Calhoun has come alive with the help of the 1982 Foundation.

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

WANDA ELAINE MILLER

Surrounded by her loving family, Wanda Elaine Miller, 80, of Mt. Zion, WV, passed away September 8, 2023, at Minnie Hamilton Health System, following an extended illness.

She was the daughter of the late Glover and Delma Arthur Starcher. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three grandsons Ethyn Miller, David Miller, and Kristopher Miller; sisters Sue McNabb and Sharon Sturms and a brother Doyle “Gene” Starcher.

Raised in Calhoun County, she attended Little Creek Elementary School. She was a homemaker, raising 6 sons and then worked for the Committee on Aging doing home health care. She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Grantsville. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, coloring, gardening, canning and cooking.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Arnold Lee “Johnny” Miller; her six boys Timothy (Diana) Miller, David (Maysel) Miller, Mark (Julie) Miller, Kevin (Kristin) Miller, Joe (Shannon) Miller and Brian (Seana) Miller; her grandchildren Jessica Hildebrand, TJ (Eryn) Miller, Stacy (Aaron) Cunningham, Nicole Miller, John Miller, Kayla (Andrew) Baker, Mattea Miller, Brittany Miller, Jeffrey Miller, Madison Miller, Lexi Miller, Regan Miller, Hope Miller and Brady Miller; 7 great-grandchildren Cole Hildebrand, Eliza Burch, Evan Burch, Chace Miller, Sawyer Richards, Peyton Cunningham and Aaliyah Cunningham; Patricia Criss, Genita Starcher, Bernard “Bunk” (Kathy) Starcher, William “Bill” (Patsy) Starcher and Glover “Jr” (Joyce) Starcher and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held September 10, 2023, from at Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth. Funeral services were September 11, 2023, the funeral home with the Rev. Glenville McBride officiating. Interment will follow at Bryner Chapel’s Cemetery, Mt. Zion, WV.

Matheny Whited Funeral Home, Elizabeth, WV, was honored to assist the Miller family with arrangements.



JOHN RICHARD TOLLIVER

John Richard Tolliver, 62, of Glenville, WV, passed away on September 6, 2023, at Glenville Center. He was born at Havre de Grace, MD, a son of the late Daniel Kin and Edith Mae Yearian Tolliver.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers Daniel A. Tolliver and Marvin Tolliver.

He is survived by siblings Robert Tolliver of Beckley, WV; Kenneth Tolliver of Reedsville, Ohio; Loretta McCormick of Reedy, WV; Arlene Tolliver of Sutton, WV; Melvin Tolliver of Spencer, WV; Delbert Tolliver of Parkersburg, WV; Rosetta Cottrell of Stumptown, WV; and Claude Tolliver of Spencer, WV; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His wishes for cremation have been honored. Stump Funeral Home & Cremation, Inc., Arnoldsburg, WV, has been entrusted with assisting the Tolliver family with the final arrangements.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.stumpfuneralhomes.com

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

Walnut Grove Community Church Homecoming

The Walnut Grove Community Church is having a Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:00 a.m. They will be having lunch at noon. Preacher Ron Shamblin will be preaching as singing. Other singers include Zeb dorsey and Jamie Summers.

Pastor Clark and the entire congregation incites everyone to come and enjoy the day of friendship and fellowship.

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Thank You,

Melissa West, Office Manager

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke

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

There was a nice crowd at the Grim reunion held Saturday at the Creston Community Building. There were several “honorary members” of the family there who also feasted on the goodies that were provided. The younger set had fun on the merry go round as had preceding generations of the Grim and other Creston families. Ted Grim who has been the MC (since whenever) was unable to come because he is having troubles with swelling in his legs.

The big fall Creston ATV poker run is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 at the Creston Community Building. It should be a fun ride and it was announced that hamburgers will be served and, of course, biscuits and gravy for breakfast.

Alvin Engelke still has loveable kittens to give away. They look up and ask, “You are going to pet me now aren’t you.” As a reward they then purr and play.

There were 14 workers on the Creston Area Neighborhood Watch litter pickup on Saturday including those who fixed the goodies for those who worked. Mary Reno who was visiting at the Carl Ferrell residence helped and Suellen Arthur baked a very tasty cake. There were about 10 bags of trash and Marty DeVries found an old lantern.

Folks who have game cameras up to look for the big trophy bucks report seeing more bear than deer. A big coyote was spotted on the Richardsonville Road one day last week.

Wanda Miller, age 80, passed away at the Minnie Hamilton facility in Grantsville. She was the wife of Arnold (Johnny) Miller, the mail carrier who has been a resident of the extended care unit there for several years. She was the daughter of Glover and Delma Arthur Starcher and grew up at the mouth of Big Run of Little Creek. Burial in the Bryner Chapel graveyard at Joker.

The Creston area had another power outage although, perhaps, such things are not really

news. Speaking of electricity, Omnis Fuel Technologies is now running the power plant in Pleasants County. According to Bill Cole who apparently is part of the team that purchased the plant and saved it from being cut up for scrap. The plan is to triple the purchase of coal used to run the plant but the coal is to be converted to graphite & graphine and hydrogen which is to be used as the fuel for the power generation. Cole noted that the graphite is worth \$2.500/ton and one ton of coal makes 0.6 tons of graphite. Thirty acres of land is to be purchased from Solvay to build the facility to convert the coal to the high dollar products and hydrogen.

The Wirt County state road crew was mowing highways & byways in the Creston area. The work was much appreciated by local residents.

The attack on farming continues. Over the decades government policy has eliminated over 90% of farms and now there are attacks on the “medium sized” agricultural operations.

There is the WOTUS rule, nutrient management guidelines and outright hostility as shown in Virginia against the Amish who dare prosper and provide healthy food. Kerry says “agriculture is a problem”. No doubt he will exempt Kobe beef, truffles and Iranian (Persian) caviar from the rules as the elites are not be inconvenienced.

Cheap food has been the mantra for a long time now and it had been that only 9% of a family’s income had to used for food but not anymore especially for those on fixed incomes. A fellow was noting the price of spam, bologna and white bread. Speaking of the so called global warming apparently the local deer population didn’t get the memo an now they are sporting their winter coats.

The global warming supporters have been pushing the CO2 story for quite some time now and many have now become very rich. CO2 is 0.4% of the atmosphere and 3.2% of that is caused by us. Recently there was a major underwater volcano eruption in the “East Indies” but it wasn’t news.

There seems to be

big trouble with the little school in Morgantown that “earned” a reputation as a leading party school. Just like the late Ohio Valley University and Alderson Broaddus College, both now defunct, the Morgantown facility has serious \$\$\$ problems. Some officials said they should cut back on academic programs (Who needs that there book larin’ anyhow?) and push core programs such as the lucrative sports businesses and health care. The faculty said no, but Jim Justice and Sen. President Blair sided with some school officials who suggested forced relocation of W. Va. residents to make for easier delivery of “government services”

Columbia Gas wants to take 177 acres of Oriskany and Marcellus acreage to expand the big storage field at Rockport. They gave an ultimatum \$50/acre sign or we sue you as “this is for the public good”. It would seem that some of the poor Rockefeller children don’t have shoes for winter or else it means that big things are in the works for the gas storage fields in West Virginia. Under the plan all the native hydrocarbons in both formations would become Rockefeller property. It was noted that when the Rockport storage field started Godfrey L. Cabot was paid for all the native gas in the Oriskany as Cabot had men on his payroll who could calculate such matters.

Work is underway for stream crossings for the MVP (Mountain Valley Pipeline) in southern West Virginia. There have been fire bombings and other demonstrations and it was learned that one of the funding sources for the “environmentalists” that try to disrupt the operations is “Onward Together” which is a Hillary Clinton foundation.

Some local residents received telephone calls advising that they had won \$8 million plus a sports car, etc. All one had to do was call and give the bank routing numbers. Others have received telephone calls from “social security”, calls from Beverly Hills, etc. Several people in the area have reported receiving as many as 20 calls per day from these “telemarketers”!

The Ruling Officials

recently cancelled oil and gas leases in Alaska but their head man at FERC recently spoke in Singapore at a big conference and stated “There will be no transition of our energy systems without natural gas”.

Gulfport Energy, an outfit that drills Marcellus and Utica wells in Ohio noted that in their new 4 mile long laterals in the Utica the daily production is 2.5 bilion cubic feet/day for each thousand feet of lateral. The Utica under Creston is 1100 feet thick.

Fidelis, the fine outfit that is going to get the \$2 billion taxpayer “loan” to use natural gas and make hydrogen and generate no CO2 (since it will be sequestered) announced that Battlele Carbon Services will head up that part of the scheme that apparently will show that the laws of physics do not apply when government/ taxpayer money is involved. This project is to be in Mason County.

It was noted that in2004 Range Resources drilled their first successful Marcellus well in Washington County Pennsylvania. Now the 3 state area produces more natural gas than most nations.

Our betters have been telling us that the Second Amendment is outdated and should be abolished so we can all be led away as were those unfortunate folks in Europe a few decades ago. Now the governor of New Mexico has abolished gun ownership in her state but not everyone is bowing down, just like folks are not going along with the new proposed COVID mandates, edicts and directives.

The big Ergon catfish fry is September 20 at the Shriner’s facility at Marietta. For reservations call 1-800-278-3364.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude rose to \$86.51/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, fetching \$68.51/bbl. & Marcellus & Utica light bringing \$77.51 & medium \$86.51/bbl.

However, for some reason one can purchase gasolene in Parkersburg for \$3.14.5/gallon

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This Week In Calhoun History

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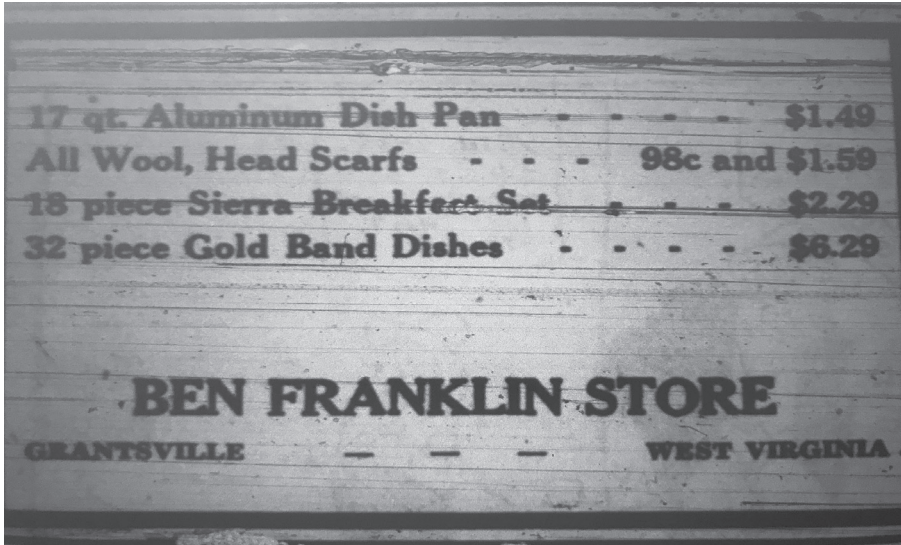
Brooksville News: The local school begun last week with Miss Alice Depue, of Ravenswood, and Florence Cain of this place as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carroll have returned home after a visit with relatives of Parkersburg.

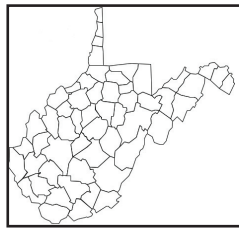
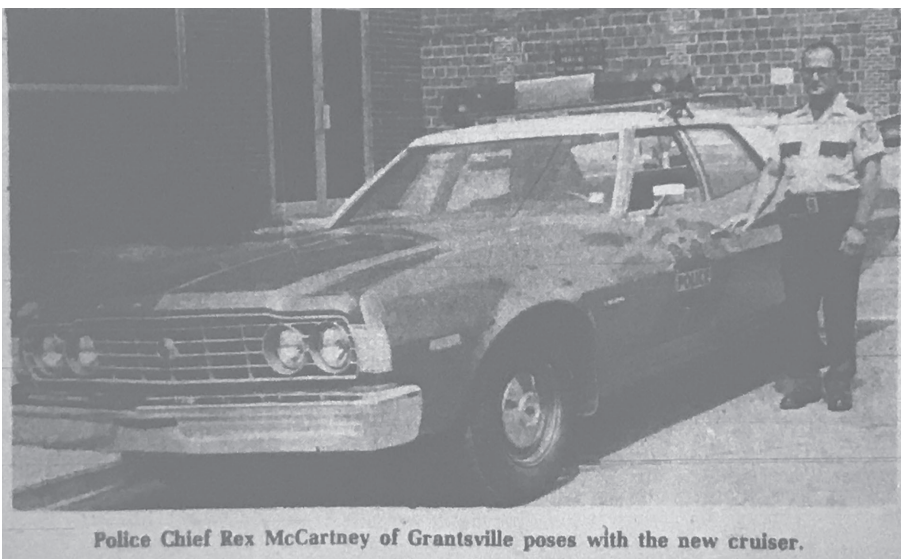
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Busch and children Miss Maxene, Maxwell and Billy returned home Saturday after a few days visit with relatives at Parkersburg. Miss Maxene underwent an operation at the St. Joseph Hospital while there having her tonsils and adenoids removed.

1948, 75 YEARS: Conley Aboard USS Coral Sea : Charles J. Conley, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Nelle Conley of Grantsville, is serving aboard the USS Coral Sea CVB 43, which is currently participating in the annual Midshipmen's Practice Cruise. The Coral Sea is the third and latest addition to the fleet in the battle-carrier class, having been commissioned October 1, 194. Together with her two sister ships., the Midway and Franklin D. Roosevelt, she is one of the world's largest aircraft carriers. The ship is named for the Battle of the Coral Sea, history's first major engagement in which the fighting was carried on solely by aircraft from opposing carriers. During the Midshipmen cruise this summer, the ship, in touring Portuguese and Western Mediterranean waters, had visited the posts of Lisbon, Golfe Juan on the French Riviera, and Gibraltar. The Coral Sea has recently been engaged in air exercises, operating from Guantanamo Bay., Cuba, after which she will return to Norfolk, Virginia, to disembark the Midshipmen.

(Original Comic and Store Ad from 1948 below)



1973, 50 YEARS: Grantsville's First Police Cruiser: The Town of Grantsville has its first police cruiser. Heretofore the town has had an automobile for transportation but now in use id the blur 1973 Ford Torino fully equipped for police duty. The radio equipment is such that calls can be made anywhere in the state. Ther is a public access system., and twin sonic lights. Police Chief Rex McCartney said that the cruiser was not equipped with air conditioning since he had recommended that funds be used for other items of police equipment, of more benefit. Bought from Calhoun Super-Service, the cruiser is part of upgrading the police and fire departments of the town. The town secured a new fire truck about two months ago. Revenue sharing funds have helped with the latest purchase.



This Week In West Virginia History

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

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

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Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the “Great Persuader,” tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia’s 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

Sept. 15, 1861: In the aftermath of the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, Union forces under the command of Gen. Jacob Cox occupied the area of Spy Rock. Spy Rock is a natural landmark located on U.S. 60, 18 miles east of Hawks Nest.

Sept. 15, 1862: Confederate Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson forced the surrender of a large Union garrison inside the town of Harpers Ferry. The 12,500 prisoners taken by Jackson was the largest surrender of federal troops in the war.

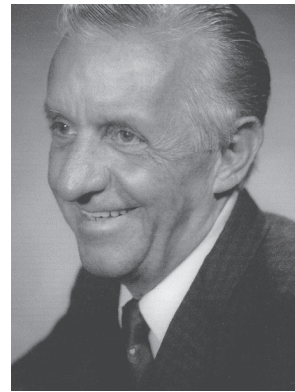


Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County.

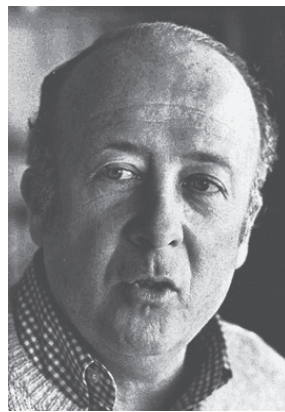
As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state.

In 1912, he was elected the state’s 14 th governor.

Sept. 15, 1906: Songwriter Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to “Here Comes Peter Cottontail” and “Frosty the Snow Man,” two of America’s most popular songs.



Sept. 16, 1876: The town of Milton in Cabell County was incorporated and named in honor of Milton Rece, a large landowner at the time.



Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont.

He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, A Separate Peace.

was born in Keyser.

Gates is one of the leading Black intellectuals in the United States.

His books include Colored People: A Memoir, about growing up in Mineral County.

He hosts the popular PBS program Finding Your Roots.

Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr.



Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. Jackson was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.



Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died.

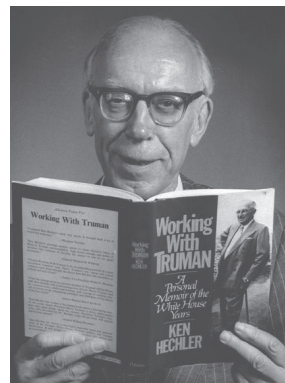
Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.



Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg.

She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.

Sept. 19, 1892: William “Bill” Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia’s most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.



Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia’s secretary of state.

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Food For Thought

By Judy Wolfram

So, lets do corn as promised. Now that you know that I don't like beets and I only like green beans when properly seasoned. I am so going to add corn to my dislikes. What??? She doesn't like corn!!

I can just hear everybody gasping, to me corn has no taste unless it's covered in salt, pepper and butter.

To me it's like eating plastic. The kids and the hubby like it so I cooked it, and we grew it.

I bought one of those gizmos that slide down the corn cob and take the corn off the cob (clean the silk off first). It got rinsed and pickled in freezer bags. I used it in

vegetable soup and just cooked some for a side dish for supper.

Those side dish ones had a chunk of real butter in them before they went in the freezer.

But most of the corn got picked when ready and put in brown paper bags which got put in the freezer right away. No husking or cleaning required. Even the worms got frozen. A chicken treat.

We ate corn on the cob (not me) freshly cooked clear into January. The frozen got cleaned as easy as could be. I'd have my nig pot of water boiling and ready to go.

I always added a

tablespoon of sugar to the water. The good part of corn on the cob was that when the corn was eaten the cobs were set on a screen between two wooden sawhorse to dry.

When they were dry, they were added to the basket of kindling wood. Corncobs are the best fire starters ever.

They help the kindling a lot but they have to be dried. We used then in our fireplace, our wood stove, and our outside wood furnace.

Next week will be apples.

Please let us know if you are looking for a specific recipe for a certain fruit or vegetable.

My Home Among the Hills

by Melody Walburn



September and I got off to a rocky start. Now I know technically it is still summer until the middle of the month, but the heat and humidity at the beginning of the week made me feel like I was back in Florida again.

Even the elementary students were complaining about how hot and humid it was during recess. Thankfully by Friday, the weather took a turn and became much more autumnal.

I must not have been the only one that noticed the change in the weather. I had some unexpected visitors in my classroom this week. One was the eight-legged type and the other had no legs at all.

Thankfully, the little black racer snake made his way down the hallway before the students arrived for the day. Otherwise they would have seen quite a sight as I chased that little guy around the hallway with my dustpan and broom. I eventually caught him and took him back outside. Let's just say the spider didn't get such a happy ending and leave it at that.

Hopefully that will be the end of my unexpected company, but I will be keeping my eyes open just in case.

Even though last week was only a four-day work week, it seemed like a long week. Maybe it was because of my busy Labor Day Weekend or the fact that I had something on my calendar every evening. Whatever the reason, by Friday afternoon I was ready to head home, take a shower, and curl up on the couch with a book.

There was only one task in my way. I needed to make a batch of chocolate chip cookies for an event happening at the library on Saturday. I have baked these cookies so many times I have it down to a science. In an hour's time I had mixed, baked, and packed the cookies and was ready for some down time.

I bought myself a cozy mystery on my Kindle and settled on the couch to read the evening away. I read about five chapters before my eyes began to droop. The next thing I knew I was sound asleep. I woke myself up enough to climb the stairs around 10. I brushed my teeth and fell into bed knowing I could sleep as long as I wanted, and that is just what I did. I woke up well rested and ready for the weekend.

I did some light cleaning and laundry, finished my lesson plans, and then started getting ready for the event at the library. I had been looking forward to this presentation since I had heard it was going to take place. The WV Humanities Council sponsors a program called History Alive. Historical reenactors portray important men and women from history. I had seen some of their presenters before, and they were all great. I was excited to "meet" Nellie Bly and hear her story.

Nellie Bly was the penname of Elizabeth Jane Cochran. Nellie was a woman way ahead of her time. She lived life on her own terms in a man's world. She launched a new kind of investigative journalism and spent most of her career being the voice of the underdogs of society. She is best known for her 72-day trip around the globe in 1890, inspired by the Jules Verne novel Around the World in 80 Days, but she was also a suffrage advocate, and an inventor.

I was mesmerized as our presenter shared Nellie's stories about her time working undercover in factories in New York, her 10 days in an insane asylum on Blackwell Island, and her travels around the world.

If you ever get the chance to attend one of these presentations, you need to go. You won't be disappointed.

After I left the library, I made a quick stop at the Dollar General and then headed home. I finished my laundry and then read more of the book I had fallen asleep reading the night before.

I took a break to do a little school work and then read again until it was time to go to bed. Once again, it felt great to go to sleep knowing I could sleep in, since church didn't start until 11:00.

I have attended the First Baptist Church since I moved here and consider it my home church. This Sunday I made it official by becoming a member with the rest of my family. That afternoon the church hosted a picnic at the city park. I was excited to see the new bathroom is well underway there.

Our little park is well on its way to becoming quite the destination.

We played pickleball, ate delicious food including homemade ice cream, and just enjoying being together.

It was the perfect way to end the weekend.

The weatherman is promising very fall-like weather this week. I sure hope he is right!

Come on, fall!

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).

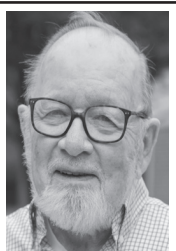
We would appreciate if you would not put food out for them on Saturday, September 16 as we will be trapping on Sunday morning. Once the cats have recovered from anesthesia (at least 24 to 48 hours) we will return them to their exact location. They will be healthier, happier, and not reproducing and fighting. 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.

CURIOSITY CORNER

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



The heart is basically a pump that keeps our blood circulating—a vital organ. Yet, we associate emotions with the heart, usually the lovey-dovey kind (think of Valentine's Day). But not always! Consider the following common expressions:

- Heartache: deep pain or grief.
- Heartbreak (broken heart): extreme disappointment (lost at love).
- Heartfelt: most sincere.
- Have a heart: to be forgiving.
- Heavy heart: very sad.
- Know it in my heart: to know something for sure.
- Change of heart: to change our mind or opinion.
- Know it by heart: to have something memorized.
- Have your heart set on something: a big desire.
- Cry your heart out: big grief.
- Wear your heart on your sleeve: obvious emotion.
- Give my heart to you: Either a sign of true love... or a transplant!

You can probably think of others... if you have your heart in the right place. How about "heartless," "heartrending," "heartsick," "heartstrings," "heartwarming," "heartthrob" and so on. I'm glad we had this little "heart-to-heart."

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): "It may be true that the government that governs best governs least. Unfortunately, the same is also true of the government that governs worst."

Curious about something? Email your questions to Dr. Jerry Wilson at: curiosity.corner@yahoo.com. Selected questions will appear in the Curiosity Corner.

Join Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center for our Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic

Contact: *Sean P. McGinty, Public Affairs Specialist, (304) 203-8463 or Sean.McGinty@VA.Gov*

What: The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center is hosting a drive-thru flu-shot clinic at its Clarksburg facility for eligible Veteran-Patients.

Who: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center
When: Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center Parking Garage
One Medical Center Drive Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301

RSVP: Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center is requesting assistance to spread the word of this event.

Hospital officials are available for interview at LAJVAMC or in-studio.

Please contact Public Affairs Specialist Sean McGinty at (304)203-8463 or Sean.McGinty@VA.Gov to RSVP.

Background: The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical center will offer a drive-thru flu vaccine clinic on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. in the parking garage adjacent to the medical center in Clarksburg.

Flu vaccines will be available for Veterans only. Veterans are encouraged to wear a short-sleeved shirt. September 16th will be the first day the flu vaccination is offered at the medical center for the 2023-2024 flu season.

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., Sept 14: chicken, potatoes, seasoned vegetables, orange pineapple gelatin, whole wheat bread.

Fri., Sept. 15: white beans with ham, mustard greens, onions, whole wheat cornbread, fruit.

Mon., Sept 18: baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy, mustard greens, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Tues., Sept. 19: chili with meat and beans, waldorf salad, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

Wed., Sept. 20: COOK'S CHOICE.

Thurs., Sept 21: pinto beans, onions, turnip greens, applesauce, whole wheat cornbread.

Fri., Sept.22: fish, peas and carrots, coleslaw, fruit, whole wheat bun.

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., Sept. 14: Calhoun Middle School Football Game at Wahama, 6:00 p.m.

Open Mic and/or Karaoke, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 7 p.m. - 10:00 p.m

Fri., Sept. 15: Save the Children Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 pm. to 3 p.m.

The WV Trappers Association 54th Annual Convention, Gilmer County Recreation Center, 9 a.m.

Calhoun Senior High Football Game, away at Wahama Senior/Middle, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept.16: The WV Trappers Association 54th Annual Convention, Gilmer County Recreation Center, 8 a.m.

CMHS Golf Team travels to Riverside Golf Course to play at the Battle of the Bridges, Time to be determined

CMHS Cross Country No Excuses, Braxton County 7:00 AM

CMHS Senior Volleyball travels to Ravenswood, Noon Upper West Fork Park Sing, 6 p.m.

Sun., Sept 17: Calhoun Youth Football League, Home travels to Clay at 1 p.m.

Mon., Sept 18: CMHS Mid/Jr Volleyball team travels to Wirt Middle Middle, 6:00 p.m.

CMHS Golf Team travels to LKC, Mingo Bottom Golf Course, TBDPM

Tues., Sept. 19: 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.

Tai Chi Class, 5:30

p.m. at Alice's Attic in Grantsville

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

CMHS Mid/Jr Volleyball team at home against Tri-Ravenswood and Tri-Walton, 6:00 p.m.

CMHS Senior Volleyball travels to Doddridge County, 6:00 p.m.

Country Line Dancing, 6 p.m., Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 6

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

Wed., Sept. 20: Farmers Market, Upper West Fork Park

CMHS Golf Team travels to Glenville Golf Course to play Gilmer, 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Sept 21: 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.

Tai Chi Class, 5:30 p.m. at Alice's Attic in Grantsville

CMHS Mid/Jr Volleyball team hosts Geary Middle, 6:00 p.m.

CMHS Senior Volleyball travels to ST. Marys, 6:00 p.m.

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

Open Mic/Karaoke, Country Kitchen, Big Otter, 7 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. CMHS Mid/Jr Football home against Braxton, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept 22: Recovery Meeting, FRN, 5:00 p.m.

Calhoun Senior High Football Game, away at ST. Marys, 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 23: CMHS Cross Country, Bearcat Invitational, Grafton HS/MS, 7:00 AM gates open.

Villers and Boise Family Reunionm Sept. 30th

The Descendants of C C Arthur and Mattie Villers, and Gilbert E. Boise and RoseAnn Stallman Boise will have a Family Reunion the last Saturday in September at 1:00 p.m.

It will be held at the cabin of Steve and Diane Arthur Deem .

Directions: The reunion is being held in Wirt County. Take Rose Hill Road about 2 miles, bare right on the first road to the right, Gilbert Ridge road. Then go about 1/4 mile turn right onto Giffin Lane Road, 3rd cabin on the right.

Bring what you like to eat and drink plus a chair. Bring family pictures you want to share. We look forward to spending the day with everyone. Hope to see you there.

Liberty Hill Cemetery News

Liberty Hill Cemetery Report: Donations for 2023: \$375. The cost of mowing is \$1,200. We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate.

Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks.

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2023 Calhoun Youth Football Schedule

Games:
 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

Game Results from Sunday, Sept. 10th

On Sunday September 10th the Ravenswood youth league travelled to Mt. Zion in a battle of the Little Red Devils. Calhoun was able to walk away with a sweep on the day getting victories in all 3 games played.

Ravenswood does not have a Flag team so the day started off with C Team. Calhoun was able to walk away with a 12-6 victory bringing their record even to 2-2 (2-1 in conference play) on the year. Calhoun is currently ranked 4th and if the season ended today would be in a playoff spot. Ronan Haney had both Calhoun Touchdowns on the day.

Next up was a B team game which was a very close high scoring game. The final score was 39-37 with Calhoun coming away with the victory. The win kept Calhoun's record perfect as they sit at 4-0 (3-0 in conference play) and are currently tied for 1st place in the standings. Josh Hardbarger led the team with 280 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. He also added a passing touchdown with Haygan Houchin being on the receiving end. Jase Farley and Brantley Schoolcraft also each added a rushing touchdown on the day.

The final game of the day was a 41-0 Calhoun victory. This victory keeps Calhoun undefeated at 4-0 (3-0 in conference play) and they currently tied for 1st place in the standings. Offensively Bentley Snodgrass had 2 rushing touchdowns while Tyler Mayle and Grayson Laughlin also added a rushing touchdown. Liam Yeager had a passing touchdown to Tyler Mayle. Defensively Wyatt Lawson rounded out the scoring with a 60 yard interception returned for a touchdown

Calhoun Little Red Devils travel to Clay County next weekend on Sunday September 17th.

Stats:
C Team - Offense
Rushing- Carper Summers- 5 carries, 58 yards, Ronan Haney - 5 carries, 55 yards, 2 TD (15 & 4 yards), Braxton Carter- 2 carries, 27 yards, Raines Riddel- 1 carry, 2 yards
Passing- Raines Riddel- 1 completion, 7 yards
Receiving - Ronan Haney - 1 reception, 7 yards

Defense;
Tackles- Raines Riddel- 6, Carper Summers- 5,, Zander McCumbers, Ryder Simmons- 4, Paxton Hughes - 2, Colton Heiney, Braxton Carter, Scarlett Probasco, Ronan Haney- 1
Sacks- Paxton Hughes-1
Fumble Recoveries- Chase Parsons - 2

B Team - Offense
Rushing- Josh Hardbarger- 22 carries, 280 yards, 3 TD (54, 4 & 14), 2 xp, Jase Farley - 10 carries, 44 yards, 1 TD (6), Brantley Schoolcraft - 9 carries, 60 yards, 1 TD (15), 1 xp, Haygan Houchin - 1 carry, 3 yards
Passing- Josh Hardbarger - 2 completions, 23 yards, 1 TD (14), Haygan Houchin- 1 completion, 10 yards
Receiving- Haygan Houchin - 2 receptions, 23 yards, 1 TD (14), Josh Hardbarger- 1 reception, 10 yards

Defense:
Tackles- Josh Hardbarger, Jase Farley- 6, Haygan Houchin, Judd Helmick, Brantley Schoolcraft, Justin Cunningham- 2

A Team - Offense
Rushing- Bentley Snodgrass- 16 carries, 92 yards, 2 TD (2 & 4), 3 xp, Tyler Mayle - 10 carries, 139 yards, 1 TD (17), 1 xp, Kason Stamper - 5 carries, 16 yards, Grayson Laughlin - 3 carries, 7 yards, 1 TD (8), Wyatt Lawson - 2 carries, 46 yards, Liam Yeager - 1 carry, 5 yards
Passing- Liam Yeager - 5 completions, 72 yards, 1 TD (5)
Receiving- Tyler Mayle - 3 receptions, 55 yards, 1 TD (5), Kason Stamper- 2 receptions, 17 yards

Defense -
Tackles- Grayson Laughlin- 6, Chandler Cottrell- 5, Clayton Foster, Bentley Snodgrass, Silas Cunningham- 4, Wyatt Lawson- 3, Landon Hawkins, Liam Yeager- 2, Tyler Mayle, Cooper Summers, Abram Dow, Tristan Rogers- 1
Sack- Clayton Foster- 1
Fumble Recovery- Landon Hawkins - 1
Interceptions- yatt Lawson - 2, 1 TD (60 yards), Liam Yeager - 2

KNIGHTS DEFEAT RED DEVILS

By: Robert Bonar

The Red Devils football team made the long trek to Knights Stadium in Kidwell last Friday and came back on the short end of a 49-7 score. Tyler Consolidated, celebrating its homecoming, scored on the opening kickoff and never looked back. The hosts tallied six more times before sending the reserves in to the game.

Calhoun County scored in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard pass from Owen Taylor to Logan Tingler. Gabe Waldron kicked the extra point to complete the scoring for the evening.

This Friday, the Red Devils journey to Mason to play the Wahama White Falcons. Kickoff is at 7:00

Calhoun	0 0 0 7 - 7
Tyler Cons.	14 21 14 0 - 49
T - Sean Winfrey,	97 kickoff return (Nate Deaton kick) 11:45 1st
T - Bo Tallman,	32 pass from Brady Strode (Nate Deaton kick) 5:23 1st
T - Strode,	23 run (Nate Deaton kick) 11:18 2nd
T - S. Winfrey,	16 run (Nate Deaton kick) 5:37 2nd
T - S. Winfrey,	14 run (Nate Deaton kick) 5:36 3rd
T - S. Winfrey,	22 run (Nate Deaton kick) 3:37 3rd
C - Logan Tingler,	20 pass from Owen Taylor (Gabe Waldron kick) 8:03 4th

TEAM STATISTICS

Calhoun		Tyler
7	First Downs	11
42-137	Rushes-Yardage	24-175
41	Passing Yardage	152
2-8-1	PC-PA-Int.	8-15-1
5	Return Yardage	56
5-21.8	Punts-Avg.	1-29.0
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
5-36	Penalties-Yards	4-30

OFFENSE

Calhoun rushing – Jayton Gibson 23-95, Adam Hughes 7-35, Charter Cottrell 2-8, Owen Taylor 8-6, Tyler Nelson 1 (-4), team 1 (-3). Total 42-137.

Calhoun passing – Owen Taylor, 2-7-1,41 yards, Brennan Carpenter 0-1. Total 2-7-1, 41 yards.

Calhoun receiving – Brennan Carpenter 1-21, Logan Tingler 1-20.

DEFENSE

Calhoun tackles (solo-assists-total) – Adam Hughes 1-9-10, Landon Hardway 0-10-10, Tyler Nelson 1-5-6, Logan Tingler 0-6-6, Jayton Gibson 1-4-5, Charter Cottrell 0-4-4, Gabe Waldron 1-3-4, Owen Taylor 3-0-3, Landon Richards 0-3-3, Trent Nelson 0-2-2, Preston McCumbers 0-2-2, Joe Sampson 2-0-2, Eli Bailey 0-1-1. Total 9-49-58.

Interceptions – Owen Taylor

Sacks – Lance Grogg

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 Grogg	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

2023 Calhoun County Middle/High School Senior Football Schedule

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

Calhoun County Middle/High School Mid/Jr Football

On Thursday September 7 Calhoun Middle School Football team travelled to Nicholas County to play Summersville Middle School. Calhoun faced a tough team who is typically at the top of the standing in our conference. While Calhoun was not able to come away with the win, falling short 34-12, they played a good game and played Summersville tough. Coby Staples led the offensive attack for the Red Devils with 71 rushing yards and both touchdowns. Defensively Nic Butler led the team with 9 tackles and was followed closely by Ezra Anderson with 8 Tackles. Next week Calhoun will travel to Wahama Middle school on Thursday evening looking to get into the Win column.

Offensive Stats:

Rushing- Coby Staples- 11 carries, 71 yards, 2 TD's (39 & 2 yards), Gavin Hicks- 15 carries, 39 yards, Nic Butler- 1 carry, 3 yards, and Preston Sauer- 1 carry, 2 yards

Passing- Trevor Mayle- 3 completions, 24 yards

Receiving- Gavin Hicks- 2 receptions, 23 yards and Nic Butler- 1 receptions, 1 yard

Defensive stats:

Tackles- Nic Butler-9, Ezra Anderson - 8, Coby Staples, Gavin Hicks, Evan Burch- 4, Tucker Sampson, Hoyt Helmick- 3, Preston Sauer- 2, Cyrus Helmick, Duke Persinger and Evan Collins-1

Schedule

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

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.

Come on out and watch everyone play if you are not sure what the game is all about. A fun time will be had by all who come out to play.

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Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the town park for some fun, fellowship, and physical fitness.

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

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2023

Table with columns for ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS, LIABILITIES, and DEFERRED INFLOWS. Includes sub-sections like Primary Government Activities and Functions/Programs.

CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Table with columns for Expenses, Program Revenues, and Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position. Includes sub-sections like Charges for Services and Capital Grants and Contributions.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Table with columns for Budget Amounts, Actual Modified Accrual Basis, Adjustments Budget Basis, Actual Amounts Budget Basis, and Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative). Includes sub-sections for REVENUES and EXPENDITURES.

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2023

Table with columns for General, Coal Severance Tax, County Excess Levy, E-911, American Rescue Act, Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds, and Total Governmental Funds. Includes sub-sections for ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES, and Fund balances.

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Table with columns for General, Coal Severance Tax, County Excess Levy, E-911, American Rescue Act, Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds, and Total Governmental Funds. Includes sub-sections for REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).

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CALHOUN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final				
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 2,004,555	\$ 2,004,555	\$ 2,084,482	\$ (3,759)	\$ 2,080,723	\$ 76,168
Alcoholic beverages tax	50	50	4,352	-	4,352	4,302
Gas and oil severance tax	30,000	70,000	71,791	-	71,791	1,791
Other taxes	50,000	50,000	76,780	-	76,780	26,780
Licenses and permits	3,100	8,100	8,622	-	8,622	522
Intergovernmental:						
Federal	10,000	10,000	158,191	(158,191)	-	(10,000)
State	50,000	200,000	49,600	158,191	207,791	7,791
Charges for services	61,650	61,650	83,212	-	83,212	21,562
Fines and forfeits	-	-	9,670	-	9,670	9,670
Interest and investment earnings	5,000	5,000	4,066	(4,064)	2	(4,998)
Refunds	-	161,000	96,889	-	96,889	(64,111)
Miscellaneous	57,200	57,200	45,900	3,538	49,438	(7,762)
Total revenues	2,271,555	2,627,555	2,693,555	(4,285)	2,689,270	61,715
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	2,025,694	2,785,824	1,965,504	261,995	2,227,499	588,325
Public safety	1,350,921	890,924	763,435	(1,190)	762,245	128,679
Health and sanitation	2,800	2,800	2,800	-	2,800	-
Culture and recreation	-	140,000	135,026	-	135,026	4,974
Social services	19,200	19,200	19,200	-	19,200	-
Total expenditures	3,398,615	3,838,748	2,885,965	260,805	3,146,770	691,978
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,127,060)	(1,211,193)	(192,410)	(265,090)	(457,500)	753,693
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	977,060	977,060	568,074	-	568,074	(408,986)
Total other financing sources (uses)	977,060	977,060	551,076	16,998	568,074	(408,986)
Net change in fund balance	(150,000)	(234,133)	358,666	(248,092)	110,574	344,707
Fund balance - beginning	150,000	234,133	677,725	(443,592)	234,133	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,036,391	\$ (691,684)	\$ 344,707	\$ 344,707

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Our water system violated drinking water monitoring requirements. Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During periods listed in the table below, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do? At this time, there is nothing you need to do.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct other violations, and the associated compliance period.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed Report #	Monitoring Frequency	Compliance Period
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE, MAJOR, CHLORINE Failure to Report Required Chlorine Residual With a Coliform Sample Result	2021 568868 2019 568834	Monthly	NOV 2020 OCT 2018
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR Failure to monitor for Haloacetic Acids HAA5's	2023 13078 2020 10459	Quarterly	2QT2023 4QT2019
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR Failure to monitor for Trihalomethanes (TTHM's)	2023 13079 2022 11489 2020 10449	Quarterly	2QT2023 3QT2021 4QT2019
36, MONITORING, RTN/RPT MAJOR, CHLORINE Missing Required Chlorine Residual Associated With a Bacteriological Sample or Entry Point to the Distribution	2021 568866 2019 568835	Monthly	NOV 2020 OCT 2018
3A, MONITORING, ROUTINE, MAJOR (RTCR) Valid Compliance Total Coliform Sample(s) Not Reported	2023 568895 2019 568836	Monthly	FEB 2023 OCT 2018
53, WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS M/R (LCR) Required WQP's Results Not Submitted as Required	2023 568904 2023 568903 2020 10702	Semi-annually	6 Month Jan-Jun 2023 6 Month Jan-Jun 2020
WB, CHLORINE, MOR Incomplete/Not submitted as Required or Missing Res. Cl from Coliform Result	2023 568900 2023 568899 2023 568898 2023 568897 2021 568867 2021 568863 2019 568833	Monthly	JUN 2023 MAY 2023 APR 2023 MAR 2023 NOV 2020 JUL 2020 OCT 2018

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action) Our system was in transition between operators. We have rectified the situation with employment of a full time operator. We are working hard to make corrections and move forward. These violations consist mainly of paperwork not being properly filed. We will strive in future to ensure paperwork is filed on time and correctly.

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The Greatest Generation

By Linda Crawford

In Matthew 24, verse 6, Jesus says "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet." He certainly did not lie.

History is replete with warring somewhere in this world.

In the United States alone our ancestors fought each other. The Americans fought the British, the French and the Spanish. They fought each other. Yet from those came descendants who served in World War II.

The Navaho "code talkers" who could not be acknowledged till long after the war as well as many Japanese who had not even been here long enough to become citizens served as translators were critical to communication.

The battalions of blacks who had been dubbed the Buffalo Battalion when they fought in Indian wars, Chinese who had been shanghaied into forced labor on the West Coast, the list seems endless.

The first World War had been labelled "the war to end all wars." So much for that.

"Roaring Twenties" careened into the "Great Depression."

Judy Wolfram shared with me that at the start of the war – her parents were older, having taken care of their own parents. She was the little adult at the table, hearing about everything and able to ask questions. She remembers the rationing, the stamps, the coupons, and the Oleo.

Oleo was hard white lard – with a yellow capsule to knead in to make it yellow. She wouldn't eat it. Butter went to the military, so she did without.

Everyone collected time cans, newspapers, magazine, and bacon fat which were said to be used in making ammunition.

If she wanted something, she asked her mom, who would tell her to ask her dad at mealtime. He would ask for three good reasons she needed, not wanted but needed that item.

One she recalls was a wagon – and one reason was to go around collecting for "The War Effort." She got the wagon. She also said it made her feel good to be able to help.

Her dad parked this car in a neighbor's

vacant garage because of tires and gasoline and caught the bus to work.

He served as an Air Raid Warden – checking to be sure no light showed from the homes in the area. And thought they had only a small yard, he turned a corner of it into a "Victory Garden." Leather was scarce, so his belt was in constant repair. Judy says she puzzled at first why her mom kept commenting "I hope your feet don't grow." Shoes were rationed too.

Ours was somewhat different story as many of you have that tie. Dad was a civilian working at the military base in Florida. Unable to get a job in West Virginia he took one in Georgia, then Florida.

He filed reports in the courthouse where mom worked. When her dad died, she and the colder children worked while they went to school to help keep the family afloat.

A hatchery showed then how to raise chickens so they could sell eggs back into the hatchery. It also gave them "barter" at the store in chickens and eggs.

Grandmother Whitworth had always sewn for her family and

many neighbors as well as for the shops of the "elite." Dad grew up in the rural Calhoun County liked most kids they did a lot of walking to get to school or a bus, nothing soft about growing up in West Virginia.

When Pearl Harbor was hit, dad was drafted. So, he and mom got married. He was stationed around the parameters of the United States and mom went with him when possible.

My sister was born in Parkersburg and my brother was born in Florida.

One of dad's assignments took him to South Dakota.

Their housing was with 14 families in a summer fishing camp. They had travelled with the rest of the servicemen on a coal fired train with two very young children.

There was one washing machine at the camp out under a tree. It ran day and night. There was one refrigerator for all the families – for milk and formula. It got very cold in South Dakota.

One the way there the train stopped at a bridge for food, and then again where they got a room to bathe and wash the children's clothes.

The clerk at the desk asked for identification and proof they were married. "Lady, do you think he would claim us if he weren't?" People could not take things with them when they left, so those arriving bought or given what they had to leave behind.

Mom got a double English carriage which she put both kids in and made her trip down off the hill to town to shop and go to the library.

They experienced the same rationing and children's feet grow. She also had a garden. Mom always had a garden.

We had our own Oleo story. Wherever it was, the kitchen table was full, and my sister was hungry. The Oleo was still white. Mom cut some to make a little sandwich for my sister. She bit into it, she made a grimace and spit out bubbles. The white soap had been too nearby.

Maybe the next go round that new-fangled artificial meat grown in a laboratory will be introduced. It would be wonderful to hear your story – that is history. History is about people and only the Lord knows all out stories.

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Magistrate Court Dispositions August 1 - 31, 2023

Case ID, Defendant Name, Offense Number, Offense, Arresting Agency, Magistrate, Disposition

Case 00-M07F-00006; Jeffrey Lynn Davidson; (1), 61-2-11a: Burglary; Grantsville Police Department; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07F-00030; Brian Leo Huffman; (1), 61-03-11: Burglary; Josh Richards, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07F-00030; Brian Leo Huffman; (2), 61-03-11: Burglary; Josh Richards, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07F-00035; James Hardman; (1), 15-12-08(c): Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes. (Life Registration); Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Preliminary Hearing Waived.

Case 23-M07F-00035; James Hardman; (2), 15-12-08(c): Failure to register or provide notice of registration changes. (Life Registration); Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Preliminary Hearing Waived.

Case 23-M07F-00036; John Henry McCune Jr.; (2), 61-07-15(a): Persons prohibited from committing violent crime while wearing body armor; Josh Richards, WV State Police Grantsville; No probable cause found.

Misdemeanor

Case 03-M07M-00086; Tina D. Cooper; (1), 61-3-24A: False Pretense; Carl D. Ballengee; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case 03-M07M-00086; Tina D. Cooper; (1), 61-3-24A: False Pretense; Carl D. Ballengee; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case 03-M07M-00118; Cynthia D. Tincer; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; Calhoun County Prosecutor; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case 03-M0700241; Angel Dawn Nicholson; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing worthless checks; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case 03-M07M-00249; Tammie Lynn Prater; (1), 61-3-39a: Worthless check; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case 04-M07M-00075; Susan Callahan; (1), 61-03A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; Calhoun County Prosecutor; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case:05-M07M-0013; Diana Smallwood; (1), 61-3-39a: Worthless check; Calhoun County Prosecutor; Teresa Robinson; Dismissed.

Case 05-M07M-00223; Keith Gordon Heiny; (1), 61-3-24: False sexual gratification; Josh Richards-WV State Police Grantsville; LD; No Contest Plea/Nolo Contendre.

Case 22-M07M-00390; Robby Franklin Lamp; (1), 61-03-13(b): Petit larceny; penalties; TFC David C. Moore; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00100; Freddy Paul Bush; (1), 17C-06-03A(c): Minimum speed regulations; regulations; penalty; Josh Richards-WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00100; Freddy Paul Bush; (2), 17A-03-02(a)(2): Farm Use Violation; Josh Richards-WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00100; Freddy Paul Bush; (3), 17C-07-05(a): Limitations on overtaking on the left; Josh Richards-WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00139; James Robertson; (1), 17B-04-03(b): Driving while license revoked-DUI; Josh Richards -WV State Police-Grantsville; LD; Guilty-Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00141; Asa Donte Naylor; (1), 17C-05-03(c): Reckless driving; penalties; Josh Richards-WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00141; Asa Donte Naylor; (2), 17C-06-01(b)(3): Speed limitation generally (Country Highway); Josh Richards-WV State Police Grantsville; LD; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00143; Joshua Butcher; (1), 17C-05-02(1): Driving under the influence (d)(e)(f)(g) (h) or (j) (2nd offense-Misdemeanor); TFC David C. Moore - WV State Police Grantsville; LD; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00143; Joshua Butcher; (2), Open Container; ; TFC David C. Moore - WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00148; Rebecca Leidel; (1), 17B-04-03(a): Driving while license suspended or revoked; General; Sheriff Graham J. Knight; LD; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00148; Rebecca Leidel; (2), 17A-09-02(a): Operation of vehicles without evidence of registration; Sheriff Graham J. Knight; LD; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00148; Rebecca Leidel; (3), 17D-2A-43: No Insurance; Sheriff Graham J. Knight; LD; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00148; Rebecca Leidel; (4), 17A-3-18: Failure to change 10 day; Sheriff Graham J. Knight; LD; Dismissed - Plea Agreement.

Case 23-M07M-00148; Rebecca Leidel; (5), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; Sheriff Graham J. Knight; LD; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00169; Justin Wayne Yoak; (1), 17B-04-03(a): Driving while license suspended or revoked; General; Nathan S. Stepp, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00169; Justin Wayne Yoak; (2), 17A-03-16(a): Expiration of registration and certificates of title; Nathan S. Stepp, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00175; Kira Lynn Brown; (1), 22-15-05(a): Solid Waste Management-Administrative Violation; Jonathan Neal Holcomb - DNR Law Enforcement Division; RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00175; Kira Lynn Brown; (2), 20-3-5(d)(3): Failure to safety strip; Jonathan Neal Holcomb - DNR Law Enforcement Division; RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00176; John Rhondal Posey Jr.; (1), 22-15-10(a): Prohibitions-Open dumps; Jonathan Neal Holcomb, DNR Law Enforcement Division, RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00176; John Rhondal Posey Jr.; (2), 22-15-05(a): Solid Waste Management-Administrative Violation; Jonathan Neal Holcomb, DNR Law Enforcement Division, RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00177; Kira Lynn Brown; (1), 20-07-07: Conspiracy to violate chapter (DNR); withholding information; penalty for misdeme; Jonathan Neal Holcomb, DNR Law Enforcement Division; RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00178; Leon E. Kerby; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00178; Leon E. Kerby; (2), 17C-15-1: defective equipment-right brake light; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00181; Kevin Arnold; (1), 17C-07-05(a): Limitations on overtaking on the left; Josh Richards, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case:23-M07M-00181; Kevin Arnold; (1), 17C-07-05(a): Limitations on overtaking on the left; Josh Richards, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case:23-M07M-00183; Michael David McAtee; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; Sheriff Graham J. Knight; RP; Dismissed.

Case:23-M07M-00184; John Dewayne Huffman; (1), 17C-16-8: fraudulent MVI; Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00184; John Dewayne Huffman; (2), 17C-15-1: no insurance May 9, 2023 cancelled; Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00185; Megan Harding; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case:23-M07M-00187; Michael Kevin Nichols; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case:23-M07M-00189; Zacary T Winans; (1), 60A-04-401(c): Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescrip; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00191; Brittany N. Greathouse; (1), 17D-2A-4: No proof of insurance; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case:23-M07M-00191; Brittany N. Greathouse; (2), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00193; Lucas Duane Minney; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00193; Lucas Duane Minney; (2), 17A-09-02(a): Operation of vehicles without evidence of registration; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00194; Rose M. Dennis; (1), 20-3-6(a): Leave fire unattended; Jonathan Neal Holcomb, DNR Law Enforcement Division; LD; Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00194; Rose M. Dennis; (2), 20-3-5(d)(3): Failure to safety strip; Jonathan Neal Holcomb, DNR Law Enforcement Division; LD; Guilty Plea.

Case:23-M07M-00196; Jarrett Stewart Allen; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case:23-M07M-00197; Rebekah Cunningham; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00204; Leon E. Kerby II; (1), 17C-6-1: Speeding 40 in a 25 zone; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; No Contest Plea/No Contendre.

Case 23-M07M-00207; Jeffrey Allen Rhoads; (1), 17C-5-2(j): DUI alcohol under the age of 21; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Guilty Plea.

Case:23-M07M-00207; Jeffrey Allen Rhoads; (2), 60A-04-401(c): Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescrip; TFC David C. Moore, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Guilty Plea.

Case 23-M07M-00208; Deborah E. Hersman; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; RP; Dismissed.

Case 23-M07M-00210; Jonathan Keith Roberts; (1), 17C-16-09: Operation without cert. inspection or failure to produce certificate; penalty for misdeme; Brian E. Young, WV State Police Grantsville; LD; Dismissed.

Case 06-M07M-00063; Dora A. Brady; (1), 61-3-39a: Worthless check; RP; Dismissed.

Case 06-M07M-00171; Jerry Seabolt; (1), 61-3-39a: Worthless Check; RP; Dismissed.

Case 07-M07M-00211; Mildred J. Vandale; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; RP; Dismissed.

Case 08-M07M-00005; James A. Martin; (1), 17C-6-1: Speeding 50/55; Doug P. Starcher; LD; Dismissed.

Case 08-M07M-00075; Eddy Joe Millican; (1), 61-3-30: Destruction of Property; Jeffrey B. Hunt; RP; Dismissed.

Case 08-M07M-00076; Eddy Jow Millican; (1), 61-02-28(b): Domestic assault-unlawful use of force capable of causing pain/injury to family or hous; Jeffrey B. Hunt; RP; Dismissed.

Case 10-M07M-00284; Adam Nichols; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing worthless checks; LD; Dismissed.

Case 11-M07M-00018; Lynda K. Plum; (1), 661-3-24(a) (1): False Pretense; Jeffrey S. Starcher; RP; Dismissed.

Case 11-M07M-00029; Florence Parsons; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; LD; Dismissed.

Case 11-M07M-00100; John A. Kanopsic; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; LD; Dismissed.

Case 11-M07M-00188; Matthew Nicholas; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; LD; dismissed.

Case 12-M07M-00260; Thomas J. Calhoun; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; LD; Dismissed.

Case 12-M07M-00350; James. F Hardman; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; RP; Dismissed.

Case 13-M07M-00224; Robert E. Carpenter; (1), 61-03-39A(a): Making, issuing, worthless checks; RP; Dismissed.

Case 21-M07M-00301; Laura Jean Acevedo; (1), 17C-06-01; Jeffrey S. Starcher-Grantsville Police Dept; RP; Dismissed-Deferred Sentence.

Case 21-M07M-00301; Laura Jean Acevedo; (2), 17B-04-03(a): Driving while license suspended or revoked; General; Jeffrey S Starcher, Grantsville Police Dept; RP; Dismissed-Deferred Sentence.

Case 22-M07M-00270; Phillip Scott Norman; (1), 61-08-09(c): Incedent exposure-

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., 16: Retro Country; Sept. 23: Mud Bog

West Virginia Trappers Association

54th Annual Convention

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their 54th annual trappers convention on September 15-16, 2023 at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV. Gates open at 9AM on Friday, 8AM on Saturday. Demos both days. Tree Stand Safety Class Saturday at 9am with the WV Bowhunters, Coyote Hunting Seminar with John Partain of Salty Dog Coyote Reapers at 10AM Saturday, Tomahawk Throw and Shoot Muzzleloaders with the WV Muzzleloaders Association from 10AM - 5PM on Saturday, and FREE Trapper Education Classes on Saturday with registration beginning at 8:30AM, class begins at 9AM, lunch at 12PM and class graduation at 1PM. General Membership meeting and awards ceremony is at 1PM Saturday. Benefit Auction at 2pm Saturday. Board of Directors meeting Friday at 7PM. Hot Dog Roast and bonfire both nights. Vendors will be present both days. Primitive camping available. Lunch available both days in the dining hall. For more information, contact Jeremiah Whitlatch 304-916-3329

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.

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.

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.

2023 Molasses Festival Schedule of Events

Monday September 25th

Pretty Baby Contest
5-6pm Registration
6pm Contest

Tuesday September 26th

2-7 Quills Accepted - Pick up 12-3 on Sunday, September 31st
2-7 Country Store will begin to accept items (blue building)
7pm Closed for Quill Judging

Wednesday September 27th

2-7 All Exhibits accepted and must remain until Saturday, September 30th @3pm.
2-7 Country Store items accepted (blue building)
7:30pm Closed for Judging

Thursday September 28th

9am-Noon - Judging of Exhibits
9am - Country Store, Big Kitchen and Vendors Open
11am - Little Kitchen Opens
5pm - Opening Ceremony - Raising of the Flags
5:30-7:30 - The Bear Pickens
5pm-10pm Carnival Open
5pm - Lions Club Bingo
6pm - Crowning of the King and Queen - AES PTO
8pm-10pm Tommy Hall and The Sunlighters

There will be games, Rock Wall, Mechanical Bull, Obstacle Course, Bounce House, Carnival Rides, Food Trucks, Live Music, lots of Shopping and MORE...

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

Grantsville Farmer's Market

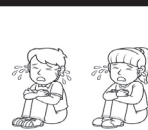
We are located at our new location, the pavilion in front of the Old High School, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until October 1st. We will have vegetables, yard sale items, baked goods and honey. Stop on by! Shop Local!

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

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.

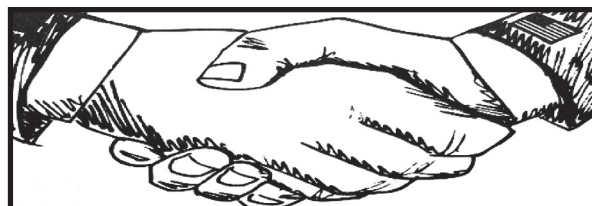
The helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help deescalate by phone or respond in person.

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.



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

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

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 need someone to talk to, you are important!

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week

Crisis Hotline
1-800-579-5844

Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

Lions Club Bingo

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

Food Pantry

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

Library Hours

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

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Check Conditions

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

Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

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

Country Kitchen Music & Events

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304-286-5600

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Big Otter, WV

Country Kitchen is located at 6553 Big Otter Hwy Ivydale, WV. Come and enjoy some great food and music after taking a ride on The Devil's Backbone (Rt. 16).

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Tues - Wed - Thurs: 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 4 p.m. to Midnight
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West Virginia, USDA, and U.S. Government News and Information

FROM THE Republican VIEWPOINT

By Roger Propst, Chairman
Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee

Last week Deirdre Purdy, Chairperson of the Democrat Party in Calhoun County, penned an opinion piece about how a Democrat controlled county commission had exerted great influence on the TransCanada company to locate a pipeline compressor station in Calhoun County rather than Ritchie County.

She outlined steps taken by commissioners to compare and contrast our county's tax rates to Ritchie's for TransCanada staff. She would have us believe the presentations were so powerful that Ritchie County did not even make a pitch for the compressor station.

Does anyone really believe that Ritchie County would not even be interested in securing such a significant increase to the tax base of their county?

Does anyone really believe that TransCanada did not have the ability to obtain the tax rates of these two counties without the input of politicians?

Does anyone believe that TransCanada did not map the path of this pipeline and compressor station locations in counties whose tax rates were lower. Ritchie

county's tax rates are significantly higher than Calhoun.

I believe the answers to these questions are obvious when confronted with facts.

It is true that having to house prisoners in regional jails imposed significant financial hardship on the counties, especially those without excess levies. It is also true that tax revenues from the compressor station provided the funds to pay off the regional jail debt. What is not true is that intervention by Calhoun politicians had anything to do with the compressor station being located in Calhoun County.

Ms. Purdy says Democrats identify problems and seek ways to fix them. Tell that to all the folks in our county who still don't have access to water, and yet the Commission allocated 1.2 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Broadband access. Calhoun was the only county in West Virginia to do that. Many neighboring counties allocated funds for real infrastructure improvements, i.e., water and sewage projects. The Commission was challenged on this

situation many times but refused to reallocate any funds to water and sewage projects. Only after much pressure from the public did they relent and allocate one million dollars to water projects. Does this look like Democrats are problem solvers? I think not.

Democrats have controlled Calhoun County politics for most its existence. One-party control never ends well. It breeds a sense of entitlement and resistance to oversight by the people.

The tide of one-party rule in Calhoun County has come to an end, and the people have begun to assert their role of holding those they elected accountable.

If anyone doubts that fact, I submit the following information as proof of that fact.

Since August 2016, 1,712 Calhoun County Democrats have switched their party registration. Republican voter registrations will soon surpass Democrats for the first time in the county's existence.

Guess who the people think is the party that sees problems and solves them. It is abundantly clear at this point.

Public Service Commission Chairman Lane's Column

Contact: Karen Hall, PSC Public Information Specialist, 304-340-0836 or khall@psc.state.wv.us.

Safety on the Rails

When I was a little girl, few things were as thrilling as standing beside a railroad track while a tall train engine rumbled past. I never lost my love for railroads as I grew older. I did, however, learn the vital importance the rail system played not only in commerce, but in physically binding the nation as one after the Civil War.

Many western movies portray the thrilling race of the three main east-west railroads competing to drive lines from the Mississippi River to the west coast. With steel ties, they fastened us into one geographic unit.

One of the responsibilities of the Public Service Commission that few people know about is regulation of railroads. Our Railroad Safety Section has powerful and wide-ranging duties.

They inspect track, cars and locomotives, hazardous materials,

signal and train controls, and operating practices.

It's a big job. And it is ably managed by John Perry. John is a native of the tiny Wyoming County town of Ravencloft. Three decades ago, he started with the Commission as an inspector.

Now he commands a staff of 10, and they have a colossal amount of work to do.

The West Virginia rail system is enormous. It comprises two major and 11 regional, or what are known as "short line," railroads. The PSC has jurisdiction over 2,401 miles of track in the

Mountain State. While freight carriage has declined nationally since the turn of the century, rail transport of goods, particularly coal, remains important in our state.

It may be surprising, but more than 1,000 people are killed or injured each year in this country because they are trespassing on railroad

tracks. The Federal Railroad Administration reports there were more than three derailments daily in 2022, or a total of 1,154.

Recent derailments of trains near the West Virginia borders and carrying toxic materials point once again to the importance of the duties performed by John and his inspectors. In fact, West Virginia's railroads are nationally recognized as among the safest in the nation. That is due to our rigorous inspection program and the fact that all of our inspectors are fully certified by the Federal Railroad Administration. Most are also volunteers in Operation Lifesaver.

So, the next time you are stopped by a train, or you hear that mournful whistle as one approaches an intersection, remember the Public Service Commission's team is working to keep you safe.

NEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

The IRA, Seniors & Drugs: What We Don't Know Can Hurt Us
By Deirdre Purdy

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was passed by Democrats alone. No Republicans voted for it. President Biden signed it into law on August 16, 2022. Democrats are celebrating the one-year anniversary.

Yet, a Gallup poll last week found that more than 80% of Americans over the age of 55 believe the IRA has not directly helped them. They believe the bill is a failure and want to know why Democrats are celebrating.

According to Gallup, the first objection is that prices for food and drugs have gone up so the bill didn't reduce inflation. In fact, inflation has been reduced. The US inflation rate is now 3.2%.

A year ago it was 8.52%. Inflation has been reduced a lot, prices are rising more slowly and some are coming down.

But the IRA did much more than reduce inflation. One big thing is improved senior health care.

Starting January 1, insulin copays are capped at \$35 for more than 3 million people on Medicare.

Even people not on Medicare will benefit. Seeing the writing on the wall, after the bill passed, three major insulin manufacturers then slashed their prices to meet the \$35 cap.

Both the VA and Medicaid negotiate drug prices, but Medicare

couldn't – until now. When Medicare Part D (drug coverage) was introduced in 2003, Republicans on behalf of Big Pharma, refused to allow Medicare to negotiate the prices of drugs it would supply. They wanted the big profits.

As a result, VA prices on 203 generic drugs were 68% lower than the same drugs for Medicare patients.

One in 5 seniors say they skip doses of their drugs because of the cost of medication.

Big Pharma companies argued that lower drug prices would just hurt seniors in the long run because it would take away funds for innovative research to save lives.

Turns out that isn't true. Drug companies spend 19 times more on marketing than on research and development. Those ads – "Ask Your Doctor if You Need More Drugs" – they don't come cheap.

There are currently 1,834 registered lobbyists working for pharmaceutical and health products.

Big Pharma has more than three lobbyists for each member of Congress. Lobbyists aren't cheap.

Starting this year, thanks to the IRA, Medicare is negotiating prices of 10 common drugs that treat blood clots, diabetes, heart disease and chronic kidney disease. The

reduced prices go into effect in January 2026. Each year 10, and then 15 more drug prices will be lowered. After 2028, 20 more drug prices will be lowered every year.

In 2022, just one of these drugs could cost seniors up to \$6,497 in out-of-pocket expenses for one year.

84% of Americans support Medicare negotiating drug prices.

Even the AARP, not usually a cheerleader for government actions, said this is "monumental."

The IRA also invests \$64 billion in subsidies for the Affordable Care Act to keep insurance costs stable.

Another IRA benefit: starting in 2025, seniors with Medicare's Part D drug plans will have their out-of-pocket expenses for prescriptions capped at \$2,000 per year.

And still another change for the better: Last summer, the FDA approved over-the-counter sales of hearing aids, making them more affordable and easily available. The use of hearing aids can lower the risk of dementia by almost half, a recent study showed.

Republicans in Congress have promised to repeal the IRA. Now that you know these personal benefits for you or your grandparents, do you really want to vote for a Republican for Congress, who has vowed to take these benefits away?

Gov. Justice welcomes home WV Guard Operation Lone Star volunteers

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September 7, 2023- CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice welcomed home soldiers and airmen of the West Virginia National Guard who volunteered to deploy to Texas in support of Operation Lone Star at Joint Forces Headquarters in Charleston.

More than 50 members of the WVNG deployed to assist the Texas Military Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, and additional law enforcement partners to detect, deter, and interdict transnational criminal activity including human smuggling/trafficking and the flow of illegal narcotics and drugs into the U.S. between official points of entry.

During the deployment, WVNG personnel encountered a total of 10,178 immigrants trying to cross into the United States outside official points of entry and assisted local and state authorities with their apprehension and transfer into custody.

"They trained you to be the best, and you showed off," Gov. Justice said. "You make us really proud, and I mean that with all my soul. It's a real honor for me to be here, welcoming you

back to West Virginia. You did an amazing job. You stepped up to defend our borders because you have unbelievable courage. If we don't defend our borders, we don't have a country, and knowing that you were putting your life on the line, you still volunteered to go. It's because you have courage and a love for our country. Congratulations on a job well done. I cannot possibly be more proud, and it's a real honor to celebrate your return home."

"Our entire One Guard family is extremely proud of the investment our members made in helping to deter illegal activity and to protect our Southern border," Adjutant General Bill Crane said. "When we asked for volunteers, these men and women answered the call and while deployed have conducted themselves with the utmost integrity and honor. We are also so very thankful to the families of our soldiers and airmen who continue to support all we do to serve our state and the nation. Welcome home and job well done!"

West Virginia guardsmen who volunteered for the Operation Lone Star

assignment were placed into state active duty status and deployed to Texas in early August in response to a n official Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request by Texas Governor Greg Abbott in May of 2023.

According to data released by Abbott's office, as of July 2023, Operation Lone Star had resulted in more than 394,000 apprehensions, 31,300 criminal arrests, and 422 million doses of fentanyl seized.

To date, a total of 14 states have provided support for the operation.

Attention Readers!!

Please take note that 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.

Attention!!! Be Advised The WV State Fire Marshall Office is Moving

NOTICE OF RELOCATION: The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office is moving.

During this transition between the dates of September 8th, 2023, and September 22nd, 2023, services may be limited.

In addition, on

Monday, September 11th, 2023, and possibly Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, our phone lines and internet access will be down as services are switched over.

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, and we thank you for your patience.

Effective September

11th, 2023, our new address will be:

WV State Fire Commission State Fire Marshal - 4th Floor North 1700 MacCorkle Ave. S.E. Charleston, WV 25314

We will return messages as soon as possible during this move.

2023 WV Molasses Festival General Exhibit Rules

1. Exhibitors must bring their exhibits to the West Fork Park in Arnoldsburg. Quilts will be accepted on Tuesday from 2 to 7pm. All other exhibits will be accepted on Wednesday from 2 to 7pm.
2. Judging will be done on the days of entry and will be closed to the public. All judging will be finalized by 10am Thursday morning.
3. All exhibits must remain on display until 3:00 pm on Saturday. Quilts may be picked up by 2:00 pm on Sunday.
4. Articles previously exhibited and placed at a previous Molasses Festival may not be exhibited again.
5. First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded. Only blue ribbons will receive prize money
6. When there is no competition, a ribbon may be given (if worthy) with corresponding money paid. However, if in a class no exhibits are worthy, neither ribbon nor prize money will be awarded. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE IS FINAL.
7. Special rules are listed within each department. Please refer to them for further details.
8. The West Fork Community Action Inc. And the Molasses Festival will not be responsible for accidents or loss of merchandise.
9. West Fork Community Action and volunteers maintain the right to refuse any entry not meeting class rules.

DEPARTMENT 1 – AGRICULTURE PRODUCE/FIELD CROPS RULES:

1. All products shown in this department MUST BE 2023 GROWN, unless otherwise specified, and must have been grown by the exhibitor on his/her farm or garden.

2. Exhibits that do not conform to rules WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

3. Articles improperly classified will not be judged.

4. Fair officials will take every precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits after their final arrival and arrangement in the building, but will not be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.

5. Each exhibitor is limited to ONE (1) entry per class, except where noted.

6. Age of contestant on September 1, 2023, to determine the category for competition.

7. Small items require at least 10 pieces for an entry. Large items require 3 pieces. Paper plates will be proved for display.

8. Fair officials/judges reserve the right to discard foods that are not suitable for display.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCE/FIELD CROPS CLASSLIST DEPT. 1 – SECTION A – FIELD CROPS (number of pieces required in parenthesis)

1. Beans - Green, Wax, Pole, or October Beans (12)
2. Beets (3)
3. Cabbage (1)
4. Cantaloupe (1)
5. Carrots (3)
6. Cauliflower (6 fleurettes)
7. Corn – Field (3)
8. Cucumber (3)
9. Dozen Eggs
10. Garlic (5)
11. Gourds (1)
12. Kale (1 plant)
13. Most Unusual (3)
14. Nuts (12)
15. Okra (10)
16. Onions (3)
17. Peppers - Hot (5)
18. Peppers - Sweet (3)
19. Potatoes - Red (3)
20. Potatoes - White (3)
21. Pumpkin (1)
22. Rhubarb (8 stalks)
23. Squash (3)
24. Sunflowers (1)
25. Sweet Potatoes – Any variety (3)
26. Tomatoes – all varieties (3)
27. Zucchini (1)

DEPT. 1 – SECTION B – FRUIT

1. Apples
2. Berries
3. Cherries
4. Pears
5. Peaches
6. Watermelon

DEPT. 1 – SECTION C – LARGEST

1. Pumpkin by Circumference
2. Tomato by Weight

3. Potato
4. Watermelon by Weight

Department 2, Section A Canned Goods Special Rules

1. Please exhibit in quart or pint jars only.

2. No enhancements are to be added to the jar or lid.

3. Home canned foods must have been prepared within one year prior to the judging date.

4. Fair officials/judges reserve the right to dispose of any spoiled canned goods

Department 2, Section A Canned Goods Class List

1. Apples
2. Beets
3. Corn
4. Dried Foods- Grown by exhibitor
5. Greens
6. Green Beans
7. Brown Beans
8. Hot Peppers- with or without wieners
9. Jams and Jellies
10. Meats
11. Peas
12. Peaches and Pears
13. Pickles
14. Tomato Sauces
15. Salsa
16. Relish
17. Sauerkraut
18. Soups
19. Tomatoes
20. Honey
21. Honey with comb
22. Carrots
23. Potatoes
24. Butters and Spreads
25. Juice
26. Other

Department 2, Section B Home Brews Special Rules

1. Exhibits must be produced by exhibitor and exhibitor must be 21 years of age or older.

2. Exhibitors must not be involved in any way with a commercial brewery.

Department 2, Section B Home Brews

1. Ales
2. Lager
3. Wheat
4. Hard Cider
5. Corn
6. Wines

DEPARTMENT 3 – QUILTS RULES:

1. Quilts must be clean; spots will disqualify them from judging (Except for the Antique Quilts)

2. Quilts must have been completed in the last five (5) years.

3. If the quilt has previously been entered in the Molasses Festival, it will be used for display only and WILL NOT BE JUDGED

4. In order to be judged, the quilt must fit in a class.

5. If your entry quilt is for sale – put a price on your entry form. We will make contact but handle no money.

6. Quilt tops will be for display only
7. Quilts must be

brought in on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and left until Sunday. Please pick up between 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday

8. There will be ribbons for 1st 2nd and 3rd place. Special awards will be:

- a. “Best Of Show”
- b. “Queens Choice”
- c. “People’s Choice”

9. WFCA will take every precaution for safekeeping of exhibits after their arrival and arrangement in the building but will not be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.

DEPARTMENT 3 – SECTION A – QUILTS CLASSES:

1. Hand Pieced – Machine Quilted
2. Hand Pieced – Hand Quilted
3. Machine Pieced – Machine Quilted
4. Panel Quilts
5. Appliqued
6. Embroidered
7. Tied, Tacked, or Knotted
8. Paper Pieced Quilt
9. Mixed Technique
10. Original Design (Novelty)
11. Novice Quilt
12. Baby Quilt
13. Antique – Over 50 Years Old
14. Youth Quilt – Under 18 Yrs.)
15. Quilted Pillows
16. Quilted Small Wall Hanging (40” or less)
17. Quilted Wall-hanging (greater than 40”)
18. Patchwork Pillow or Household Accessory
19. Quilted Table runners
20. Other

Department 3-Section B through G Rules:

1. Exhibit must be a finished product and must have been made during the year by exhibitor.

2. Exhibits must not have placed in previous Molasses Festival Exhibition.

3. Exhibits must be clean, and have no tears or missing parts.

4. Exhibits must not have broken or mended parts.

5. Exhibits containing liquids must be in a leak proof container.

Dept. 3- Section B- Needlepoint

1. Knitted items
2. Crocheted items
3. Needlepoint
4. Plastic canvas
5. Embroidery
6. Cross stitch
7. Hats or Toboggans

Dept. 3-Section C- Sewing

1. Household items
2. Garments
3. Books or printed material (stamped fabrics)
4. Hand bags
5. Toys (bears or stuffed dolls)

Dept. 3-Section

D-Weaving

1. Rugs
2. Blankets
3. Garments

Dept. 3- Section E- Crafts

1. Paper art (origami, paper mache, quilling etc.)
2. Christmas ornaments or items
3. Wreaths
4. Decorated Hats
5. Decorated Baskets
6. Decorated wall hangings
7. Toys
8. Dolls
9. Household items
10. Hand woven baskets
11. Beaded items (not jewelry)
12. Jewelry
13. Scrapbooking
14. Rugs
15. Recycled material
16. Vinyl creations
17. Stained glass
18. Legos
19. Metal crafts
20. Mosaic
21. Duct tape crafts
22. Ceramics
23. Pottery
24. Stepping Stones
25. Candles
26. Other

Dept. 3- Section F- Lotions and Potions

1. Soap
2. Lotion
3. Cosmetics
4. Fragrance

Dept. 3-Section G- Wood Working

1. Furniture
2. Kitchen
3. Toys
4. Wood Carvings
5. Wall Decoration
6. Canes or Walking Sticks
7. Outdoor Décor
8. Wood Craft (wood burning or other treatments)
9. Other

DEPARTMENT 4 – ART and PHOTOGRAPHY RULES:

1. Exhibitors are limited to ONE (1) entry per class

2. Judging will be done by the usual standards of subject matter, composition and photographic excellence. Composition and exposure must be the work of the exhibitor, however the developing and finishing may be done by anyone

3. Photos must be 5”x7” inches or larger, MATTED AND FRAMED

4. If Photo or mad does not meet requirements, the photo will not be judged

5. Failure to mount prints will result in disqualification

6. Photos may be taken with a 35 mm camera or a digital camera

7. WFCA will take every precaution for safekeeping of exhibits after their arrival and arrangement in the building but will not be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.

CLASSES DEFINED: PEOPLE:

Adults, children, babies, portraits and character studies or entire figures, alone or in a group where the main subject is the person or persons rather than the environment, close-ups or as a part of a larger composition.

NATURE: Any subject found in nature, plants or flowers, close-ups, etc.

SCENIC: Landscapes, seascapes, architectural and industrial scenes or any scene that has a fundamental unit of design or mood of such magnitude that all else is subordinate to it.

ANIMALS: Any animal or animals (pets, livestock, zoo, marine) in a natural setting. No posed, official show type photos.

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION A – ART – ADULT (18 YRS OVER)

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION B – ART – YOUTH – (FROM 12 -18 YRS)

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION C – ART – JUVENILE – (12 YRS AND UNDER)

CLASSES for all Adult, Youth and Juvenile sections:

1. Black & White Pencil Drawing
2. Pen & Ink Drawing
3. Color Pencil Drawing
4. Watercolor Painting
5. Oil Painting
6. Acrylic Painting
7. Oil Pastels
8. Pastel Drawing
9. Charcoal Drawing
10. Creative Painting
11. Creative Art – Mixed Media
12. Mixed Media
13. Miscellaneous or Other

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION D – PHOTOGRAPHY – ADULT (18 YRS OVER)

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION E – PHOTOGRAPHY – YOUTH (FROM 12-18 YRS)

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION F – PHOTOGRAPHY – JUVENILE – (12 YRS AND UNDER)

CLASSES for all Adult, Youth and Juvenile sections:

1. Colored Photos, People
2. Black & White Photos, People
3. Colored Photos, Scenic
4. Black & White Photos, Scenic
5. Colored Photos, Animals
6. Black & White Photos, Animals
7. Colored Photos, Flowers
8. Black & White Photos, Flowers

9. Colored Photos, Nature

10. Black & White Photos, Nature

11. Misc. Photos

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION G – COMPUTER ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY – ALLAGES

CLASSES:

1. Computer Enhanced Photography

DEPARTMENT 4 – SECTION H – PROFESSIONAL DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHY – ALLAGES

1. Professional Display – Judged on overall composition, emotion and presentation

Department 5- Horticulture Rules:

1. All flowers should be hardened or conditioned and placed in a cool place for several hours or overnight.

2. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.

3. Potted plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor 3 or more months prior to the exhibition.

4. Potted plants must be in a suitable size container with saucer. Pot should be clean and not exceed 14” in diameter.

5. Only one plant type per container with exceptions of arrangements.

6. Horticulture exhibits are judged for horticulture perfection, not for age or size.

7. Plants should be groomed. Remove dirt, dead foliage, and spray residue.

8. Commercial growers and dealers are not eligible for exhibition.

9. Flowers used in dried arrangements shall be locally grown and dried. Do not use commercially dried flowers.

10. Herbs must be edible.

11. Herbs must be locally grown.

12. Herbs must be potted in a clean container no greater than 8” in circumference.

Dept. 5- Section A Horticulture

1. Cut (single) flower
2. Fresh flower arrangement

3. Potted plants
4. Potted Herbs
5. Hanging Baskets
6. Dried Flower arrangement

The Schedule of Events for the 2023 Molasses Festival can be found on Page 10.

Come on out and enjoy the Festival with friends and Family to show support for our Community.

Festival offers \$10,000 in prizes to makers of all ages

Contact: Mike Friel, mfriel@rcbi.org or 304.781.1686

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the West Virginia Makes Festival, the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center (MAMC) is offering \$10,000 in cash prizes to winners of this year's Design Challenge.

Artisans, inventors, manufacturers, students and makers of all kinds are encouraged to enter their creations by participating in the Oct. 6 festival on the Huntington campus of Marshall University, said Kara Mullins, Makes Festival coordinator.

"We want to make this year's festival the biggest and best yet," Mullins said. "To encourage more participation from across West Virginia and beyond, we're offering the largest prize cache ever. People of all ages are eligible to compete for their share of the money."

Multiple prizes will be awarded in adult and youth categories, including a \$5,000 cash award to the adult

champion, \$1,000 to the youth champion and \$500 to the People's Choice winner, as voted on by festivalgoers.

"This is a celebration of creativity and ingenuity in all forms," Mullins said. "That's why we encourage makers of all ages, from elementary school-age children to retired adults to demonstrate their creations, whatever they are."

This year, West Virginia's largest maker fair coincides with National Manufacturing Day. Mullins urged manufacturers of all types to participate in the festival to represent the state's rich history of manufacturing.

"There are a variety of ways to participate in the Makes Festival," Mullins explained. "In addition to the Design Challenge, individuals can demonstrate their creations, register as exhibitors and offer information about how they support makers,

provide making activities or games, or attend as a school or other group. We want everyone who can come to join us and enjoy all the festival has to offer, from hands-on making activities, virtual reality and robotics to music and even a splat-tacular pumpkin drop presented by the June Harless Center at Marshall University!"

There is no cost to participate in the festival but Design Challengers, exhibitors and groups are asked to register at www.mfg.marshall.edu/wvmf2023. Design challengers and other exhibitors are welcome to sell their creations during the event.

The 10th anniversary Makes Festival is made possible through the generous financial support of title sponsor West Virginia American Water. For more information, contact Mullins at kara.mullins@mfg.marshall.edu or 304-781-1624.

Grant Opportunity for Folk & Traditional Arts Projects in Central Appalachia!

Contact: Joel Chapman, Program Associate, Folk and Traditional Arts, at jchapman@midatlanticarts.org

What are the Central Appalachia Living Traditions Folk & Traditional Arts Experiences Grants?

Mid Atlantic Arts' Central Appalachia Living Traditions: Folk and Traditional Arts Experiences grants fund public-facing projects and events in Appalachian Regional Commission-designated counties of Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia that bring community members together around folk and traditional arts practice and cultural knowledge. Funded projects will encourage broad public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of living traditions and/or grow and disseminate artistic skill and cultural knowledge within the community. Because this program intends to diversify and expand the types of folk arts and cultural activities available in communities throughout the region, applications must be for new projects or projects that expand and/or diversify existing programming.

Non-profit organizations and folk and traditional artists/practitioners in ARC-designated counties of Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia are eligible to apply for grant amounts from \$1,000 to \$10,000. No match is required. The majority of project activities must take place within the designated counties.

Eligible project activities include but are not limited to hands-on learning experiences, workshops where traditional artistic practices are taught or demonstrated to the public or a group of peer practitioners, public art projects, exhibitions of folk and traditional art, a performance project or series, film/video, podcast, or archival collection or fieldwork with a significant public-facing component.

Priority will be given to projects that engage multi-generational participants as well as projects occurring in communities identified as under-resourced or marginalized, including the most geographically

remote counties in the region.

How do I apply? Review our guidelines and apply at midatlanticarts.org. Applications open September 5, 2023.

The deadline for applications is October 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact Joel Chapman, Program Associate, Folk and Traditional Arts, at jchapman@midatlanticarts.org, or join us for an informational webinar on Wednesday, September 22 at 2pm.

About Central Appalachia Living Traditions Central Appalachia Living Traditions (CALT), a project of Mid Atlantic Arts, is a multi-year program designed to promote the understanding and recognition of folk arts and culture in Appalachian counties of Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Learn more on our website and follow CALT on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Bridget Carter Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH (09/05/2023) - Bridget Carter of Arnoldsburg (25234) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by

earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate

and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Amazing Moments in Calhoun Golf

Mt. Zion, WV - The Calhoun High School Golf Team had a week of firsts and fun beginning with a match at Wahama on Riverside Golf Course. Landon Bennett placed 2nd with a 39 on 9 holes on September 6th. Grant Roush of Wahama took 1st with a 36. These two played hard and with unbelievable camaraderie showcasing the gentlemen's sport. Other members from Calhoun were Whitney Nettles with 47, Gunner Lane with 62 and Lanie Arnold with 68.

Thursday was an amazing day of golf at Mingo Bottom in Wirt County. Landon Bennett scored 2 under par with an EAGLE on hole 9 for the first time in competition. His score of a 36 earned him 1st place against a field of 48 golfers. Other Calhoun players in attendance were Gunner Lane with 53, Whitney Nettles with 63 and Lanie Arnold with 71.



Left to Right: Whitney Nettles, Lanie Arnold, Mascot Luke Strange-Paylor, Landon Bennett and Gunner Lane



Pictured Left to Right: Whitney Nettles, Lanie Arnold, Grant Roush of Wahama, Landon Bennett, Landon Bennett and Gunner Lane.

Golf Season has kicked off at CMHS

September
 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!

Glenville State University receives Appalachian Collegiate Research Grant

Contact: Quentin Murphy, Glenville State University, Public Relations Department, (304) 462-4115

Glenville State University will be one of 13 institutions to receive the Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative Grant (ARCI) funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission. Dr. Mark Sarver, Associate Professor of Business and Workforce Learning Experiences Manager will lead the student research addressing the need for moderate income housing to attract professional talent to central West Virginia.

Since 2001, more than 22 colleges and universities - and over 2,800 students - from across Appalachia have participated in ARC's Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative (ACRI). This applied research training program helps Appalachian students conduct research and develop projects supporting economic development in their communities.

Glenville State University students will work with the Little Kanawha Area Development Corporation and Gilmer County Economic Development

Association to complete research that addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of our region. This grant not only supports our academic endeavors but also strengthens our bond with the Appalachian community we proudly serve." - Dr. Mark A. Manchin, President of Glenville State "I chose to participate in this research because I view this as an opportunity to develop research skills, data analysis abilities, and gain a better understanding of how to conduct experimental studies in a real-world context. I also am excited to broaden my perspective on societal issues and gain a deeper understanding of the complex factors that contribute to housing challenges," says senior Abby McDermott.

Dr. Sarver notes, "This is a great opportunity for our students to get hands on experience researching a critical issue in central West Virginia. Gilmer has FCI Gilmer and Glenville State University and Calhoun County has Minnie Hamilton Hospital. We will look at the impact the lack of housing has on recruiting professionals to the area and then research strategies other rural Appalachian communities are using to address issues in their community"

"Receiving the Appalachian Collegiate Research Grant reaffirms our commitment to empowering our students and faculty to engage in meaningful

research that addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of our region. This grant not only supports our academic endeavors but also strengthens our bond with the Appalachian community we proudly serve." - Dr. Mark A. Manchin, President of Glenville State "I chose to participate in this research because I view this as an opportunity to develop research skills, data analysis abilities, and gain a better understanding of how to conduct experimental studies in a real-world context. I also am excited to broaden my perspective on societal issues and gain a deeper understanding of the complex factors that contribute to housing challenges," says senior Abby McDermott.

The students will present their findings to both Gilmer and Calhoun County commissioners in November and to a national audience in Washington DC at the ACRI Student Research Forum December 1-2.

This is the first time the ARCI Grant has been awarded to Glenville State University.

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1982 Foundation Weekly Update

By Crystal Mersh

Weekly Update: More from the Big Picture series.

I am not going to update on construction as Roger Propst has covered that well this week. We are so happy that we are making solid progress quickly, and we look forward to the time when all phases of the project are in full tilt. We expect this to be the case in just a month or two. Right now sourcing and getting the best price on our steel package which is extensive and the rate limiting but Cade will solve this problem of this we are certain.

So what's new with the big picture?

Well let's start with \$64,000 pledged for street lamps in Grantsville. Trust me no one was more shocked than me. I would have been thrilled with 10 to match the 10 we donated. This more than anything tells me that people are seeing and believing in the big picture.

Why street lamps? Well for one they will improve the overall appearance of our county seat significantly. And if we truly want to have a shot at a day trip destination town, we have to give the trippers something beautiful to behold when they arrive. Secondly, think of what a lamp symbolizes. Lamps guide the way. They light our footsteps. They lead us home. And they help others to find us too.

The path to survival for Calhoun County will be lit by street lamps donated in memory of others, by those who understand the pathway, and by local businesses who see the big picture for sure.

Survival...that's a bit dramatic isn't it Crystal? NO. It is reality. The population decline has created a looming gap in Calhoun's ability to fund itself. The "leadership" has been incapable of managing the tax base and doing what is necessary to secure the future. But we got the White Oak Compressor Station, and that is our financial savior. Not sure about that and neither is the county commission. If you recall, when asked they had no idea how much the county was receiving from White Oak. It took them and the clerk a month or more to do the differential math to come to the conclusion that it is about \$800,000 per year. Well that's a lot of money, so we should be ok right? Wrong not if it is not managed well. We still have no deputies, no humane officer, no liter officer, no support for recovery, no grant writer, no county website (for goodness sakes notice of public meetings are

announced by hanging a paper notice on the court house door just as we did in the 1800's) no focus on dilapidated structures that litter our beautiful landscape, and much more spelled out in the county plan that gets ignored. So yes survival...strong financial management and leadership gaps are threat to our survival.

So how do we deal with this? We pull ourselves up by our own boot straps. We do not wait for leadership to solve our problems. We get involved in local government and not just on election day. I truly hope we can put away the political divide and realize that we are way more alike than different, and for certain we all want better for future generations.

Our people are intelligent AND hard working. You sell yourselves short on the intelligence factor, but I tell you honestly we have a very intelligent work force here that needs to be put to work to pull us out of this hole.

How do we get started when you have so much to fix? That is indeed the question. We get organized as we are via the Boot Straps project and we work together to steadily solve the problems. We are the government watch dogs and apply pressure so that the commission is not spending the tax payers money foolishly. (Note: and if they continue to do this we publicize it and they will stop I promise). We need them to focus on the basics of providing services that are necessary for the quality of life and protection that we all deserve.

The CEO of American Medicines Company visited Calhoun and participated in our meeting this week with national and state leaders. She has made it clear on more than one occasion to me that the site which is once again up for grabs as we lost the hold on the Davisville site to a foreign company, that the future site of AMC must have the basic pillars to attract scientists and management to support the operation. These basic pillars are:

County financial stability and a business friendly environment

Access to workforce and a quality of life that attracts and keeps a workforce

Quality school systems, health care systems and public safety.

Did you know that recent rankings by US News and World Report for West Virginia schools ranked Calhoun Middle High School as number 89 of 109. Roane County

was ranked number #19. Therefore something horrific is happening on the Corder Bridge that precludes our children from being competitive. Instead of analyzing this, I hear school officials making lots of excuses and ignoring it when they should dig in and find the root cause and fix it. This is how responsible adults respond to issues.

So doesn't this all sound like too much to do to survive. Absolutely not. The other trait that our people have is resiliency and the ability to make a positive difference. We do it all the time in times of despair and need...and no one does it better than Calhoun. We can do that very same thing to bring prosperity and secure the future for many generations to come.

Do we have a strategy and a plan? Yes we do.

1. Build for the day trip town. Continue to clean the place up. Develop the river. Develop recreation including ATV and motorcycle circuits. Paint the town. Leverage our local foods. Add the street lamps. Develop marketing for key attractions and shopping all over the county.

2. Put pressure on our local government to provide the basic needs in a high quality fashionschools, healthcare, and protection.

3. Decide how you want to participate. Many folks have already expressed interest in starting businesses, working at the community center, or joining coops to collectively join forces with those of like interests. A focus on history and heritage products will serve us well. We are rich in this and need need to exploit it as an asset.

4. Stop saying "can't". We can and we will.

5. Once we have firmed up the foundational requirements, actively source businesses to come. Remote workers or brick and mortar... either would be fine.

From a business perspective, this is a tried and true approach. It will work if we work it. Could a few folks sabotage our plans? Sure if we let them it would be possible. But that won't happen in our community, because we will stand for what is right and we will stand together in securing a positive future here at home for our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

And we will follow the path that is lit with beautiful period lamp posts and the light from God.

May God bless us all in this journey. Sincerely, Crystal

Upper West Fork Park has work day in Remembrance of 9/11

By Anita West

The Upper West Fork Park had a work day in remembrance of 9/11 with workers from the MOVRC who hosted the event and supplied a catered luncheon for all the volunteers.

Hope Gas donated 15 guys labor hours to help with the flood clean up at the park along with the use of their backhoe. They resurrected the ball cages and cemented them in the ground with new pipe, and cleaned all the flood debris from the cages as well as the pavilion and picnic tables.



MOVRC and the park board worked on cleaning the outside shower house and restrooms. The park would like to let them know how much we appreciate their help. It would have taken us several days, if not weeks, to accomplish what they all did in one day.

Terri Allen, Park President (who took the photo below), Rober Bailey, Board member, and Megan Carroll, Megan's mother, and Tammy Raines (MOVRC) spent hours cleaning. We would also like to thank Megan for the matching tee shirts.

We thank you all for making this event possible.



Mt. Zion PSD Monthly Meeting held Sept. 7th

By Shari Johnson

The Mt. Zion PSD Board has had a recent overturn of staff that has created quite the stir among the current two member board. Thursday's meeting, packed shoulder to shoulder with PSD Board, PSD staff and PSD affiliates from the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council, WV Rural Water Association, Dunn/Thrasher Engineering and others met at 2 p.m. in the office on Mt. Zion Ridge.

The previous plans to move to the Grantsville Town office fell through when a shared secretary with the Pleasant Hill PSD resigned from the Mt. Zion PSD side of the organization. The office will remain at 4418 South Calhoun Highway, Mt. Zion. (more below)

The meeting was lead by Anita West, Board Chair.

Jake Frady of the MOVRC informed the PSD that funding was in place for a current water project, they are now waiting for the Congressional Funding hoping to break ground at some point in 2024.

Ms. West then signed off on a Operating Resolution for the DEP so that work for the water and sewer projects could move forward.

The Board accepted the resignation of Stehannie Good from the Office staff who was replaced by Iona Rhodes. Ms. West is training Ms. Rhodes for the position.

The Mt. Zion PSD will once again put forth a funding request list to the Calhoun County

Commission for items previously requested that had yet to be obtained.

Ms. West apologized for having no current updates on the CITCO billing and software company project but will work to provide one.

She then stated that the audits for the Mt. Zion PSD years of 2021 and 2022 were complete and received. The annual report for 2023 was drafted by Stephanie Good and awaits action by Michael Griffith, of Griffith and Associates accounting firm.

Operator Jeremy Westfall was asked about the required reporting notices and responded that all reporting issues were resolved and an oversight had occurred in Charleston.

No further discussion on the matter took place.

The ongoing saga of the consolidation of the Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill PSD continues following the decision that all reporting issues were resolved and an oversight had occurred in Charleston.

Following the unacknowledged issues with failed water results, there was apparently information overheard in the Grantsville office involving the former secretary and a former board member regarding the issue of e.coli being found in the water in the area of Russett Road.

Following that both parties resigned. The issue is the secretary, Stephanie Good, was the daughter of Board

member Robin Hughes.

Following the incident social media posts occurred suggesting that Mrs. Good had made an adjustment to her mother's water bill due to a leak that was unwarranted. Mrs. Hughes then called the ethics commission with an allegation of nepotism at the Mt. Zion Water office because current secretary, Iona Rhodes, resides with Operator Jeremy Westfall.

Mrs. Hughes requested that this matter be addressed in writing that the family connection was not an issue. She further requested a retraction because the leak adjustment that she had received was supposedly legitimate due to a change in the WV water codes.

Previously any adjustment made had to come from an outside leak, not an inside issue, but according to Robin Hughes this matter has been changed to both inside and outside the dwelling.

Iona Rhodes, who attended training with Stephanie Good said that it was not the case.

The final discussion was on the rate increase that will come into effect on the October billing cycle. The minimum bill will now be \$44.16 for the first 2,000 gallons and go up accordingly as water use is increased.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be October 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Zion office.



Calhoun Circuit Court News

By Shari Johnson

Calhoun Circuit Court convened for Grand Jury on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Indictments were returned on the following individuals:

Charter B. Badgett, JR- True Bill

Count 1 – Sexual Abuse in 1st degree , Count 2- Sexual Abuse by Parent, Guardian, Custodian, or Person in position of trust to a child

Christopher Allen Johnson- True Bill

Count 1&2- DUI causing serious bodily injury

Count 3- Driving while license revoked for DUI of alcohol, controlled substance or drugs

Edward Allen Fields- True Bill

Count 1- Receiving or Transferring Stolen goods

Count 2-Possession of Stolen vehicle

Timothy D. Rhodes- True Bill

Count 1&2- Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes.

Arraignments were held on the four indicted individuals on Wednesday.

Thursday morning Judge Anita Ashley was in session until noon. The first case of the day was 23F1 and 23M1 State of West Virginia vs. Timothy Lee Tallhammer. Appearing with his Attorney, Daniel Minardi and Prosecutor Michael Hicks, Mr. Tallhammer was set for the final acceptance a plea agreement. According to Judge Ashley, Timothy Tallhammer had done an excellent in his participation in the Calhoun Adult Drug Court and as was agreed, his case was deferred pending his successful completion of the drug court program. Tallhammer was charged with Driving on a Suspended License 3rd offense.

David Scott Cummings, was charged in Case number 16F5, for the failure to pay child support that had totaled \$11,717.60.

His hearing before Judge Ashley was scheduled for Thursday, at 9:15 a.m. but he did not appear. His attorney Daniel Minardi had no

idea why his client had failed to appear, stating that the defendant was homeless and could not drive, so he possibly could have had difficulties.

Prosecutor Hicks responded that even though his predecessor Nigel Jeffries had agreed to stand silent for Mr. Cummings sentencing, “appearing that he is homeless, the state is willing to provide him a home,” he said. Judge Ashley issued a capias for his arrest, but would consider hearing his case if he appeared before noon. Cummings did not appear.

Jason David McCumbers appeared with Attorney Daniel Minardi as well for sentencing on a Hi-low plea agreement that had been entered into previously, but McCumbers had failed a drug test during the period of the agreement.

Attorney Minardi came to his defense stating that McCumbers had taken responsibility for his failure of the drug test and confessed to having an issue with methamphetamine.

Attorney Minardi went so far as to vouch personally for his client, stating that he had known him for three years and believed that the substance use occurred because of the stress of the trial. He further stated that his client was on medical marijuana and that he believed Mr. McCumbers could correct and comply with the rules of probation if given another chance.

Prosecutor Hicks informed Judge Ashley that upon reviewing the file and noting that there was indeed a positive drug screen, he was still recommending a deferred sentence to allow him to stay on probation. The more severe charge that Mr. McCumbers was facing was “Possession with intent to deliver,” but that was for marijuana. Not the Meth.

He too thought it would be in the best interest of all concerned if he remained on probation but with stricter rules such as appearing at the Day Report Center in Roane for frequent drug test and he would not be allowed to use his medical marijuana card while on probation.

Judge Ashley

however didn’t agree. She told the parties involved that she was “really concerned that he had reported his last methamphetamine use was in 2021 but had been discovered using it multiple times.

Because of her concern for his health she was not going to adopt Mr. Hicks’ recommendation but rather sentenced McCumbers to 1-5 years for possession of a controlled substance. She did offer him the opportunity to locate a bed in a drug treatment center and she would reconsider his jail sentence. But she wanted assured he was getting treatment.

McCumbers was remanded into the custody of Sheriff and taken to the West Virginia Central regional jail.

A review on State Vs. Kenneth J. Rush was held via video. The defendant remains in a less restricted environment and will be reviewed again next year.

Angela Sampson, appeared in Case number 23P16 for an extradition hearing. Following confirmation of her understanding of the terms of waiving an extradition hearing. After being sworn in for testimony Ms. Sampson stated that she knew what it meant and did not desire to challenge the extradition.

Having been charged with Possession with intent to deliver and Possession of a controlled substance in the state of Pennsylvania, Judge Ashley remanded her in the custody of the sheriff for transport to the Central Regional Jail. The State of Pennsylvania has 14 days to pick up the defendant or she will be released.

The final case of the day was case numbers 09F9 and 09F16, State vs. James Keith Hardman. Appearing with his council Calvin Honaker. Prosecutor Hicks spoke regarding the charge of Failure to register as a sex offender saying that he had “Largely predicated on Mr. Hardman’s recent arrests for failure to register and had entered into a join motion to continue the revocation.” The cases were continued for October 3 at 9 a.m.

Couple Arrested for Possession of Stolen Truck and Trailer

By Shari Johnson



they discovered that it belonged to U-ul and requested that Trooper Stepp run a VIN inquiry to confirm if it was stolen. The Trooper was provided with the VIN at which time he contacted Dispatch who confirmed that it in fact was the stolen 2022 Dodge Ram for which the aforementioned registration plate belonged to. Dispatch confirmed that the vehicle was still in possession of Westfall’s and removed the vehicle from the NCIC Database as a stolen vehicle.

On Sunday, July 16, 2023, at approximately 2 p.m. Trooper Stepp obtained a search warrant for the recovered 2022 Dodge Ram from the Calhoun County Magistrate Court and on that day, at approximately 3 p.m. he executed the search warrant at Westfall’s Wrecker Service on the vehicle. During the course of the search, the Trooper located two receipts, one from Coffman’s Metal in Sutton, WV, and the other for Foodland in Arnoldsburg*. After reviewing these exhibits, it was learned that the receipt for Coffman’s Metal was for a transaction on July 05, 2023, signed by Jonathan McIntyre. The receipt for Foodland was from July 10, 2023.

While speaking with the wrecker company, it was learned that they were able to locate a VIN for the trailer that had been towed from 938 Pink Road. After performing a VIN Inquiry via Dispatch, it was learned that the trailer was in NCIC as stolen from Beckley, WV, and entered by Beckley Police Department on August 29, 2022.

On Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at approximately 9 a.m. hours, Trooper Stepp traveled to the *Arnoldsburg Foodland in an effort to learn who had purchased items on this receipt. It was learned after reviewing surveillance footage of the transaction, that it was Mr. McIntyre. Also on the footage, Mr. McIntyre is seen exiting the stolen Dodge Ram and entering the store. After the transaction, he then gets back into the vehicle. It is unclear if he was the operator of the vehicle or just the passenger. It should be noted that the man shown on the video is the same man shown on Mr. McIntyre’s WV-driver’s license photograph.

On the same day, at approximately 1 p.m. Trooper Stepp contacted Coffman’s Metal to obtain video footage of the transaction with Mr. McIntyre. In speaking with the receptionist, it was learned from photographs of the transaction, that he appeared to be alone during this trip. It was also learned that he had been operating a newer model white in color Dodge Ram, consistent with that of the stolen Dodge Ram found at his residence.

Because the stolen Dodge Ram was found on the property that Ms. Bailey and Mr. McIntyer were solely living at, also coupled with the fact that Ms. Bailey was in the possession of the vehicle keys for the Dodge Ram, as well as video and photographic evidence of Mr. McIntyer operating the vehicle, both Ms. Bailey and Mr. McIntyer were in possession of the stolen Dodge Ram. Ms. Bailey and Mr. McIntyer, who was the primary residents of the residence, they were also in possession of the stolen trailer. The approximate value of the stolen 2022 Dodge Ram is \$20,000. The approximate value of the stolen trailer is \$8,000.00. Following the evidence, Trooper Stepp requested warrants for Jamie”Jarvis” Bailey and Jonathon McIntyr, for felony charges of possession of stolen vehicle and transfer and receiving stolen property greater than \$1,000.00.

All the aforementioned criminal acts occurred in Calhoun County, West Virginia.

Bailey’s bail was posted in the amount of \$5,000, while McIntyre remains in the Central Regional Jail on a \$30,000 bond.

*The complaint listed the business establishment as Arnoldsburg Foodland. Ridgeview News left it as written but it was likely Grantsville Foodland, or Arnoldsburg Family Dollar. There is no Arnoldsburg Foodland. 61-3-18 Transfer and Receiving Stolen Property (Felony)

If any person buys or receives from another person, or aids in concealing, or transfers to a person other than the owner thereof, or possesses any stolen goods or other thing of value, which he or she knows or has reason to believe has been stolen, that person is guilty of the larceny thereof, and may be prosecuted although the principal offender has not been convicted.

17A-8-5 Transfer and Receiving Stolen Vehicle (Possession of Stolen Vehicle):

Any person who, with intent to procure or pass title to a vehicle which he knows or has reason to believe has been stolen or unlawfully taken, receives, or transfers possession of the same from or to another, or who has in his possession any vehicle which he knows or has reason to believe has been stolen or unlawfully taken, and who is not an officer of the law engaged at the time in the performance of his duty as such officer, is guilty of a felony

On Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at approximately 1115 hours, Cpl. N.S. Stepp, received information that Jamie “Jarvis” Bailey and , who had an active felony warrants, was currently located at 938 Pink Road in Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County, West Virginia. Upon arriving at this address, Trooper Stepp attempted to knock on all the exterior doors without receiving a response. While walking to the rear door of the residence, he noticed a blue in color 2011 Subaru Legacy, parked next to the house. In efforts to learn if this was Ms. Bailey’s vehicle, Trooper Stepp preformed a registration inquiry via the WVSP South Charleston Dispatch. The results of this inquiry revealed that the registration was registered on a 2022 Dodge Ram, owned by U-Haul, and the vehicle, and registration, had been reported stolen on June 29, 2023.

After a short time, Ms. Bailey came to the door and spoke with Trooper Stepp and while speaking with her, it was learned that the vehicles parked in her yard were not hers, that they were left there several days by a friend. It was also learned that her boyfriend, Jonathan McIntyre, had been present prior to her coming to the door and she stated that he had ran away before she answered the door.

During this course of this incident, the caretaker of the property, Robert Hall, had arrived on scene stating that Ms. Bailey and Mr. McIntyre were not supposed to be on the property. Due to this being a “civil matter,” he requested that the vehicles be towed from the scene by Westfall’s Wrecker Service. It should be noted that along with the blue 2011 Subaru, there was also a white in color newer Dodge Ram, which had an obstruction over the VIN, and a newer model box style trailer, which were also parked at the residence.

While the vehicles were being towed from the scene at the request of Mr. Hall, Ms. Bailey stated that she had the keys to the vehicle, and both keys were produced for the 2011 Subaru and a white in color Dodge Ram.

On this day, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Trooper Stepp was contacted by Westfall’s Wrecker Service when he learned that they were able to unlock the Dodge Ram that was towed from Pink Road. After unlocking it and being able to locate the VIN,

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Resource Fair held on Main Street Sept. 7th

By Melissa West

If you were out and about in Grantsville on Sept. 7th you were able to walk around the different booths offering information on services available to the citizens of the county. Each booth offered information and goodies for you to take with you. At most informational booths you could receive free Narcan and training on how to administer it properly.



Town Council held Meeting Sept. 5th

By Shari Johnson

Grantsville Town council met on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, for their regularly scheduled meeting with all council members present: Cheryl Sturm, Linda Staton, Emilee Morgan, William Villers and Kimberly Sweat, as well as Recorder Judy Powell and Mayor Robert Petrovsky,

The vast majority of the night's meeting was spent in discussion of the recent light-post project which gained momentum on Social Media when Crystal Mersh, President of The 1982 Foundation, mentioned how beautiful the City would look with the Lantern style lights throughout Main Street. Nobody would have guessed how many would have agreed and were willing to pony up the cash! Over \$60,000 was pledged to light the town in all the romance of a Hallmark Movie. The issue is, the expense to be incurred is not just the cost of the light posts, a matter of great concern for Mayor Robert Petrovsky.

Mayor Petrovsky explained that he first heard about the project while on vacation, when he was told that Mrs. Mersh had 10 light posts pledged. But suddenly the project got quite large and the expense of installation became a concern; would the lights be electric or solar, would sidewalk bores be necessary, and what about the cost of maintaining the lights.

Mrs. Mersh assured the Mayor that she wasn't expecting the community response being so vast either, and that she was simply trying to be of service to her community. She'll be speaking with her contractors on Wednesday for their opinions on the best laid plans for installation. She further stated that it was her hopes that the City and the Community would take this project forward. She further stated, "We have \$10-12 Thousand that can be used for installation. First, don't under or over react, If we can make the project work we will, if not we'll tell the people we can't."

The Mayor and Council brought up a previous project, Streetscapes, which was offering grants for communities to enhance beauty and safety. However the grant needed matching funding to the tune of \$78,000, at which time the Mayor declined the additional grant funding due to the city's inability to come up with the match. When the group visited Calhoun to discuss Streetscape projects, Councilwoman Cheryl Sturms said that the council spent four hours with the group, discussing what they'd like to see accomplished, but their requests were overlooked and Streetscapes instead did a project for the Calhoun Courthouse and handicap access on areas seldom used.

Mayor Petrovsky invited Ed Casto of Alpha and Omega Lighting of Ripley, West Virginia to weigh in on the project. Although short notice prevented him time to give great detail, he did express the concern of electric installation that required deconstruction of sidewalks and boring beneath as well as a risk of unknown lines in the area being hit and causing more issues.

The Mayor noted that the city is still recovering from thousands of dollars that was spent when the gas company hit lines over the summer on a their project in town, and any added expense could be detrimental to the city budget.

Crystal Mersh continued to encourage the town to have "skin in the game," and said that for now she would put the project on pause, in hopes that the someone on the city's side would make the project their own. Her hope was that this project would be another added part of the design to make Grantsville a day trip area and increase tourism. The Mayor and Council alike were in a agreement that the citizens in the area were ready to see Grantsville come back to life with the good outpouring they've had on projects such as the Grantsville Recreational park.

The initial costs of the Lights would be \$600-800 pole and can go as high as \$1000, plus installation. To bring Grantsville back to life will take an investment of not only money, but time and commitment by the community.

Councilwomen Linda Staton and Cheryl Sturms were acknowledged for their help in getting contributions for the improvements at the Grantsville Recreational Park totaling \$15,492.99 which had been put into a separate account for the Park only. Contributions from both private citizens and businesses had been "phenomenal" in the words of the Mayor. Future noteworthy events at the park will be the farmer's market booths using it next summer to sell their produce and Minnie Hamilton Health Center seeing about the viability of Health Net using the park for a temporary Helicopter landing site while construction is happening at their facility.

The next fundraiser for Grantsville will be on Saturday as the City hosts a Kayak Poker Run.

Crystal Mersh encouraged the Mayor to join her at the Calhoun Community Center as she welcomes Roger Hanshaw, Gail Manchin and representatives from both U.S. Senators offices to view the progress on The 1982 Foundation's work.

Jake Frady, of the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Development council informed the Mayor and Council that they are now on the final design of the sewer project, and that the \$5 million water project that had been planned was now looking for other funding following the fall through of the Army Corp of Engineer funding. His final request from the council was an extension and draw on the Rainbow Hotel project. The extension to December 31st, 2023 was necessary to complete the paper work required for the Rainbow Hotel project. The amount of \$8,937 was requested as a draw on the Rainbow project funding to cover administrative work completed by MOVRC, all of which was voted and approved by the council

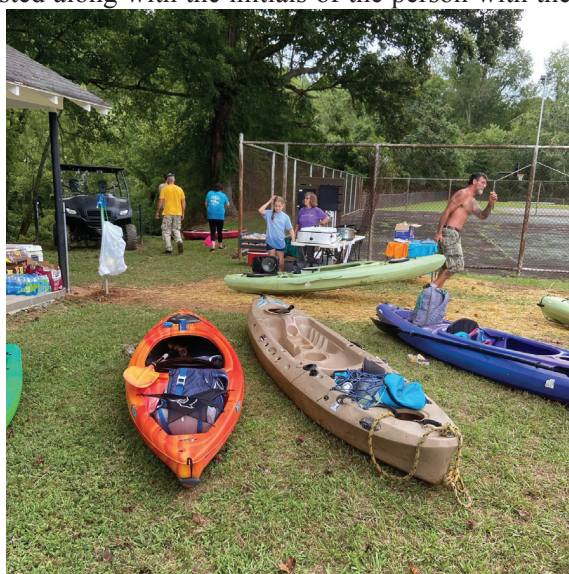
After the payment of bills the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Kayak Poker Run for the Grantsville Recreational River Park (City Park) was a Success!

By Emma Howell



At registration they were given a card with their registration number and numbers 1-5 listed with number 1 having a hole punched out by it and then the number from the poker chip they drew out of the container listed along with the initials of the person with the chips. At each check station they would draw a chip and have the number and initials put beside that check point number. After leaving Wilson Straight they traveled to the Schnauzer Paradise on Rt. 7 to receive their 2 nd number. Then on down to the Boat Docks on Rt. 7 for the 3 rd number. The 4 th stop was at the Grantsville Water Plant. And finally, they stopped at the Grantsville City Park where they received their 5 th and final poker chip number. With this type of Poker Run the winner is determined by how many points you receive on the chips, not by who crosses the finish line first. And the winners were: 1st place-Brittany Frymier, 2nd place-Kristin Garrett and 3rd place- Kevin Church. Please enjoy random pictures provided by the Town Officials of the days activities.



The Kayak Poker Run was held on Saturday September 9, 2023, The 33 registered participants were Kayla Staton, Haiden Staton, James Villars, Deanna Nelson, Shyanne Morgan, Katelynn Carder, Denny Carder, April Roberts, Debbie Summers, Belinda Barfield, Kevin Cunningham, Ashley Cunningham, Paul Staton, Matthew Rios, Robert Richards, Marissa Staples, Casey Staples, Jackie Boatright, Brady Miller, Jerry Mann, Victor Carpenter, Derek Villers, Jesse Richards, Kristin Garrett, Tom Hall, Ashley Admire, Brittany Frymier, Kevin Church, Brian Ritchie, Kristie Ritchie, Conner Ritchie and Jimmy McAlister.

The participants registered and started at Wilson Straight on East Little Kanawha Highway.

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